

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Gen. 1:7, 9, 11, 15, 24

Intro: Everything in the Bible you find described either happened, is happening or shall happen. Everything God spoke came to pass exactly as He said it would. Of all the things in the world there is only one thing that is always true and unchangeable and that is God's Word. The Bible is God's gift to us to enable us to live our lives as He would have us to. We are free to believe what we read in the Bible or not to believe it. The choice is ours.

I. AND IT HAPPENED (text)

1. Every word expressed by God in the Creation ended with "and it happened."
2. God told Adam and Eve not to eat of a certain tree in the Garden, if they did, they would surely die. "And it happened, believe it or not."
3. God told Eve she would have pain in childbirth and Adam would live by sweat in work and the earth would have thorns. "And it happened, believe it or not."
4. God told Noah that He was going to flood the earth and to build an ark for he and his family. "And it happened, believe it or not."
5. God told Abraham to go and do what He said and his descendants would be like the stars in the sky. "And it happened, believe it or not."
6. God told Abraham that He was going to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gommorah. "And it happened, believe it or not."
7. God told Moses that he (Moses) was to be the one to lead His people out of Egypt. "And it happened, believe it or not."
8. God told the people of Israel that they would one day have their own land and cities. "And it happened, believe it or not."
9. God told Israel that if they sinned against Him they would be sent into slavery. "And it happened, believe it or not."
10. God told Israel that if they would give up their sinning and return to Him, He would deliver them. "And it happened, believe it or not."
11. In the Garden of Eden, God promised a Deliverer who would bruise Satan's head. "And it happened, believe it or not."

II. AND IT IS HAPPENING

1. And Jesus said: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son and whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*
"And it is happening, believe it or not." (Jn 3:16)
2. Jesus said: *"He that cometh to me I shall in no wise cast out."* "And it is happening, believe it or not." (Jn 6:37)
3. Jesus said: *"I am the way, the truth and the life and on one comes to the Father but by Me."* "And it is happening, believe it or not." (Jn14:6)
4. Jesus said: *"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."* "And it is happening, believe it or not." (Mt. 12:28)
5. Jesus said: *"Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."* "And it is happening, believe it or not." (Mt. 7:7)

6. Jesus said: *"I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."* "And it is happening, believe it or not." (Jn 8:12)
7. Jesus said: *"I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."* "And it is happening, believe it or not." (Jn 11:25,26)
8. Jesus said: *"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded and Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."* "And it is happening, believe it or not." (Mt. 28:19,20)

III. AND IT SHALL HAPPEN

1. Jesus said: *"I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also."* "And it shall happen, believe it or not." (Jn 14:3)
2. God said that *"at the name of 'Jesus' every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord."* "And it shall happen, believe it or not." (Phil 2:10)
3. God said that He would call His Church home with a shout, a trumpet blast and Jesus shall appear for His own. The dead in Christ shall rise first, then we who are alive shall be caught up and together be with the Lord forever." "And it shall happen, believe it or not."
4. God said that there will follow the rapture seven years of tribulation in which Satan will have control." "And it shall happen, believe it or not."
5. God said at the end of the seven years tribulation Jesus will return and every eye will see Him and He will bring with Him the Saints and His angels to bring an end to all the tribulation and Satan will be bound for a thousand years." "And it shall happen, believe it or not."
6. God said that at the end of the thousand years Satan will once again be released and free to roam this earth but Jesus will bring an end to everything, casting Satan into the depths of hell never to be seen again." "And it shall happen, believe it or not."
7. God said that there will be a great judgment and every soul shall stand before the judgment throne of Jesus and give an account of his/her life and the unsaved shall be cast into the lake of fire and the saved shall be rewarded." "And it shall happen, believe it or not."
8. God said that where believers in Jesus shall spend eternity is called "Heaven" and there will be no need of a sun as the light of God shall be plenty and that there will be no more death, no more separation." "And it shall happen, believe it or not."
9. God said to watch and pray for no man nor angel not even Jesus knows the hour when this will happen." "And it shall happen, believe it or not."

Conclusion:

1. Every word in the Bible has either happened, is happening or shall happen.
2. What God says about sin is so! What God says about Hell is so! What God says about Heaven is so! What God says about a coming judgment is so! What God says about salvation being in Jesus alone, is so!
3. Knowing all this is in God's Word, the Bible, do you "believe it or not?" It's your choice.