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CREATION CORNER EAGLES

Once there lived a famous king who set himself to find happiness. First he thought it would come to him through great conquests, and so he set out with his army to conquer other nations. Victory after victory was won, and his dominion was expanded, but happiness did not come to him. He returned to his luxurious palace, thinking to find joy and peace in idleness and relaxation. Not finding happiness in his palace, he turned to his beautiful gardens, but it all seemed in vain.

One day he heard of an old hermit who could tell him the secret of happiness, and so he hastened to the old man's cave in the forest, and urged him to divulge his secret.

After much urging by the king, the old man led him along a narrow footpath to the foot of a rugged mountain. Far, far up the mountainside he pointed out to him an eagle's nest. "Why," asked the hermit, "did the eagle choose to build its nest so far from civilization?"

After a moment's thought, the king replied, "To avoid danger."

"Right," answered the aged man. "Follow the

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eagle's example. Don't stay in the low places of worldly pleasures. Set your affections on things above. Bowing in obedient surrender at the Redeemer's feet you will find real joy."

The old hermit was right—only by setting our affections on things above shall we find real joy and peace. There is only one pathway to happiness, the pathway of loving service to Jesus. He is happiest who follows his Master faithfully and serves others unselfishly.

There is a Native American parable about someone who took an eagle's egg and placed it under a setting hen. When the chicks hatched the young eagle grew with the chickens. Once when he was older he looked up into the sky and saw a proud eagle soaring overhead.

"Mother, what is that wonderful bird", he asked the hen. "Oh, that does not concern you", she said, "Your life is here in the barnyard." So the eagle went back to scratching in the dirt with the chickens and didn't bother to look up any more.

We are meant for higher things; for heavenly things. But all too often we find our whole attention and time occupied by scratching around in the dust of this world's cares and pleasures. Take time to

look up, to search for Jesus through His Word and in personal prayer. We are told Jesus lived above the hassle and confusion of the world like the sun above the storm clouds. We too, can dwell with Him in heavenly places! = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

Patrick Hamilton: a Young Martyr of Scotland

Born in 1504, the great-grandson of a king, Patrick Hamilton was of royal lineage. When he was only 12, his parents got him a job as an Abbott, (the head of a monastery) and with the income from this; he was able to get a very good education.

Scotland was in a terrible state when he was young. The Papal church officials fought with the civil government and overthrew it. The church controlled the ruling powers and the positions went to those who could pay the most or had the biggest armies. The 'church' was very corrupt.

Young Patrick went to the University of Paris, where he studied Greek and Hebrew and read the scriptures in the original languages. Here he met Erasmus, and read Luther's writings. At only 16 he had his Master's degree.

Although at first somewhat confused by the church's stand against Luther's writings, he later declared himself for the reformer's views and began to preach them. This caused an immediate reaction and he was warned to stop or he would be killed.

He fled to Wittenberg, Germany and there he spent time studying with Luther and those with him and He also met Tyndale. He wrote some very valuable studies which were translated into English. Both John Knox and John Foxe included them in their writings.

In 1527 he returned to Scotland and there he preached boldly against the corruptions of the church, from his own family estates and on throughout the countryside. Because he was from a noble family, it was not easy for the church to just kill him.

So the Archbishop invited him to speak to a council about what things he thought needed

reforming in the church. This was really a trick to get evidence so they could condemn him. The council pretended to agree with him and gave him a job preaching in the university. It was all a trick, but still, his talks and clear answers to questions asked him, stayed in the minds of those that heard him.

After one month he was seized and brought to trial. The charges made against him included his teaching that man is justified by faith and not by works, that faith, hope, and charity are so linked together that if an individual possesses one he has all, and if he lacks one he lacks all. He had told the people to read the word of God, and he stated that the people were able to understand it. Worshiping of images and saints he had declared unlawful, as well as confession to a priest, purgatory, and penance; all were contrary to the Scriptures, and he had called the pope antichrist.

After the mock trial, he was rushed to his execution at noon the same day. 3,000 men were stationed to prevent anyone from stopping the execution. His brother who had heard about the situation tried to gather a force to rescue him but was unable to make it in time.

Hamilton, only 24 years of age, died a cruel and prolonged death, not by intent but through carelessness. He was fastened to the stake with an iron chain. Because of green wood, the slow fire had to be re-lit three times. When some gunpowder, added to the fire exploded and a chunk grazed his flesh, Hamilton calmly said, "Have you no dry wood? Have you no more gunpowder?"

