Archaeologists at the site of the ancient Philistine city of Gath (Tel Tzaft) have unearthed another exciting find. This year an expedition from the Bar Ilan University discovered the ancient gate which is mentioned in the Bible (1 Sam. 21:13). Professor Meir Ettinger says the gate is among the largest ever found in Israel (“Goliath’s Humongous Gate Found,” Israel Today, Aug. 6, 2015). Gath, one of the five major Philistine cities of the Old Testament era, is mentioned more than 30 times in Scripture, and archaeological research since 1996 has confirmed the Biblical record in many interesting ways. First, evidence was found of a Dagon temple with two central pillars. Judges 16:23-30 says the Dagon temple at Gaza had two central pillars. While the temple at Gaza has not been found, the Philistine temples found at Gath and Qasile had central pillars that were close enough together for a large, supernaturally-empowered man to have pushed them apart. Second, evidence was found for the mid-eighth century earthquake mentioned in Amos 1:1. Third, evidence was found for the sieges and destruction of the city in the ninth century, which agrees with the biblical account of sieges by Hazael (2 Ki. 12:17) and Uzziah (2 Ch. 26:6). Fourth, two names “etymologically similar” to “Goliath” were found inscribed on pieces of pottery in “Proto-Canaanite” letters. Though the inscriptions might not refer to the Goliath of Scripture, they prove that this name was in common usage at the time.

Jack Ma, China’s richest man, said in a speech this year that he was happier working as a teacher for $12 a month than he is now as a billionaire. Ma’s company, Alibaba, was valued at $25 billion when it was listed on the New York Stock Exchange last September. In a speech before the Economics Club in New York City, he spoke about the burden of being ultra-rich. He said that when you reach $10 million, “you’ve got troubles” (“Jack Ma, China’s richest man, was happier earning $12 a month,” Business Insider, Jun. 9, 2015). Ma told CNBC that there is a lot of pressure that comes with the responsibility of great wealth. The Bible says: “But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:6-10). The Bible also says, “Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven” (Proverbs 23:5).
RACIST FARRAKHAN AGAIN CALLS FOR MURDER OF WHITE PEOPLE

Nation of Islam founder Louis Farrakhan, a black supremacist, has again called for the murder of white people. Speaking from the Quran before a packed-out auditorium in a very deceived Baptist church, Farrakhan told his enthused audience that he is looking for ten thousand men who will disdain death and retaliate against alleged oppression of black people. Preaching from the pulpit of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida, the Muslim leader said, “I’m looking for ... ten thousand men who say, Death is sweeter than continued life under tyranny. ... [The Quran says,] ‘Retaliation is prescribed in matters of the slain.’ Retaliation is a prescription from God, to calm the breast of those whose children have been slain. So if the federal government will not intercede in our affairs, then we must rise up and kill those who kill us. Stalk them and kill them and let them feel the pain of death that we are feeling” (Facebook.com, OfficialMinisterFarrakhan). Congregants shouted agreement and gave the delusional man a standing ovation. No one is stalking black people in America more than black people themselves. A frightful number of blacks are killed every year, but for the most part they are being killed by their fellow blacks in the violent neighborhoods created by their belly-serving, socialistic, race-baiting leaders who preach endless victimization. Massive numbers of black babies are killed in the womb by their own mothers and the abortion industry led by Planned Parenthood. Farrakhan has long been calling for violence, though he has never personally stepped up to the plate to “count death sweeter than continued life under tyranny.” In November last year he used foul language in calling on the students at a black college in Baltimore (Morgan State) to “tear this ---- country apart.” He urged black parents to teach their children how to throw Molotov cocktails, claiming that whites will only listen to black concerns through murder and violence. In September last year, Farrakhan claimed that whites in the CIA invented Ebola to kill blacks (“Farrakhan crawls out from under rock,” Truth Revolt, Oct. 1, 2014). This choice piece of nuttiness was stated in a hateful, error-filled rant called “Justifiable Homicide, Black Youth in Peril.” In 2013, Farrakhan preached a year-long series of sermons on his wild-eyed views such as the “Mother Wheel,” which is a gigantic spaceship that will rescue the Nation of Islam from the earth, and a “shadow government” called “Final Call” that will destroy America for her treatment of blacks. As for tyranny, we suggest that Farrakhan sell his mansion in Hyde Park, Chicago (in the same exclusive neighborhood as President Obama’s mansion), and relocate to the Islamic State or some other Muslim entity that takes the Quran seriously so he can learn more perfectly about Islam, violence, and tyranny.

