

Chrasmologic

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David Stockhoff — 07 Jan 2009, 22:56

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Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 18:37:31 +0000

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Subject: Re: (urth) Urth Digest, Vol 53, Issue 7

To: "The Urth Mailing List" <urth at lists.urth.net>

Message-ID: <W530981019487831231353451 at webmail25>

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Son of Witz — 07 Jan 2009, 23:17 · follows David Stockhoff

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Gwern Branwen — 07 Jan 2009, 23:28 · in reply to Son of Witz

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Son of Witz — 07 Jan 2009, 23:40 · follows Gwern Branwen

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Thanks for Hugin and Munin. I hadn't met them yet.
Odin could handle thoughtlessness but not forgetfulness, I guess.

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Matthew Keeley — 08 Jan 2009, 01:40 · in reply to Son of Witz

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now you done made me look it up.

"A clattering of choughs"

"Clattering" is much better than "unkindness", IMHO.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_collective_nouns_for_birds

~witz

Stuart Hamm — 08 Jan 2009, 02:30 · in reply to Tim Walters

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--- On Wed, 1/7/09, Tim Walters <walters at doubtfulpalace.com> wrote:

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David Stockhoff — 08 Jan 2009, 03:24 · follows Stuart Hamm

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Oreb

Meaning: raven [from Hebrew "black"]

a prince of Midian <<http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/midian.html>>, who, being defeated by Gideon <<http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/gideon.html>> and put to straits, was slain along with Zeeb <<http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/zeeb.html>> (Judg. 7:20-25 <<http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/judg7.html#20>>) Many of the Midianites <<http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/midianite.html>> perished along with him (Ps. 83:9 <<http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/psa83.html#9>>; Isa. 10:26 <<http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/isa10.html#26>>).

But Silk's Oreb is also clearly the Odin-like familiar of a witch, god, or prophet. Shakespeare referenced ravens in this sense:

"But the most frequent reference made by Shakespeare to this bird has regard to its supposed boding power. It is called the "fatal raven" [/Titus Andronicus — II, 3/]. A messenger of ill news is said to "sing a raven's note" [/2nd Henry VI — III, 2/]."

Choughs are native to the Old World and very different from ravens, however. See Wiki for a photo.

Message: 2

Date: Wed, 07 Jan 2009 23:17:38 +0000

From: "Son of Witz" <sonofwitz@butcherbaker.org>

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I don't know about the golf course (the sort of things I loathe) but yeah, it's a bit crazy over here. I'm about 8 blocks from where the Bologna family was slaughtered in their car last year. It was up in the neighborhood. Good neighborhood for fireworks though! all sorts of expensive illegal stuff shooting off on any day that could possibly warrant fireworks.

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not having read the whole thing, I sense you're right about familiar vs harbinger.

On Jan 7, 2009, at 7:01 PM, David Stockhoff wrote:
I propose a "hacking" of coughs. Or a "wheezing"?

Nice work there David.

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oddly enough, that's the part I just finished reading my son moments ago (nighty night) , but it turns out that it's a Thrush, not a raven that they know the tongues of, mentioned after Bilbo's scorching near escape, a thrush is listening to his tale before Smaug comes and smotes the mountain, sealing them in. As I read it, I made an aside, saying "that came up today", and my son, the sharp little sprat said "yeah, when Perseus talked with the robot owl." We'd been watching Clash of the Titans earlier, his first time. when he said "yeah," I was wondering what the hell he was gonna say. the aptness surprised me. kids have memories like steel traps compared to my addled noodle.

nighty night.

~witz

Son of Witz — 11 Jan 2009, 19:18 · in reply to Tim Walters

Hey Tim,

thanks for the Cayuga Park tip-off. what a cool place. had a nice walk and a picnic and some playground time. really cool sculptures. Lot's of love in that place. cheers, ~witz

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