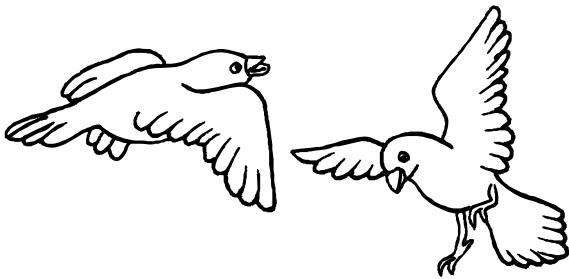


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THE BIRDS

The story is told of a man who, although he was a kind and decent person, just couldn't seem to accept the gospel story, especially the wonderful fact of Jesus, who was fully God, coming to earth to be born as a baby and live among men. It just didn't make sense to him. And because he was an honest man, he wouldn't just pretend to go along with it.

His wife was an earnest Christian and he never interfered with her or the children in their worship and activities but he just couldn't go along with it himself.

One evening just before Christmas a snowstorm came up with a gusty wind. The man was seated in his chair by the fireside enjoying his paper. His family had gone to attend a church meeting and he was home alone.

All at once he was startled by a thudding sound; it was quickly followed by another, then another. He thought that someone must be throwing snow balls at his living room window.

When he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They had been caught in the storm, and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through

his window. Now they were stunned and unable to fly.

I can't let those poor creatures lie there and freeze, he thought. But how can I help them?

Then he remembered the barn where the children's pony was stabled. It would provide a warm shelter. He quickly put on his coat and boots and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on the light. But the birds didn't come in.

Food will bring them in, he thought. So he hurried back to the house for bread crumbs, which he sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction - except into the warm, lighted barn.

"They find me a strange and terrifying creature," he said to himself, "and I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me. If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety."

Just at that moment, the church bells began to

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ring Silent Night. He stood silently for a while, listening to the bells. Then he sank to his knees in the snow, tears filling his eyes; "Now I understand," he whispered. "Now I see why you had to do it."
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HISTORY

The Protestant Reformation: 5

"They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." John 16:2

After Luther escaped from the Roman Legate he sent word that if the pope or his men could show him from the Bible where he was wrong, he would recant. (Deny his teachings). The Roman leaders demanded Luther be sent to Rome to be treated as a heretic but Frederick the elector of Wittenburg told them that Luther had appeared before them and they could not prove him wrong and so why should they tell him to recant? He would not send him to Rome. Instead, he would protect Luther.

Luther continued to preach and teach in the university and also to study and learn. His writings flowed out all over Europe and people began to have different ideas about the church and the leaders. Thousands began to take hold of the idea that they could come to God by faith and be saved by Jesus great sacrifice for man.

Rome became more and more angry and even said that he who should kill the rebellious monk would be without sin. One day a stranger, with a pistol hidden under his cloak, came up to Luther, and asked why he went out without guards. "I am in the hands of God," answered Luther. "He is my help and my shield. What can man do unto me?" Upon hearing these words, the stranger turned pale, and ran away, as if he saw the angels of Heaven.

Rome wanted him dead, but God was his protector. More people both poor and rich began to support him and believe the truth. Then Luther found the writings of John Huss and was surprised to find them the same as what he was teaching. He said that it was the truth that had been preached a hundred years before- and had been burned! God would surely judge the church for this.

Luther wrote of the universities of his day that they were great gates leading down to hell, unless they teach and believe the Bible. (This is true again in our day)

Then Rome declared that Luther and all those who followed him were to be excommunicated in 60 days if they did not repent and recant. (we call it disfellowshipped today) This was a terrible fear to the people as they had been taught that unless they were members of the church, they could never go to heaven. The Jews taught the same in Jesus' day and that is why many were afraid to follow the truth. There are people even today that are trying to tell us that unless we obey the church, we are lost. This is not true at all. We must obey God and His inspired Word, not men's ideas.

When Luther read the paper from the Pope he declared it to be condemning Jesus by denying the Bible. "Now I know for sure." He said, "That the pope is antichrist and his throne is the throne of Satan himself."

But the pope's paper had an effect, prison, torture and death were the tools Rome used to back up her words and many turned back out of fear. It looked like Luther's work would soon end, but God had other plans. Fearlessly Luther stood for the truths he had learned from the Bible. He burned the letter from Rome.

