

## **Addendum to Chapter 19: A few light & humorous anacolutions:**

As mentioned, the drought is still quite serious. However, what is rather curious, is that on many an evening we would be highly entertained: The heavens would put on a Sound & Light show like no man's performance. The ground would quake by the ever-rolling thunder, while the flashes and radiance of lightning would blind the eye and light up the earth in awesome splendour. This would go on for hours. Amazing to watch, and yet, not one drop of rain would fall! All sound and bluster, without a drop of water. In our study of Jude, as taught by our Pastor, we learned that false teachers were likened to "clouds without water." (Jude 12). No refreshment!



*Thunder, lightning and very strange clouds over Barberton*



In our Pastor's recent studies on "Wisdom in the Old Testament," the story of Hosea was quite dramatic, if not powerful, in its metaphors. When the believers turn away from God, discipline is inevitable and even the "Land Mourns" - Hosea 4:3 – *Therefore the land mourns, and everyone who lives in it languishes along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky; and also the fish of the sea disappear.* This, we witnessed first-hand, as depicted in the photos below:

*Dehydrated Tsessebe*



Once, full-flowing rivers now down to "streams in the desert."

But as noted in our latest update, "Chapter 19," there are those who *do* desire to learn the Word of God. Hence, they are likened to streams in an arid, devastated land. Ezrom is one of those "streams," which is growing and flowing wider by the day. He has now given us the opportunity to bring more "refreshment" of the Word to those desiring it. And we are prepared and willing to go where our Lord leads! The people are like sponges. Most are extremely teachable. Their gratitude is boundless.

Prayers for them are greatly desired and appreciated. We go one step at a time; realising that each day is another whereby we can be Witnesses and Victors for His Glory! For certainly we can say with the Psalmist: *This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us be glad & rejoice in it!! (Psalm 118:24)*



In Kruger, since it is strictly a wild environment, the animals are not fed. However, because of the severe droughts, water tanks and water-troughs are the only manmade provisions for animals. They are as the “Living Waters” of God’s Word.



Competition at a water-trough.....but not at this one!

Generally, Impala antelopes will drop their young in November. However, in times of drought, they are able to “postpone” or synchronize their birthing with more favourable climatic conditions. This year we noted the dearth of calves. But rain has finally fallen, albeit in brief showers.

“Africa time” means something may happen “just now”, in 2-3 hours, or even longer, as pictured here by this leopard tortoise and her baby. Yet, we’ve never seen a dead tortoise. They always seem to persevere (Prov. 19:2).



Barberton, the charming little village where we live, is surrounded by hills. The town is currently awash with Flamboyant trees, which bloom in summer, and Jacaranda trees which bloom in Winter. Ever heard of *Barberton Daisies*? Barberton is an old historical mining town with mineral rocks,



known as the Greenstone Belt, dating back millions of years and being the oldest in the world. There are currently four gold-mines in operation, dating back over 100 years. Yet, it is not an affluent town, but is quiet and tranquil. [www.sahistory.org.za/barberton](http://www.sahistory.org.za/barberton)



We provide water for our own little critters, some cute; some not so cute; though baboons & monkeys have stripped away many of our succulent plants, just to gain a little nourishment as well as moisture. Poor things!



Our very own “Special Ops,” high alert, security network, resident at our home in Barberton

