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CREATION CORNER

The Horse Hero

A few years ago an officer of our army was stationed in Boston. He soon found that his fine horse Charlie, would be of no use to him in the city.

So he sent him into the country. In the pasture there were several horses; and among them, one poor, forlorn old horse, called Paddy, who was constantly teased and worried by the other more frisky horses.

When Charlie, who was a superb animal, arrived, what do you suppose he did? Did he join the others in tormenting poor, harmless old Paddy? No, he sure did not!

As soon as he saw how the old horse was treated, Charlie lost no time in making himself his protector. He guarded the trough, and would not let the other horses have a drop to drink until Paddy had had his full share.

They all looked up to Charlie, and when they found that old Paddy had such a powerful friend, they gave up their ugly teasing ways.

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HISTORY

INDIA, CHRISTIANS, AND KRISHNA

Last week we learned about the St. Thomas Christians in India, who had received the True Gospel originally from the Apostle Thomas, and how in the 1500s, tricked by the wily Jesuits that pretended at first to be their friends, finally their church was destroyed and brought under control of Rome.

But now I want to tell you about a little known fact in the story of the St. Thomas Christians and the Brahmins (Hindu priests) of India. Gradually as the wonderful true Gospel spread in India, more and more people turned away from the heathen devil worship to the loving Saviour of men, Jesus Christ. They were tired of a life of trying to please the angry demon-gods of Hinduism; a life of fear and hopelessness.

The concept of a Saviour, Who loved them and had promised to return and take His children to heaven, won their hearts and more and more rejoiced in the saving grace of the Bible.

The Brahmins realized eventually, that if they did not do something to stop it, Hinduism would die out and be replaced by Christianity. If this happened, they would no longer have their power and influence over the people. Why they might even have to resort to working for their living! What a horrible thought!

The Brahmins awoke with a start. They realized that new truths were wrenching their power from them. They doubtless reasoned thus; "Why sit we here as fools? Have we not seen the church at Rome in the west build up a successful rival to the New Testament church? Let us outrun both Rome and the simpler bodies of Christianity. Let us fabricate such a dazzling scheme of imitation that all other religions, even our own former teaching will be totally eclipsed." Then about 600 AD they invented the Krishna legend and in support of it they falsified their chronology. [time table]

The Power of the Gospel to challenge error is shown in the stirrings among the Hindu leaders. The pagan priests were aware that it meant the end of their powers unless they made up new weapons. Success depended on their ability to imitate. They must make the same powerful appeals to the human emotions, which for the first time had been brought to the world through Jesus Christ. They must revamp their religious duties and copy or counterfeit the services of the true church.

The deity they chose to make up, they called Krishna, a name much like that of Christ. Books written by pagans, previous to the coming of Christianity, had told of the descents of the gods among men. These, however, had been simply the appearance of some part of some attribute of the divinity.

Quickly they wrote a whole new bunch of books and 'sacred' writings, and made up a whole theology concerning the wondrous birth of Vishnu, the supreme deity, who came in human flesh under the name "Krishna." It is interesting also that Vishnu is part of their god Bramha that has three faces--a counterfeit of the real three person Godhead.

They said he was the god Vishnu, who came to earth to be born as a man. Many stories have been made up and told to glorify this god who had descended to share the joys and sorrows of humanity. In the hearts of millions, Krishna has come to occupy the place of Vishnu himself. Even as Christians direct their prayers to Christ instead of God, so Hindus may direct their prayers to Krishna rather than to Vishnu, the supreme deity.

Centuries went on and the lie was fully accepted. When these writings from India came to the attention of thinking scholars, they began to wonder how all these similarities to Christ were found in Krishna, who the Brahmins claimed was born 600 years BEFORE Jesus.

Of course the Hindus tried to say that the story of Jesus in the Bible was just a fake, copied from them. But the truth is the other way around. Then in 1825, John Bentley a man skilled in astronomy, asked the Brahmins for the chart of the stars and planets as they claimed it was at the birth of Krishna.

