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"A Tale of Two Weeks"

Have you ever considered a week? It's 7 days. Some are better than others and most have their share of surprises. How do you order your week? Do you let it come as it may, or are you more methodical and ponder what your next week might look like? For a moment, please consider two particular weeks and how they might have an effect on you.

The Bible records 2 of the most significant weeks in the scope of history, Creation Week and Holy Week. On the face of it, these weeks seem to have very little in common, but if we get a bit more

introspective, you quickly see that God's plan for both of these weeks have themes that are important mirrors for each other.

"In the beginning..." — Genesis 1:1. "...let there be light" — Genesis 1:3. Can you imagine the commotion in the cosmos, when God said these words during Creation week? Perhaps it was similar to the commotion that Jesus caused during Holy week as He rode into Jerusalem. Matthew records that this entrance by the Light of the world was met by the whole city of Jerusalem being stirred up – Matthew 21:10 – "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9)

Proceeding through each day of these weeks we see event after event that reveals more of God's overall plan. In Creation week, we see God's plan culminating in Him having a personal relationship with the created, mankind, who would subsequently break that relationship. (Genesis 1:26-27) But in Holy week, we see the physical manifestation of God's plan, slain from the foundation of the world, following the step by step process for mankind's redemption. (1 Peter 1:19-20, Revelation 13:8) Thus providing the means for restoring the relationship begun in Creation Week that God had intended to have with mankind.

Proceeding on through each day we see dramatic events unfold, until the seventh day when it appears that both weeks end quietly. "...and He rested on the seventh day from all the work that He had done..."— Genesis 2:2. "Father forgive them..."— Luke 23:34."It is finished"— John 19:30.

Everything was complete. The evenings and the mornings had been all the previous days and on the seventh, God rested. Jesus' final week had proceeded just as intended and the plan for man's redemption, Jesus' paying the price for all the sins of the world and thus providing an opportunity for man's relationship to God to be restored, was fulfilled and finished. "Father into Your hand I commit my spirit." and having said this He breathed His last." — Luke 23:46. The works of creation and redemption were complete. And the evening and the morning...and God said it was "very good"...

And a new week begins...

"Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week..." - Matthew 28:1