FARRAKHAN’S NATION OF ISLAM

Louis Farrakhan’s Nation of Islam was founded in the 1930s by Wali Fared (or W.D. Fard), who disappeared in 1934. The leadership passed to Elijah Robert Poole who changed his name to Muhammad and taught a racist theory of black-white separatism. After Elijah Muhammad’s associate, Malcolm X, denounced the Nation of Islam and rejected black racism, he was murdered by Nation of Islam members in 1965. Louis Farrakhan led a breakaway group in 1979 after Elijah Muhammad’s son also rejected black separatism and opened the organization to whites. Farrakhan claims that the original and superior race was black and that an inferior race of white people was created by a renegade scientist known as Yacub. Farrakhan calls for America to provide blacks with a separate territory for their own nation and to fund it for 25 years “until we are able to produce and supply our own needs.”
The following statement is from Adam Nicholson, *God's Secretaries*, pages 210, 211. It refutes the nutty Ruckmanite position that the KJV is advanced revelation over the Hebrew and Greek and there is no longer a need to study the biblical languages, but it wisely affirms the KJV as an excellent and unique translation that is faithful to the original languages. The chief reason the King James Version is such an excellent version is that the peerless team of translators aimed to create in English a version faithful to the preserved Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts. They weren't willing to bend the original to fit English according to the prominent “dynamic equivalency” doctrine of our day. Rather they bent English to fit the original. They “pushed English toward the condition of a foreign language.” Nicholson writes, “[The] English is there to serve the original not to replace it. It speaks in its master’s voice, and is not the English you would have heard on the street, then or ever. It took up its life in a new and distinct dimension of linguistic space, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ENGLISH AND GREEK (OR, FOR THE OLD TESTAMENT, BETWEEN ENGLISH AND HEBREW). These scholars were not pulling the language of the scriptures into the English they knew and used at home. The words of the King James Bible are just as much English pushed towards the condition of a foreign language as a foreign language translated into English. It was, in other words, more important to make English godly than to make the words of God into the sort of prose that any Englishmen would have written, and that secretarial relationship to the original languages of the scriptures shaped the translation.”

**TESTIMONY ABOUT THE BOOK KEEPING THE KIDS**

“I found the book *Keeping the Kids* one of the most helpful tools for parenting. My wife doesn’t speak English so I translated portions. It really stirred our hearts how many blessed truths of the Bible had been obscured to us earlier by Christians, about whom since we learned that they are new evangelicals. An example is the promises regarding proper child discipline and training found in the book of Proverbs; we never before dared to think of them as you explained in the book, but those explanations made everything clear to us, and the Lord deepened our faith and trust in Him. ... In Hungary almost every Christian circle has been infected by the psychoheresy of Dobson, Campbell, Chapman and many others. My dear wife and I decided not to use those books about child training because we got disappointed. However, we started to look for sound Christian books on raising children. ... then the Lord gave us your book and the videos with the lectures. Since then I tried to share the blessings we received with other pastor friends and parents. ... We really appreciated the rarely-seen focus of your book: how to keep the children in these last days. We found the basics on which the practical applications were laid thoroughly biblical. The practical consequences were very helpful, and we liked the examples drawn from many families you contacted. ... We are thankful to our heavenly Father that He enabled you and the families you work with to release this book! May the Lord uphold you and your ministry until He comes, for His name's sake and glory!” (*Keeping the Kids* is available in print and eBook editions from www.wayoflife.org.)
The following is from CreationMoments.com, Mar. 25, 2015: “Meet Wolf-Ekkehard Lönnig, a brilliant scientist who worked at the Max-Planck Institute until his retirement. Though he has written four books on the subject of evolution, he has infuriated evolutionists everywhere by daring to challenge Neo-Darwinism on scientific grounds. He told the Diplomacy Post in March 2014: ‘A scientific hypothesis should be potentially falsifiable…. However,’ he added, ‘the idea of slow evolution by “infinitesimally small inherited variations,” etc. has been falsified by the findings of paleontology … as well as genetics. Yet its adherents principally reject any scientific proof against Neo-Darwinism,’ he said, ‘so that, in fact, their theory has become a non-falsifiable worldview, to which people stick in spite of all contrary evidence.’

Scientists continue to support evolution despite the evidence that actually falsified evolution because ‘without Darwinism, philosophic materialism has lost its battle against an intelligent origin of the world.’ But Wolf had more to say. ‘According to Neo-Darwinism, all important problems of the origin of species are, at least in principle, solved. Further questions on the validity of evolutionary theory are thus basically superfluous. However, such a dogmatic attitude stops further investigations and hinders fruitful research in science.’ Though Wolf-Ekkehard Lönnig has stopped short of giving recognition to God as the Intelligent Designer, we applaud his work for showing that evolution doesn’t even deserve to be called scientific.”

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