When the iron chain had badly burned the center of his body, one of the observers asked him to show whether he still believed, by giving them some sign of his faith. With that Hamilton held up three fingers of a partly burned hand, and held them high until he died at six o'clock in the evening, just six hours from the time he had been tied to the stake.

But his death had a tremendous effect in Scotland, "On the day that he died the papacy unwittingly kindled a fire which shone over all Scotland, in the flames of which it was itself consumed." = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

Silver and the Snake: E.B.Hare

WHAT a grand time they were all having! Enoch was just 8 years old, and his two sisters, Sweet Sweet and Little Little were just a little older, and Silver was their great, big sister who went away to school. Silver, was home for vacation, and oh, what fun they were all having!

Enoch would tie a rope to Sweet Sweet and Little Little and play they were bullocks, and he would say, "Get up, Sweet Sweet and get up, Little Little", and they plowed the road with a stick. They climbed trees, and threw sticks at the green mangoes. They chased chickens, and threw stones into the river. In fact, they did everything that everybody does during vacation.

One afternoon they were in the field romping around, when all of a sudden Enoch held up a commanding finger and said, "Shhh!" and he said it so hard that Sweet Sweet, Little Little and Silver stood stock-still, and opened their eyes wide to see what was going to happen next.

"Look over there," said Enoch, pointing with his finger, "do you see that hole in the trunk of the tree?"

"Yes."

"Well, I saw a little bird go in there. Now you stand real still, while I go up and catch it."

And three stood so still you could have heard their hearts beat if you had been real close, while Enoch crawled and sneaked up to the tree. Could the little bird inside hear him coming? How excited he was getting? If only he could stop breathing! He was making such a noise! Nearly there—!

"Hurry! Quick!" He had covered the hole with a cloth, and the little bird was inside. "Quick! Quick! Silver help!" But he need never have called, for the others were already racing to his assistance. Silver slid her hand in under the cloth and pulled out, not one little bird, but four! Little tiny birds with big yellow mouths, almost able to fly. The mother bird must have flown away without their seeing her.

"But she will come back tonight, an' we'll come back an' catch the mother bird too. Won't we?" "Yes, an' we'll make a house for them to live in, won't we?"

"Silver, will you teach them to talk?"

"Oh, go on, you silly boy; this kind of little birds can't talk."

"Can't they?"

And all the rest of that afternoon they planned how they were going to look after their birds. There was only one little cloud on their horizon. Mother had said, "You mustn't go at night, it is too dangerous;" and though they answered not a word, Silver looked at Enoch, and Enoch looked at Silver, and pouty lips moved to form the words, "We will go, won't we?"

And at evening, when mother was locking up the chickens, they sneaked off—away across the garden, past the school, through the fence, into the field. "It isn't a bit dangerous, is it?" said Enoch, as they reached the tree, "Mothers think everything is dangerous!"

Silver thrust her hand in to get the bird. It was not there, but something else was there! It was cold and smooth—"Oh, oh, OH! she screamed,—a big, black snake had bitten Silver on the finger. Oh, how it hurt! It was just like fire.

"Oh, what shall we do?"

"Now what will mother say?" and squeezing the finger tight, they rushed home as fast as little feet could take them. Poor mother had enough to worry her without this; but soon she had several strings tied tightly around the arm. Then they tried to think what to do next.

"The nurse may know something."

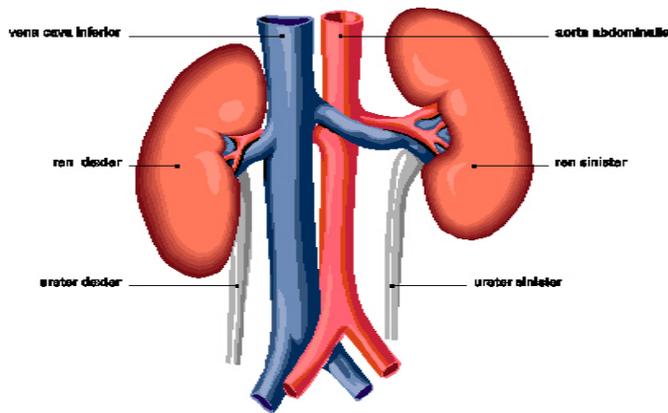
The nurse cut it with a knife to make the blood come. Some one else said to try burning it with a red-hot coal from the fire, so they did that too, but still it hurt. Oh, how it hurt! Silver was feeling strange all over, and said, "Oh, mother, am I going to die?"

