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CREATION CORNER

AGE OF THE EARTH

How old is the earth? How long ago was it made? Evolutionists tell us it was made billions of years ago, but of course they weren't alive then. Actually, there is a lot of evidence showing our world only came into existence about 6,000 years ago. We will look at a few—a very few—of the reasons we know this to be so, this week and next week.

It is amazing how the facts of science vindicate the Bible Writings. It says in the Bible that God made this world about 6,000 years ago.

When we turn to the discoveries of scientists, archaeologists, and historians, we learn that the information they discovered agrees with what the Bible says. Consider these facts:

1 - Our sun is gradually shrinking! It is getting smaller, and fast enough that—only 50,000 years ago—the sun would have been so large that our oceans would boil. In far less time, all life on earth would have ceased to exist. So our world can't be very old.

2 - Comets are believed to be as old as our solar system, and they continually circle the sun. But they are constantly breaking up and going

to pieces. This is happening so fast that the comets cannot be over 10,000 years old.

3 - Ultraviolet radiation changes rocks on the moon into dust. It had long been predicted that, since the moon was supposed to be 4 billion years old, a thick layer of dust (20-60 miles must cover the moon's surface. But, when men went to the moon—they did not find over 2-3 inches (5.08-7.62 cm) of dust there. Yet that is just the amount expected, if the moon was not older than a few thousand years.

4 - A lot of moon rocks were brought back to earth. Many of them were radioactive. But, if the moon was even 50,000 years old, many of the radioactive elements in them should long ago have turned into lead. But there is not enough lead in those rocks. So the moon can't be older than a few thousand years.

5 - Did you know the moon is too close to us? And did you know it is gradually moving away from us? How can this be? Scientists call it lunar recession. Based on the rate at which it is moving away from us, the moon cannot be very old. If it were even 20,000 to 30,000 years old, it would, at an earlier time, have been so

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close that it would have fallen into our planet!

6 - Did you know that meteor craters are never found in the rock strata? Yet they would be found there if, as evolutionists say, millions of years were required to lay down that rock. Instead, meteor craters always lie close to or on the earth's surface. Thus, all the meteors which have struck the earth have hit it within the last few thousand years. The reason, of course, is simple: The earth wasn't here before then.

7 - When meteors strike the earth, they are called meteorites. Supposedly, they have been hitting the earth for millions of years—yet the meteorites are only found at or close to the earth's surface. None are ever found in the deeper sedimentary strata. Therefore, the earth is young and the sedimentary strata was quickly laid down at the Flood.

8 - Tektites are a special type of glassy meteorite. Every so often, a shower of them falls to the earth and lands over a wide area. But each shower lies on the surface or in the topmost layers of the soil; they are never found in the sedimentary fossil-bearing strata. If the earth were billions of years old, they should be found in all the strata. In addition, they never show more than a few thousand years of weathering.

9 . The spin of the earth is gradually slowing down. If our world was billions of years old, it would already have stopped turning. Or, thinking about it a different way, a billion years ago our planet would be spinning so fast—it would have become a pancake! So, either way you look at it, our earth cannot be more than a few thousand years old.

10 - The earth has a molten iron core in its middle, which produces a magnetic field. That magnetism, which has been checked for over 150 years, is lessening. Even 7,000 years ago, the earth would have had a magnetic field 32 times stronger than it is now. Only 20,000 years ago, enough heat would have been generated to liquefy the planet. Therefore, the earth cannot be over 6,000 or 7,000 years old! This is an important discovery. = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The History of Mohammed: part 5

In 620, Mohamed's messages began to change. First he taught some of the people at Medina, who followed Judaism, ideas similar to what they believed. They did not mind accepting these ideas. At this time, the prophet did not tell people they had to believe in him as a main point of his religion (as he later did).

His followers, the Mohammedans, or followers of Mohammed, were also called Muslimin, Mussulmans, or Muslims (Moslems), which in Arabic meant "true believers."

They took the following pledge:

"We will not worship any but the One God; we will not steal, nor commit adultery, nor kill our children; we will not slander at all, nor disobey the Prophet in anything that is right."

Later, this became known as the Pledge of Women, when the prophet added warfare and killing to the code of beliefs,—since women were not required to fight for Islam.

