



GO DEEPER WITH GOD

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Chapter 6
Shepherd
and Sheep

Lover - Beloved

Journey toward intimacy with God

Friend Friend

Father Child **John 10:27-28**

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1 Kings 19:11-13

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, **but the Lord was not in the wind.** After the wind there was an earthquake, **but the Lord was not in the earthquake.** After the earthquake came a fire, **but the Lord was not in the fire.** And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Lack of Desire:

- “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”
Jer 29:13
- “Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.”
John 7:37

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Un-confessed Sin:

- “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened”

Psalms 66:18

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John 4:19-20, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.”

Un-confession

- “If I have not listened to the voice of the Lord, I would have been like a rebellious child.”

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- “If I have not listened to the voice of the Lord my God, I would have perished long ago. I have said, I will not confess my iniquity, for I am afraid of the Lord.”

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Ask God to bring to mind any unforgiveness and release the person to God. Forgive.

Matt 5:23-24

Requests with wrong motives:

- “When you ask you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasure”

James 4:3

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A rift with your spouse:

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1 Pet 3:7

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Ignoring God's instruction:

- If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you. But since you rejected me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand, since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke, ...when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me.

Prov 1:23-28

Ignoring God's instruction:

- If you had responded to my rebuke with a contrite heart to your God, I would have forgiven your sin and my heart would not be angry against you.

Surrender yourself again completely to God and repent of not listening. He will restore you!

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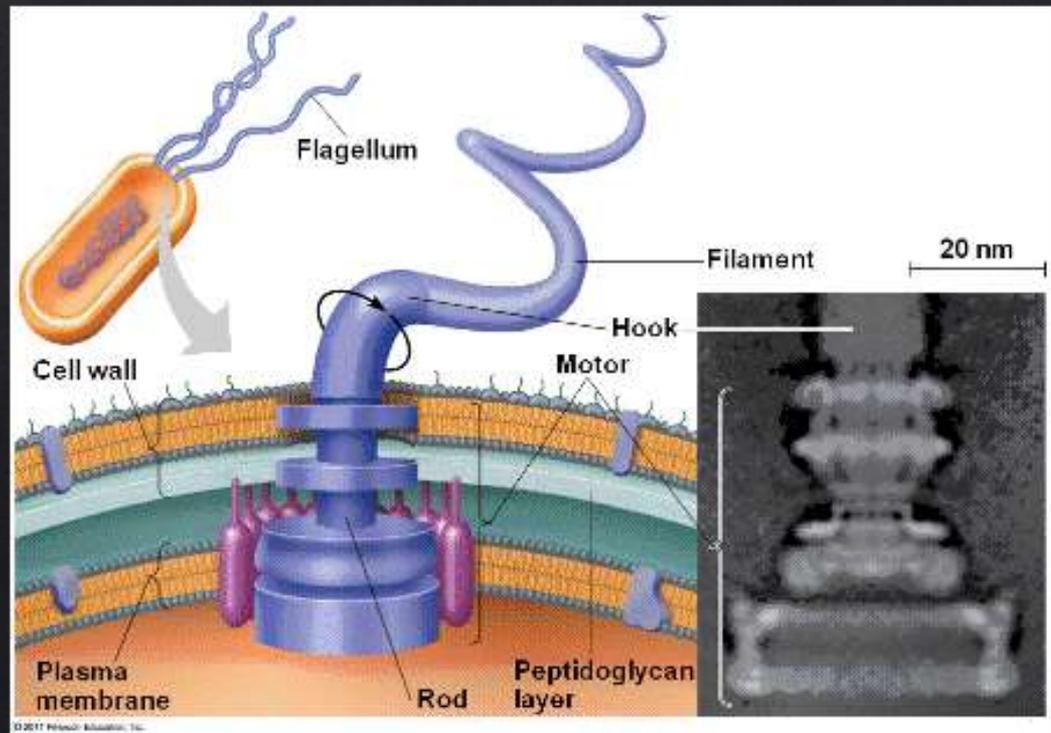
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Fred Hoyle, the astronomer who coined the term “big bang,” said that his atheism was “greatly shaken” at these developments. He later wrote that “a common-sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super-intellect has monkeyed with the physics, as well as with chemistry and biology .

