

# GOD WOULD NEVER DO THAT!

*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?*

*Romans 11:33-34*

Most people have a preconceived idea of who God is and what He would or wouldn't do. A gentle, loving, all forgiving God that would never do anything hateful or out of the ordinary. The world's idea of God is one of patience, tolerance, and love, who would never throw someone into hell for their rebellion, disrespect, and blatant rejection of Him. But, "there is no searching of His understanding" (Isaiah 40:28c), or why He has done some of the things written in the word of God. The Bible also says "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Thus, because of our limited mentality, we can never understand the mind of the Lord or why He made some of His people do things that we consider strange or unusual. "For who has known the mind of the Lord that He may instruct Him" (1 Corinthians 2:16a).

But there are many instances in the Bible where the Lord had His servants, or He Himself, do peculiar things as a representation of how He was planning to deal with His enemies, and also His people Israel when they rebelled against Him.

The following eleven stories are proof-positive that the Lord's wisdom and understanding are infinitely greater than ours, and that all we can do is stand back in awe of our supreme creator, the Lord Jesus Christ (Psalm 33:8).

## **1. The Lord made Balaam's donkey talk to him:**

After the Jewish people left Egypt, they traveled to the plains of Moab. When Balak, the king of Moab, saw the great multitude of people, he got scared and sent messengers to Balaam to come and help him. In desperation, he instructed his messengers to tell Balaam to go and curse the people for him so that they would be driven from off the land. At first, Balaam refused because the Lord spoke and told him that he should not curse these people for they are blessed. King Balak then sent other messengers more distinguished than the first to offer Balaam any payment he desired, if only he would go and curse the people. He then agreed to go, and the Lord's anger was kindled against him. As he was riding his donkey, the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way with his sword drawn, and she ran off the road into a field. Balaam then beat her. A little further on, the donkey saw the angel of the Lord again and threw herself against the wall, crushing Balaam's foot. Then Balaam beat her a second time. A little further on, the angel of the Lord stood in a place so narrow that the donkey couldn't get by at all. She then laid down on the road and Balaam beat her a third time. It was then that the Lord caused the donkey to speak and ask Balaam why he had beaten her these three times? After that, the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam and he saw the angel of the Lord standing there with His sword drawn, saying to him "If she had not stopped, I would have slain you."

God wouldn't do that, would He? Oh yes He did! (Numbers 22:1-33)

## **2. The Lord moved David to number the people:**

The anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel and Judah, so He allowed satan to provoke David to go and number the people (1 Chronicles 21:1), which He had specifically told David not to do in order to keep him humble. At the end of nine months and twenty days, Joab reported the number to king David. Then David said unto the Lord, I have sinned greatly for what I have done. So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from Dan, even unto Beersheba, the northern and southern boundaries of Israel, and killed 70,000 men.

God wouldn't do that, would He? Oh yes He did! (2 Samuel 24:1-15)

## **3. The Lord made dogs eat Jezebel:**

Jezebel the queen was one of the most wicked women in the Bible. When Naboth the Jezreelite refused to sell his families' vineyard to King Ahab, he went away sad, laid down on his bed, and refused to eat. Jezebel his wife told him to get up, eat, and let your heart be merry, for I will give you Naboth's vineyard. She then wrote letters to the elders in Naboth's town telling them to proclaim a fast, and get two wicked men to testify against him that he had blasphemed God and the king. Then, take him out and stone him. This they did and sent word to Jezebel that Naboth was dead. She then told King Ahab to go and take possession of the vineyard, which he did. Then the Lord sent Elijah the prophet to Ahab to tell him that dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. Later on, Elisha took over for Elijah as the Lord's prophet. He then commanded one

### **9. The Lord made a man's fingers suddenly appear and write a message on a wall to the king of Babylon:**

King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian army had conquered Judah and Jerusalem. As a result, many of the golden cups and vessels from the Lord's holy temple had been carried away and taken to Babylon. One night King Belshazzar, the grandson of King Nebuchadnezzar (Jeremiah 27:7), made a great feast for 1,000 of his lords. As they drank wine from the golden cups and praised the gods of the Babylonians, the Lord sent forth the fingers of a man's hand and they began to write on a wall. The king became greatly troubled after seeing this and sent for the wise men and the astrologers to interpret the writing. When they could not, the queen remembered that Daniel had interpreted dreams for King Nebuchadnezzar in his time. Daniel was sent for and interpreted the writing. Part of the message was that God had numbered his kingdom and finished it. King Belshazzar died that very night and the kingdom was given to Darius the Mede.