When the pilgrims returned home, the new faith made rapid progress back in Medina among the Arabs. But the Jews and Christians were not so sure. In order to accept it, they would have to call Allah their God and accept Mohammed as a true prophet—and none could know what other things he might teach.

Meanwhile, in Mecca, Mohammed had another dream—one which would later become quite famous and, in our time, be the source of endless woes to the Israelis in Jerusalem.

Mohammed dreamed that he was carried by the angel Gabriel on a winged horse to Jerusalem, where he met all the prophets of God and was welcomed by them, after which he was carried on the same steed and in company with Gabriel, to the seventh heaven into the presence of God.

Ever afterward, Mohammed insisted that he had been to Jerusalem and to heaven.

Because of that dream, Muslims believe that Jerusalem and its Temple Mount is the third holiest place in the Islamic world, after Mecca and Medina. They are willing to fight to the death to make sure that they do not lose control of Jerusalem (actually Old Jerusalem, now called East Jerusalem) and its Temple Mount, on which two of their revered temples are located. The smaller one on the south is the al-Aqsa Mosque,

from which Mohammed is supposed to have flown to heaven on a winged horse. The larger and more prominent one is the Mosque of Omar, also known as the Dome of the Rock. It is built above the former location of Solomon's Temple.

TRUE-STORY-TIME

CHARLIE AND ROB

"Don't you hate splitting wood?" asked Charlie, as he sat down on a log to hinder Rob for a while.

"No, I rather like it. When I get hold of a tough old fellow, I say, 'See here, now, you think you're stronger, and are going to beat me; so I'll split you up into kindling wood.'"

"That's silly!" said Charlie, laughing; "it's only a stick of wood."

"Yes; but you see I pretend it's a lesson, or a tough job of any kind, and it's nice to conquer it."

"I don't want to conquer such things; I don't care what becomes of them. I wish I were a man, and a rich one."

"Well, Charlie, if you live long enough you'll be a man, without wishing for it; and as for the rich part, I plan to be that myself."

"You do. How do you expect to get your money? By sawing wood?"

"May be—some of it; that's as good a way as any, so long as it lasts. I don't care how I get rich, you know, so that it's in an honest and useful way."

"I'd like to sleep over the next ten years, and wake up and find myself a young man with a splendid education and plenty of money."

"Well! I am not sleepy—a night at a time is enough for me. I mean to work the next ten years. You see there are things that you've got to work out—you can't sleep them out."

"I hate work," said Charlie, "that is, such work as sawing and splitting wood, and doing chores. I'd like to do some big work, like being a clerk in a bank or something of that sort."

"Wood has to be sawed and split before it can be burned," said Rob. "Maybe I'll be a clerk in a bank some time; I'm working towards it. I'm keeping father's accounts for him."

How Charlie laughed! "That's a long way from being a bank clerk. I suppose your father sells two tables and six chairs, some days, doesn't he?"

"Sometimes more than that, and sometimes not so much," said Rob, in perfect good humor. "I didn't say I was a bank clerk now. I said I was working towards it. Am I not learning more by keeping a little bit of a book than if I didn't keep any book at all?"

"I don't think so—these things just depend on luck," said Charlie, as he started to go.

Now, which of these boys, do you think, grew up to be a well off and useful man, and which one joined a party of tramps before he was thirty years old?

STORY LESSON

How We Use Our Nerves

If you happen to touch your hand to a hot stove, what happens? Your arm pulls the hand away. Do you know why? The nerves of feeling in the hand tell the nerve cells in the spinal cord from which they come that the hand is being burned. The cells that feel cannot do anything for the hand, but in the spinal cord their message is relayed to the brain and to the nerves connected to the muscles of the arm. The nerves in this reflex circuit send the message down their various branches and cause the muscles to contract. The cells of feeling ask the cells which have charge of the muscles to make the muscles of the arm pull the hand away, which they do very quickly, and the response is much quicker, because the message doesn't need to travel all the way to the brain first.

So you see the nerves are very much like telephone wires. By means of them the brain finds out all about what is happening in the body, and sends out its orders to the various organs, which may be called its servants.

We know that the upper brain is the part with which we remember, think, and reason. It is also through the brain that the Holy Spirit speaks to us. It is the seat of the mind. We go to sleep because the large brain is tired and cannot work any longer. We stop thinking when we are sound asleep, but sometimes we do not sleep soundly, and then the large brain works a little and we dream.

