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CREATION CORNER

“Big Bangs & Black Holes”

“By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” Psalms 33:6.

Ordinary people are led to believe that the Great Scientists know to be true all that they tell us about evolution; this is not so at all! In fact sometimes the scientists have meetings together where they don't let outside people in, and there they admit to each other that they have absolutely no real proof at all for what they are claiming about evolution.

Many years ago, (sounds like a fairy tale doesn't it?) some scientists decided that everything came from nothing. (It is a fairy tale!) They began claiming that all this nothing gathered together in one tiny speck and then it exploded and went on to make all the stars and planets and, eventually, you and me. They called this; the 'Big Bang' theory, and most people believe it is true.

They had a lot of problems with this, as they decided that if it really happened, then certain things would be certain ways. So they looked carefully and they were not! Oh, dear! Now what could they do?

Would they admit they were wrong? Oh, NO! They got busy and made up some even sillier ideas

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to explain why things weren't the way they thought they ought to be. One of these ideas was called 'Black Holes'.

Now, I had read books and articles about 'Black Holes' and they were written in such a way that you'd think that scientists knew for sure that there were black holes. You'd think they had seen them and measured them and knew all about them. Then I learned that this too, is just another lie. There is absolutely no evidence that such a thing exists! It was just made up to try to explain other theories that they could not prove.

What was a Black Hole supposed to be? Well they claimed it was a star that had gotten so dense that not even light could escape from it, because of gravity. They claimed that any planet or star that came anywhere near these 'holes' would be eaten up and destroyed.

I had wondered when I first learned about this idea, how anything like that could exist in God's universe? Our God is not so silly as to create a beautiful universe of stars and planets and beings and then create something that would horribly destroy anything that came near it.

The only 'evidence' they use to 'prove' these 'Black Holes' is that some areas of the universe

give off some strange signals they receive on radio telescopes. BUT when they examine the areas they get these signals from, there are stars fairly close to them, and they are not getting eaten up!

No; our God has not created 'Black Holes'; these are just another of the fairy tales scientist make up, because they don't believe God's Word. God's universe is an orderly, wonderful, beautiful place; laid out like a gigantic city of stars and planets.

Someday, if you are faithful to Him, you will travel through it and see the wonders of a Universe of Love, where sin and destruction do not exist.
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HISTORY

JESUITS IN INDIA

We all know the story about 'doubting Thomas', but he learned his lesson that day and later went out preaching the gospel with power! He traveled to India and there he had such success among the heathen peoples teaching them the gospel and setting up churches, that the wicked Brahmin Priests, who rule the people with cruelty and fear, were made to seriously worry that their power over the people would be broken. Thomas was killed in AD 72, by an angry Brahmin Priest with a lance.

By then a great church was raised up that for centuries kept the true Sabbath and taught the true gospel of Jesus. They were known as the St. Thomas Christians. For 1600 years that church stood firm against Buddhism and wily Hinduism. They also kept sending forth missionaries, sometimes as merchants, as far away as China, Sumatra and Borneo.

In the 1500s, Before Spain and Portugal had been reached by the reforming power of a newly born Protestantism, the order of the Jesuits had made a deal with the kings of those countries. It was a dark night for the St. Thomas Christians when the Jesuits, supported by the guns of Portugal, arrived in India.

The cruelty of these invaders is shown by one example of many, In 1502, the third expedition from Portugal, commanded by Vasco da Gama, encountered a ship full of Moslem pilgrims

returning from Mecca. These people offered money to spare their lives. The Jesuits took the money, but set the ship on fire anyway. The poor people managed to put the fire out and stay afloat, but da Gama ordered it relit. Even though mothers held up their babies for him to see and cried for mercy, coldly and cruelly he ordered the ship destroyed. They are indeed 'without natural affection'!

They came to the St. Thomas Christians pretending to be friends. After the Jesuits had dominated the Roman church at the counsel of Trent, even going against the then ruling Pope, they went out like wolves to enforce their decrees on the world.

The inquisition was set up in Goa, India in 1560, to force all to give up their simple Bible truth and obey the Roman church. People were imprisoned, tortured and burned at the stake.

Any person accused of 'Judaizing', which could mean keeping the true Sabbath, and other laws laid down in the Bible, could be arrested. Many were often accused and imprisoned because they had wealth that the Jesuits wanted, or had spoken against their cruelty.

