

people (subjects) were in Israel and Judah. Such an action made him feel powerful. We must always recall, *“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall”* (Prov. 16:18).

3) A Fool Does Not Charge God. Of the patient man it was penned, *“In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly”* (Job 1:22). To charge God is to assign blame to Him as the reason for any and all bad things which occur in one’s life. Just by nature, we must realize certain things happen, and further, we must acknowledge Satan will use such events to turn us away from God. At this we must not express surprise, for we are *“not ignorant of his devices”* (II Cor, 2:11).

4) A Fool Lives As If There Is No God. The shepherd boy expressed, *“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God”* (Psa. 14:1; Psa. 53:1). A faithful, wise man must *“believe that he (GOD) is”* (Heb. 11:6). Whether I say there is no God, or behave as if there is no God, I am talking and acting foolishly.

5) A Fool Does Not Keep His Promises. The preacher penned, *“When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay”* (Eccl. 5:4-5). A fool does not think twice about breaking any vows in his life.

6) A Fool Does Not Prepare For An Uncertain Future. The five foolish virgins in the story of the ten were so called because they *“took their lamps, and took no oil with them”* (Matt. 25:3). They were ready for the present, but not for their undefined future. A wise man is ready for every possible circumstance!

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“FOOLS OF THE BIBLE” by Larry R. Ping II

Saul famously and well-said of himself, *“behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly”* (I Sam. 26:21). The Bible is overflowing with those described as fools. Let us be sure we cannot be classified as such. Consider these fools of the Bible.

1) A Fool Does Not Keep The Lord’s Commands. Samuel said to Saul, *“Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee”* (I Sam. 13:13). Earlier, Samuel had said, *“I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do”* (I Sam. 10:18). Though he waited the arranged seven days, Saul hastily and presumptuously went ahead with the sacrifices. In so doing, he kept not the Lord’s command. We are called to keep, or obey God’s Word. Jesus simply said, *“If ye love me, keep my commandments”* (Jn. 14:15). The question is, are we?

2) A Fool Pridefully Behaves. After numbering the people, David eventually, with help, realized his error. He said, *“I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly”* (II Sam. 24:10; I Chron. 21:8). David’s army captain had warned him asking, *“why doth my lord the king delight in this thing”* (II Sam. 24:3)? Pride led David to his desire to wish to know how many *—continued—*

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BIBLE READING QUESTIONS

The Bible reading for Apr. 2-Apr. 8 spans Exo. 3:1-Exo. 12:51.

Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) What was God sure of regarding Egypt in Exodus 3:19?

- 2) “Go therefore now, and _____; for there shall no _____ be given you, yet shall ye _____ the tale of _____” (Exo. 5:18).
- 3) Respectively, how old were Moses and Aaron at this time (Exo. 7:7)? _____
- 4) “But when Pharaoh saw that there was _____, he hardened his _____, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said” (Exo. 8:15).
- 5) In what land was there no hail (Exo. 9:26)?

- 6) “Our _____ also shall go with us; there shall not an _____ be left behind; for thereof must we take to _____ the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither” (Exo. 10:26).
- 7) The first steps of the Exodus were taken from _____ to _____ (Exo. 12:37).

READING SCHEDULE AND MEMORY VERSES FOR THE DAYS OF APR. 2-APR. 8, 2023.

April 2, 2023: Exo. 3:1-Exo. 4:9

April 3, 2023: Exo. 4:10-Exo. 5:18

April 4, 2023: Exo. 5:19-Exo. 7:9

April 5, 2023: Exo. 7:10-Exo. 8:19

April 6, 2023: Exo. 8:20-Exo. 9:26

April 7, 2023: Exo. 9:27-Exo. 10:29

April 8, 2023: Exo. 11:1-Exo. 12:51

“But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left” (Exo. 14:29).

“I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23).

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