Then some one said to hold it in boiling water for a few seconds, so the finger was held in boiling water—Oh OH! How it hurt! But after that, the poison seemed to come out in the terrible blister that was made.

For days Silver was so sick she could neither eat nor sleep, and they hardly expected her to get well; but little by little the pain went away, and she was able to walk around. It was more than a month before Silver's finger was entirely well and all her life she will have a terrible scar on her finger.

And I know some little folks in Burma who won't disobey mother any more for a long, long time, and their names are Enoch, Sweet Sweet, Little Little and Silver! = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON



Your Kidneys

The kidneys are among the most important organs of the body. They are in the cavity of the abdomen, near the back-bone, up under the lower border of the ribs. They are shaped like two chubby beans with tubes attached.

The work of the kidneys is to separate from the blood, poisonous substances, which would soon cause our death if they were not removed. It is very important to keep these useful organs in good health, because a person is certain to die very soon when the kidneys are seriously injured.

The work of the kidneys is very similar to that of the skin; and when the skin can not do its full duty, the kidneys have to do more than they should, and are more likely to become diseased. For this reason, persons who fail to bathe and keep their skin healthy, so it can do its work, are apt to later have disease of the kidneys.

A piece of beef placed in alcohol soon becomes dry and hard, and shrivels up as though it has been burned. The effect of strong liquor on the kidneys is almost the same. Beer and wine also do the kidneys harm, leading to disease of these important organs.

Tobacco use does damage to the kidneys as the body flushes out the harmful nicotine and other poisons through the kidneys.

One way of keeping the kidneys in good health is to drink plenty of pure water, and to avoid eating meat and rich or spicy food. Pepper, mustard, vinegar, and other hot sauces are very harmful to kidneys. = ^ .. ^ =

MISSION STORY

3 Boys' and a Noble Deed: E.B.Hare

SCHOOL was out. The hot sun, shining down with all his might, making up for the months when it would be hidden by the black rain clouds, in the wet season, made study almost impossible. But it was just the right kind of weather for jungle preaching, and five band boys from Kamamaung had joined the evangelist and teacher at Awbawa, and mapped out a tour of the district.

We had had a school in that village for only one year, but the boys were enthusiastic, and all solemnly promised to help the evangelist's wife look after Sabbath meetings while the others were away. Just before they set out, however, the dear old man who had taught school during the year was called home to see one of his big sons who was sick with the fever, and the preaching party had to set out with-out him over the hills and far away.

You can imagine that old Thara Hlo Po, for that was his name, was very sorry not to be able to accompany the preaching band; but, being anxious for his son, he hurried to the heathen village fifteen miles away, where he was living. Finding the lad in a serious condition, the father walked twenty miles to a hospital for some medicine and twenty miles back without resting except for food. The road was good, but the return journey was made in the heat of the day; and though he arrived with the medicine in time to save his son's life, he himself was smitten with sunstroke and died a few days later.

At once a messenger was sent to Awbawa for the evangelist, for they could not consent to let the village folk give him a heathen burial; but who could tell where the evangelist and the band boys had gone by this time? In vain they questioned among the children and the village elders, but after so many days they might be almost anywhere.

No one could think of a way out, till one little man just twelve years old said to a group of his schoolmates who had gathered round to discuss the situation, "We can never let our Thara be buried in a heathen way. Don't you suppose some of us could go and read a chapter and sing and pray? I tell you, I will go if one or two of you will come with me."

In a twinkle two more little men, one eleven and one nine, had volunteered, and, obtaining hasty permission from their parents, set off on the fifteen-mile walk to the other village. On arriving, they went up into the house and sang—sang the gospel songs

the dear old teacher had taught them through the year. The village folk crowded round to see the sight,—and such a sight it was!

They sang till all their songs were finished and their little hearts so full that it hurt to sing any more, then one read a scripture. He didn't know which chapter in Job the ministers read at the funeral services—he had never seen a Christian funeral, but he read a part of the Sabbath school lesson he had been studying during the week. The next little laddie led in prayer; and, leading the way to the grave, they laid away the dear old man to await the resurrection morning.

Three weeks after, the preaching band came back, and the little fellows had almost forgotten their deed of love; but I know that angels wrote this story in the books that are kept in heaven, in which are recorded all the loving deeds done in Jesus' name by brave little jungle heroes. = ^ .. ^ =



Year 2: 1st Quarter:

“THE WONDERS OF REVELATION”

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 12:

“FINAL EVENTS”

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 they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.”

