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"Jesus, the Lion and the Lamb"

There is a familiar maxim frequently asked by many of us living in the Mid-Atlantic region of the U. S. concerning the weather, and the month of March.

Is going to "come in like a lamb and go out like a lion," or perhaps "come in like a lion and go out like a lamb"? Well, we know that here in Maryland the month of March is very unpredictable. Someone once said; "if you don't like the weather here, hang around a minute, it will change."

This year, here in Maryland, March "came in like a lion" dumping 6 ½ inches of snow in our area, and I wasn't really surprised knowing the unpredictability of March.

So, where did this popular adage come from any way?

A Brief History

“While many sayings are based on observation, and are accurate, others are just rhymes and beliefs passed down from generation to generation.

Those folks that believed in this adage thought that bad spirits could change the weather adversely so they were cautious of what they did or didn't do in certain situations, {a type of situation ethics-emphasis provided}. These ideas also concluded that there was a balance in weather and life. So if the weather ‘came in like a lion, {bad} it would go out like a lamb,’ {good}.”¹

God's remnant people are not superstitious, and know that personally we cannot control the weather any more than meteorologists can—but with a good barometer we can read the signs.

There are specific times recorded in the Bible when God's Divine hand intervened, and changed the course of daily events and circumstances; some directly affecting weather conditions, i.e. God caused it to rain for forty days, and forty nights to create the most devastating flood the world has

¹ Jay Williams. Where did the Phrase “in Like a Lamb and out Like a Lion” Come From, February 28, 2013.

ever experienced, or ever will experience to destroy the continually, evil-thinking Antediluvians...

He also stopped the rain for the space of 3 ½ years to get the attention of the idolatrous Israelites, evil king Ahab, and his evil wife Jezebel.

Often times our Lord uses supernatural occurrences to deal with evil, to warn His people of dangers ahead. He also alludes to the traits of certain animals as spiritual object lessons.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, is walking about, seeking whom he may devour."

I Peter 5:8, Also see Rev. 12:12

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

The singular tense of the word lion is mentioned 154 times in the Bible, and the word lamb 100 times. The possessive pronoun of lamb, 2 times, and the plural of lamb 81 times.

There is a very important spiritual application we can draw from these two creatures mentioned throughout the Bible, created by Jesus Himself.

The lion depicted in I Peter 5:8 is evil, devouring everyone it can, because of its' inherit carnivorous nature—that is why Paul compares the devil to a roaring lion.

Jesus is the "Lamb of God," He is also known as a "Lion."

“... 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. And I beheld in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a ‘Lamb’ as it had been slain...” Rev.5:5, 6

The lion, in the animal kingdom is known as the king of beasts. A lamb is known as a very gentle creature, and is more of a follower than a leader. Symbolically Satan is a roaring lion and is inherently the lion-king of this evil world.

Jesus on the other hand came the first time as a gentle babe born in a manger. To say it another way,

He came into this world as a gentle lamb born in a lowly animal stable and became the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."²

When Jesus returns the second time He will come as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, as the "Lion" of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David..."

Satan's plan is to call on the sea beast, {to whom he gave his power, seat, and great authority to, through the power of Pagan Rome—emphasis provided} to unite with other evil beasts, {political/religions powers, and alliances} that will counterfeit Christ character, **posing at first, as a gentle "lamb-like beast"** with two horns—eventually speaking like a dragon.³

Good News!

Praise be to our God for His Holy Word—Jesus, who became flesh for our sakes, coming in the clouds,⁴ as the **True Lamb**, and the **True Lion** stripping away the evil veneer of Satan's

² John 1:29, 36

³ Rev. 13:11-18

⁴ Rev. 1:7

political/religious agenda, exposing him as a liar from the beginning!

More Good News!

We that get the victory over the beast, his mark, and the number of his name will stand on the sea of glass. We will sing the song of Moses and of Jesus the Lamb.

Yes Friends, **Jesus the Lamb** is coming again to claim His bride, His wife, ⁵ {His Church} so shall we ever be with the Lord!

AMEN!



⁵ Rev. 21:9, 27