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 RCA Thomson radio/CD/tape/record player with speakers, good condition, \$50 obo. 417-256-2470 West Plains 29p

Flea Markets

50% off Sale! Everything in the back room only! Renegar's Flea Market, across from Veteran's Park. 417-934-0011 Mtn. View 29p

Sales

3 family yard sale Friday and Saturday, 5 miles South 17. Antiques; vintage; glassware; books; magazines; home school/teachers supplies; printer; dolls; quilted items; kayak; canoe, much more. West Plains 29p

 Estate sale July 19th-20th, 9-5. July 21st, 10:00am, auction to liquidate remaining items. Lots of tools, household and nice oak furniture. South of Ava off of Highway 5, CR 301 to CR 302, signs will be posted. 417-559-1091, azsalesmo.com

Ava 29p

 Inside/outside sale July 20th & 21st, 135 E. 8th Street, Mammoth Spring, Ar, 8am-? Furniture; mirrors; Longaberger baskets, signed and dated; pots and pans; lamps; dishes; collectibles; lots of miscellaneous. Rain date July 27th & 28th. Mammoth Spg, Ar 29p

Furniture/Appliances

For sale, 2 sets king mattress and box springs, like new, \$500 each. 417-293-5201

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 For sale, large burgundy Laz-Z-Boy chair, fan back with nail head trim, back reclines, used very little, very good condition, \$150. 417-256-9421

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 For sale: Nice blonde color kitchen table with 6 chairs, \$350; 2 regular sofas; 10 gun case; several dining room sets; several boxes of canning jars; Kenmore electric range cookstove; several chests of drawers/dressers. 417-331-7119 Mtn. View 29p

Furniture/Appliances

Three cushion sofa, cranberry with mixed colors, like new, good condition, \$350. 417-256-2084 West Plains 29p

Storage Buildings

10x16 metal storage building with metal frame and shelves built down one side, \$1500. 417-270-1445 Alton 28p

Barrels

55 gallon barrels with lids, \$20 each; 275 gallon totes, \$75 each, 2 or more, \$60 each. 417-934-7200 Mtn. View 29p

Windmills

8 ft. yard windmill, 20 inch fan, all metal, USA made, in box, \$60 firm. 417-252-3715 Willow Springs 29p

Computers

Complete computer system with PC, monitor, keyboard, mouse. Intel PC has SDD, HDD, 8GB RAM, wireless, Win 7, miscellaneous software, works great! Can demo, \$125. 417-255-0738 West Plains 29p

Campers/RVs

Have a motor home, travel trailer, fifth wheel camper for sale? We need them! We've been very successful selling RVs this year. Let us help you sell yours. Dale Green Motors, 870-425-6456 Mtn. Home, Ar 07tfc

Fabric

Hot July Sale!
 All fabrics and yarns 20% off. Rootin' Tootin' Yarns, Fabrics & Gifts, Highway 63, next to Miller's Grill. 10-5 Tuesday-Friday; 10-1 Saturday. Houston 29-30p

Miscellaneous Items

Kitchen Aide stand mixer, still in box. Includes 5 quart glass bowl, flex edge beater, whisk, egg white, knead bread, never open; chest of drawers, very old, MLH 06?, 8?, 184, 5 drawers; 48" round tiger oak dining table with 2 leaves. 870-458-2234 Viola, Ar 29-30p

Metal Roofing

Metal Roofing: 29 ga. Galvalume metal price is \$1.69 per linear foot; 10 yr warranty is \$1.89 foot; 40 year warranty metal price is \$2.09/linear foot, 16 colors available. Cut to any inch, order ready in 3 days, trim and screws also available. Overman Buildings, 870-609-1900. Pocahtontas, Ar 29tfc

UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS**"ISAIAH - CARELESS DAUGHTERS"**

"Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye **careless daughters**; give ear unto my speech" (Isaiah 32:9).

Isaiah chapter 32 begins with another Messianic prophecy. A king and his subordinates would arise to rule in righteousness, giving refuge and refreshment to those under duress (v1-4). The fool and the noble would be easily distinguished from one another in that day (v5-8). The **careless women** are urged to lament for the city and its fate (v9-12), for within the space of about 2 years (v10), the city would be left in ruins (v13-14). "Until the Spirit be poured upon us ..." (v15), is a prophecy which found its fulfillment on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the world (Acts 2:1-ff). At this time God's people would once again be blessed and dwell in peace (v15-20).