The Wall Street Journal 2014

2 Peter 1:20-21

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Tim 3:14-17

*Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture is God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Heb 4:12

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Matt 5:17-19

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 24:44

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Luke 16:16-17

"The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

John 17:16-17

They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.
Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Matt 23:23-24

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices — mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected **the** more important matters of the law — justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

What about the New Testament?

2 Peter 3:15-16

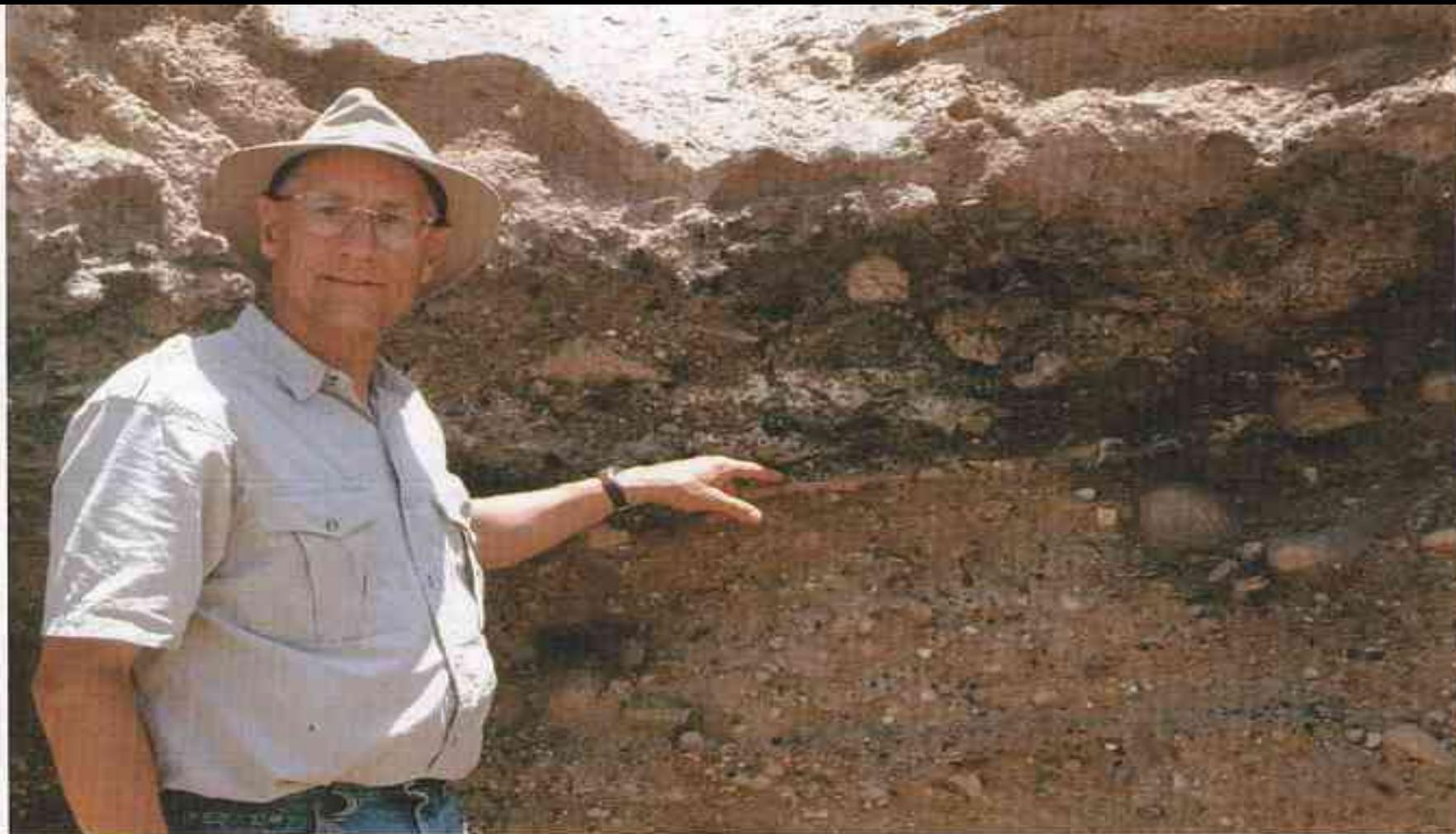
Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

“Archaeologists do indeed find the Bible a valuable reference tool, and have used it many times for geographic relationships, old names, and relative chronologies.”