Their main way of destroying this true church must be noticed as they are using the same method Today! They sent in teachers to take over the schools and colleges and then they trained the youth to follow Roman Catholic ways and reject the true Gospel. They would teach them to make fun of the 'old ideas' of the fathers and to feel they were smarter now they had all this 'education' and should go their own ways and ignore their parents. Gradually they had most of the younger generation on their side.

One way or another, they get the power to elect the leaders, so only their men get into high positions in the church. Then they called large counsels and made rulings that completely eliminated the true church they were destroying. People are deceived as they consider them highly educated and so they must know the truth.

For those who resist this, and cling to Bible truth, they use fear, force and death. For the St. Thomas Christians, The morning of June 20, 1599, was the day when a great true church gave up its independence, to lick the feet of Rome. More next week = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

Bread From Heaven

After months of sickness and unemployment Father was feeling very discouraged. "I don't see any way through," he said one day, "unless God helps us."

"I hope He will—soon," said Mother earnestly, knowing how very little food there was left.

"I never was in such a fix before," Father went on. "No money in the house, and through no fault of our own either. I wonder what is going to happen?"

"I can't tell," said Mother. "It's the children I'm worried about. They'll all be in for supper in a minute or two, and there isn't a bite of bread for them."

"Is the last loaf gone?" asked Father anxiously.

"It is," replied Mother sadly, "the last loaf."

"Then it is surely time for God to work," said Father.

At this moment the back door was flung open with a bang. In rushed the three children, panting from their run up the long hill from the school, and, as usual, desperately hungry.

"What's for supper, Mamma?" asked the eldest, Mother looked at Father. For a moment she didn't know just what to say. "I'm afraid", she said, "God hasn't sent it yet."

The children's faces fell, Nothing to eat! That was awful. They knew that Father was out of work and that hospital bills had taken all his savings, but somehow there had always been something for them to eat. "

"Mamma," said the youngest earnestly, "if there isn't any food in the house, why don't we ask Jesus to send some? He surely won't let us starve, and I'm so hungry,"

"It's the only thing we can do," said Father, "Let's gather round the table and pray."

So without another word they all knelt down, Father, Mother, and the three children, and pleaded with God to send them at least some bread to eat as He had promised in His Word.

Now it so happened that this very afternoon two ladies, who belonged to the same church as this family, were talking about them, wondering why they had not seen them of late. "There must be something the matter," said one, "or they would've been to the meeting yesterday. They never miss."

"You're right," said the other. "I think we should

go to visit them and find out whether there is anything they need. The husband has been out of work for some time, I believe."

"Yes," said the first lady, "Let us go now." So the two ladies set out for the little cottage in the country where the poor family lived. It was quite a distance to walk, part of the way being up a long, steep hill.

They had nearly reached the top of the hill when a baker's truck passed them, traveling very swiftly. As it went by, what do you suppose happened?

Well, believe it or not, the door of the truck flew open and out fell a loaf of bread on the roadway. A moment later the truck seemed to hit a stone or a rut in the road, for it shook violently, scattering loaves in all directions through the open door.

Quite unaware of what had happened, the driver of the truck continued his headlong course and in a few seconds was out of sight and far away.

Here was a problem for the two ladies. All over the road were beautiful, brown, crusty loaves of bread, good food that in a few minutes would be crushed and spoiled by other traffic passing by. It seemed too bad to leave them there, and as the truck driver did not return, they decided to pick them up.

It took them a little while to do it, but at last they stood there on the grass beside the road, each with a pile of loaves in her arms. "What shall we do with them now?" asked one of the ladies, smiling, but a little worried.

"I don't know," laughed the other, "If we knew who owned them we'd take them back to him, but we don't. The only thing I can think of is to take them with us and see what happens."

"Well, let's do it, then," said the other, "and quickly, for my arms are getting tired."

So off they went, soon reaching the garden gate of the little cottage they had set out to find. Walking up the path, the loaves still piled high in their arms, they knocked at the door. Rat-tat-tat!

The door was opened by Mother, and the two ladies saw a sight that moved their hearts, for there were Father and the three children still kneeling in prayer around the empty table. A moment later all were on their feet, their eyes gleaming with surprise and excitement.

"Jesus has sent us bread!" cried the youngest. "I knew He would if we asked Him."