Revelation 14:12

This week we will take a quick glance at events after probation closes.

Sunday

Text: Revelation 15:2-4 “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.”

Chapter 15 opens with a quick glance at seven angels carrying the seven last plagues. But then it quickly shows us again a picture of the joyful ones around the throne who have won the victory over evil through the power of Jesus. Whenever there is something sad that has to be told, our loving Jesus always gives us first, a view of something happy to encourage us.

Here we see the saved ones again, all joyful before God's throne, and they are all declaring something very important. They are singing the song of Moses, and the Lamb. This is a song about unselfish love that wins the victory over evil by humble self-sacrifice; the song of people who have learned to love as Jesus loved.

They are also saying that God is fair and good, even though we are going to see some terrible things happen in the next few chapters of Revelation, things that will and must take place after the close of probation for this wicked world, still it is the love, mercy and justice of our loving Father in heaven that makes these things needful. They are agreeing with what God has to do, even though it is sad and terrible.

Then we see the temple opened and out of it comes seven angels. They are dressed in white linen, which shows they are pure and holy, like Jesus. One of the four beasts gives each angel a golden vial, which is 'full of the wrath of God'. Remember that these beasts represent some of the people who have been saved.

What a very sad thing that our loving God, who

has patience, unselfishness and kindness beyond anything we can even imagine; this wonderful Being who tells us His mercy is new every morning; has to finally pour out wrath on those He has done everything to save, but who have despised all His goodness and are determined to kill His faithful children.

How cruel and wicked it is to wear out the patience of One so good. But still it isn't a case of God finally losing His temper! Oh, no indeed! It is necessary for the good of others that these terrible plagues have to fall on the wicked world. There are several reasons for them. One is that these wicked ones are determined to murder all of God's faithful children. He will not allow this to happen.

Another reason is to show to the universe that nothing God could do would ever get these rebels to change. No matter what, they will curse God and still go on being wicked and cruel.

The last verse of chapter 15 tells us that no body is in the heavenly sanctuary at this time. Probation has closed forever on the earth. The mercy and love, which for all the years of earth's history has been poured out for people through Jesus, has finally ended. The world is left to its chosen ways, while the faithful ones are surrounded by heavenly angels and protected.

Thought - It is a good idea that if we have to show anyone a mistake they have made or some other negative thing that we first say something kind and cheering to them.

Monday

Text: Revelation 16:1 "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."

Chapter 16 shows us the terrible 7 last plagues that will be sent on the wicked inhabitants of this world who are determined to destroy God's waiting, faithful children. We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that these plagues will hit different parts of the world, not all over at once, or nothing would be left alive. We also are assured that God will protect His people.

The first one is a terrible and painful kind of sore that comes on the people and no one can find a cure for it.

The second causes the water of the oceans to turn into something that is like the blood of a dead man.

The third causes the lakes, rivers and fountains of water to all become like blood. This is interesting, as the angel here says that this is only fair: "For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy." They deserve it, in other words.

The fourth plague causes the sun to become so hot that it scorches people! This is also a very fair judgment because these people are exalting sun-worship and seeking to force all to worship the Sunday; so God gives them what they want—lots of sun!

The fifth brings dense darkness to the seat of the Beast; his kingdom is full of darkness. For centuries Rome has poured out spiritual darkness onto the world, now they find themselves in actual darkness.

The sixth plague talks about the dying up of a river. When real Babylon was conquered, the river that flowed through the city was dried up so the soldiers came into the city in the riverbed. So this shows us that spiritual Babylon is about to fall, as the 'waters', which represent the people of the world who support it, turn away from supporting it, and start to fight against it. This prepares the way for Jesus coming, represented as the 'Kings of the East'.

The seventh plague takes place as Jesus comes back to get His faithful people. A terrible hailstorm with huge chunks of ice comes and smashes all the proud cities of earth.

Thought - "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand but it shall not come nigh thee!" Read Psalms 91 and try to memorize it; this is the promise for those who live through the time of trouble and plagues at the end of history.

Tuesday

Text: Revelation 16:13,14 "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

Always remember when you read the prophecies that they do not follow through in order like a story, but they are a lot of small word-pictures sort of mixed together. These two verses, although

they are mentioned in the time of the 6th plague are actually happening long before that. They are happening now, as Satan uses his miracles and tricks to fool people into disobey God and seeking to force everyone to also disobey Him.