The National Geographic Society

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The Smithsonian Institute



Bryant G. Wood

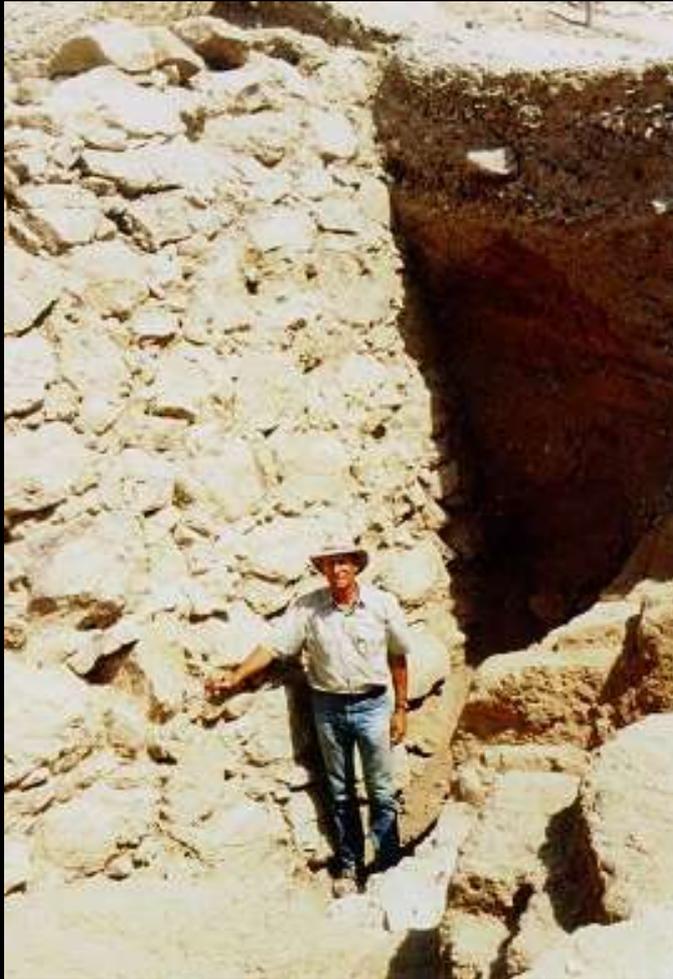
The author points to the burn layer at Numeira, testifying to the fiery destruction that overcame the city at the end of the EB III period. As at Bab edh-Dhra, there was evidence of a violent earthquake that occurred with the fire. The sites of Bab edh-Dhra and Numeira are located on the eastern fault line of the Jordan rift valley. Geologists theorize that an earthquake caused pressure on subterranean petroleum deposits which were forced out of the ground, ignited, and fell back down on the Cities of the Plain.

At the bottom of each shaft were 1-5 horizontal shallow shafts, each containing between 1-6 bodies. In addition, there were a number of mud-brick buildings, charnel houses that are repositories for bones or bodies of the dead. Each charnel house contained the remains of several hundred people. Current estimates of the number of bodies occupying that cemetery is about a half million!



At the base of the wall are the skeletal remains of a victim in Bab edh-Drah.

Excavated by
Archeologist Paul Lapp



"When we compare the **archeological evidence** at **Jericho** with the biblical narrative describing the Israelite destruction of **Jericho**, we find remarkable agreement,"

Archeologist Byrant G. Wood of the University of Toronto.

Bryant Wood standing beside a section of the collapsed wall of Jericho

BORN OF A VIRGIN

PROPHECY

"Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14 (698 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"...She was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph...kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus."

Matthew 1:18,24,25 (Also see Luke 1:26-35.)

