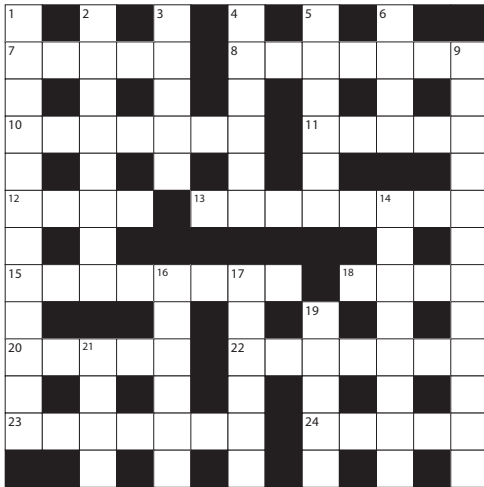


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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 18 February issue.

Across

- 7 One of five Philistine cities given to the tribe of Judah (5)
- 8 Saints, one an ascetic of Pelusium, the other a bishop of Seville, who share the same name (7)
- 10 Place in the valley of Hinnom where children were sacrificed; destroyed by Josiah (7)
- 11 ----- the Great, patron and deliverer of the Jews (5)
- 12 Early biblical shepherd (4)
- 13 From where Jesus sent two disciples to collect his mount for Jerusalem (variant spelling) (8)
- 15 Along with Babylonia, arguably the most important empire to feature in the Hebrew Bible (8)
- 18 Essence of the Pentateuch, for instance (4)
- 20 Most likely religion of 15 (5)
- 22 Second-century heretic, from Sinope, who promoted the Pauline Gospel (7)
- 23 Language spoken by Christ (7)
- 24 Unnamed biblical queen, Balkis or Bilkis in the Qur'an (5)

Down

- 1 Third Sunday before Lent (12)
- 2 Business of Amos, for one (8)
- 3 Divine attendant (5)
- 4 Town associated with Elijah which may be in Naphtali not Gilead as first thought (6)
- 5 Daughter of Haran; grandmother of Rebecca (6)
- 6 City to which Lot fled after the destruction of Sodom (4)
- 9 The third day (6,6)
- 14 Early Christian sect which aimed to return to innocence through nudity (8)
- 16 Town on Judah's northern border that fell to the Philistines (6)
- 17 Alternative name for the cape lined with fur worn in some religious orders (6)
- 19 Middle Eastern religious community, self-styled an "Islamic reformatory sect" (5)
- 21 Mother of Levi and Judah (4)

Solution to the 7 January crossword

Across: 1 Mammou; 4 Tanakh; 9 Sarah; 10 Iconium; 11 Deborah; 12 Trent; 13 Shalmaneser; 18 Ammon; 20 Crispin; 22 Atticus; 23 Derbe; 24 Anthem; 25 Padres. **Down:** 1 Masada; 2 Meribah; 3 Ophir; 5 Apostle; 6 Amice; 7 Hamath; 8 Mithraicism; 14 Linacre; 15 Emperor; 16 Gadara; 17 Angels; 19 Motet; 21 India.

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