The lower brain, consists of such structures as the cerebellum, the thalamus, and the hypothalamus. It thinks too, but it does not do the same kind of thinking as the large upper brain. We may use our arms and legs and many other

parts when we wish to do so; and if we do not care to use them we can allow them to be quiet.

This is not the case with some other organs. It is necessary, for example, that the heart, the lungs, and many other organs of the body should keep at work all the time. If the upper brain had to attend to all of these different kinds of work besides thinking about what we see, hear, and read, and other things which we do, it would have too much work to do, and would not be able to do it all well. Besides, the upper brain sometimes falls asleep.

So God has designed that the lower brain should do the kinds of work which have to be attended to all the time, so the lower brain keeps steadily at work when we are asleep as well as when we are awake. The lower brain also regulates hunger, thirst, sleep and other basic behaviors.

If you tickle a person's foot when he is asleep, he will pull it up just as he would if he were awake, only not quite so quickly. What do you suppose makes the muscles of the leg contract when the brain is asleep and does not know that the foot is being tickled?

And here is another interesting fact. When you were walking about this morning, you did not have to think about every step you took. Perhaps you were talking or looking at different things; but your legs walked right along all the time, and with-out your thinking about them. How could this be?

It would be too much trouble for the up-per brain to stop to think every time we step, so the lower brain co-operates in keeping the feet walking. Reflex action, such as pulling up the feet if someone should tickle them while we are asleep, is taken care of in a circuit to and from the spinal cord. The sensory nerves in the feet feel the tickling and send a message to the spinal cord. In turn the spinal cord relays the message to the nerves which tell the muscles to move the feet away from that which is tickling them.

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MISSION STORY

Fiji at Last

And it came to pass that one fine day in May, 1896, John and Susie Fulton with four-year-old Jessie, two-and-a-half-year-old Agnes, and their new big daughter, nearly fifteen-year-old Edith Guiliard, who had chosen to go with them,

got on the boat, waved good-by to friends and loved ones in Auckland, and steamed northward across the South Pacific Ocean toward Fiji, their mission field.

After a very rough one-thousand-mile voyage, which took about five days, their boat steamed into the calm waters of Suva harbor. It anchored for an hour or so some distance from the wharf while the doctors from the health department, the customs officials, and the police came on board and began their inspection. The members of the Fulton family were all up on deck, fascinated by the native boats, canoes, and sailing craft that swarmed around them. They were manned by stalwart looking men dressed in sulus (wrap around cloths from waist to knees) and sweatshirts, and every one had a well-trimmed bushy head of hair.

"Susie!" whispered John. "There they are, our Fijians! I wonder if any of those boatmen are Christians? Or are any of them still in league with the devil? Susie, come down to the cabin with me for a little while, I want us to dedicate our hearts to God for this solemn work,"

Susie nodded and together they went to their cabin. When they came back on deck their faces shone with their consecration.

At last the doctors were satisfied that there was no communicable sickness on board the boat. The quarantine flag was pulled down, and the steamer moved slowly nearer and nearer to the wharf.

The Fultons gazed intently at the waving crowd, trying to pick out the Coles. "There they are!" shouted Edith. "Look over there by the customs house door! It must be! They are the only ones with a little girl as small as Agnes."

All eyes turned in that direction. "Yes! It is! It is!" cried Susie. "There is Fanny, and there is John, and that little girl must be Ruita!" And they waved and shouted frantically. The Coles waved back and shouted, "Welcome to Fiji!"

Fiji is very hot so they were quite exhausted after they and their baggage had arrived at Brother Cole's home in the town of Suva. "Well, John," said John Cole as Fanny was passing around some cool drinks, "one of the first things we have to do is to find a place for you to live."

"And I suppose that will not be too easy," suggested John Fulton.

"Well, that all depends. Last year there was a hurricane that blew down several houses at

Tamavua, a village about two miles from here. One of those houses, near a big mango tree, now looks like a big pile of rubbish. But it is for sale, and I can see possibilities in it. Would you like to go and look at it?"

"Indeed I would. It sounds interesting to me," said John.

"I thought it would," said John Cole. "But before we go to see the owner let me tell you what your new names are going to be."

"New names?" questioned the Fultons. "Are we to have new names before we get to heaven?"