By careful study of astronomy and astrology, he proved conclusively that the earliest date which could be claimed for the birth of Krishna was August 7, A.D. 600. Six hundred years After Christ!

At the time the Brahmins invented the Krishna story there was no opposing power in India strong enough to prevent them from creating this fraud. This 'fairy-tale' of Krishna that came out of all their plotting, had little effect on the true Christians in India; the historic "St. Thomas church". But it did allow Hinduism to regain much of its power over the people.

Sadly too, it is having an effect on people even today as gradually the ideas of the east have crept into North America and Krishna has become very popular among young people. It is sad, because they might as well worship Mickey Mouse; he is just as 'real' as Krishna!

If one looks at the stories of Krishna, you do not find a holy life illustrated, in fact just the opposite. The stories are much like the tales the pagans told about their gods. It just goes to show that no human could have 'made up' Jesus. His life could not have been invented by any mere human mind. More next week = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

COURAGE AND COWARDICE

“He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.” Proverbs 26:17

Robert and Henry were going home from school, when, on turning a corner, Robert cried out, “A fight! let us go and see!”

“No,” said Henry; “Let us go quietly home and not meddle with this quarrel. We have nothing to do with it, and may get into trouble.”

“You are a coward, and afraid to go,” said Robert, and off he ran. Henry went straight home, and in the afternoon went to school, as usual. But Robert had told all the boys that, Henry was a coward, and they laughed at him a great deal.

Henry had learned, however, that true courage is shown most in bearing reproach when not deserved, and that he ought to be afraid of nothing except doing wrong.

A few days after, Robert was swimming with some schoolmates, and got into deep water. He struggled, and screamed for help, but all in vain. The boys, who had called Henry a coward, got out of the water as fast as they could, they did not even try to help Robert.

Robert was fast sinking, when Henry threw off his clothes, and sprang into the water. He reached Robert just as he was sinking the last time. By great effort, and with much danger to himself, he brought Robert to the shore, and thus saved his life.

Robert and his schoolmates were ashamed at having called Henry a coward. They owned that he had more courage than any of them.

Never be afraid to do good, or stand for the right; but always fear to do evil or go near it unnecessarily. = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

My Body Temple – Helping Yourself A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING.

“I wish you would lend me your pen, Sarah. I can never find my own.”

“Why is it, Mary, you can never find it?”

“How can I tell? But if you will not lend me yours, I can borrow one elsewhere.”

“I am willing to lend mine to you, Mary. But I would very much like to know why you come to me to borrow so often.”

“Because you never lose any of your things, and always know where to find them.”

“And why do I always know where to find my things?”

“I do not know why, I am sure. If I did know, I might sometimes find my own.”

“I will tell you the secret. I have a place for everything, and I put everything in its place when I have done using it.”

“O Sarah! who wants to run and put things away as soon as they have used it, as if our life depended upon it?”

“Our life does not depend upon it, but our comfort does, surely. How much more time will it take to put a thing in its place, than to hunt for it or have to borrow when you want to use it?”

“Well, Sarah, I will never borrow of you again, you may depend upon it.”

“You are not offended with me, I hope.”

“No, but I am ashamed. Before night, I will have a place for everything, and then I will keep everything in its place. You have taught me a lesson that I shall remember.”

Did you know that keeping things neat, clean and tidy is good for your health? Yes it is! Mentally, physically and spiritually! It also helps you to be more efficient at whatever you do. And with a well-ordered mind, you even get smarter.

Have you noticed these days that people seem to take pride in how sloppy they are or how messy their rooms are, or even how they dress? People that try to have a well-ordered life and use their time and effort wisely are called geeks and nerds and laughed at.

Well this is because Satan is working hard in these last days to get people to love what will destroy them and hate everything that is heavenly and good.

Heaven is a place of order and neatness. Everything is neat and proper up there. The angels love to be neat and orderly and if you don't know how to be this way, just ask Jesus and He will have the angels help you to know how to do it.

