

Lesson #31

The Story of Jesus!

Review of
Chapter 31
“A Day of Judgment”
Part 3

Sabbath March 21, 2026

Our Tiny-Tots Song

Praise The Lord



Sing A Joyful Song

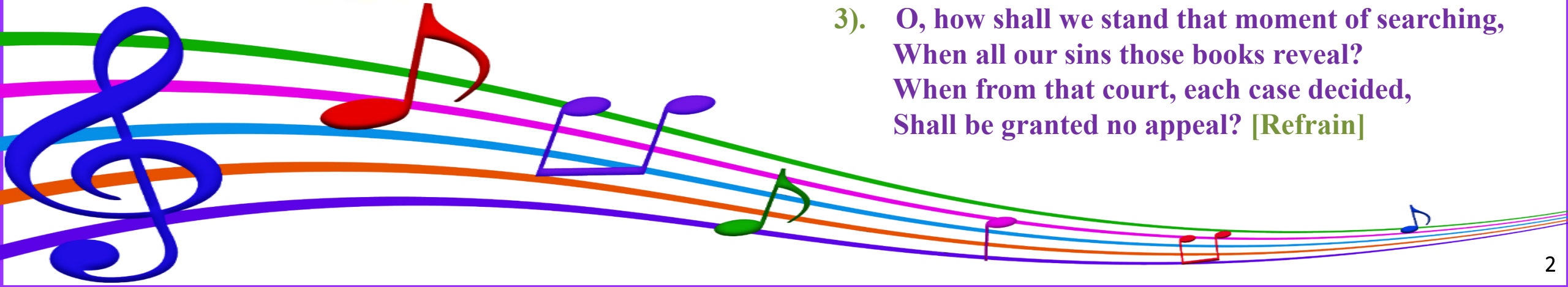
The Judgment Has Set

Hymn #416

- 1). The judgment has set, the books have been opened;
How shall we stand in that great day,
When every thought, and word, and action,
God, the righteous Judge, shall weigh?

Refrain: How shall we stand in that great day?
How shall we stand in that great day?
Shall we be found before Him wanting?
Or with our sins all washed away?

- 2). The work is begun with those who are sleeping,
Soon will the living here be tried,
Out of the books of God's remembrance,
His decision to abide. [Refrain]
- 3). O, how shall we stand that moment of searching,
When all our sins those books reveal?
When from that court, each case decided,
Shall be granted no appeal? [Refrain]





*Opening Prayer-
request one of the little
ones to give prayer.*

A woman with dark skin and long black hair, wearing a red shirt and a grey skirt, is holding an open book titled "THE STORY of JESUS!". She is surrounded by large purple flowers and green leaves. The background is white with a grey floral pattern.

*It's Story time!
For our precious Tiny Tot's
Sabbath Lesson.*

*Let's
use our listening ears
little ones!*



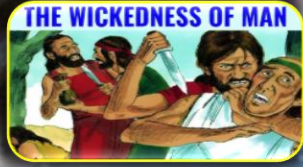
Gather around little ones!



By: [Adapted from EGW material] (1896, 1900)

This section of our study was inspired by
the Lord for all His precious little jewels.
Our book selection is entitled,
"The Story of Jesus!"
Chapter 31 – A Day of Judgment
Part 3

Narrated by
Our Dear Brother Graves



The Bible verses for our lessons are taken from the following books:

Our opening scripture is taken from:

Genesis 6:5 (KJV)

And God saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually.

2 Peter 3:5 (KJV)

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

2 Peter 3:6 (KJV)

Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

(Continuing the scriptures on the next slide!)



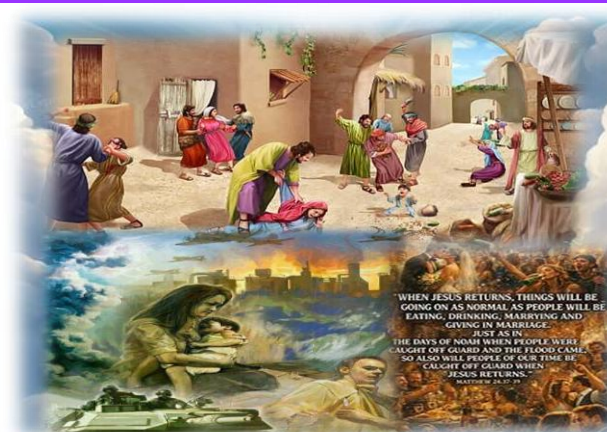
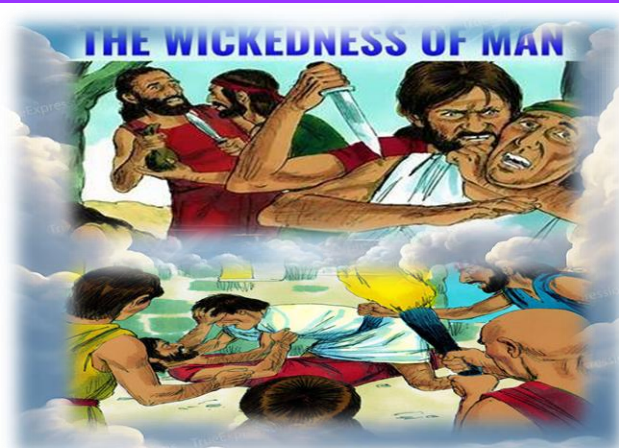


2 Peter 3:6 (KJV) But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 (KJV) For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

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Chapter 31 – A Day of Judgment, Part 3

Continuing: “God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” **Genesis 6:5.**

It was because of their wickedness that the people of that time were destroyed. **SJ 181.2**

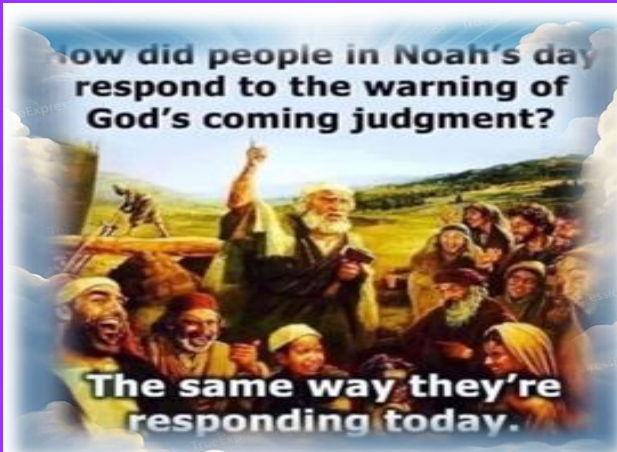
Men are doing the same things today. Gluttony, intemperance, untamable passions, evil practices, are filling the earth with wickedness. **SJ 181.3**

In Noah’s day the world was destroyed by water.

God’s word teaches that it is now to be destroyed by fire. **SJ 181.4**

“By the word of God, ... the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.” **2 Peter 3:5-7. SJ 181.5**

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Continuing: The people before the flood mocked at God's warnings.