"Yes, new names. You see, the Fijians do not use any final consonants in their language, so every syllable of our names that ends in a consonant must have a vowel added to it, so your name 'Fulton,' will be Fulitoni. For Mister, they say Misi. So John, you will be Misi Fulitoni. Mrs. Fulton will be Marama Fulitoni. There will be no change for Jessie. They can say that name quite well, but Agnes will be called Aganisi."

"Then you are Misi Coli, John, eh?"

"Exactly! You're learning quickly!" replied John Cole.

"Now, listen while I tell you the name of our church. It is not easy to say Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fijian. The words have to be explained a little, so what they say means, 'The church which believes in the Sabbath and believes in the second coming of the Lord.' That's too long for a name, so they shortened it to 'The church of the seventh day.' "

"That's better!" agreed Misi Fulitoni.

"But there's another name still shorter by which we are nearly always called. It didn't take the Fijians long to see how different we were from the other Christian churches here. We didn't smoke or drink liquor, or even drink tea or coffee, or eat unclean meats or fish, so they began to call us Na Lotu Savasava, 'The Clean Church.' And, John, that name has stuck, and we are known as Na Lotu Savasava everywhere we go."

Misi Fulitoni had saved enough money to buy the lot with the big mango tree and the pile of rubbish on it, and as the days went by the Fulitoni house began to take shape with the help of friends. As it turned out, the pile of rubbish contained enough lumber to build two houses. So John Cole built a house for himself right beside John Fulton's house.

"You must come and inspect our palace,

Fanny," said Susie, "We are as happy and as comfortable as a king and a queen." Susie proudly took Fanny from room to room and pointed to her furniture. "See that table, Fanny? It's just two big box lids that John fixed together and put on legs! See those pretty cupboards? Well, they are old packing boxes that we brought with us from New Zealand, with dainty curtains around them! And these seats? More draped boxes."

Fanny smiled, "You're real missionaries all right!" she said, "That's exactly what we did," Fanny confided, "I am proud of you, Susie."

Susie was quiet for a moment then said, "Fanny, could I ask you something? We haven't had our wages for July or August from the General Conference yet. Have you had yours?"

"No, we haven't," replied Fanny, "But don't worry, Susie. The two big stores in Suva will let us charge our groceries, and our money is sure to come some-day soon."

They were able to charge their groceries that month all right. But in September, still no money came, only a letter that explained that the General Conference funds were so low they couldn't send any money yet, but they would send some as soon as possible.

But that month something did come. It was the missionary ship 'Pitcairn' on its fifth trip around our Pacific Island missions, and it brought a good supply of dried prunes and beans for the faithful missionary families in Fiji. (this fruit was sent by Ellen White)

"Now we will have beans to help change the monotony of yams and taro, and yams and taro," said Susie to Fanny. "Yes, but poor John," said Fanny. "Beans are hard on his poor stomach." "

"You know," confessed Susie, "I suppose if we had been brought up on this native food it would be different. When we first began to use coconut milk instead of cow's milk, we thought it was delicious. But I do find myself longing for some cow's milk, or a can of peaches!"

"Sh-h-h," demanded Fanny. "Be thankful you now have beans and prunes."

"I am thankful," insisted Susie. "Fanny, there's something I've been wanting to tell you, Fanny, I've got a secret."

"You have? Will you give me three guesses?"

"Fanny, you don't need three guesses."

"Oh, Susie, I'm so glad for you. There's nothing like a new baby in the family to take your

mind off of all your miseries.”

“Or the monotony of yams, taro, and beans!” added Susie with a smile.

“And when are you expecting it?” “Sometime around my birthday, April 4,” “Wonderful, Susie. And you can count on me to help in any way that I can.”

Another month went slowly by. The two missionary men spent their time studying the language and preaching in the nearby villages. Usually they preached in the open air while the people sat on the grass around them. Susie and Fanny made friends with the village women. They showed the women how to sew little dresses and little pants and shirts for their children, and the women showed them how to prepare taro greens with coconut milk, and how to fix yams and breadfruit in tasty ways. And, of course, as they exchanged these helpful ideas, the missionary ladies soon learned to speak Fijian.