It wasn't easy for Luther to separate from the church he had always been taught to obey. But He knew he must obey God rather than men, so he said he would stand true to God's word even if he stood alone.

We all must be willing to do this. Sometimes when we are in a church and we learn that what it or its pastor wants us to do is not right in the sight of God, we must obey God, even if the church throws us out. It is not easy, as we all tend to like to stay in a nice big group and have everybody like us. But Jesus stood alone for us and most of the prophets had to stand alone against the church of their day; we must be willing to do that also if we really want to follow Jesus. We can't have some of Jesus and some of Satan's lies and still be saved, We need all of Jesus!

Rome declared Luther to be excommunicated. He knew God would give him strength and be close to him and we can know that today. Even if it seems everybody is going in the wrong path, we must choose to always walk the right one. At the present time we don't have people to burn us at the stake if we stand for the truth, but we do have people who will laugh at us or stop being our friend, and it is hard to stand for the truth when all your friends go the other way. Jesus will give us the strength to do it for Him! = ^ .. ^ =



TRUE-STORY-TIME

The Eskimo Prophet

An interesting story comes to us from the native peoples of Alaska: about a man named Maniilaq or Maniilauraq. His story has been well authenticated and thoroughly documented in the 60s and 70s by people doing cultural research in northwest arctic. He was born prior to 1830 in the Upper Kobuk River area close to Qala.

As a boy he was a very good listener and helpful to his mother and first came in contact with what he called his "Source of Knowledge" when out hunting food for her as a teen. He spent a lot of time listening to his source of knowledge and learning from it. The first message he received was, "Father and Son, Father and Son, the source of intelligence, the source of thought"

Later he learned many things and made many prophecies, most of which have been fulfilled and a few have yet to be. As a man he took very good care of his family. He was fearless of the shamans' power and often rebuked them. He purposefully broke their taboos, which governed and enslaved the lives of the people.

He set aside the seventh day to rest and to talk about things that were of great importance to him. He carried a pole as he traveled; when he would attach something to it, that was his day of rest, the seventh day!

It has been confirmed that this was indeed Saturday that he rested and not Sunday that came in later among the people with the coming of the white missionaries, who found people keeping the true Sabbath when they entered the area. He spoke of future events that would change the life style of the Eskimo people forever. The shamans felt

threatened by him: He was regarded as very powerful but his power was from a different source than theirs. He was very clean and would bath and wash.

The shamans and the spirits they worshipped enslaved the people in fear, often they had to burn what little food they had to the spirits. Maniilaq said this would change.

He was often ridiculed but he had great patience. The shamans tried to use their powers to kill him but they said he and his family were protected by light and the evil spirits could not harm them.

Some Prophecies Fulfilled:

1. Fire powered boats that would travel on both water and sky; referring to aircraft and motorized boats.

2. Fire will be contained in the houses; Stoves

3. Thin birch bark on which to write; Paper

4. The coming of a different people with light skin and hair.

5. The Taboos imposed by the shamans will no longer be kept.

6. The lifestyle of the Inuit would be dramatically changed.

7. The people would use soap and wash their bodies regularly

8. The shamans would lose their power over the people.

9. The light will come in the form of the word: (The Bible)

Yet to be Fulfilled:

1. Two consecutive seasons; winters the people believe.

2. A day that would appear to be split in half.

3. A severe famine.

4. The discovery of a precious metal in the area and a city because of it. = ^ .. ^ =



OLD TIME STORIES

The Cobbler and his House Guest

There lived in the city of Marseilles, a hundred years ago, an old shoemaker, loved and honored by all his neighbors, who affectionately called him "Father Martin."

One Christmas he sat alone in his little shop, reading of the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus, and of the gifts they brought, and he said to himself, "If tomorrow were the first Christmas, and if Jesus were to be born in Marseilles this night, I know what I would give him!" He arose and took from a shelf two little shoes of softest snow-white leather, with bright silver buckles. "I would give him these, my finest work. How pleased his mother would be! But I'm a foolish old man," he thought, smiling. "The Master has no need of my poor gifts."