"Yes," said Father, "He surely has, and far more than we dared to ask for. It is bread from heaven indeed." = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

My Body Temple – Helping your Heart

The heart is a most important organ of the body. We should take good care of it.

Did you ever run so hard that you were out of breath and had to breathe fast? It was because the hard work of the muscles increased the amount of waste products that the blood carried to the lungs to exchange them for oxygen, needed by the muscles to continue their work. When the exchange of gases in the lungs cannot keep up with the production of wastes in the muscles, you get out of breath and tired.

Bad air is very harmful to the heart and blood. Remember that the blood of the body, while passing through the lungs, is exposed to the air we breathe. If the air is impure, the blood will be poisoned. In churches, class-rooms, and in other places where many people are gathered, the air can become stale from a lack of oxygen. Then the people suffer from the need for God's fresh air and they become tired and sleepy. It is important that the air of rooms where we live and sleep should have good ventilation.

Pure, fresh air causes the blood to circulate healthfully through the body. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood." Leviticus 17:11. Never stay where people are smoking!

Whatever pollutes the blood affects our physical and spiritual life. The blood is made from what we eat, and if we eat impure food, the blood becomes impure. Rich or highly-seasoned foods, sugary things, animal products and junk foods are not nutritious. They harm the blood by making it impure and they cause poor digestion.

Our body needs a proper amount of sleep. Only during this time can the body thoroughly cleanse itself of the wastes that have built up during the day.

We should dress according to the weather. In cold weather we need very warm clothing. In warm weather we should wear lighter clothing. But our clothing should keep all parts of the body equally warm, to allow the blood to circulate properly. Bare arms and legs push the blood back into the center of the body and the heart has extra hard work. People have been cured of heart trouble and many aches and pains, just by learning to keep their arms and legs covered. Our feet are far away from

the heart, and we should keep them warm and dry.

When a person gets very angry, the heart beats very fast and causes a strain on it. People have even had heart attacks because of a fit of rage. It is not healthy to become very angry. Remember, Jesus will give us the strength to overcome anger.

If you put a drop of blood under the microscope, and add a little alcohol to it, you would see the corpuscles quickly destroyed. In a few seconds they would be so shriveled up that no one could tell that they had ever been beautiful little corpuscles so necessary to life and health. Alcohol in a drink, does not destroy the corpuscles so quickly, but it injures them so they are not able to do their work of absorbing and carrying oxygen well. A lack of oxygen destroys the cells in our brains! To have a clear mind and a healthy body, we should never drink any alcohol.

Dr. Parkes, an English doctor, observed carefully the effects of alcohol upon the heart of a soldier who was addicted to liquor. He counted the soldier's pulse when he was sober, and then counted it again then he was using alcohol, and found that alcohol made his heart have to do one fourth more work than it ought to do.

Alcohol causes the red blood cells to stick together. The small vessels, which carry the blood from the arteries to the veins, are only big enough for one red blood cell to pass at a time. When clumps of red blood cells start trying to go through these small vessels, called capillaries, they have to stretch to let the clumps through. It is this that causes the red face and red eyes of the drunkard. Sometimes, after a man has been using alcohol a long time, the blood vessels of his face remain large and cause the alcoholic's nose to be swollen and red. Even if a person drinks one glass of beer, the next day if you look at the little capillaries in their eyes, you will find them swollen!

Tobacco injures the blood corpuscles. When a person first uses tobacco, it makes them feel very sick. If you should feel the pulse just then, you would find it very weak because the powerful poison of the tobacco is affecting the heart.

Colas, Tea and coffee are bad for the heart. Those who use them very strong often complain of palpitation, or heavy and irregular beating of the heart.

People often "catch a cold" when their circulation has become disturbed in some way, as by getting the feet wet, being chilled from not dressing sensibly, sitting in a cold draft, and in other

similar ways. Keeping the body sensibly warm all over so the blood can circulate freely helps your heart and your immune system.

A severe loss of blood, called a Hemorrhage (hem'-or-rhage) can happen from accidents or injuries of various sorts. It is important to know what to do quickly, as there may not be time to get to hospital fast enough to save the injured person's life. Here are a few pointers:

If the blood from a cut flows in spurts and is bright red, it is from an artery. If it is dark-colored, and flows in a steady stream, it is from a vein.