They called Noah a fanatic and alarmist. Great and learned men declared that such a flood of waters as he foretold had never been known, and that it would never come. **SJ 181.6**

Today God's word is little heeded. Men laugh at its warnings. Multitudes are saying, "All things continue as they were from the beginning of the world. There is nothing to fear." **SJ 181.7**

At this very time, destruction is coming. While men ask in scorn, "Where is the promise of His coming?" the signs are fulfilling. **SJ 181.8**

"When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them; ... and they shall not escape." **1 Thessalonians 5:3. SJ 181.9**

Next Sabbath, we will continue with part 4 of our lesson entitled,
"A Day of Judgment" in our Tiny Tot's Lesson book
"The Story of Jesus" **March 28, 2026**

Our Closing scripture Song of our Toddler's Lesson
Taken from: Scripture Song Singers - Section - Prayer

Memory Verse CD

1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24 (KJV)

**And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly;
and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body (2 x)
be preserved blameless
unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Faithful [is] he that calleth you,
who also will do [it].**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 and 24

Faithful [is] he



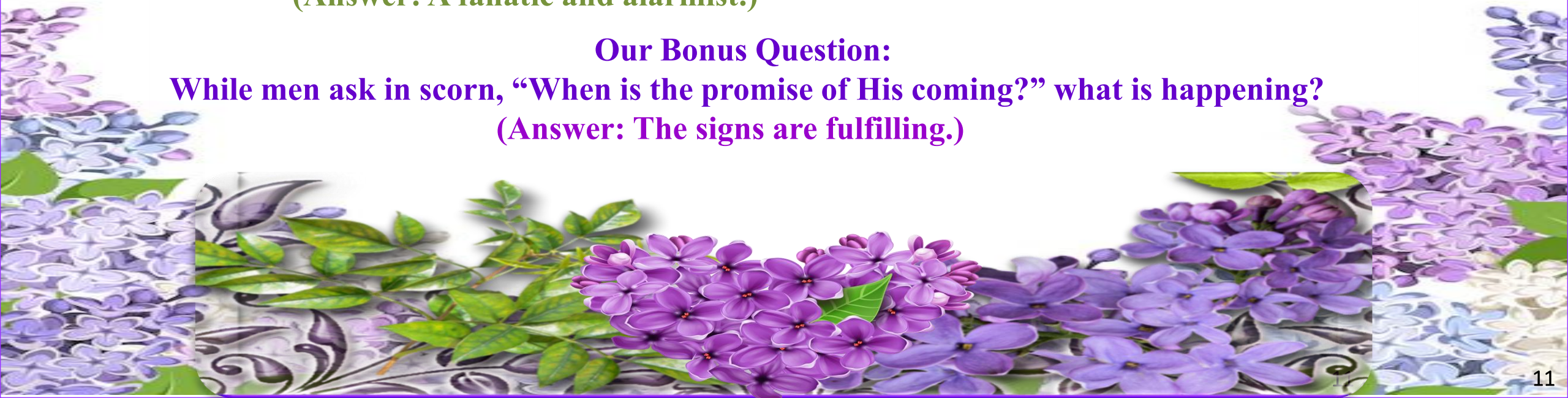


Review

1. Why were the people in Noah's day destroyed?
(Answer: It was because of their wickedness.)
2. What four things are filling the earth with wickedness?
(Answer: Gluttony, intemperance, untamable passions, evil practices .)
3. What two things did the people call Noah?
(Answer: A fanatic and alarmist.)

Our Bonus Question:

While men ask in scorn, "When is the promise of His coming?" what is happening?
(Answer: The signs are fulfilling.)



HOW SHALL WE STAND IN THAT GREAT DAY?
HOW SHALL WE STAND IN THAT GREAT DAY?
SHALL WE BE FOUND BEFORE HIM WANTING?
OR WITH OUR SINS ALL WASHED AWAY?





*Opening Prayer-
request one of the little
ones or mommies, daddies or
guest to give prayer.*

*Even the precious creatures
within your gate!*

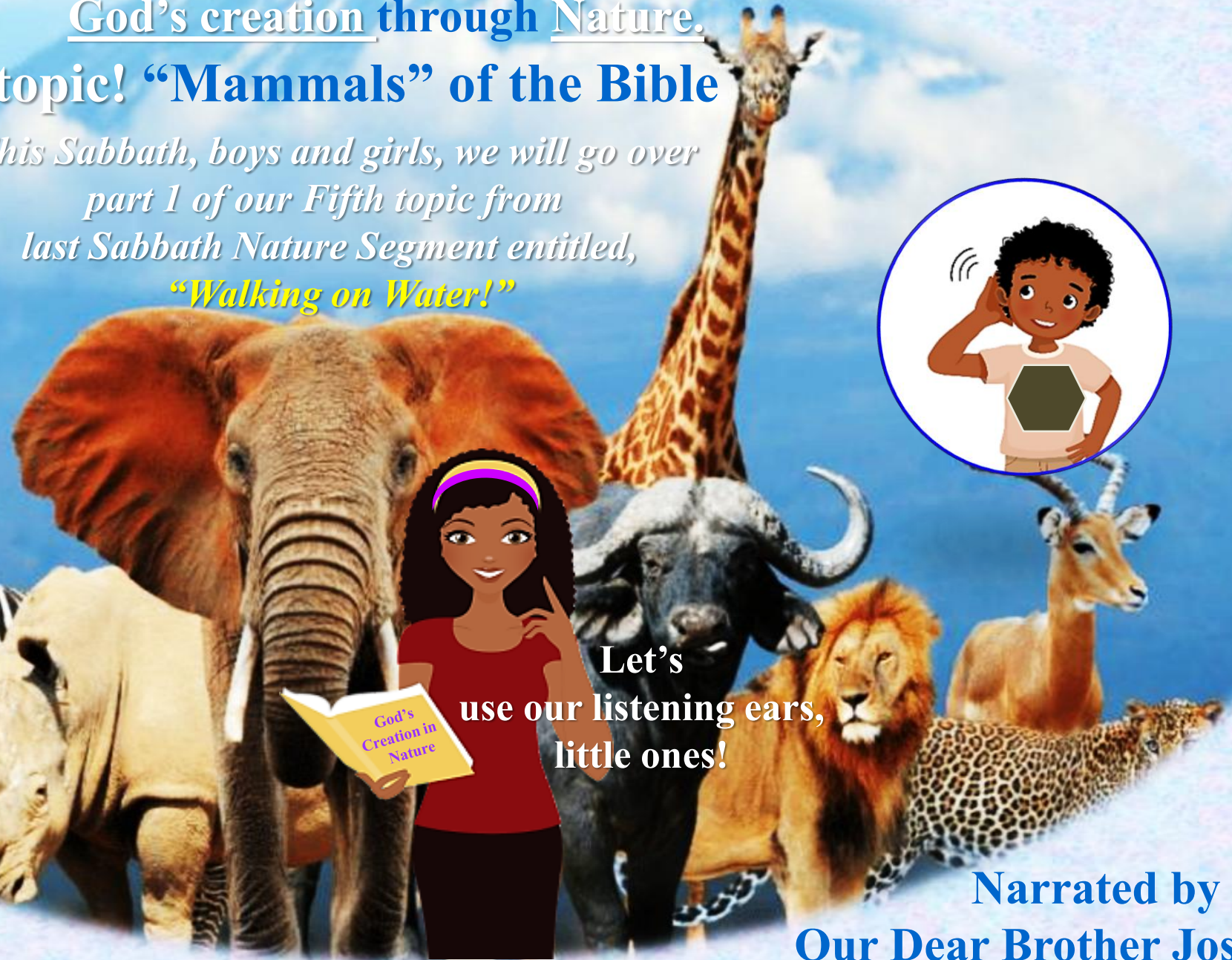
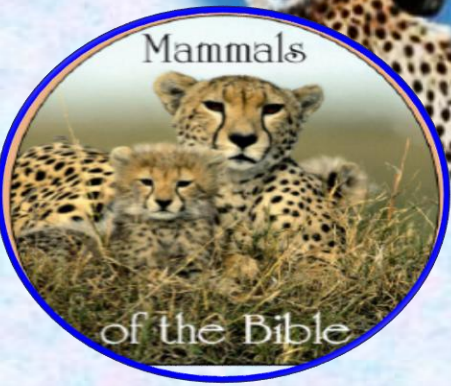


THE
Family
THAT PRAYS TOGETHER
STAYS *Together*

It's time for our Tiny Tots and Parents to Review what they learned from their Lessons in God's creation through Nature.

Our topic! “Mammals” of the Bible

*This Sabbath, boys and girls, we will go over
part 1 of our Fifth topic from
last Sabbath Nature Segment entitled,
“Walking on Water!”*



Let's
use our listening ears,
little ones!