Meanwhile Edith and her little group of missionary children, Jessie, Agnes, and Ruita, were doing missionary service of their own with the village children. Jessie, of course, had to spend some time at reading, writing, and arithmetic, but most the day was spent playing hide-and-seek and tag among the mango trees and the banana trees with the village children. One of their favorite games was playing Sabbath school. Edith would lead out singing songs and telling Bible stories. It was only a game, but the village children learned some English and the missionary children were talking simple Fijian in just a few months. The village children loved playing Sabbath school so much that they came to the real Sabbath school on Sabbaths.

At the end of October, again no money came from the General Conference. “This makes four months without money,” sighed Fanny as she visited one day with Susie. “We have never been left as long as this before. Our turn is sure to come. But it is getting so embarrassing to get groceries at the store and say, ‘Charge it:’

Fanny was quiet for a moment, then she whispered, “Susie, there’s something I’ve been wanting to tell you, I’ve got a secret:”

“You have? Will you give me three guesses?”

“Susie, you don’t need three guesses.”

“Oh, Fanny, I’m so glad for you. There’s nothing like a new baby to take one’s mind off of the embarrassment of saying, ‘Charge it’ at the store.

And when are you expecting your little one’s arrival?”

“Somewhere around my birthday, May the tenth.” “Wonderful! Wonderful!” exclaimed Susie. “And, Fanny, you can count on me to help in any way that I can.”

“Thank you, thank you, Susie dear. I know you will,” said Fanny, “and I just can’t find words to tell you how happy John and I are that you folk are with us here in Fiji.” = ^..^ =



Year 2: 2nd Quarter:
“FAVOURITE BIBLE STORIES”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 6: “JOSEPH 2:
MORE DREAMS”

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: “Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.” Proverbs 22:29

Sunday

Text: Genesis 40:1, 2 “And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt. And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.”

In our last lesson we left Joseph in the Egyptian prison, not because of anything he did wrong, but rather because he refused to do

wrong. We saw how he still did not give way to feeling sorry for himself, but instead busied himself to be as helpful in the prison as he could. Soon, the jailer began to trust Joseph with duties in the prison and after a while he was in charge of a lot of the tasks there and the jailer knew that whatever Joseph did was blessed and prospered.

Then came the day when Pharaoh got mad at two of his personal servants, his chief butler and his chief baker, and he had them thrown into prison. They were brought into the very prison where Joseph was kept. Because he had certain duties in the prison, he was put in charge to serve these men.

When he saw them this one morning, he found them both looking very gloomy and worried. So as he was waiting on them, Joseph asked, "Why are you sad this morning?"

"We have dreamed dreams and there is no one to tell us what these dreams mean", they replied sadly.

And Joseph said unto them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me them, I pray you."

You can see that Joseph did not boast or claim to be able to tell the dreams himself, but at the same time, he had confidence in God, that God would provide whatever information he needed.

Thought - It is important to realize in the story of Joseph that it was his own choices that allowed God to be able to bless him and work out things for his good.

Monday

Text: Genesis 40:9-11 "And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand."

The Chief Butler told his dream to Joseph. He saw 3 branches and grapes grew on them. He picked the grapes and made juice out of them for Pharaoh, put it in Pharaoh's cup, and he gave the cup of juice to Pharaoh to drink.

Joseph told the man, "This is what your dream means, the three branches are three days. In three days Pharaoh will send for you out of the prison and you will give him his cup as before." In other words, in three days, the butler would get his job back.

The Butler was much cheered by this information, and Joseph asked him to do a favor. "Please remember me when you get your job back. Tell Pharaoh about me, as I am here for no fault of my own. Maybe he will bring me out of this prison."

Then the Chief Baker, who had heard the Butler's dream and its good ending, decided to tell his dream to Joseph also:

"I had three white baskets on my head, and in the top basket were lots of cakes and cookies and rolls for the king. But the birds came and ate them all up, out of the basket."

Joseph told him that the three baskets also meant three days, but in three days Pharaoh would send for him and he would be executed and hung on a tree and the birds would eat him up. It was a sad meaning to have to tell the man, but Joseph gave him the truth.

Sure enough, in three days it was Pharaoh's birthday. He sent for the two servants out of the prison. He gave the Butler back his job, but the baker was executed.

In the prison, the Butler had promised to tell Pharaoh about Joseph, but as soon as he got his job back, he was so excited he forgot all about Joseph.