Replacing the shoes, he blew out the candle and retired to rest. Hardly had he closed his eyes, it seemed when he heard a voice call his name. "Martin!" Intuitively, he felt aware of the identity of the speaker. "Martin, you have longed to see me. Tomorrow I shall pass by your window. If you see me and bid me enter, I shall be your guest and sit at your table."

He did not sleep that night for joy. Before it was yet dawn, he arose and tidied up his little shop. Fresh sand he spread on the floor, and green boughs of fir he wreathed along the rafters. On the table he placed a loaf of white bread, a jar of honey, a pitcher of milk; and over the fire he hung a hot drink. His simple preparations were complete.

When all was in readiness, he took up his vigil at the window. He was sure he would know the Master. As he watched the driving sleet and rain in the cold, deserted street, he thought of the joy that would be his when he sat down and broke bread with his guest.

Presently, he saw an old street sweeper pass by, blowing upon his thin, gnarled hands to warm them. Poor fellow! He must be half frozen, thought Martin. Opening the door, he called out to him, "Come in, my friend, and get warm, and drink something hot." No further urging was needed, and the man gratefully accepted the invitation.

An hour passed, and Martin next saw a poor, miserably clothed woman carrying a baby. She paused, wearily, to rest in the shelter of his doorway. Quickly, he flung open the door. "Come in and get warm while you rest," he said to her. "You are not well?" he asked.

"I am going to the hospital. I hope they will take me and my baby in," she explained. "My husband is at sea, and I am ill, without a soul to whom I can go."

"Poor child!" cried the old man. "You must eat something while you are getting warm. No? Let me give a cup of milk to the little one. Ah! What a bright, pretty little fellow he is! Why, you have no shoes on him!"

"I have no shoes for him," sighed the mother.

"Then he shall have this lovely pair I finished yesterday." And Marten took down the soft little snow-white shoes he had looked at the evening before, and slipped them on the child's feet. They fit perfectly. Shortly, the young mother went her way full of gratitude, and Martin went back to his post at the window.

Hour after hour went by, and many needy souls shared the meagre hospitality of the old cobbler, but the expected guest did not appear.

At last, when night had fallen, Father Martin retired to his cot with a heavy heart. "It was only a dream," he sighed. "I did hope and believe, but He has not come."

Suddenly, so it seemed to his weary eyes, the room was flooded with a glorious light; and to the cobbler's astonished vision there appeared before him, one by one, the poor street sweeper, the sick mother and her baby, and all the people whom he had aided during the day. Each one smiled at him and said, "Have you not seen me? Did I not sit at your table?" and vanished.

Then softly out of the silence he heard again the gentle voice, repeating the old, familiar words, "Who so shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me" (Matthrw 18:5). "For I was hungered, and you gave me meat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in. = ^ .. ^ =

BUILDING FOR JESUS

BOSSSES part 3

“And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise”. Luke 6:31

The Golden Rule is “Do unto other as you would like them to do to you.” What does this have to do with Bosses? Well, suppose your parents ask you to watch your little brother or sister for a while when they have to go out. Does that make you a kind of boss?

Yes, in a way it does because your parents have given you that duty to perform; your little brother or sister should obey you, as it is right to obey your parents. But does that mean you should be unkind or mean to your little brother or sister? No way! Your job in this case is to see to it that your little brother or sister is safe and happy.

If you think about the golden rule you will know just how to treat your little brother or sister. You would treat them the way you would want a bigger person to treat you. Would you want somebody to hit you or push you down? Would you want somebody to yell at you or talk nasty to you? Would you be happy if somebody teased you and made you feel like crying? Of course not! So you won't treat somebody that is smaller than you that way either.

Many children live in homes where their parents yell at them or talk nasty to them. God wants the children to obey the parents, but he doesn't want the parents to be cruel to the children. It's the same with teachers or Bosses at work. God wants us to obey them but he doesn't want them to be harsh and cruel.

So what if they are nasty, does that mean we don't have to obey them? Take a look at this verse in 1 Peter 2:18 “Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.” Froward is an older word that means grouchy and contrary. But we are still to be obedient anyway and leave that person for God to take care of. When we start being rude and nasty back, that is bad for us, and will do our characters great harm. Being patient and kind even when people treat us mean and unfair will help us to be more like Jesus, who is our pattern. Two wrongs never make a right.