**Narrated by
Our Dear Brother Joshua**

FBL Year 2

Quarter 4

Lesson 10 — Walking on Water



The Bible verses for our Nature Segment REVIEW of Lessons 10 entitled, “Walking on water”

Our opening scripture is taken from:

Isaiah 43:2 (KJV)

When thou passest through the waters, I [will be] with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Matthew 14:30 (KJV) But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

Matthew 14:31 (KJV) And immediately Jesus stretched forth [his] hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?



A Lion's Life

“Where is the dwelling of the lions,
and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion,
even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp,
and none made them afraid?

The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps,
and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey,
and his dens with ravin [prey].”

Nahum 2:11-12

Memory Verse



Isaiah 43:2 (KJV)

When thou passest through the waters,
I [will be] with thee;
and through the rivers, they shall not overflow
thee: when thou walkest through the fire,
thou shalt not be burned;
neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Character Quality

Thankfulness vs Ingratitude
Thankfulness is the expression
of gratitude to God and to others
for how they have benefited my life.

Our Nature Segment Fifth Topic REVIEW!



Looking Through Nature

Mammals of Prey – Lions

1. Cats are Mammals

2. Lions

3. The Body of a Lion

4. Lions Hunt

5. A Lion's Life

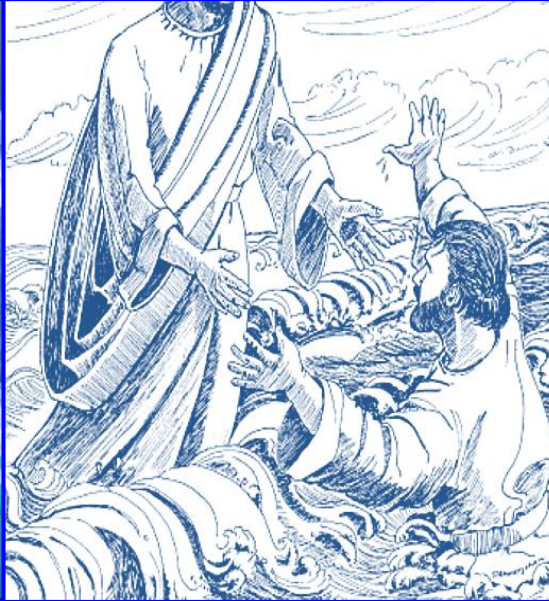
6. Lion Cubs

Walking With Jesus

“...But while the billows talk with death, Peter lifts his eyes from the angry waters, and fixing them upon Jesus, cries, *‘Lord save me.’* Immediately Jesus grasps the outstretched hand, saying, *‘O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?’*”



“Walking side by side, Peter’s hand in that of his Master, they stepped into the boat together. But Peter was now subdued and silent. He had no reason to boast over his fellows, for through unbelief and self-exaltation he had very nearly lost his life. When he turned his eyes from Jesus, his footing was lost, and he sank amid the waves.



“When trouble comes upon us, how often we are like Peter! We look upon the waves, instead of keeping our eyes fixed upon the Saviour. Our footsteps slide, and the proud waters go over our souls. Jesus did not bid Peter come to Him that he should perish; He does not call us to follow Him, and then forsake us. *‘Fear not,’* He says; *‘for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou are mine.’*



WE MUST
KEEP OUR EYES
ON
Jesus



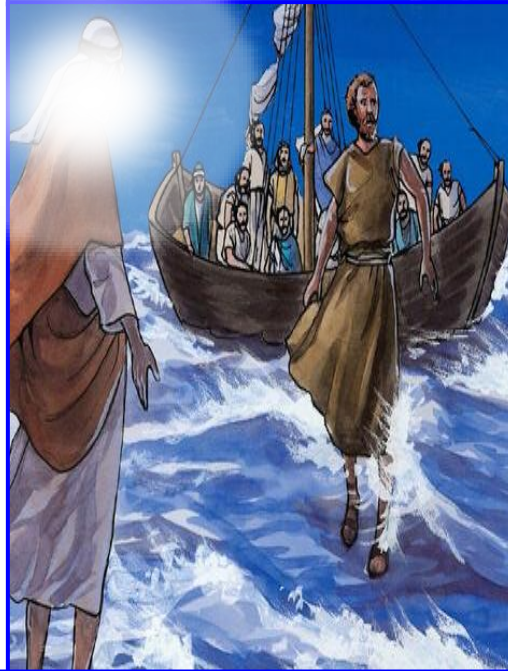
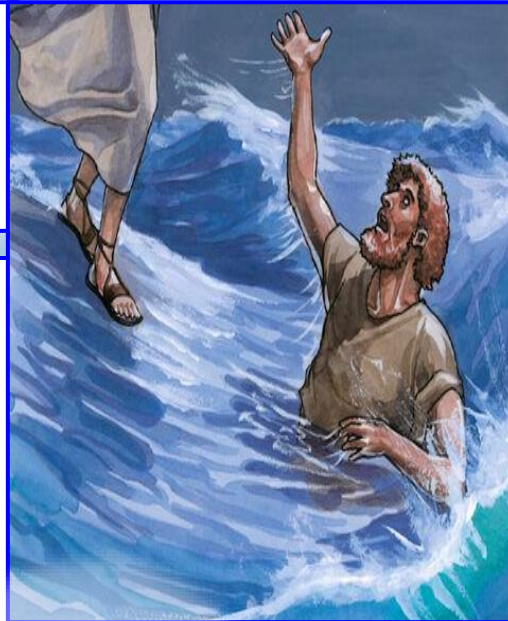
Hebrew 12:2 (KJV)
Looking unto Jesus
the author and finisher
of [our] faith;
who for the joy that
was set before him
endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is set down
at the right hand of the
throne of God.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.’ (Isaiah 43:1-3)” (The Desire of Age 381-382)



How thankful Peter was to have Jesus there to help him.

**“So much
has been given to me,
I have no time
to ponder over that which
has been denied.”
—HELEN KELLER**

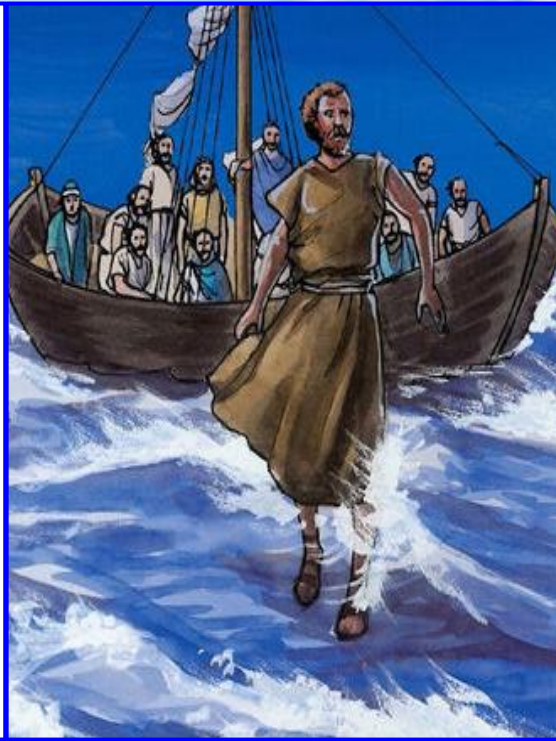


Remind

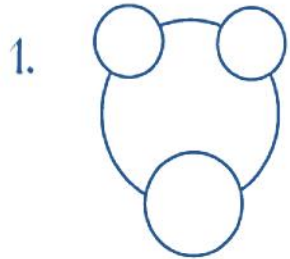
1. As you work together as a family, let your chores remind you of your lesson.
2. As you walk beside father and mother to get the mail, pick garden produce, or go to the vegetable and fruit stand, remember how “Jesus and Peter walked hand in hand, side by side, back to the boat.
3. If God helps you to do something nice or special pray for grace not to become proud of it, remembering Peter’s fall.