I don't mean that angels will tidy your room for you; that would not help you to learn. They will impress your mind with how to do the job. And when you live a life of order and your rooms, desks, work and play areas are neat, you will soon come to realize that the devil is a liar and being sloppy and messy is NOT the way to be happy and have real pleasure in life! = ^ .. ^ =

MISSION STORY

Report from the Amazing Facts Missionaries in Ghana.

“The meeting on the Sabbath topic went very well despite the devil’s opposition. An electric blackout struck the neighborhood 15 minutes before the program was to begin. Alan and our team scrambled in the pitch-black to get the wires connected to a generator. Praise God, they were able to get everything arranged, and we proceeded with the meeting.

It is a joy to preach about the Sabbath here in Ghana. Their word for Saturday is Memenada and literally means “I AM THAT I AM’s Day.” (“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.” Exodus 3:14. Their word for children born on Saturday is Kwame and means “God’s Day.” However, children born on Sunday are named Kwasi, meaning “White Man’s Day.”

The people of Ghana have had the Sabbath truth for thousands of years. The true gospel was probably carried to them by the Ethiopian and Simon the Cyrenian (Acts 8:27; Matthew 27:32). It wasn’t until the missionaries from Europe arrived in Africa that they were taught to keep Sunday instead of the Bible Sabbath.

The connection of the counterfeit Sabbath with the confused white missionaries is immortalized in their language. In fact, to this day, every white person is called Kwasi. I’ve relished the opportunity to show how the language vindicates which day is God’s true Sabbath.” = ^ .. ^ =



Year 2: 1st Quarter:

“THE WONDERS OF REVELATION”

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 4:

“THE SEVEN SEALS”

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: “Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7

Read Revelation 6

Sabbath

Text: Revelation 6:1, 2 “And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”

In our last lesson we saw a book ‘sealed with seven seals’, and no one could open it until Jesus appeared as a ‘lamb as it had been slain’. Now we’re going to look at this book. It is not like our books—back then their books were scrolls. These were long strips of paper, rolled around two sticks so that as you read them you would unroll from one side and roll up on the other side.

That is why the book could have seven seals and as each seal was opened, you could see part of the story of the book. This ‘book’ that only Jesus was worthy to open up and show to us, was the history of his ‘church’, His congregation of believers.

Just as the messages to the seven churches

represented different periods of time in the progress of the true church, so now this book goes over the same history, but It shows us the Great Apostasy, which allowed the Church of Rome to grow out of what once was a pure church.

The messages to the churches followed the history of the true believers, but the seals show the ones that did not heed the messages. All through both Daniel and Revelation, you will find the history of the world, from Christ to the end, told over and over again. But each time it is told, it is showing different information about it.

Here we see a white horse, galloping out over the earth; this meant the early church in its purity, carrying the gospel message to the world. It is the same as the 'Ephesus' church. Notice it was the first 'beast' that shows it—the Lion, representing Jesus and the Law, this beast is the spirit of this pure church. The Crown showed how this church would conquer as the truth of the Gospel of Jesus went out.

Thought - Try getting two small sticks and a strip of paper and make yourself a little scroll. You could write some memory verses in it.

Sunday

Text: Revelation 6:3,4. "And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red; and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."

Now the second beast, the calf or ox presents the second horse. In this period as the church was turning more to the world. The true people of God suffered and had to make great sacrifices to stay loyal to God's Word. The calf or ox was an animal slain on the altars.

This horse is no longer white and pure, it is red, the color of sin and blood. The church began to be corrupted. The 'mystery of iniquity' was at work in Paul's day. Errors began to arise, and the love of the world came in at an early date. What happened was that some powerful heathen leaders joined the church, and instead of throwing away their heathen ideas and following the Bible only; they began to try and mix their heathen ideas with the Bible.

They thought they could do this, and make the Christian religion even better, but if you put muddy water in clean water, you have all muddy water.

They didn't want to give up their 'Great Learning' from heathenism, but as they tried to bring their pagan ideas into the Bible and the church, they did not make the church better; they lost the pure truth of the Gospel and followed worldly ways.