So if you have a boss, you are to obey them as long as they are not trying to force you to disobey God.

And if you are a boss, you are to be kind and treat people like you would want to be treated, with kindness and respect, always remembering that sooner or later, you will get back the same treatment that you give out to others. = ^ . ^ =



Year 1: 3rd Quarter:

“DANIEL, THE PROPHET”

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 9: “THE GREAT TIME PROPHECY”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14.

Read the story in Daniel 8

Note for younger readers: I want to tell my younger friends not to be discouraged if you find some of these lessons about prophecy a bit hard to understand yet. These are the important points:

1: Jesus loves His people and sends dreams and visions to His prophets to show us what He is going to do.

2: In the dreams, Jesus used animals and other things to mean nations and powers. He shows us what they will do by what happens in the prophet's dreams.

3: When we learn how Jesus has shown us what will happen hundreds of years before it happens,

shows that He knows all about us, and will take care of us.

4: Our memory verse is the text that started the Advent movement. It tells us when Jesus started deciding who He was going to be able to take home with Him when He comes back. He started doing this in 1844.

Sunday

Text: Daniel 8:2 “And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.”

Two years have elapsed since Daniel’s previous vision. Daniel was now an old man. He had been in captivity a total of about fifty-five years; and as he was probably around sixteen or eighteen years of age when brought to Babylon, he would now be well over seventy. His vision about the four beasts in chapter 7 came to him while he was in bed, but this vision occurred while he was awake and beside a river.

It was the third year of Belshazzar and Babylon had not yet fallen. But that was going to happen so soon, that Babylon isn’t mentioned in this vision. Daniel sees a great ram with one of its horns higher than the other one. It is pushing with its horns west, north and south and nothing could stand before it.

This ram is Medo Persia as we look back in chapter 7 we see that the bear raised up on one side; so this ram had 2 horns and one was higher than the other. This was to show that the Persian part of the empire was stronger than the Medes, their partners. Like a bully, the Medo-Persian ram charged “westward, northward and southward,” in that very order.

Now here is something interesting; in the vision of the four beasts Daniel was shown the nations and what they would do to the world. But this vision is different; it is to show what the nations will do to God’s people and his truth. We know this because the animals and symbols in this new vision are all from the sanctuary. Rams, Goats and horns are all found in the sanctuary services.

Thought - In a prophecy we need to notice all the details to understand it right.

Monday

Text: Daniel 8:5 “And as I was considering,

behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.”

There was the ram, who had conquered everything, standing there so proud. Then all at once, came a he-goat, with one big horn between his eyes, he went so fast he didn’t touch the ground. (Remember the leopard with the four wings?)

He ran right into the ram and knocked him down. He broke off his horns and stamped on him. That ram could do no more. Now this he-goat was the Greeks and the one big horn represented Alexander the Great, the leader who swiftly conquered the world. It is interesting that the Greeks did use a goat as one of their symbols just like Babylon did use a winged lion.

Now we see that rough goat standing so powerful and proud, but something happens; while he is strong, the big horn is broken off and four horns come up instead. Now we would not expect that to happen when the goat is strong, but remember Alexander the Great died just after he had conquered the world.

His four Generals divided the empire between them, as he had no adult son to rule after him.

Thought - Doesn’t it make you feel safe to know that God knows all what will happen before it does? And He never makes a mistake.

Tuesday

Text: Daniel 8:9 “And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.”

Now I have to tell you a secret that even many grown up people that read prophecy don’t know. It makes a lot of difference to how we know what God is telling us in these prophecies.

In some languages they have what is called ‘gender’. This means that words are considered either feminine or masculine. That means male or female. English does not have this like some languages have. In English if I say ‘his’ you know I mean a boy or male. If I say ‘hers’ you know I mean a girl or female.

But if I say tree or house, you do not think of them as male or female; but in French, and Greek and Hebrew they do have gender, and we know by how the sentences are written if the word is

masculine or feminine. This was written in Hebrew, and so knowing the gender helps us to understand the meaning.

In verse 8 it talks about the four horns and these are masculine, and it talks about four winds and these are feminine.

Now in verse 9 it says 'out of one of them' and people think it means out of one of the horns, but it doesn't, because in the sentence 'them' is feminine. It means out of one of the winds. And it means out of one of the four directions in the world.