Reinforce

1. Look for mammals! Use your guide book to identify them.
2. Sing the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us."
3. Take a pad and pencil and sketch a picture of your cat.



4. "Pride" has more than one meaning. What are they? Illustrate with a picture. Which kind of pride did Peter have?
5. Draw a map of the territory you usually live in.
6. Say your memory verse!



3.

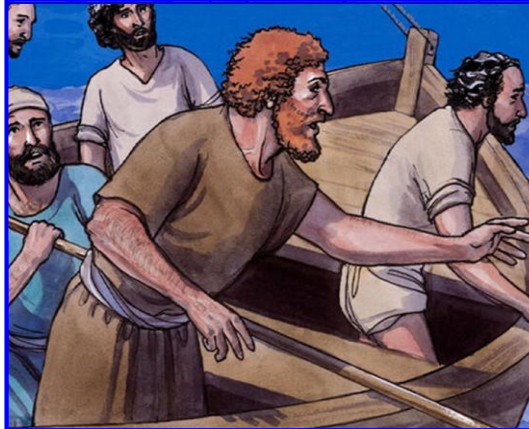


Remarkable Parent Food

“Now Peter’s voice is heard vehemently protesting, *‘Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.’* In the upper chamber he had declared, *‘I will lay down my life for thy sake.’* Jesus had warned him that he would that very night deny his Saviour. Now Christ repeats the warning: *‘Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.’* But Peter only *‘spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in anywise. Likewise also said they all’* (Mark 14:29-31). In their self-confidence they denied the repeated statement of Him who knew. They were unprepared for the test; when temptation should overtake them, they would understand their own weakness.



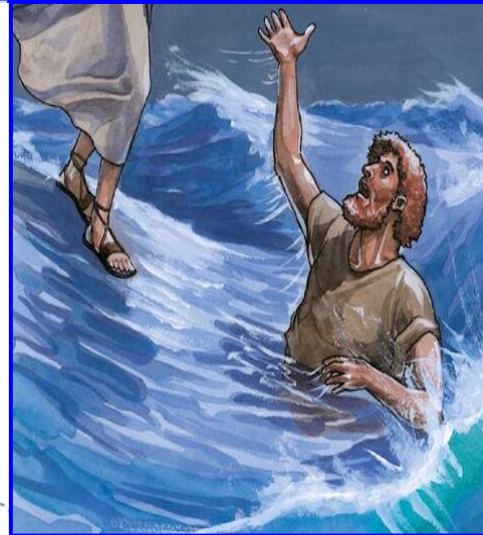
“When Peter said he would follow his Lord to prison and to death, he meant it, every word of it; but he did not know himself. Hidden in his heart were elements of evil that circumstances would fan into life. Unless he was made conscious of his danger, these would prove his eternal ruin. The Saviour saw in him a self-love and assurance that would overbear even his love for Christ. Much of infirmity, of unmortified sin, carelessness of spirit, unsanctified temper, heedlessness in entering into



temptation, had been revealed in his experience. Christ's solemn warning was a call to heart searching. Peter needed to distrust himself, and to have a deeper faith in Christ. Had he in humility received the warning, he would have appealed to the Shepherd of the flock to keep His sheep. When on the Sea of Galilee he was about to sink, he cried, '*Lord, save me*' (Matthew 14:30). Then the hand of Christ was out stretched to grasp his hand.



So now if he had cried to Jesus, Save me from myself, he would have been kept. But Peter felt that he was distrusted, and he thought it cruel. He was already offended, and he became more persistent in his self-confidence.” (*The Desire of Ages* 673-674)



The difference between the impulse of faith and the test of reality, came to Peter. It was quickly manifest, for looking at the turbulent waves, Peter became afraid and cried out, “*Lord, save me!*” In the conflict between sight and faith, faith went out and fear came in. The waters began to engulf him. His eyes left the Master and were upon the surging waves. But Jesus saved him, as He never leaves His own to sink. What lesson did Peter gain from this experience? Never to take your eyes from Christ and focus upon others or the difficulty assailing you.

Let's learn more of the Three titles Satan has that shows his hatred against God's people in our Review!



*The Spirit
of Prophecy*



Satan has **three** titles that shows his hatred against God's people:

1. A **dragon**—to show his malice
2. A **serpent**—to show his subtlety
3. A **lion**—to show his strength



OUR FIRST WORD: A dragon-show his malice

DRAGON, n. [L., Gr., G.]

1. A kind of winged serpent, much celebrated in the romances of the middle ages.
2. A fiery, shooting meteor, or imaginary serpent.
Swift, swift, ye dragons of the night! That dawning may bear the ravens eye.
3. A fierce, violent person, male or female; as, this man or woman is a dragon.
4. A constellation of the northern hemisphere. [See Draco.] →

DRACO, n. [See Dragon.]

1. In astronomy, a constellation of the northern hemisphere, containing according to Flamstead, eighty stars.
2. A luminous exhalation from marshy grounds.
3. A genus of animals of two species. [See Dragon.]

In Scripture, **dragon** seems sometimes to signify a large marine fish or serpent, **Isaiah 27:1**. Where the leviathan is also mentioned; also **Psalms 74:13**.

Sometimes it seems to signify a venomous land serpent. **Psalms 91:13**.
The dragon shalt thou trample under foot.

It is often used for the devil, who is called the old serpent. **Revelation 20:2**.

