

### Joshua's Long Eclipse?



And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down about a whole day. (Joshua 10:13)

One passage of the Bible that a lot of people stumble over is found in Joshua 10. The Israelites were engaged in a battle with Adonizedek, King of Jerusalem. In order to gain success, Joshua prayed to the Lord, "Sun, stand still at Gibeon." As a result of this prayer, the sun stayed in the sky for a whole day. In other words, sunset to sunset lasted 48 hours instead of the normal 24.

Those who want to criticize the Bible maintain that this could not possibly have happened, posing problems such as people and objects flying off the Earth by inertia.

These problems are not really valid. The Earth would not have had to stop rotating. Perhaps it could have slowed to half its rotation speed, with a decent deceleration of a few minutes – though that is only speculation. Several years ago, a science news article suggested that the account might refer to an eclipse rather than a change of movement. Scientists at Cambridge University pointed to an Annular Eclipse of the Sun on October 30, 1207 BC. However, this does not explain the length of the day. Moreover, Archbishop Ussher, careful researcher that he was, dated the event at 1451 BC, nearly 250 years earlier. While Ussher did allow for a margin of error, he is unlikely to have been so far off.

Whatever the truth is, the Bible records the sun standing still as a real event. We can accept that truth even if we do not yet know how it happened.

Ref: Daily Telegraph, accessed 10/31/2017. Image: Sunset in Portugal (CC BY-SA 3.0 Unported)

# Memorial Baptist Church



## July 21, 2024



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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, July 21, 2024

8:45am - Discipleship Classes  
10:00am - Worship

7/22 - 26 - VBS

Look Ahead

7/29-8/1 - Boys & Girls Day Camp  
8/2 - Girls' Bible Study  
8/4 - Breakfast 8:00am  
8/9 - 10 - Men's Retreat - DeSoto  
9/1 - Breakfast  
9/1 - Lord's Supper  
9/10 - Karate Starts  
9/13 - L.I.F.T.  
9/14 - Beast Feast

*Thank you for joining us for worship today. If you are visiting or have any prayer needs, please fill out an MBC Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.*

July 21, 2024

Joy Junction

8:45am - Cindy S.  
10:00am Svc. Kim S. - Ben S.  
Wed. - July 24 - Linda W.

Junior Church

NO JUNIOR CHURCH

Kids Connection

Summer Break till Mid-August

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - John P.  
10:00am - Curtiss C., Bobby J., Nick G.  
Wed. - July 24 - Tim Ruth

July 28, 2024

Joy Junction

8:45am - Linda W.  
10:00am Svc. Kristin C. - Tawni J.  
Wed. - July 31 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

Lisa R. - Thomas S.

Kids Connection

Summer Break till Mid-August

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Steve G.  
10:00am - Jesse W., Ben S., Lester O.  
Wed. - July 31 - Ed S.

VBS Enrollment

Scan the QR code below to enroll in VBS. Dates are  
July 22 - 26 from 8:30am - 11:45am



Man U: Five Marks of a Man - Men's Retreat

The two-day retreat will be in DeSoto August 9-10.

Cost: \$20/person

Contact: Mrs. Linda in the office

See today's bulletin insert for details.

2 - 3-Year-Old Sunday School Class

Beginning August 4, we will have a Sunday School class  
for

2 - 3-year-olds. The class will be taught by Kristin  
Cargill and Kay Ruegge and will be in the room across the  
hall from the preschool class.

Junior Church is on the second and fourth  
Sundays of the month.

Children aged 4 -Second Grade