Thought - The more we learn about Bible Prophecies, the more wonderful they are.

Wednesday

Text: Daniel 8:10 "And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them."

Remember the terrible fourth beast in Daniel 7? How it stamped with its feet? Yes, this is Pagan Rome who here is seen stamping on God's people and His truth. Remember that Rome was ruling the Jews when Jesus was born.

Daniel 8:11 says; "Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host," It was by Pagan Rome's authority that Jesus, our Prince was crucified. So we know this is Pagan Rome. Now in the next few verses we have the gender thing again. Pagan Rome is masculine and another power that follows it is feminine, this is Papal Rome.

The verse goes on: "and by him (feminine) the daily {sacrifice} was taken away, and the place of his (Masculine) sanctuary was cast down.

You see that word 'sacrifice' in your bible? It is put in *italics in the King James translation*. That means the word is NOT in the Hebrew. The translators added it because they THOUGHT it should be there, but it does NOT belong there.

I am just going to tell you what the verses mean and when you get older you can study why they mean that.

The 'Daily' means Paganism and the Papacy would be the one to remove it and cast down Paganism's sanctuary in Rome where they kept all their heathen gods.

Thursday

Text: Daniel 8:13,14, "Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that

certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

Now Daniel hears two heavenly beings talking about these powers that were going to tramp on God's truth and His people and they ask, "How long is this going to go on? How long will evil tramp on the Good?"

Then the answer comes; "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Remember when Jesus was on earth how He went into the temple and drove out the wicked ones who were disobeying God? Well this verse tells of a time that God had set from way back, and when that time came, He would begin a special work that would lead to the end of all cruel and wicked powers.

We learn that this time prophecy of 2300 days was to start when the law was given to allow the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem. (See Daniel 9:25) This happened in 457 BC.

We know that in time prophecies a 'day' means a real year of time. So 2300 days mean 2300 years. When we figure out from 457 BC and add 2300 years it takes us to 1844. This was when Jesus went from the Holy Place in heaven to the Most Holy place and a special work started called the 'cleansing of the sanctuary'. We call it the investigative judgment.

Now what do all these big words mean to you and me? It means that God had set a time when He would begin to look at the lives all those who had claimed to be His people from the beginning. By looking at the records of their lives, He could find out if they really loved Him and were His children. Then all those that had truly given their hearts to God, and believed on Him, and obeyed Him, would have their names kept in the Book of Life to be taken to heaven when Jesus comes back again.

Those who claimed to belong to God but did not let Jesus change their selfish hearts and remove their sins would have their names taken out of the Book of Life and they will not be able to go home when Jesus comes back.

All those cruel powers that claimed to be doing work for Jesus while they were really killing and

hurting God’s dear people would not be in the Book of Life unless they, like Paul, had repented and stopped doing this.

Thought - It is good to know that God will only let the cruel and wicked things go on for a short while; soon Jesus will put an end to what hurts His dear children and take us home.

Friday

Text: Daniel 8:27 “And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king’s business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.”

Daniel wanted to understand what all the things he was seeing in the vision meant, and so he asked. In verse 16 he says, “And I heard a man’s voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.” Jesus was the one who asked the angel Gabriel to explain to Daniel what the vision meant.

Now Daniel knew that God had told the Prophet Jeremiah, that the Jewish people would be kept in

Babylon as slaves for 70 years, and then they would be allowed to return to Jerusalem. Daniel knew that soon those years would end and had been praying about it.

Now as the angel explains to him about long periods of time, (many days; verse 26) Daniel is shocked and afraid that maybe the Jews would not be returning home after all. It bothered him so much that the dear old man fainted.

But God was really telling Daniel things that he was to write down so His people that live on earth today, in the last days of time, would be able to know what God was doing. Daniel’s messages were for you and me, and they tell us that God is in charge. If we give our hearts to Him, and choose Jesus to be our own dear Saviour, then we can know that we will be loved and cared for by Jesus and our dear Heavenly Father, and someday go home to heaven when Jesus comes again.

Thought - The prophecies show us God’s love that He tells His people what He is going to do so they can know and trust Him. = ^ .. ^ =

2300 Evenings and Mornings / Prophetic Years (Dan 8)