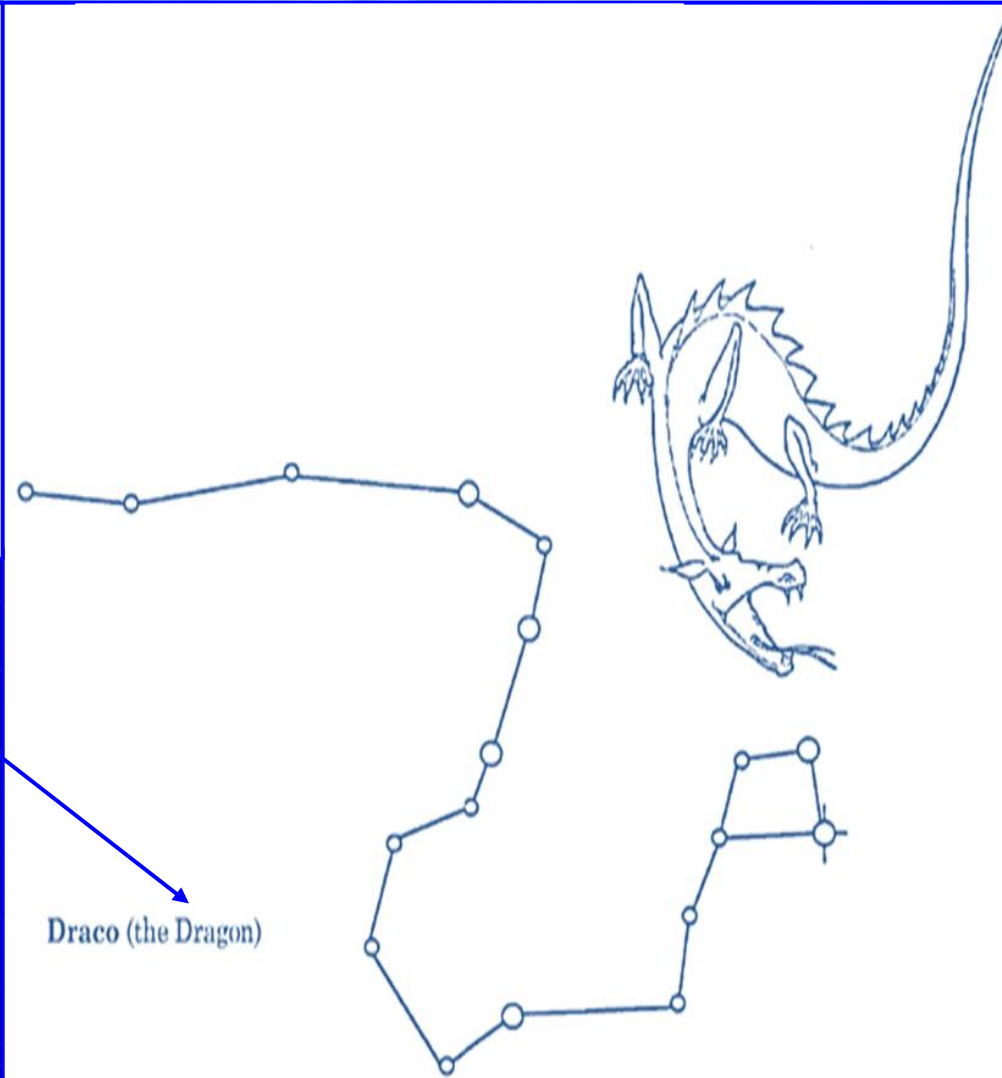
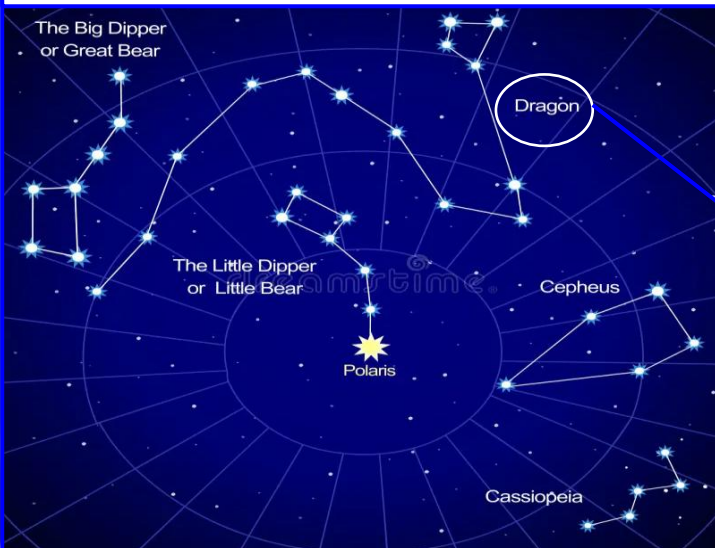
DRAGON, n.

A genus of animals, the Draco.
They have four legs, a cylindrical tail, and membranaceous wings, radiated like the fins of a flying-fish.



To Use Your Magnitude Measuring Tool

Look at a constellation through your magnitude tool. If a star can be seen through hole number 1, that star is a first magnitude star. If you can see a star through the hole number 2, that star is a second magnitude star, etc. (down through the fifth magnitude).



People in the northern hemisphere can use the four stars in the head of the constellation Draco (the Dragon) to check their tool. The brightest star in Draco is a first magnitude star. The second brightest is a second magnitude; the next brightest is a third magnitude; and the next brightest is a fourth magnitude. There are also four stars in the Great Bear constellation that can be used in the same way. Southern sky watchers can use Centaurus with stars ranging in magnitude from 0.27 to 5.

A “Dragon” in Scripture & Spirit of Prophecy

Dragon, Dragons,

beast with lamblike horns (Rev. 13:11-17) speaking as GC 441-2
determined war of, against commandment keepers 8T 117

great red (of Rev. 12) 7BC 972

is not in heaven EW 92

primarily represents Satan GC 438

secondarily symbolizes pagan Rome GC 438

spirit of intolerance and persecution manifested by GC 442

habitation of, men who will become 5BC 1136

Satan makes men become 7BC 974

heart of, religious powers will appear as lamb with 7BC 975; 9T 229

remnant will feel ire of Mar 213:2

roar of, heard in papal persecution against Waldenses GC 77

persons not turned from their loyalty by PK 591

Satan as, is wroth DA 353

spirit of: husband who possessed 2T 100

men who have 4T 246



Continuing “Dragon!”

Dragon, Dragons,

not to be stirred unnecessarily 3SM 403:2
revealed in anger and accusing DA 353
Sunday movement will reveal 5T 452
steps of, force of persecution follows Ev 236
voice of, beginning to be heard 7BC 975
Protestantism will speak with 7BC 983
war against God's people by, because they keep all of
Ten Commandments 1T 223
warring against God's people, rulers represented by TM 39
words of, apostates voice 2SM 395
wrath (ire) of, remnant church will feel PK 587; 5T 472-3; 9T 231
will be manifest against SDA 3T 571



OUR SECOND WORD: A serpent show his subtlety

SERPENT, n. [L. serpens, creeping; serpo, to creep.]

1. An animal of the order of Serpentes, [**creepers, crawlers,**] Of the class of Amphibia. Serpents are amphibious animals, breathing through the mouth by means of lungs only; having tapering bodies, without a distinct neck; the jaws not articulated, but dilatable, and without feet, fins or ears. Serpents move along the earth by a winding motion, and with the head elevated. Some species of them are viviparous, or rather ovi-viviparous; others are oviparous; and several species are venomous.
2. In astronomy, a constellation of the northern hemisphere, containing, according to the British catalogue, **sixty-four stars**.
3. An instrument of music, serving as a base to the cornet or small shawm, to sustain a chorus of singers in a large edifice. It is so called for its **folds or wreaths**.
4. Figuratively, a subtil or malicious person.
5. In mythology, a symbol of the sun.
Serpent stones or snake stones, are fossil shells of different sizes, found in strata of stones and clays.



A “Serpent” Scripture & Spirit of Prophecy

Serpent, Serpents

1. In Eden

2. Miscellaneous

In Eden ate fruit like man 3SG 40; SR 32

color of, brilliant like burnished gold PP 53; 3SG 40; 2SM 37; SR 32

cursed: became most groveling and detested of creatures of field PP 58

degraded beneath all beasts SR 40

detested by man SR 40

feared and hated by man and beast PP 58

described GC 531; PP 53, 58; 3SG 39-40; SR 32

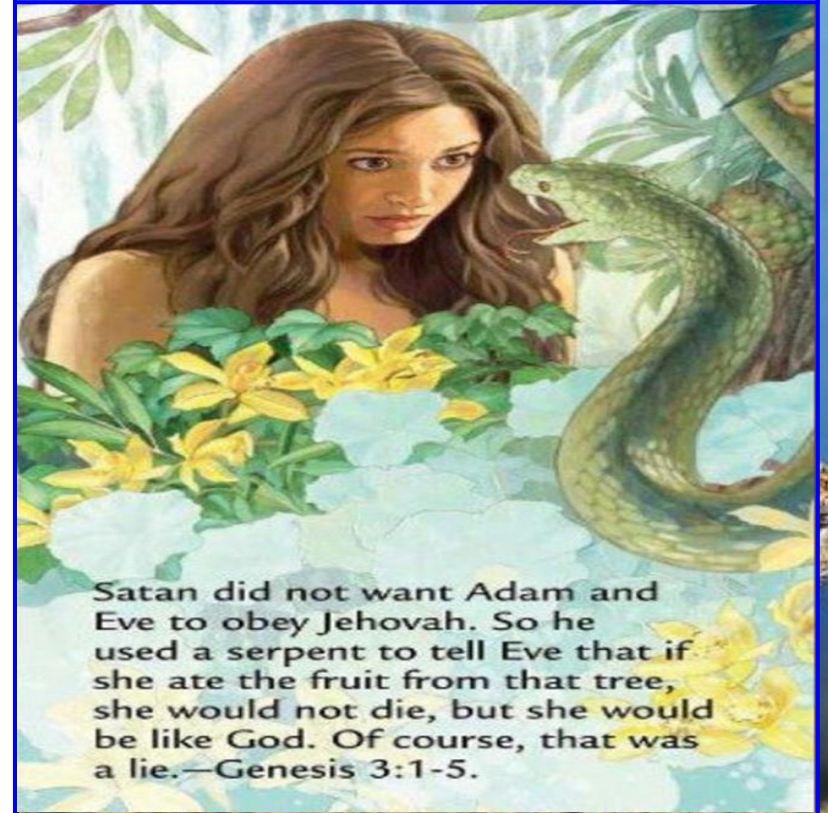
did not originally go upon ground 3SG 40; SR 32

Eve fascinated by 2T 89

exalted above beasts of field SR 40

falsehood uttered by GC 538

fruit of tree of knowledge of good and evil eaten by PP 53-5; SR 32, 34



Satan did not want Adam and Eve to obey Jehovah. So he used a serpent to tell Eve that if she ate the fruit from that tree, she would not die, but she would be like God. Of course, that was a lie.—Genesis 3:1-5.