It is best to apply pressure directly over the wound. The pressure can be made with the thumbs or with the whole hand. Grasp the part firmly and press very hard, or tie a handkerchief or towel around the wounded part and twist it tight. If the cut is on an arm or leg, have the person lie down, and hold up the injured part. This is an excellent means of stopping hemorrhage.

Nosebleeds may be stopped by placing the hands and feet into very warm water. At the same time place an ice-pack on the back of the neck. Often the ice-pack alone will do the trick. Keep the head up and a bit forward to prevent choking.

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MISSION STORY

ANGEL VOICES

We know the Bible stories about how an angel led Peter and John out of prison, and warned the apostles of danger, well, angels are still on the job helping true missionaries and leading them.

“ TAKE THE OTHER ROAD!”

“In a certain section of Brazil, an interest sprang up among Catholics. Some had already embraced the Sabbath truth, and were keeping the day. This exasperated those who turned against it. Satan decided to put a stop to the work by inspiring the opposers to give the preacher a good flogging.

“A secret plan was laid, and some thirty of the enemies of the truth gathered at a small rum shop by the road where the worker was expected to pass. They then encouraged each other by drinking more rum and telling how they would flog the preacher. They even tied the gate through which he must pass, and felt sure they had him in their power.

“The worker, however, was entirely ignorant of this plot, and was planning on taking this, the usual road, as he journeyed on the following day. There

was another road, which would take the worker to the same destination, but it was more difficult and less traveled.

“On the morning of his departure, as he was saddling his mule to continue his journey, the conviction seized him, and it seemed almost like an audible voice, saying to him, ‘Take the other road.’ Though the old and well-known road would have been far preferable, he obeyed what seemed to him the Lord’s guidance, though he could not then understand it, and was soon well on his way.

“Not small was his surprise when, upon a later visit, the worker was informed of the plan of the opposers, and he realized how marvelously the Lord had led him and frustrated the designs of the would-be persecutors of His servant.” (F. W. Spies, former president of the East Brazil Union Conference)

“GET UP, AND GO!”

In 1926, Dr. Ang, son of our veteran Pastor Ang, of Swatow, China, was captured by bandits, who held him prisoner in a cave for ransom. Of his second night in captivity, Missionary I. B. Newcomb wrote:

“He claimed the promises of Psalms 34:4, 7, [“I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.”] and that evening went to sleep, feeling assured that the Lord would not forsake him.

“About midnight he was awakened by some one’s telling him to get up and go. At first he thought the men were joking with him. He spoke to them, but they were all sound asleep. He quickly arose and slipped out past the two men on guard at the entrance, who were sleeping soundly.

“He started to run, but where should he run? Here he was, miles from—he didn’t know where. So as he ran he breathed a short prayer for guidance, and immediately heard the same voice that told him to get out, now telling him to follow the stars.

On looking up, he saw three very bright stars. These he followed as he ran, stumbling and falling over the boulders (he afterward showed me many bruises and cuts he had received on the jagged rocks), and even swam two or three rivers, until he arrived at a small village, where he secured lodging for the remainder of the night, then took a boat for home the next morning.” = ^ .. ^ =



Year 2: 1st Quarter:
“THE WONDERS OF REVELATION”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 3:
“THE THRONE AND THE BOOK”

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: “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”
Revelation 4:11

Read Revelation 4-5
Sabbath

Text: Revelation 4:2, 3 “And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.”

In his vision, John now sees heaven opened and a great voice tells him to come and see what was there. He sees the great throne room of God in heaven, bright and full of beautiful colors.

In these visions everything has a meaning, so these colors have a meaning also. The Rainbow: this has several meanings, first we know the rainbow first appeared as a sign of God's promise not to again destroy the earth with a flood. It tells us about God's mercy mixed with His justice, and the Gospel of salvation mixed with the Law of God.

It also is a symbol that Jesus uses; wherever in prophecy we see that rainbow, we know that Jesus is there.

Satan has stolen that symbol, as he steals everything that Jesus gives us, and he uses it for his own purposes. He uses it as a symbol for New Age spiritualism. But we know it belongs to Jesus.

Jasper anciently was red and purple and the 'sardine' stone was bright red. Red was a symbol of royalty, and red and purple were usually worn by kings. Red also reminds us of the Blood of Jesus shed for our sins, and when put together with blue, which means God's justice and Law, we see purple, justice and mercy mixed together.

