For Deeper Study

This first page of the book, "*The Lamb--God's Greatest Gift*", which I obtained after flipping through Yvette's copy of this book some weeks back, revealed a subject which I had already been pondering the last week or two.

I've decided to make a copy of it available to you, so you could see what I saw. Also I've enclosed on the next page a deeper study on this subject which the author, Dr. Leslie Hardinge refers to here below. Read it carefully.

Chapter 1 The Lamb

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oin me in asking God's Spirit to bless us as we search His Word. Eternal Father, we thank Thee for the privilege that is ours of studying the Book of Revelation. We open it now with reverence and appreciation and with gratitude for what it tells us of Jesus, The Lamb, with the hope that through it Thy love for us might be clearly seen to awaken within us love for Thee. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The last book in the Bible might more accurately be entitled "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:1). It describes its Hero, our Lord Himself. The Greek word *Apocalypse* rendered, Revelation, means unveiling or drawing aside a curtain in order to make known what is concealed. The epistle to Hebrews explains the need for this. Paul wrote to his countrymen, we have a "hope which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest for ever after the Order of *Melchisedec*" (Heb 6:19, 20).

At His ascension in 31 AD Christ was installed by His Father "within the veil" in the Heavenly Sanctuary. "Half a century after the crucifixion" God drew "the veil aside" (GC 466) and presented to the beloved John details of what His Son was doing. Hence the book in which He recorded this is called the *Apocalypse* or "unveiling" of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1).

From Paul's letter to the Hebrews 6:19, 20, "which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever." "In the temple in heaven... The ark that enshrines the tables of the law is covered with the Mercy-Seat, before which Christ pleads His blood in the sinner's behalf" (GC 415). Thus

In light of our ongoing study, now in Rev 6, re. the opening of the seals, we now will behold deeper truths for our consideration. I've provided four links to give you a greater breadth and depth of this subject matter. Look at these links and then read the passages in your Bible. Holy Spirit will reveal some profound truths:

- ➤ <u>Hebrews 10:8-18</u> The Cross and Christ's High priestly ministry.
- Romans 3:20-28 The Righteousness of God comes through the faith of Jesus.
- Romans 4:17-5:15 The Justification of God declares us righteous. (faith and hope come as we receive it)
- ➤ Hebrews 9:12-14 The blood of Christ obtained eternal salvation

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