Continuing with part II, “Serpent!”

Serpent, Serpents

fruit placed in Eve's hands by PP 55-6
had no power of speech 3SG 39; SR 33
had wings and could fly PP 53; 3SG 39-40; SR 32
Satan spoke to Eve through, in musical voice PP 54
to conceal his identity from Eve 8T 294
Satan used, as medium 1BC 1082-3; GC 531; PP 53-4, 58; 3SG 39; SL 67; 2SM 37; SR 32-3, 40; 3T 72; 5T 698
sentence pronounced by God upon PP 58; SR 39-40
hope intimated to man in PK 681
significance of DA 115
speaking, Eve lingered wonderingly to hear PP 54
talking, Eve startled by hearing SR 33
Eve's curiosity to hear 3SG 40
with power of speech, Eve astonished at EW 148



The part III, “Serpent!”

Serpent, Serpents

Miscellaneous Aaron's rod became
PP 263-4; 3SG 205-6; SR 116; 5T 696-8

brazen: Christ symbolized by DA 174-5, 415, 485; PP 430-2, 475; SD 222; 4T 120

foreshadowed manner of Christ's death AA 226; 4aSG 42

lessons taught by PP 430-2

lifted up by Moses before Israel 1BC 1116; DA 174-5; PP 430;
4aSG 42; SD 222; 1SM 352; 5T 202; 8T 50; TM 93

no explanation as to how healing could be effected by looking to DA 175

no virtue in, to heal DA 174; PP 430-2; 4aSG 42

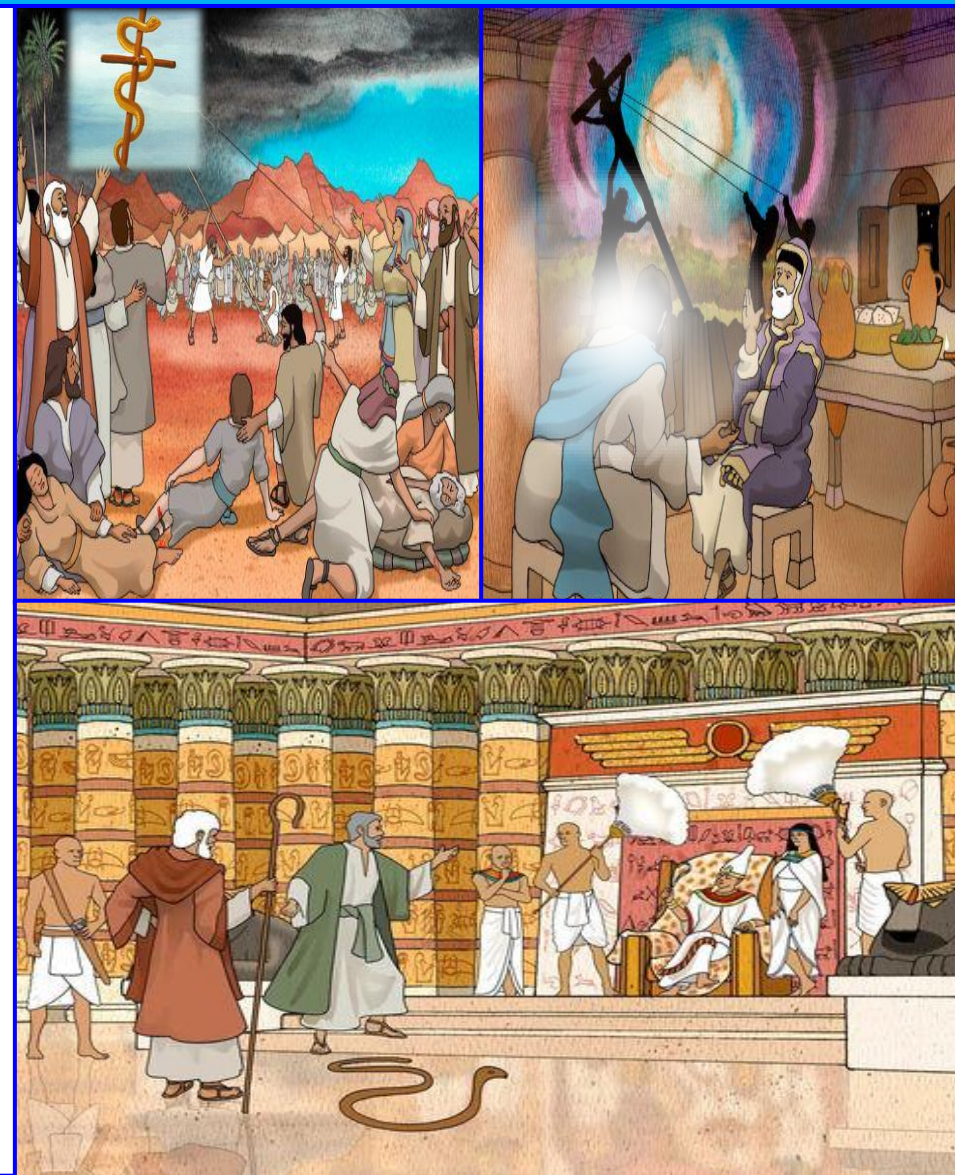
thousands today need to learn lesson taught by DA 175

charm of, which stings to spiritual death MM 112

cunning of, false teachers who manifest GC 521

Egyptian magicians made their rods appear like PP 264; 3SG 205-6;
1T 716; 5T 696-7

by Satan's power PP 264; 3SG 206; 5T 697



The part IV, “Serpent!”

thousands today need to learn lesson taught by DA 175
charm of, which stings to spiritual death MM 112
cunning of, false teachers who manifest GC 521
Egyptian magicians made their rods appear like
PP 264; 3SG 205-6; 1T 716; 5T 696-7
by Satan's power PP 264; 3SG 206; 5T 697
fiery: called "fiery" because they were very poisonous PP 429
Israelites bitten by DA 174-5; PP 429, 434; SD 222;
4aSG 40-3; 1SM 352; 8T 50; TM 93
wilderness of Israel's wanderings was infested with 4aSG 41
Moses' rod became PP 253; 3SG 192; 5T 697
old, wiles and subtleties of 5T 409
persons who grasp at, which will sting them TM 335
Satan could not produce PP 264; 5T 697
Satan is represented by Te 283
Satan symbolized by PP 431
sting of, ready to be driven into your heart 4T 595
subtlety of, Satan works with 5T 384

trembling bird charmed by CH 459; Ev 607-8; 5T 198

venom of, Roman Church concealed GC 571

venomous, shun flattery as Ev 679-80

with deadly sting 2T 457-8

See also Rattlesnake; Viper

Supplement

brazen, lesson of, for those in sin OHC 20:2

look to, in need not waiting to be perfect 3SM 149:3

refused by many TMK 112:3

lifted up, meaning of, explained to Nicodemus FW 69:1

look away from bite of, to Lamb of God 2MCP 452:2

misery left by slimy trail of, in hardened conscience

TDG 33:3

self-righteous ones described as, by John the Baptist

TDG 197:4

words that bite like UL 59:2

The Third Name, “Lion!”

