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Revelation 5:5, “*And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*”

In the book of Genesis, twice the patriarch Judah came to the defense and pleading for the youngest son of Jacob, Benjamin. Joseph had been sold by his brethren into slavery and came to Egypt. After years there and much trouble and imprisonment, he rose to such a political height in Egypt that only Pharaoh was greater than Joseph.

When the brothers of Joseph came into Egypt to buy food, Joseph recognized them, but they did not know him. Joseph sent them back to their father and told them to bring their younger brother, Benjamin. Otherwise he would not trade with them.

Upon hearing the conditions of his sons being able to return to Egypt, Jacob was very much against sending Benjamin. Simeon was being held in ward until they returned, and Jacob thought Joseph was dead. He didn't want to lose Benjamin.

The only way the children of Jacob would have another audience

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with Joseph was to bring their brother Benjamin. Jacob was concerned for his life, but Judah came forth and said he would be surety for Benjamin. Genesis 43:8-9, “*And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, [and] also our little ones. I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever.*”

While they were in Egypt, Joseph had arranged for a reason to keep Benjamin in Egypt while his brothers returned to their father, Israel. Joseph had made it look like Benjamin had taken Joseph's silver cup, and Joseph falsely accused him. During these accusations and saying he would keep Benjamin there, Judah once again came forth and saved Benjamin from being kept in Egypt.

Judah in Genesis 48:18 approaches Joseph to plead for Benjamin. In Genesis 48:33 Judah offers himself to be a bondman instead of Benjamin. “*Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.*”

Twice Judah came forth to offer his protection for the youngest child, Benjamin, and to offer himself as a bondman and take Benjamin's place.

I can't help but think that Jesus, being from the tribe of Judah, did the same thing for us. He came forth, and came to this world, to offer Himself for our sins. We are told plainly that Jesus is of the tribe of Judah. Hebrews 7:14, “*For [it is] evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.*”

Of the seven sayings of Jesus upon the cross, two deal directly with salvation. As He was writhing in pain and his accusers were mocking

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—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Parson.** Remember **Archie & Judy Manning.** Archie is very sick with cancer. **Shirley Edwards** continues to recover from pacemaker surgery. **Shirley Parson** is in rehab following difficulty with breathing. She has improved and is breathing better than she has in months.

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Him, we are told in Luke 23:34, “*Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*” I don’t think this was just directed at the crowd below, but to all mankind. Because of the very act of Jesus’s death and resurrection, we can be forgiven when we properly obey the LORD.

The second statement Jesus said upon the cross concerning salvation was directed to one of the thieves on the cross. Early on the two thieves both cast negative comments to Jesus. One had a change of heart and said that Jesus had done nothing amiss.

In Luke 23:42 this thief said to Jesus, “*Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.*” In the next verse, Jesus answered him, “*Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*” That man was saved because he turned to Jesus, but most of all he was saved because Jesus was there to save him.

After Jesus’s resurrection many bodies of the saints came out of the graves. Matthew 27:52-53, “⁵²*And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,* ⁵³*And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*” At the end all the righteous will come forth from the grave and ever be with the LORD.

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Sunday, February 16, 2020		
Classes	17	II Peter 2:15-22
Preaching	27	Acts 2:38-47
Contribution	\$955.01	
Evening	13	Ezra 4:1-24
Wednesday, February 19, 2020		
Classes	9	Isaiah 17:1-14

Bible Quiz

The cities of Aroer would be for what?

Last Week’s Answer— bird cast out of the nest (Isaiah 16:2)

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Just as Judah came forth to save Benjamin, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Jesus, has come forth to save us all. This salvation is not automatic. We must submit ourselves to the LORD and serve Him. He has paid the price. We simply live for Him and eternal life is ours.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)