

# Ask re: Oreb

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m.driussi — 13 May 1997, 02:35

Reply: Item #5465735 from WHORL at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET00#

Patrick,

Thanks for the first question! (I suspect Gene Wolfe might answer this question as worded by just mentioning the Bible bits that "Oreb" is mentioned in; or he might say "Hebrew for `Raven'"; etc. But maybe not--he could very well tell us something about the bird from Palustria. In any case, if you'd like to further refine the question, you've got a few days to do it in.)

Now are you going to come up with a disarming Vironese nickname or am I just going to introduce you as "That guy, you know, you said `=That= guy,' remember?"? <g>

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Patri10629 — 13 May 1997, 09:52 · follows m.driussi

Dear Mantis,

Thanks for the tips on Oreb. Hebrew for raven, biblical references--I had no idea.

In a message dated 5/13/97 4:23:32 AM, you wrote:

<<In any case, if you'd like to further refine the question, you've got a few days to do it in.)"

Geeze, I was hoping to save myself embarrassment by offering a terse and obscure question--one freighted with import as a haiku. I expect Gene to answer: "He's a Bird. Next." I just sense that there's much more to Oreb than meets the eye--so to speak. Not sure how I can justify it. I'll think on it and get back to you.

I'm delighted that Gene will submit himself to this inquisition.

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I think I'm past the "that Guy" stage with Gene--I Hope so anyway! And, forgive me, this whole nickname thing seems a bit strange to me. I'm Patrick. Or Pat. Don't mean to be a party pooper, but I've never liked costumes or Halloween. My own persona is deceptive enough, I hope. And I'm terrified of getting the Vironese convention of naming wrong.

Any more plans to make Q & D official?

PS: Damon Knight's THERE ARE BIRDS is magnificent. So is Patricia Anthony's GOD'S FIRES. Am

deep into Lew Shiner's GLIMPSES--very fine.

best

Patrick