Lion, Lions,

angels protected Daniel from GC 512; 1T 296
caged, impulsive temper raging like 4T 92

Christ as, of Judah See Christ

cruel and ravenous, Ninevites compared to PK 265

Daniel cast into den of PK 539-48; 1T 295-6; 5T 453

David slew, while a shepherd DA 479; PP 644

ferocious look of, Satan does not always wear 2T 287

ferocity of, Satan can work with 5T 384

full-grown, intemperance compared to CG 402; Te 178

hasty temper as 2T 425

hunting prey, Satan compared to 5T 397-8; TM 333

in new earth EW 18; 2SG 53; 1T 68

will lie down with lamb ML 354

in thickets by Jordan River PP 644

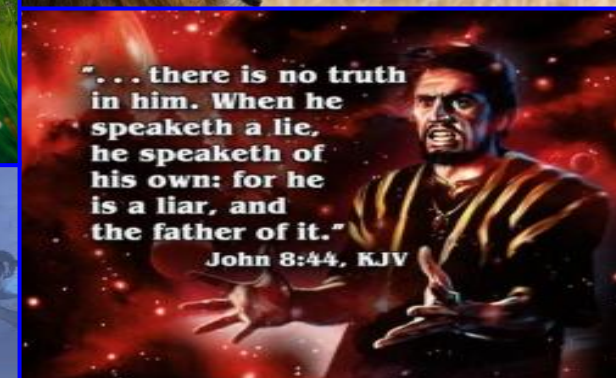
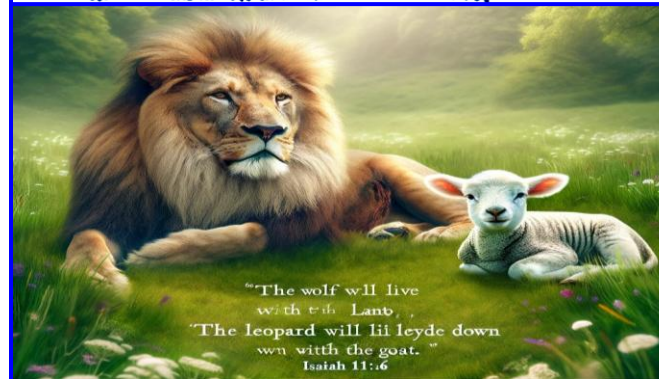
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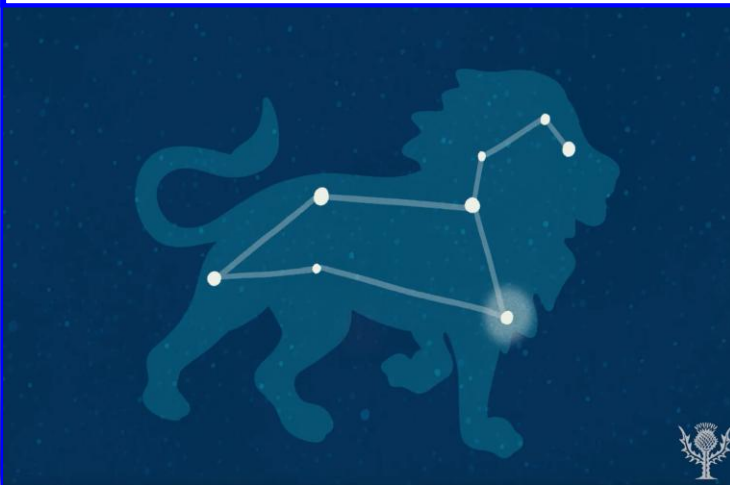
The “*Lion
of the tribe
of Judah.*”



OUR THIRD WORD: A Lion-show his strength

LION, n. [L. leo, leonis, Gr.]

1. A quadruped of the genus Felis, very strong, fierce and rapacious. The largest lions are eight or nine feet in length. _____
The male has a thick head, beset with long bushy hair of a yellowish color. The lion is a native of Africa and the warm climates of Asia. His aspect is noble, his gait stately, and his roar tremendous.
2. A sign in the zodiac.



A “Lion” in Scripture & Spirit of Prophecy

Satan does not always come as 4T 207

Samson slew PP 564

Satan can exchange roar of, for softest whisper 2T 287

Satan raged like chained, when Christ was on earth GC 514

sported with lamb in Eden PP 50; 3SG 35; SR 22

symbol of tribe of Judah PP 236

Supplement

den of, Christ was with Daniel in OHC 357:3

peaceful in the New Earth Mar 355:4

roaring, Satan may come as OHC 132:5



THIS SABBATH REVIEW A LION'S LIFE"



What is a Pride? (Review)

“Lions are unique among cats in that they live in a group, or pride. The members of a pride typically spend the day in several scattered groups that may unite to hunt or share a meal. A pride consists of several generations of lionesses, some of which are related, a smaller number of breeding males, and their cubs. The group may consist of as few as 4 or as many as 37 members, but about 15 is the average size. Each pride has a well-defined territory consisting of a core area that is strictly defended against intruding lions and a fringe area where some overlap is tolerated. Where prey is abundant, a territory area may be as small as 20 square km (8 square miles), but if game is sparse, it may cover up to 400 square km. Some prides have been known to use the same territory for decades, passing the area on between females. Lions proclaim their territory by roaring and by scent marking. Their distinctive roar is generally delivered in the evening before a night’s hunting and again before getting up at dawn. Males also proclaim their presence by urinating on bushes, trees, or simply on the ground, leaving a pungent scent behind. Defecation and rubbing against bushes leave different scent markings.”

The life of the African lion

“The life of the African lion (*Panthera leo*) is a literal race for survival.

They stake their lives—and the lives of their pride mates—on their ability to win high-speed races against prey over and over again. But left to speed and strength alone, they’d have no chance; thus, lions employ complex strategies to (literally!) stay one step ahead.

If you’re lucky enough to spot a lion hunt on safari, you’re in for a treat. It’s an action-packed and extremely memorable snapshot of the circle of life. It usually happens in four phases—let’s break them down one at a time!”



The Vulnerable Beginning

“A lion’s life begins in a secluded den, hidden away from the rest of the pride. After a gestation period of approximately 110 days, a lioness typically gives birth to a litter of one to four cubs. Newborn cubs are blind, helpless, and weigh around 1.5 kilograms (3 pounds), relying entirely on their mother for warmth, nourishment, and protection. Their eyes usually open around one week old, and they begin to walk within 10 to 15 days.

For their first six to eight weeks, the mother keeps her cubs hidden, often moving them between dens to avoid predators. This early phase is fraught with danger; only about one in eight cubs survives to adulthood due to predation, illness, and starvation. Once the cubs are approximately eight weeks old, the lioness introduces them to the rest of the pride, where they begin to socialize.”

Growing Up in the Pride

“As lion cubs integrate into the pride, they learn essential survival skills. They are typically weaned around six months of age, transitioning from milk to meat, which the adult lionesses bring back to the pride. Play is a significant part of their learning, as cubs engage in mock fights, chasing, and pouncing, which helps develop their physical strength, coordination, and hunting techniques. They also learn by observing adult behaviors, including stalking prey. By around one year old, cubs can begin participating in simple hunts alongside adults, though they are not yet independent. Male cubs start to show early signs of mane growth, which continues to develop as they mature. Mating maturity is reached around two to three years of age. Young males are often forced to leave their birth pride to prevent competition with the dominant males, either alone or forming coalitions. Females usually remain with their natal pride, contributing to hunting and cub-rearing.”



