

# The Babylon Bee



## Baal Returns From The Bathroom To Find All His Prophets Dead

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**MOUNT CARMEL** – The demon known as “Baal” returned from a bathroom break only to find all of 450 of his prophets dead. Watching as all of Israel proclaimed that “The Lord is God,” Baal later admitted that he had picked a really, really bad time to go relieve himself.

“Sorry, guys, I really had to go – woah, what happened here?” said Baal, sheepishly surveying the slaughtered corpses of his former prophets. “Whoopsie. You know, I thought I might have heard someone screaming for me. Goodness, they really cut themselves with their own swords, didn’t they? Yikes. There were some magazines in the little basket by the toilet, and I, uh, just got a bit distracted in there. That’s my bad.”

Shortly before being summarily executed, the prophets of Baal had become increasingly frustrated by how long the demon liked to sit on the pot. “What does he even do in there?” sighed Yaqarum, prophet of Baal, shortly before being run through with a lance. “Did he fall in? I don’t understand how it can take that long to use the hopper. It’s getting ridiculous, to be honest.”

At publishing time, Baal had again come back from the bathroom to find his prophetess Jezebel thrown out the window and trampled by horses.

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The satire above is based on the story of how Elijah, the prophet of God, challenged the prophets of Baal to a competition of sorts, to see whose God was the real God. Betcha can’t guess who won. In order to find out who won, and to read the rest of this great story, open your Bible (Gasp! How many layers of dust are on your Bible? Or do you even have one?) . . . as I was saying, open your Bible (we have some very low price Bibles if you need one.) . . . as I was saying – and quit

interrupting, Linda -- open your Bible to 1 Kings 18:17- 40 and read the whole story. It’s a great story! Not fiction. History.

Then you can read the Babylon Bee satire and you’ll understand their version of the story much better.

Now, we know that the Old Testament has many stories like this one, and generally the attitude toward them is to dismiss them as fables, stories with a point but no basis in facts. But if you’re paying attention, you also know that as the science of archaeology advances, the archaeological finds keep supporting the Bible stories.

In recent decades, in Jerusalem, under a parking lot, they have excavated a large area that has been identified to be King David’s palace. When the Muslims illegally built an underground Mosque under the Temple Mount, they used heavy construction equipment and dumped the dirt into a landfill in the nearby ravine. So the Israelis have been sifting that discarded soil for more than a decade and have found a number of important artifacts bearing names of officials that can be found in the Bible.

Moral of that story: pick up your Bible, dust it off, or buy one if you have to, and get to readin’. Read some Old Testament and some New Testament together. If you read straight through, you risk bogging down in some of the dry parts of the Old Testament. Read it with others and share with each other your response to the reading.

We know the time is coming SOON when the world turns much darker and there will be much trouble for everyone. Some Bible teachers say that if you’re a Believer and Follower of God, you’ll be removed from the world before that happens. I hope they are right. Others deny that possibility and say we’ll all experience the Trouble, and if they are right, we will each need God’s Holy Spirit in us to help us through the hard time.

A couple of other neat stories from the Old Testament: the Book of Ruth and the Book of Esther. Great stories! Read them and get your juices flowing, and then read

the whole Bible. If you stick with it, you won’t regret it, and it could mean a choice between Life or Death!

*Linda Gammel*

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## Man Just 17 Home Depot Trips Away From Purchasing Correct Light Bulbs

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**FORT BEND, IN** – After picking up a new pack of bulbs for the kitchen light fixture, local man Kyle Stephens was just 17 more trips to Home Depot away from having the correct light bulbs.

Stephens quickly discovered that the bulbs he purchased had the wrong base, and so drove back to Home Depot for an exchange, bringing the number of trips before he had the right bulbs down to 16.

“Welp, that should do it,” proclaimed Stephens, screwing in the new bulb. “Aw man, that’s not the right color! I was sure it was “soft white”, not “warm white”. Oh, well. Just over a dozen more tries won’t be too bad. Back to Home Depot.”

As Stephens would quickly discover, “warm white” was also the incorrect shade, and thus he returned again to Home Depot. The next set of “daylight” bulbs proved to have the incorrect number of lumens, searing his retinas. The bulbs that followed appeared to have the correct brightness and shade, but were the wrong size. Confident he now knew all the variables, Stephens was just 13 trips away from success.

At publishing time, Stephens had been seen putting \$70 of gas into his car as he made his way back to Home Depot for another set of \$10 bulbs.

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**LVEDA Meeting**  
(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

**Monday, June 29th**  
**5:00 pm at the Moose Lodge**  
on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Rd.

*Is something bugging you?*  
**COME TO THE NEXT MEETING TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION!**

**Bear Valley Mobile Health Center**  
Your Wellness on Wheels

**June 11 & 25, 2026**  
**10am-3pm**  
will be here, on the North side

For more information or to set up an appointment, call **(909) 878-8246**  
Accepts IEHP

**FREE FLU VACCINES**  
(while supplies last)

**HIGH DESERT DENTAL MOBILE**  
will be here, on the North side

**June 9 & 23, 2026 / 8am - 4pm**

Accepted: **Medi-Cal, IEHP, & Uninsured**

For more information or to set up an appointment, call **(760) 422-6272**

Services:  
**Exams & X-rays • Fillings • Extractions  
Teeth Cleaning • Dental Sealants • And more**

**Lucerne Valley Residents: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

**Sat. June 27, 2026**  
**9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Behind Lucerne Valley Fire Station  
33269 Old Womens Spring Rd  
(Enter through gate on Ladera Rd)

**CAN ONLY TAKE:**

- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Fluorescents
- Medical Needles
- Latex and Oil based paint (max 15 gallons)
- All Electronic Wastes (E-Waste)
- Oil and Filters (max 15 gallons)

**No Containers Larger than 5-gallons and No Business Waste Accepted.**

**NO TRASH - NOTHING ELSE**

## On The Lighter Side of Serious Stuff . . . from the Web



“The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of Government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people.”

— GEORGE WASHINGTON

