

# Did you know...

- **that the Bible is the only reliable source of how life on this earth began?** (Genesis 1:1-31; Genesis 6:7; Exodus 20:11; Psalm 33:6; Job 26: 7-8, 12; Isaiah 40:26, 28; Mark 10:6; Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:11)
  - Evolution (one of Satan's attacks on God's word) is a "theory" that has never been proven, which actually disqualifies it as a true scientific theory. In the scientific community, just as many scientists believe in the Creator as do people from various cross-sections of society.
- **that God created us to live in peaceful harmony with Him but Lucifer's pride caused him to desire God's position which is how sin came into existence?** (Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:12-19)
  - God never intended for there to be pain, suffering and death. All of these are the results of sin but God's solution to the problem of sin is in the One we call Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:23)
- **that the Bible foretold the rise of the kingdoms of Babylon, Media/Persia, Greece and Rome (imperial & spiritual), all in their chronological order?** (Daniel 2; Daniel 7; Daniel 8)
  - Although there were many other earthly kingdoms, these four would be the primary ones that God's people would be enslaved by due to disobedience to Him.
  - Included in these prophecies is that God's kingdom will also some day be established here on earth. Given that the Bible has been 100% correct in revealing the rise and fall of these earthly kingdoms, we can be assured that Christ will come again. Are you ready?
- **that the Bible teaches that when we die, we "sleep" until the Resurrection and that we don't go straight to heaven or to hell?** (Job 14:10-13; Psalm 104:29; Psalm 146:4; Ecclesiastes 9: 5-6, 10; Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; John 11:11-14; Acts 2:29, 34; 1 Corinthians 15:12-19; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 1 Timothy 6:15-16)
  - Believing that we go straight to heaven or hell is believing Satan's lies (Genesis 3:4).
  - When we attempt to consult the spirits of deceased loved-ones (or anyone else), we're actually consulting evil spirits disguised as our loved-ones, which is why God expressly forbids us from doing so (Leviticus 19:31; Leviticus 20:6; 1 Chronicles 10:13).
- **that the Bible teaches that, although hell will be a reality for the unrighteous, it will NOT mean eternal burning?** (Psalm 37:10, 20; Isaiah 47:14; Isaiah 65:17; Ezekiel 28:18-19; Nahum 1:9-10; Malachi 4:1-3; Matthew 25:46; 2 Peter 3:10; Jude 1:7; Revelation 21:4)
  - The Creator is a God of love (1 John 4:7-8) and wouldn't allow His creation to burn in excruciating pain for eternity. Additionally, heaven would not be a pleasant experience if we knew that people were burning and suffering the entire time.
- **that the Bible teaches that there will be no secret "rapture", leaving the wicked alive for seven years, giving them a second chance?** (Isaiah 24:1, 3; Jeremiah 4:23-27; Jeremiah 25:33; Matthew 24:27; Matthew 24:31; Mark 13:26-27; Luke 17:26-30; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:3)
  - Understanding the theme of the Bible means understanding things in their proper context. The false doctrine of the "secret rapture" is a misunderstanding of Daniel 9:27 and ignores all the texts that clearly state that it will be anything but a secret and that we only have one chance to truthfully serve God.

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## Did you know... (cont.)

- **that the Bible foretold the exact year when Christ, the Messiah, would be baptized (“anointed”) and when He would die?** (Daniel 9:24-27)
- **that we can trust that Christ is our only Savior from sin because He defeated sin and was resurrected from the tomb?** (Matthew 28:1-7; John 14:1-3, 6; John 20; Acts 1:11)
- **that the Bible clearly states that the seventh day of the week (Saturday) is God’s only holy day (the true “Lord’s Day”)?** (Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 16:26; Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 9:10; Psalm 89:34; Isaiah 58:13-14; Matthew 5:17-19; Matthew 12:8; Matthew 24:20; Luke 4:16; Luke 16:16-17; Hebrews 4:4-11; Revelation 1:10; Revelation 14:12)
  - Satan’s most vicious attack on God’s word has been an attempt to change God’s set times and laws (Daniel 7:25). This includes the institution of Sunday worship amongst God’s people. In the end, however, God’s people will hear His call to come out of apostasy (false worship) and into His truth (John 10:16; Revelation 18:4).
- **that the “mark of the beast” will be a matter of worship?** (Revelation 13:15-17; Revelation 14:9-10)
  - Our eternal destiny will be determined by our choice to worship God in truth or to reject Him for any reason (and by doing so, directly or indirectly worshiping Satan).
  - God desires that we remain obedient to His Ten Commandments which is the expression of our love for Him (Deuteronomy 7:9; John 14:15; Revelation 14:12).
- **that God will establish the capital of the universe (the “New Jerusalem”) right here on earth 1,000 years after the Resurrection of the righteous?** (Matthew 5:5; Revelation 20:6; Revelation 21:1-5)
  - At the second coming of Christ, the unrighteous who are alive will die. The unrighteous who were already dead will remain dead. The righteous (those who were resurrected from the dead and those who are alive when Christ returns) will live in heaven for 1,000 years, leaving Satan here on earth with no one to tempt (Revelation 20:1-3). After the 1,000 years, the New Jerusalem will descend from heaven. The unrighteous will all be resurrected to face their final judgment and punishment (the lake of fire).
  - The earth will then be re-created. This Creation will be as God originally intended for life to be before the rise of sin and fall of mankind. This time, however, God’s loving character will have been vindicated and sin, and its effects, will never again come into existence.

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The Holy Bible is a collection of 66 books written by 40 different inspired authors on three different continents over a period of 1,500 years with overwhelming consistency, lending heavily to its supernatural qualities. It tells the story of how God created His people to represent Him on this earth and how sin disrupted that plan. It reveals that the remedy to sin is Jesus Christ and His free gift of salvation. Our way out of sin is through faith in Him that He is the Son of God and that He paid the penalty of sin for all mankind in His death. His resurrection from the grave gives us hope that we, too, can some day live forever in His glory.

Following Christ doesn’t mean that life will be easy; in many regards, quite the opposite is true. But following Him does assure us that when He comes to redeem the righteous from this earth, we will live with Him in eternity without suffering, pain, strife or death. This gift is offered to every one of us, including you, regardless of your past. To receive it, first believe and have faith then walk with Him, allowing Him to guide every aspect of your life through His Holy Spirit.

Will you choose to accept this free gift today? *“Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”* Hebrews 4:7

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