Emerald is a green stone. Green is a symbol of life and faith. In vision Ellen White was handed a green cord: “The green cord represented faith to my mind, and the beauty and simplicity of trusting in God...”

Thought - When Jesus comes in the clouds, a great rainbow will be around Him.

Sunday

Text: Revelation 4:4 “And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.”

Here we see a wonderful sight, twenty-four 'elders' sitting around the throne of God. Who are they? Why are they there? Well we can figure that out as we look at the clues given to us.

First the number; twenty-four is 2 X 12; there were 12 tribes of Israel and 12 disciples, together that is 24. This represents people from both the Old and New Testament times. It is very clear that these 'Elders' are human beings that God has taken to heaven ahead of time to help with the judgment. All proper courts use a jury and it has to be made of 'peers'. That word means 'equals', we could not have a jury of angels, or beings from other worlds, which would not be fair. No, these are a jury of people from earth.

We know this because it says they thank God for redeeming them from earth. (see Revelation 5:9) So who are they? Well, we don't know their names, but when Jesus rose from the dead, He raised a lot of people at that time, and when He went to heaven to continue His work for us there, He took these ones with Him. (see Matthew 27:52,53)

Verse 5: “And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.” Here is a wonderful scene, it shows us how busy Heaven is, working for our salvation.

Lightnings: When the angels come and go from the throne of God on their errands to help people on earth, they are like bolts of lightning! Faster than any space ship man can even imagine, faster than light, these powerful messengers come and go bringing power and help to God’s children on earth.

Thunderings and voices: this means messages from God going forth to do their work in the different times of God’s people here on earth.

The Seven Lamps: Where did we just see those? Why in chapter 1, the candlesticks and lamps are the same thing; they are the congregations of God’s dear children through all the ages and the work of the Holy Spirit in them and for them. We are shown them as right before the throne the center of God’s attention.

Thought - When you are tempted to feel all alone or afraid, read these verses and think about that great throne room and those powerful forces all working hard to save you and me!

Monday

Text: Revelation 4: 6, 7 “And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.”

Now we see something very different; four ‘beasts’ or ‘living creatures’ are before God’s throne. Now it may be nice to imagine that God has some wonderful and strange beings in His universe and I am sure that He does, but this is prophecy, and in prophecy everything has a meaning and is shown us for a reason. You read about these ‘creatures’ and then turn over in your Bible to Ezekiel 1 and there you will find a similar description of these four ‘creatures’. Both of these word pictures are telling us the same story and both are symbols with much meaning for us.

They are symbols that represent God’s true people and their work on earth. They are shown

as if they are already right there in heaven, in front of God’s throne, because God’s attention is focused on them, but they are really here on earth. It is the same as the lamps or candlesticks, they are shown as if they are in heaven, but they are God’s congregations here on earth.

Let’s look at some of what this word picture shows us. ‘Full of eyes’: eyes in prophecy mean several things: knowledge, the Holy Spirit and spiritual awareness. Remember that the last church, Laodecia is ‘blind’; it is not ‘full of eyes’.

But the people of God shown by these ‘creatures’ have the Holy Spirit, and He has been teaching them knowledge of God’s Word, and they are using the ‘eyesalve’, and are spiritually aware of what God is doing in this world.

We’ll look at the faces later, but notice what they are doing; they are saying “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.” They are telling others about God, and their lives are bringing honour to Him. When we live the way Jesus has taught us to live, our lives are like Jesus’ life on earth was, and we bring honour and glory to Him that sits on the throne. It is just like we were right there before God’s throne, praising Him.

Thought - I want to live in such a way that my life is bringing glory and honour to God, don’t you? Then when we read about these wonderful creatures, we can know we are a part of them!

Tuesday

Text: Revelation 4:7 “And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.”

Now, in Ezekiel we see that each ‘creature’ had four faces, here they have one each, but the same four faces. The meaning of the faces is the same.

The Lion: this means royalty, God’s children are ‘Kings and Princes’ of the heavenly kingdom; we are ‘children of the Heavenly King’. Also, Jesus is the ‘Lion of the tribe of Judah’, and His children are like Him.

The Calf, or Ox: This stands for sacrifice, as these animals were used for sacrifices. Also it means service, as the ox was a hard working beast of burden. These people of God have sacrificed all for Jesus, and they serve as did Jesus when He was on earth.