Thought - I can just imagine how Joseph would have waited for a while, thinking that help would come to him through that Butler's promise. But as nothing happened, he realized that he was just forgotten. He felt sad but still kept his faith in God.

Tuesday

Text: Genesis 41:1- 4 "And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow. And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river. And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat

up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.”

Two more years went by and Joseph must have had times when he thought he would be there in the gloomy prison forever. The thought, that the Butler had forgotten his kindness, added to the sting of unfairness to Joseph. Then one night—

Pharaoh had strange dreams. When he woke up he was all upset and wanted someone to tell him the meaning of his dreams.

He called for the magicians of Egypt, and the wise men. The king thought that they would soon help him to understand these dreams, for they claimed to be able to solve these things. The king told his dreams to them, but was greatly disappointed to find that with all their magic and boasted wisdom, they could not explain them.

The king was very upset and finally the Butler remembered something he had forgotten for two whole years; Joseph! The man in the prison who had interpreted his dreams correctly!

“Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day.” He then told the king the dreams which he and the chief baker had, which troubled them as the dreams which now troubled the king, and said, “And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.”

Thought - When God gives a revelation, only God’s servants can properly understand it. Magicians and astrologers work by Satan, and so they can’t understand the truth from God.

Wednesday

Text: Genesis 41:14 “Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.”

Quickly the word went out from the throne-room of the king to the gloomy prison to bring Joseph unto the Pharaoh! Imagine Joseph waking up thinking it was going to be just another day in the prison for him, and the messengers

rush in all out of breath— “Come with us”, they say and hurry him away to where he is washed and shaved and dressed properly to appear before the King.

Soon Joseph finds himself in the bright throne-room of Pharaoh. Was he embarrassed or shy? No, because he knew the God of heaven was with him.

Pharaoh looked at him and said, “I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.”

Now Joseph could have said, “Oh yes, I can do this kind of thing, I do it all the time.” But instead he was quick to answer “It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.” He made it clear that only the true God of heaven could interpret dreams.

Thought - Joseph needed to be clean and properly dressed to appear before the earthly king, how much more should we be clean and properly dressed when we go to worship the great King of the universe!

Thursday

Text: Genesis 41:22-24 “And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.”

Pharaoh told Joseph the two strange dreams he had dreamed:

First he saw 7 fat cows, sleek and healthy. Then he saw 7 thin, sick cows and the thin cows ate up the fat cows, but they were still thin.

Then he saw 7 ears of corn, or wheat, and they were fat and good. Then 7 ears grew up which were thin and wilted, and they ate up the fat, good ones but they were still thin and wilted.

Joseph told Pharaoh the meaning of the strange dreams:

The two dreams are the same meaning, the 7 good cows and the 7 good ears of corn meant 7 years that would come. In those 7 years that would come, there would be real good crops and everything would do very well in the land.

But the 7 thin cows and 7 bad ears of corn were 7 years that would follow. These 7 years

would be famine years, and things would not grow. The 7 bad years would eat up all the extra from the good years and there would be nothing left!

Joseph also told Pharaoh that because he had two dreams about it, it would certainly happen and very soon.

Thought - Even a slave, who is a faithful child of God, can stand before a king with confidence.

Friday

Text: Genesis 41:33-35 “Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.”

Now Joseph, inspired of God, went right on and advised Pharaoh what he needed to do to save his people from starvation in the terrible famine that was going to come. Pharaoh though it was very good counsel.

He said to Joseph, “Where could I find anyone better and wiser than you to do this work?”



You shall be next to me in the kingdom and by you shall all the people be ruled. 42, 43 “And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph’s hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.”

He called Joseph ‘Zaphnathpaaneah’; which meant ‘Revealer of secrets’. He gave him a wife and a palace of his own to live in.

Joseph proved to be just as faithful in a high place as he had been in a low place and set out to do a good job on the task Pharaoh had given him. He had great storage bins made, and gathered a part of all the grain and foods produced in the land and had it carefully stored up. They kept track of it all until they had so much they couldn’t count it.

The wisdom Joseph had from his God was a blessing to Egypt. “As a faithful ruler he devoted himself to the interests of the people. He was devoted in his worship of Jehovah, and though brought in contact with the most learned men of the world, he preserved his integrity.”
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Thought - I wonder if Joseph began to remember his own dreams he had had as a boy about people bowing down before him?
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