Isaiah referred to the women of Israel/Judah as "**careless women**" (v9 and v11). Amos called them, "... kine (or cows - LY) of Bashan..." (Amos 4:1). Since Amos and Isaiah prophesied under the same kings, they would have prophesied close to the same time period, "The words of Amos ... which he saw concerning Israel in the days of **Uzziah** king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Josiah king of Israel ..." (Amos 1:1), and, "The vision of Isaiah ... which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of **Uzziah**, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah" (Isaiah 1:1). As stated above, Amos' vision dealt mainly with Israel, and Isaiah's vision dealt mainly with Judah. It appears that the women of both nations were much the same "... kine of Bashan ..." or "**careless daughters**".

The main role of the woman in society is the care of the home, "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, **guide the house**, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan" (1st Timothy 5:14-15). Paul penned to Titus, "That they (aged women, see v3 - LY) may teach the young women ... To be discreet, chaste, **keepers at home**, good, obedient to their own husbands ..." (Titus 2:4-5). The woman is charged to be "the keeper of the home". To neglect this charge is sinful and wrong in the sight of God.

Careless daughters tend to pursue worldly things instead of spiritual things. Peter warned, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart ..." (1st Peter 3:3-4). Peter isn't condemning "... putting on of apparel (or clothes - LY) ..." but rather exhorting the woman to be spiritually minded and not physically minded. Paul penned, "In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1st Timothy 2:9-10). **Careless daughters** are those who focus entirely on the things of the flesh and things of the world. Godly women put their families and their spirituality before the things of the world.

Ladies, how does God view you, as one of the "...kine (cows - LY) of Bashan ..." (Amos 4:1), or as a ruby, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (Proverbs 31:10)?

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IS THE BIBLE INSPIRED? #1

There has never been a book written that has undergone as much scrutiny as the Bible. The so-called "leading thinkers," and "real intellectuals" through the centuries have dissected every word in the Bible trying to prove that it is merely a product of mortal man, **yet it stands!** The most powerful men through the ages such as: Pliny, the Governor; Marcus Aurelius, the Emperor; Diocletian, Julian the Apostate, Attalla, the Hun, Mohammedanism, the Papacy, to modern infidels have insulted, belittled, degraded, denied, and denounced the Bible all in an attempt to destroy the Sacred Scriptures, **yet it stands!**

A battle fought in the past continues even to this day, regarding the inspiration of the Bible. Many religious groups are in a battle over the inspiration of the Bible. Friends, we must instill in the hearts of our children, as well as all people, that the Bible has and will withstand every assault; that it can be proved the Scriptures are the inspired word of God. So, what evidence is there to support, such an incredible claim?

First, the **Bible itself claims** to be inspired of God. "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim.3:16-17). To be "inspired of God" means it is "God-breathed," that is, it comes from the very mouth of God and is not a product of human beings. Peter informs us, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scriptures is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pet.1 :20-21). There is no middle ground regarding this matter. Either the Bible is the inspired Word of God or it isn't!

Another mark of inspiration is the **fulfillment of prophecies**. The prophecies concerning the Messiah and the establishment of the church are prime examples of prophecy fulfilled (Isa.7:14; 9:6; Matt.1:21-23, Isaiah 2:2-3; Dan.2:44; Acts 2-3). As one studies the prophecies of the Bible and finds their fulfillment, he is reminded of the words of our Lord in John 14:29, "And now I have told you before it come to pass, that when it is come to pass, ye might believe."

A third mark declaring the inspiration of the Bible are the **miracles** that are recorded therein: Power over nature (Mat.8:23-27); disease (Jno.4:46-54); demons (Mk.1:23-28); material things (Mat.14:15-21) and over death (Jno.11). John further says, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name (Jno.20:30-31).

Rest assured, my friends, you can have confidence that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, all authoritative Word of God, and if you live according to its teachings heaven will be your eternal home (Mat.7:21; Jno.12:48)!

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