Life as a Mature Lion

“Lions reach full maturity around three to four years of age, entering their prime years within the pride structure. Adult females, or lionesses, are the primary hunters, working cooperatively to bring down prey, which is a key advantage of their social living. They are also responsible for raising cubs, often communally sharing the care and nursing duties within the pride. This cooperative approach enhances cub survival rates.

Adult males, often in coalitions of two to nine individuals, primarily focus on defending the pride's territory and ensuring reproductive success. They mark their territory through roaring and scent marking, warning off rival males and protecting access to resources and pride females. Reproduction occurs throughout the year, with females being receptive for a few days within their reproductive cycle, during which a pair may mate frequently, which helps stimulate ovulation.”



Summary: The Final Years

“The lifespan of a wild lion ranges from 10 to 14 years, though females generally live longer than males. Males face a shorter lifespan, often due to the demanding nature of defending the pride and territorial battles.

As lions age, they experience a gradual decline in physical prowess. Their teeth wear down, impacting their ability to hunt effectively, and muscle mass diminishes, reducing their strength and speed. Older lions become more susceptible to injury and disease.

For male lions, this physical decline often leads to challenges from younger rivals, which can result in being driven out of the pride and forced into a solitary existence.

Ousted males frequently face starvation due to their inability to hunt alone.

While females may continue to be supported by their pride, natural causes of death for lions in the wild often include starvation, severe injuries from fights or prey, and diseases.”

Our Reference reading of our Lesson, “Mammals of the Bible” REVIEW!

Taken From: Our Study Book, “The Desire of Ages” Chapter 40-“A Night on the Lake” Part 6

Continuing: When trouble comes upon us, how often we are like Peter!

We look upon the waves, instead of keeping our eyes fixed upon the Saviour.

Our footsteps slide, and the proud waters go over our souls.

Jesus did not bid Peter come to Him that he should perish; He does not call us to follow Him, and then forsake us.

"Fear not," He says; "for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour." **Isaiah 43:1-3. {DA 382.1}**

Jesus read the character of His disciples.

He knew how sorely their faith was to be tried.

In this incident on the sea He desired to reveal to Peter his own weakness,--
to show that his safety was in constant dependence upon divine power.

Amid the storms of temptation he could walk safely only as in utter self-distrust he should rely upon the Saviour.

It was on the point where he thought himself strong that Peter was weak;
and not until he discerned his weakness could he realize his need of dependence upon Christ.

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Continuing:

Had he learned the lesson that Jesus sought to teach him in that experience on the sea, he would not have failed when the great test came upon him. {DA 382.2}

Day by day God instructs His children.

By the circumstances of the daily life He is preparing them to act their part upon that wider stage to which His providence has appointed them. It is the issue of the daily test that determines their victory or defeat in life's great crisis. {DA 382.3}

Those who fail to realize their constant dependence upon God will be overcome by temptation.

We may now suppose that our feet stand secure, and that we shall never be moved.

We may say with confidence, "I know in whom I have believed; nothing can shake my faith in God and in His word." But Satan is planning to take advantage of our hereditary and cultivated traits of character, and to blind our eyes to our own necessities and defects.

Only through realizing our own weakness and looking steadfastly unto Jesus can we walk securely. {DA 382.4}

No sooner had Jesus taken His place in the boat than the wind ceased, "and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went."

The night of horror was succeeded by the light of dawn.

The disciples, and others who also were on board, bowed at the feet of Jesus with thankful hearts, saying, "Of a truth Thou art the Son of God!"

{DA 382.5}

Review

1. When Peter took his eyes from Jesus what happened? (Matthew 14:30)
2. What did Peter cry out? (Matthew 14:30)
3. What did Jesus do and say? (Matthew 14:31)

*Our Closing Hymn for our Toddler's study is entitled,
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

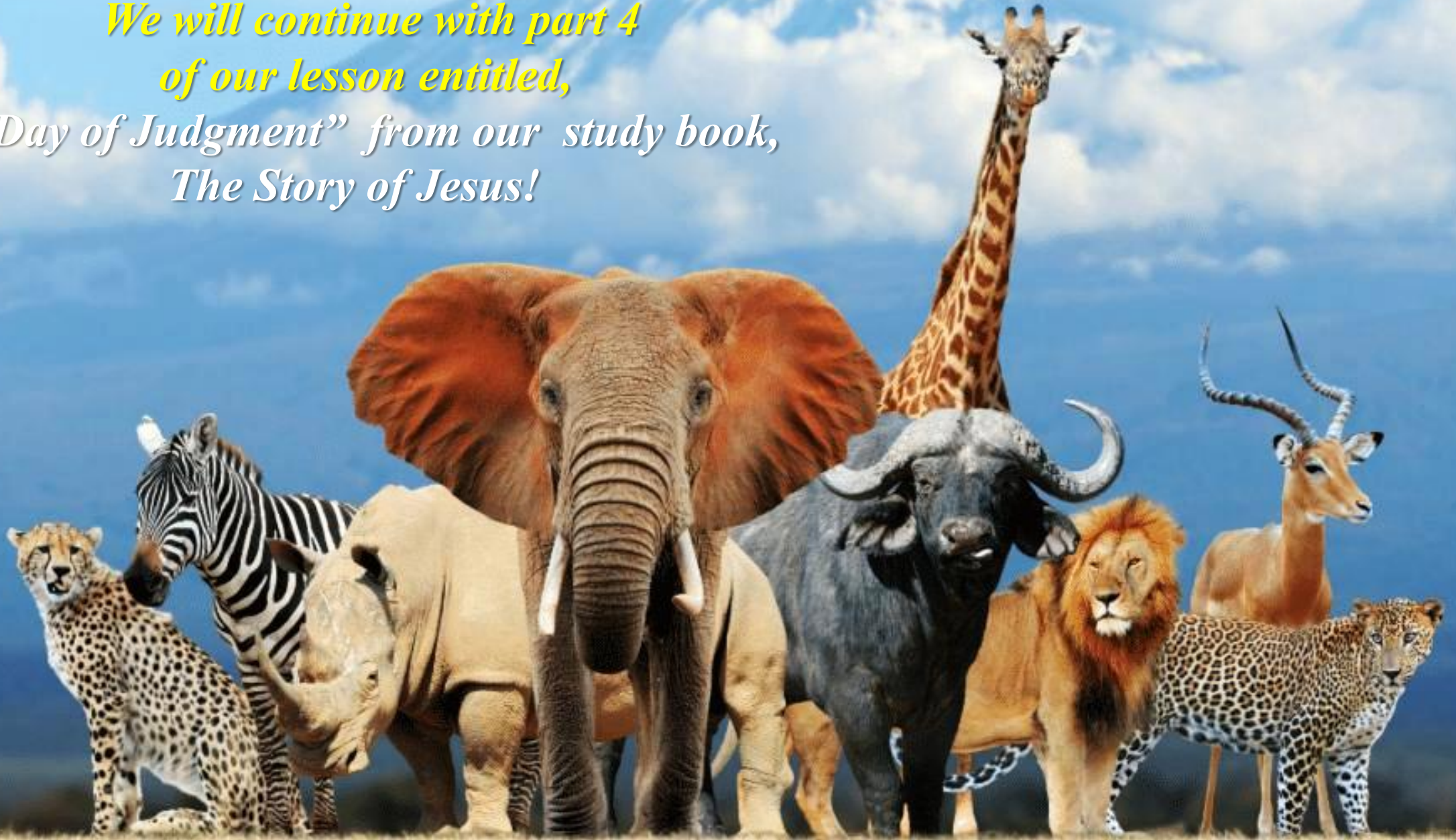
Hymn #65

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.



*Closing Prayer-
request one of the little
ones to give prayer.*

Next Week:
We will continue with part 4
of our lesson entitled,
“A Day of Judgment” from our study book,
The Story of Jesus!



Lesson #31

The Story of Jesus!

Chapter 31
“A Day of Judgment”
Part 4

Sabbath March 28, 2026