Notice the 3 symbols; The Dragon: spiritualism; the Beast: Papal Rome; the False Prophet: Protestantism. Satan gets them to join together and he gets the kings and mighty men of the earth to join in too; how? By performing miracles and wonders that get people believing the lies he is telling them. Only people who know and believe the Bible will not be tricked!

It is this gathering of all the powers of earth together for the purpose of fighting against God's law and His people that is called the Battle of Armageddon. There have been many funny things taught about this subject, but what it means is, this time when these powers seek to force everybody to break God's law. It is not a particular place or a literal battle between powers of earth.

19 "And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."

Here we see that Great Babylon, made out of these 3 parts, which Satan has worked so hard to bring together, quickly falls apart again and all the parts fight against each other.

Thought - Men may work with Satan to war against Jesus, but they will fail and fall.

Wednesday

Text: Revelation 17:3 "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

In chapter 17, John is shown something by one of the angels that had the plagues. He see it in the wilderness; here this means it's like behind the scenes. Like the angel says that he'll show him something that most people don't know about.

What does he see? A woman, which represents a church, and she is riding on a savage beast, which represents the world governments and powers. She is called a whore, which is a woman that goes out with other men, not her husband, for money.

The true church is a pure woman, and she is the bride of Christ. But this woman, who claims to belong to Jesus, has relations with all these kings

and governments and she does it for money and power. That is why she is called the Great Whore.

4-6 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations...And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...

What a clear description of the Roman church! See her colors—purple and red; look at her riches and jewels and she has a cup in her hand full of false doctrines which make people spiritually drunk when they believe them.

She is a mother church; this is exactly what the Roman power claims to be. The protestant churches are her daughters. And she is indeed drunken with the blood of saints and martyrs for Jesus, as she has persecuted and killed them by the millions!

Thought - Jesus never wants His church to use the power of earthly governments and courts to make others obey her wishes!!

Thursday

Text: Revelation 17:12-14 "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them:"

It is most interesting that in the plans which the world leaders and powers have drawn up for the 'New World Order', they have the world divided up into exactly ten parts—they will agree to let this Beast power rule— as this is the way they can best get the people under control— by using a religious power.

16-17 "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

Isn't this interesting? These 'horns' agree to let the whore/beast power rule, but inside they really hate her and can't wait until they can destroy her

and rule by themselves. But it is really no mystery—people who don't have Jesus in their hearts have no choice but to act like Satan, and he just wants to destroy and rule everybody and everything.

18 “And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”

Here is another clear clue as to what power this is— there is only one ‘city’ that claims to rule the kings of the earth and that is the Vatican in Rome!

Thought - We see here that God knows all about what these powers are planning to do and He told His people all about it long centuries before any of it happened. So we can know that He is in charge and if we stay obedient to Jesus—we are safe!”

Friday

Text: Revelation 18:1-3 “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.”

Chapter 18 is one of my favorite chapters in the Bible because it shows us that this cruel power, that has hurt so many people, is going to come to an end. These verses also show us a repeat of the second angel's message; only this time it is telling everybody to get out of these fallen churches before they end up destroyed along with them.

And we see another angel, a special fourth angel, and he has so much power that the whole earth gets lighted up with his mighty message! This mighty angel represents the ‘Loud Cry’ message given by the great power of the Holy Spirit in what we call the ‘latter rain’.

As the end troubles come, God's people will come very close to Jesus and put away all their sins and worldly ways; then the full power of God's Spirit will come to them and He will send the final warning through the earth like lightening.

Notice what it says about how the merchants of the earth have gotten rich because of Babylon's delicacies. Have you ever thought about all the money that people spend because of holidays that had their start in the Roman church? Why if it weren't for all these holiday, the stores wouldn't sell nearly as much stuff.

Christmas, Easter, Valentines, Halloween, Christenings, 1st Communions, Birthdays and so on; it seems as if half or more of the things sold, have to do with one of these holidays. And people buy so much more food and special treats, just because of holidays, and have nothing to do with what they need to live. The holidays all came from paganism and not from the Bible.

24 “And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.”

This is a strange and interesting verse; “all that were slain upon the earth” but as you study history carefully, you will find that wherever there has been a war, or a terrible massacre or some cruel and hurtful thing done by people to other people, you will find the Roman power back of it somewhere.

Thought – Read this 18th chapter and notice all the things it talks about that you can find in the Roman church. = ^ .. ^ =