It was at this time that many of the errors and wrong ideas that are found in the modern versions of the Bible first happened. The former Heathen leaders, now Christian in name, mixed their ideas into the Bible, and when Constantine ordered a new Bible to be written, these ideas were put in by them. Some of those old manuscripts are still around today, but the true church of Jesus never accepted them. The Roman church used them. They are what the writers of the new modern translations use, to try and confuse the true children of Jesus today.

This horse goes up to the time of Constantine, A. D. 323, where the church began to ask for help from the government and to try to please the government.

When we do not follow the Word of God faithfully and we begin to try and do things like the world, and have the power and pride of the world, then we loose our peace with Jesus. In this period, 'There was continual war and trouble.' Only Jesus can give us real Peace, and He tells us, this does not ever come from the world; "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you". . . John 14:

Thought - The Bible shows us another group who have no peace (rest), it is those who 'worship the beast'. Rev. elation 14:11

Monday

Text: Revelation 6:5,6 "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

The third beast, the man-face, shows us another horse. This time it is BLACK. It is the opposite of the first one. It is totally false. It is totally following the 'wisdom' of man and has rejected the Gospel of Jesus.

This is the time of the full setting up of the Roman Church. Now the idea of selling the gospel to the people for money, had come to be the big thing. The 'wheat, and the barley'; God's Word, the

'bread of life', was to be sold for money. This horse goes from Constantine's time to 538 when the Pope had his full power.

The balances tell us that the church power and the government power would be working together. The church leaders controlled the courts of the land.

The oil and wine means the true gospel faith and love, and there was great danger the worldly spirit would destroy every trace of these from the apostate church.

The voice that said, "Hurt not the oil and the wine," is not spoken by any one on earth, but comes from the midst of the four living creatures; a voice comes from heaven. This shows that even though men may not care for Jesus' true sheep, yet the Lord was watching over them in this period of horrible darkness.

Jesus makes sure that the true spirit of Christianity is kept alive somewhere, and will not be entirely lost. In this darkness, some true believers began to flee into areas where they could keep the true gospel and read and obey the true Bible.

Thought - Jesus is the True Shepherd and He never leaves His true sheep to be destroyed by false ministers. He teaches them Himself with His Holy Spirit from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy writings.

Tuesday

Text: Revelation 6:7,8 "And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold, a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

Now, the eagle-face shows us a horrible horse! Our Bible calls it 'pale', but the Greek word used means 'ghastly', like something dead and moldy; "pale of yellowish color" that is seen in blighted or sickly plants. No horse is ever really this color, and no true church is ever like this corrupt monster!

The eagle in the Bible is an unclean bird that savagely kills and eats other animals and birds. Now from 538 to the time of the reformation in the 1500s; (most of the 1260-year time when the Roman church would rule the world), this corrupt church made it her business to kill and destroy all others who dared to disagree with her.

The 'sickly-plant' color was good to describe this time, as the 'light' from the Bible was taken from the people, and if you keep the light from a plant, it turns this sickly, pale color.

Just as Satan was allowed time to clearly show to the universe what his evil ideas would lead to, so this beast-power church was allowed to rule for a time and show what it stood for. Millions and millions of faithful Christians died for their faith and millions more perished from hardships as they fled this cruel power. Only God really knows how many this savage power killed.

Thought - Someday, if we are faithful, we will meet these dear souls in heaven, who loved Jesus enough to die for His truth.

Wednesday

Text: Revelation 6:9, 10 "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

No more beasts, or horses now; this seal shows us the symbol of the blood of the slain, faithful ones crying out to God. This is just the same as when God said that Abel's blood cried out to Him. It does not mean that all these martyrs are somewhere, in a little box under an altar, crying. All those who died in that terrible persecution are asleep in their graves, waiting for Jesus to wake them up when He returns.

What does 'under the altar' mean? Well this world is what the 'courtyard' of the earthly sanctuary represents. The altar of burnt offerings, where the lambs were killed and burned, was in the courtyard. It was on this earth that the Lamb of God was slain.

