

IT HAPPENED, IT IS HAPPENING, IT SHALL HAPPEN

Genesis 1:7

Introduction: Whatever God has willed, He had only to speak the Word and it happened. There has not been a single failure nor hesitation, for whenever God spoke, "*...it was so...*" No matter whether God's Word was that of promise or threatening, it has been confirmed and fulfilled. "*...As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be, world without end...*" Whatsoever God decrees, foretells, declares, or promises sooner or later it comes to pass. With this truth in mind, let us review some of the things God has done in the past, some things that He is doing now and things that He has yet to do.

I. THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

1. God spoke and all that we know was created.
2. God told Adam and Eve to not eat of a certain tree and if they did, they would die. They disobeyed and ate of the tree. They were banished from the Garden and they eventually died. It happened.
3. God told Eve that she would give birth in great pain and He told Adam that he would have to work the earth that God had cursed, to make a living. It happened.
4. God told Noah to go build an ark for the world was going to be flooded. Noah built the ark and the world was flooded. It happened.
5. God told Abraham that He was going to be the father of a great nation. He was. It happened.
6. God told Abraham that He was going to destroy the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. He did. It happened.
7. God promised Israel He would deliver them from Egyptian bondage. He did through Moses. It happened.
8. God promised Israel their own land. They got it. It happened.
9. God told Israel if they went away from Him, they would become prisoners. They did. It happened.
10. God told Israel if they would repent and turn back to Him, He would deliver them out of their bondage. They did. He did. It happened.
11. God promised Israel that in the fullness of time He would send them a deliverer. He did. It happened.

II. THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING

1. "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life...*" Today people are believing and it is happening.

2. 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...***" It is happening today. Jesus gives light to everyone who believes in Him and follows Him.
3. 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...***" People are believing in Jesus and are given eternal life. It is happening today.
4. Jesus said "***...He that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out...***" People are finding security and sanctuary in Jesus. It is happening today.
5. Jesus said "***..Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest...***" People are finding that when they turn their lives over to Jesus, He takes their burdens away. It is happening today.
6. Jesus said "***..Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you...***" People today are doing just that, going to Jesus and learning of God. It is happening today.
7. Jesus said "***...Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world...***" People are doing that and it is happening today.

III. THINGS THAT WILL HAPPEN

1. Jesus said "***...I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, ye may be also...***" A place is being made ready for God's family, Christians, in heaven and one day every Christian will be there. It is going to happen.
2. There will come a time when "***every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord...***" Countless care nothing for Jesus right now, but there will come a time when they will have to bow before Him. It is going to happen.
3. One day God will tell the angel to give a shout, blow the trumpet and the dead in Christ shall rise and all living believers shall be changed and be caught up to be with the Lord. It is going to happen.
4. There shall be seven years of terrible tribulation upon this earth after God calls His Children home. It is going to happen.
5. After the seven years of tribulation, Jesus shall return and every eye on earth shall see Him and He will bring His Church with Him. It is going to happen.
6. Satan and all evil will be bound and put away for a thousand years and the world will be in peace. It is going to happen.

7. After a thousand years, Satan and evil will be released for a spell and then Jesus will cast Satan into Hell for all eternity. It is going to happen.
8. All who have lived throughout human history will stand before God in judgment at the Great White Throne. It is going to happen.
9. In heaven, where God's Children will be for all eternity, there will be no more tears, no more pain, no more suffering, no more darkness, no more death. All will be perfect. It is going to happen.
10. In hell, where all unbelievers will be for all eternity, there will be constant pain, agony, darkness, permanent separation from God and no hope of release. It is going to happen.

CONCLUSION:

1. This could go on and on and on, but the message is plain and clear: God's Word has either already happened, is happening this very moment or will happen in the future. It will happen.
2. We can do nothing about what God has done in the past, but we can do something about what God is doing NOW and will do in the future.
3. Now is the time to accept what God's sent His Son, Jesus to do for YOU, us. Believe on Jesus and God will give to you eternal life.
4. Once you have left this world, nothing can be changed. Today, right now is the time to settle where you will spend eternity. So, where will it be? God's Word will happen.