The Man: These are real people, doing a real task on earth. The symbol of a man stands for

wisdom and knowledge.

The Eagle: The eagle, like the Lion can stand for courage, and with the wings, means also speed; but the main thing that Eagle means in prophecy is 'eyesight'. The eagle can see details at great distances; they have some of the most wonderful eyes in all creation!

What we see here are a people, who have the messages of Prophecy, which gives them the ability to see spiritual things and also to see great distances into the future. They are going forward with speed and courage to carry this message to others.

Thought - Each of God's children is to have what these four faces stand for in their lives! By this they give glory to Jesus.

Wednesday

Text: Revelation 4:8 "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

Wings! In prophecy they stand for speed, and the carrying of a message and here we see six of them!

Wings represent many things: In Exodus 19:4, wings "carried" the Israelites out of bondage; Eccl. 10:20 says, "that which hath wings shall tell the matter." One of the things that wings represent is that they carry something, in the case of God's last day people, it is the final warning from God. Another thing that wings represent is speed, as in Daniel's vision concerning Alexander the Great. The final work will be rapid and the message of warning shall go out to the world very quickly by simple ways.

Another very common usage of wings in the Bible is as a covering such as this text from Ruth 2:12: "a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust." In Ezekiel 1, two of the wings "covered their bodies." God's people will be 'Under His Wings' of protection and love, as they speed on errands of mercy and carry the message to the entire world.

In this verse we also see a clue about the message they carry, they talk about God 'which was, and is, and is to come.' Notice the start of the three angel's messages in Revelation 14:7, we see that same message; God who was: He is the Creator; He IS: He is our God and is with us right now, and the judgment is happening; and He is to Come:

Jesus is soon coming back to earth to take His people home.

Thought - These are very exciting times to live in, when the most wonderful messages ever given are ours to carry to the world and Jesus is coming very soon!

Thursday

Text: Revelation 5: 3,4 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

The BOOK! Here we see God holding a book, all sealed up with seven seals. And the question is asked "Who is worthy to open this Book?" Nobody is found who can do this and John, who in the vision represents God's people, begins to weep with sorrow.

What is this book? Well, as the prophecies unfold in Revelation, we see it stands for the history of man on earth and the plan of salvation. When man fell into sin and this world was taken captive by Satan, there was no way it could be saved—except one—the Creator Himself, Jesus, had to pay the price, no one else was 'worthy', no other being could do it.

So we see one of the elders say to John, don't cry, there is hope! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered and can open the book! John turns around to see this fierce Lion, and what does he see? Why he sees a lamb! And not just a sweet little gentle lamb, but this lamb is wounded and dying, it is the lamb that has been slain.

But there is something very special about this lamb; it has seven eyes, and seven horns! We have already seen that eyes mean spiritual eyesight, the Holy Spirit, the ability to 'see' the future, and also knowledge. Seven means perfect, complete or 'all'. This 'Lamb' has all wisdom, knowledge and ability to know the future.

He also has seven 'horns'; again seven means perfect, complete, and horns stand for power, rulership, a king. So Jesus, the slain Lamb of God has ALL POWER, in heaven and earth. This is quite a wonderful Lamb!

Thought - If we, as humans think, were going to show a mighty power; we would show a roaring Lion, or something savage and fierce; but God

shows us the One who has all power in heaven and earth; the slain Lamb of God!

Friday

Text - Revelation 5: 8, 9 “And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.”

The rest of this chapter is like a song of triumph and praise to our precious Redeemer. First the beasts and elders, representing mankind past and present, declare Him worthy. They sing a song, this song tells of how they were lost and hopeless and now Jesus has saved them, and they will not only live, but be restored as Kings and Priests before God!

Next we see the thousands and ten thousands of angels and heavenly beings declaring that, yes, indeed, Jesus is worthy of praise and honour.

Finally we see all creatures in the whole universe declaring the same thing, “Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”

When the ‘Great Controversy’ between Christ and Satan is all ended, every being in heaven and earth and the whole universe of other worlds, will agree that God is right and He could have done nothing better than what He did, to save mankind. Even Satan and the lost will admit this. How sad that they admit it too late!

Thought – Let us be among those who know it now, and admit it now, and tell others about it now, that Jesus is WORTHY! Worthy of our love, our trust, our obedience, our worship and our hearts forever! “And the four beasts said, Amen.” = ^ .. ^ =