BORN AT BETHLEHEM

PROPHECY

"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."
Micah 5:2 (735 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"...Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea..."
Matthew 2:1 (Also see John 7:42; Matt. 2:4-8; Luke 2:4-7)

HEROD KILLS CHILDREN

PROPHECY

"Thus says the LORD, 'A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refuses to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more.' "

Jeremiah 31:15 (approx. 600 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem

Matthew 2:16

MINISTRY OF MIRACLES

PROPHECY

"Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.

Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy."

Isaiah 35:3,6a (Also see Isaiah 32:3,4.) (698 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."

Matthew 9:35 (Also see Matt. 9:32,32; 11:4-6; Mark 7:33-35; John 5:5-9; 9:6-11; 11:43,44,47)

TEACHER OF PARABLES

PROPHECY

"I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter hidden things from of old..."

Psalms 78:2 (800 – 600 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and He was not talking to them without a parable..."

Matthew 13:34

HE WAS TO ENTER JERUSALEM ON DONKEY

PROPHECY

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Zechariah 9:9 (586 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"And they brought it to Jesus, and they threw their garments on the colt, and put Jesus on it. And as He was going, they were spreading their garments in the road. And as He was now approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives..."

Luke 19:35,36,37a (Also see Matt. 21:6-11)

SOLD FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER

PROPHECY

"And I said to them, 'If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!' So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages."

Zechariah 11:12 (586 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"...'What are you willing to give me to deliver Him up to you?' And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver."
Matthew 26:15 (Also see Matt. 27:3)

PRICE GIVEN FOR POTTER'S FIELD

PROPHECY

"...So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD."

Zechariah 11:13b (586 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"And they counseled together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers."

Matthew 27:7

FORSAKEN BY HIS DISCIPLES

PROPHECY

"...Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered..."
Zechariah 13:7 (586 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"And they all left Him and fled."
Mark 14:50 (Also see Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27)

SILENT BEFORE ACCUSERS

PROPHECY

"He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth..."

Isaiah 53:7 (698 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer."

Matthew 27:12

WOUNDED AND BRUISED

PROPHECY

"But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed."

Isaiah 53:5 (Also see Zechariah 13:6.) (698 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"Then he released Barabbas for them; but Jesus he scourged and delivered over to be crucified."

Matthew 27:26

SMITTEN AND SPIT UPON

PROPHECY

"I gave My back to those who strike Me, And my cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting."
Isaiah 50:6 (Also see Micah 5:1)
(698 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him."
Matthew 26:67 (Also see Luke 22:63.)

HANDS AND FEET PIERCED

PROPHECY

"...They pierced my hands
and my feet."

Psalms 22:16 (Also see Zech.
12:10) (800 – 600 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"and when they came to the
place called The Skull, there
they crucified Him..."

Luke 23:33 (Also see John
20:25.)

GARMENTS PARTED AND LOTS CAST

PROPHECY

"They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots."

Psalms 22:18 (800-600 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. They said...'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be...' "

John 19:23,24

GALL AND VINEGAR OFFERED HIM

PROPHECY

"They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."

Psalms 69:21 (800-600 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"They gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink."

Matthew 27:34

BONES NOT BROKEN

PROPHECY

"He keeps all his bones; Not one of them is broken."

Psalms 34:20 (800 – 600 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"...But coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs."

John 19:33

HEART BROKEN

PROPHECY

"My heart is like wax; It is melted within me."

Psalms 22:14 (800 – 600 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"...But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water."

John 19:34

HIS SIDE PIERCED

PROPHECY

"...They will look on Me
whom they have pierced..."
Zechariah 12:10 (598 BC)

FULFILLMENT

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John 19:34

DARKNESS OVER THE LAND

PROPHECY

" 'And it will come about in that day,' declares the LORD GOD, 'That I shall make the sun go down at noon And make the earth dark in broad daylight.' "

Amos 8:9 (760 BC)

FULFILLMENT

"Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour."

Matthew 27:45

Where Christ was crucified

PROPHECY

Gen 22:2

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

(2000 BC)

FULFILLMENT

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