



A Word in Season . . .

Eugene Marais, South African naturalist, observed that a troop of baboons always slept in a cave situated at the end of a ledge high on the sheer face of a cliff. To reach the cave, the animals had to make their way along the narrow ledge that was only six inches wide in some places. As it was so difficult to reach, the cave was an extremely safe spot to spend the night and only one or two sentinels were needed to guard the sleeping troop.

One evening, Marais noticed a leopard below the ledge as the baboons were approaching the cave entrance. The leopard was quite capable of making his way along the ledge if he chose to do so, and, with a few quick swipes of a powerful paw, could have his pick of the sleeping baboons. The leopard spotted the troop and began to stalk them, staying just below the baboons as they wound their way up the cliff. However, the baboons also spotted the leopard and Marais watched as two of them very stealthily made their way back along the ledge until they were directly over the big cat. Concentrating on the moving troop, the leopard was unmindful of the two baboons stationed above him.

Suddenly, the two baboons dropped onto the leopard, one biting into the cat's spine and the other lunging for his throat. In two swift movements, the leopard grasped the baboon on his back in his jaws and ripped the other one open with his claws. Both baboons were instantly killed, but their actions saved the rest of the troop. The leopard also died very quickly, because the baboon that attacked his throat had punctured his jugular vein.

It would be difficult to prove that the baboons who sacrificed their lives for the troop were acting out of instinct; but their actions saved their companions. Conceivably, human beings could, on the spur of the moment, give their lives impulsively for a friend. Yet, with full knowledge of what He was doing, Jesus risked eternity and His position as God, by laying down His life that we might be saved - James A. Tucker.

"Food for Thought . . .

"He who fails to plan plans to fail! We will not be able to navigate our way out of this turmoil unless we have a plan. Nothing happens by chance. In times of prosperity we must plan for times of austerity. In times of austerity we must plan for times of prosperity. We must have a plan if we are to achieve"

- Dr Richard de Lisser.

Mail Box

"Just wanted to say 'well done' for the Christmas carol service once again. It is always a pleasure for my neighbour and me to attend and enjoy it each time" - Carol C.

"We look forward to reading The Link each month. Some good things to read. Thanks for putting it out" - J.T.

Good and Bad News at the Doctor's . . .

A man is suffering terrible pains in his abdomen. He goes to the doctor's and has some tests done. Several days later he is asked to return to the surgery for the results. "Well," says the doctor, "I've got some good news and some bad news." "OK," says the man, "let's have the good news first." "Well," says the doctor, "they're going to name a disease after you . . ."

Services of the Church: -

Bible Study/Discussion . . .

Saturday 10:00 am

Children's Class Saturday 10:00 am

Family Worship Saturday 11:15 am

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afternoon in each month after the Worship Service and a fellowship meal.

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Monday 7:30 pm

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Brexit Happened at Last!



Countdown ends at No.10 Downing Street at the moment the UK left the European Union

At precisely 11:00pm, 31 January 2020, the United Kingdom ended its 47 years in the European Union. In the recent General Election, the nation overwhelmingly made it clear that they wanted to leave the EU. Although there were mixed feelings as many 'remainers' were sorry to leave, there was a feeling of euphoria with the majority who, to put it in the words of a veteran campaigner: "We've got our country back!"

We joined the European Union back in January 1973 purely on the basis of free trade; but since that time, the European Parliament has gradually imposed on the member states rules and regulations beyond what the populace had expected when we first entered back then. We lost control of our borders, the European Court held our courts in subjection, trade with the rest of the world was restricted, and so the saga went on and on and on. Finally, the British people said, "That's enough!"

Between now and the end of this year is a transition period during which the UK and EU will negotiate additional arrangements. The UK Government department states that "the current rules on trade, travel, and business for the UK and EU will continue to apply during the transition period. New rules will take effect on 1 January 2021".



The UK Flag is removed from the European Council Building in Brussels

The big question now is, "What next?" The significance of that question is relevant.

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Editorial

It is by the skin of our teeth, so to speak, that we have been able to produce this month's copy only just in time! Technical problems arose but fortunately we got things rolling again.

Our main feature this month should come as no surprise as we have just entered a new era in British history. The focus of Brexit however goes beyond the mere politics of the age. Where is it going to lead? We turn to a renowned oracle that sheds light on this very important question. Do take time to ponder the significance of what is reported below - *Editor*.

Brexit - What Next?