So we can see that the 'souls under the altar' merely means that they are in their graves on this earth. They are sleeping, and it is only a symbol here, that their blood cries out to God. It is to show us that, although God allowed this cruel power to have its way for the time, and these dear ones were killed by it, Jesus does not forget about any one of them.

Verse 11 says that White robes were given to every one of them. They had been accused by the Papacy as vile heretics, and executed as criminals; their character had been robbed in darkness. But

the Reformation exposed the cruel crimes of the Papacy, and showed the truth about the holy martyrs of Jesus, and clothed them with white robes. Hence, the sermons, the prayers, and songs of praise of the Christian church, have held these millions of the slain for Jesus' name, up to the world in spotless purity.

The time of this seal is the reformation which began to bring to the end the Papal rule of the 1260 years. But it wasn't over yet, others were yet to witness for their faith as martyrs, "their brethren, that should be killed as they were..."

It was at this time that a man named Fox, and others, began to collect up the stories of the martyrs that died for their faith and put them into books. God wanted their bravery and faith recorded and not forgotten. We can read the stories today and be encouraged, that the same Jesus who gave them strength and courage to be faithful to Him, will do the same for us.

Thought - Some people don't like to read the stories of the martyrs as they think it makes them afraid, but when you think about how Jesus helped them, we get courage, not fear!

Thursday

Text: Revelation 6:12,13 "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind."

NOW, we come to the end of the 1260-year period that ended in 1798. And we see some amazing things! We live in the times of this seal!

First; 'a great earthquake'. This earthquake was real, and hit Europe on the 1st of November, 1755. Its centre was in Lisbon, Portugal, where the headquarters of the terrible inquisition had been. It hit on a 'Holy day' and all the churches were destroyed and thousands were killed. They ran screaming, carrying their images of saints and crucifixes and clung to the altars in the churches, but all in vain. People and priests perished together. The earthquake affected at least four million square miles of the earth's surface.

The sun was darkened May 19, 1780. "Candles were lighted in many houses. Birds were silent and disappeared. Fowls retired to roost. It was the general opinion that the Day of Judgment was at hand."

"It was midnight darkness at noonday. . . . Thousands of people who could not account for it from natural causes, were greatly terrified; and indeed, it cast a universal gloom on the earth. The frogs and night-hawks began their notes."

The moon refused to give her light the following night; and when it did appear, it bore the appearance of blood as described in this prophecy.

The stars of heaven fell Nov. 13, 1833. Other meteor showers have been seen at different times, but this was the most remarkable and extensive.

This amazing seal goes from verse 6:12 all the way to the end of chapter 7. We are right now living between verse 13 and 14. The things that are going to happen in verses 14-17 are when Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven.

Thought – People, who have a lot of power, think they can get away with whatever they want to do—but someday soon, things will change.

Friday

Text: Revelation 8:1 "And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour."

Now we skip a chapter that gives us more information about God's people getting ready on earth for Jesus' coming.

In chapter 8:1 we see silence for half an hour. In prophetic time, half an hour would be one week of real time. The sixth seal ends with the wicked aware that Jesus is returning to earth to rescue His people, and crying for the rocks and mountains to fall on them. They, who have fought against God's truth, would rather be buried alive than to see the face of the One who died to save them; the One who they refused to obey and whose followers they killed and tormented.

Now if you go to a house and nobody is home, it is silent, isn't it? Well, If all the angels, and Jesus and all the beings in heaven are away, as they come to earth to gather the faithful ones and bring them home to the New Jerusalem, heaven will be silent, won't it?

And Ellen White tells us that when the redeemed children of God are taken into the cloud to travel back to heaven with Jesus, it will take 7 days. Heaven will be silent as all the holy beings travel with the rescued ones from earth to the Holy City. But oh what a lot of rejoicing and happy songs will fill it after they arrive! We can't even imagine.

Thought – I hope each one of you will be there that happy day! = ^ .. ^ =