For those who have total confidence in divine revelation, even though Brexit has posed a bitter struggle during the last three-and-a-half years, it was expected to happen. Why? Because what the Bible prophecy foretold was certain to transpire. That prediction given by God through the prophet Daniel, has been the means by which many a skeptic has come to believe and accept the authenticity and authority of the sacred Scriptures.

Hippolytus, a Bishop in the outskirts of Rome in the early 3rd century, was a forthright Biblical student and a prolific writer. He, like some of his contemporaries recognized the part-fulfilment of the dramatic prophecies recorded in the Book of Daniel. For example, in Daniel chapter 2:27-45 the apocalyptic symbol of the image representing the successive kingdoms from Babylon (head of gold), to Medo-Persia (arms & chest of silver), to Greece (thighs of brass or bronze), followed by Rome (legs of iron) was foretold. The confirmation of these kingdoms was also given in chapter 8:20,21 (i.e. during the time of Babylonian rule) in which Medo-Persia and Greece were actually named as the following successors of Babylon. These successions also stand confirmed today in the annals of history. Hippolytus recognized these four kingdoms, as did Tertullian, but he then

speculated on the next section, which referred to the feet and toes of iron and clay. Daniel stated that the empire of iron (Rome) would be divided - some strong and some weak. This actually happened in the 5th century. That would be another 200 years after Hippolytus. He predicted correctly by stating that the Roman Empire would be divided into 10 parts; but he thought it would be caused by



the intervention of the Jewish state. That was not to be the case. History reveals that the empire was divided as the barbarous hords invaded from the north-east, settling into its territory. These formed the basis for the nations of Europe as we know them today.

When the European Union was formed, it was envisaged that the European nations would be united; but as history records,

this has not really been the case. The prophecy stated that: "As you saw the iron mixed with clay, so will they mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay" - Dan.2:43, NRSV. (*emphasis supplied*). That is the reason why those having confidence in what the Bible declares believed the UK would leave the EU.

Interestingly enough, just before Christmas, one of my neighbours, who as far as I am aware, is not a professing believer in the Bible, was chatting to me about his forthcoming trip to Canada in mid-January. He would return early February. I casually commented that when he and his wife came back home, we would be out of Europe. "Oh, yes," he responded; "and you know what, I reckon that the rest of the other countries will eventually leave as well!" I assured him that I was of the same opinion, but explained my reason was based on what the Bible foretold rather than on the newscasts.



It will be interesting to see how things develop. The politicians may want their nations to remain but, like the British, the people may hold a different desire. One further thing is for sure, and that is the final fulfilment of this prophecy, which will culminate by the return of Christ in fulfilment of His promise (John 14:1-3): "In the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed ..." - Dan.2:44. I reckon that is very good news! - *Editor*.

Another Vegetarian Cooking Demo a Great Success . . .

On Sunday February 9, the weather was so bad with rain and gale-force winds, that the question was raised, 'Should we call it off?' Pearl, who organizes the bi-monthly event responded by saying that we need to be there as it has been advertised, just in case someone braved the elements and turned up.

It is just as well that we did, because folk did turn up! In fact, we had quite an 'unexpected' turn-out considering the conditions outside. People braved the elements. We even had a couple of newcomers into our community.



Helen Wilkinson demonstrated how to make 'Corn Chowder'



Pearl Walker made 'Bulgar Wheat Squash'

Norma Borrett created a dish called 'Vegan Mushroom Stroganoff'

The editor also was persuaded by his wife to make 'Butternut Pizzas' (No picture as he was taking the shots - maybe he was camera shy!)



Everyone sat down at the end of the demonstrations and enjoyed a delicious meal. It may have been uninviting weather outside, but inside it was warm, cozy, friendly and appetizing!

Best School in Norway is a Seventh-day Adventist School

Tyrixfjord church school is one of 11 Adventist Secondary Schools across Norway. Tenth grade students gained the highest-grade point average (GPA) across the country during the school year, according to statistics recently released by the Norwegian education authorities. The graduating class of the Tyrixfjord church school had a GPA of 5,22 on a grading system where six is the top grade.

Mr Jens Fossum was the contact teacher for the seven 15- and 16-year-olds in the class. It's not just the students who do well, the teacher gets top marks from his students. "He is the best teacher I have ever had," said Jonathan Havstein, who explained that the teacher adapted his teaching programme for each individual student.



The seven students in the Seventh-day Adventist Church school at Tyrixfjord who achieved the best results across the entire country.

Nina Myrdal, Education director for the Norwegian SDA Church Headquarters, says that the basic values characterizing Adventist schools contribute to a good learning environment.

[Reported by Tor Tieransen]