God wouldn't do that, would He? Oh yes He did! (Daniel chapter 5)

### **10. The Lord told Hosea to marry a whore:**

Israel went a whoring after other gods. This was foretold by the Lord unto Moses in Deuteronomy 31:16. He was told that after his death, Israel would forsake the Lord and start worshipping the gods of the strangers in the land where they were going. This they did, and many years later the Lord spoke to the prophet Hosea and told him to marry a prostitute, which he did, by the name of Gomer. She would conceive two sons and a daughter who would represent the Lord punishing, forsaking, and even denying His people for all their idolatries and whoredoms.

God wouldn't do that, would He? Oh yes He did! (Hosea 1:2-9)

### **11. The Lord made a great fish swallow Jonah:**

Nineveh was a great but powerfully wicked city and the Lord was going to destroy it. The Lord told Jonah to go to Nineveh and cry out against it. But Jonah, not willing to do this, tried to flee from the Lord. So he took ship that was going to Tarshish. But the Lord caused a great storm to occur that was threatening to destroy the ship. Then all the sailors were greatly afraid and asked their gods why this was happening. So they cast lots to find the reason for the evil that was coming upon them. And the lot fell on Jonah. Then Jonah admitted to them that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, and in order to save the ship, he told them to throw him overboard, which they did. Then, the Lord sent a great fish to swallow up Jonah. So Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. At the end of this time the Lord spoke unto the fish, and the fish vomited out Jonah onto the dry land. And for a second time he was told to go to Nineveh and preach to the people, which this time he did, and the city, from the king on down to the least of them, repented.

God wouldn't do that, would He? Oh yes He did! (Jonah 1, 2, 3:1-5)

Yes, people will say that God would never do things like that. But guess what, He did do those things and many others too numerous to mention in this study. And the best is yet to come! You see, the Lord has a bone to pick with this evil and rebellious planet, and He's going to pick it clean! It's called the great tribulation! A seven year time of terror (2 Corinthians 5:11a) that's never been seen before and will never be seen again (Matthew 24:21). Anywhere from 80 to 90% of the entire world's population is going to die during this time because of their unbelief and out and out rebellion against God. And, this is not even counting the multiple millions that will be saved and killed for their faith in Jesus Christ (Revelation 6:9-11, 20:4). The Bible describes a time where the earth is burned and few men will be left alive (Isaiah 24:5-6, Jeremiah 25:30-33).

Since the age of grace is rapidly coming to a close, your chance of getting saved before the Rapture occurs and all hell breaks loose on this planet, is getting slimmer and slimmer. The Bible says "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2), not tomorrow, tomorrow may never come!

A very heavy price was paid to redeem our eternal souls from death and hell (Revelation 1:18). And that price was the sinless, spotless blood (1 Peter 1:19) of the Holy Son of God, Jesus Christ who was mocked, tortured, and crucified on our behalf (Matthew 20:18 - 19). He died, was buried, and three days later arose from the dead according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). He made the one and only way for us to get to heaven (John 14:6). Now it's up to us to take that way and live, or reject that way and die (John 3:36).

Again, people will say God would never do those things, but the Bible, God's eternal word, says that He has done them, and promises to do them again. God always keeps His word. He always has, and He always will. So take the free gift of salvation now while there is still time.

AMEN!

of the young prophets to anoint Jehu as the new king of Israel and told him to also destroy the entire family of Ahab because of his and Jezebel's wickedness. Jehu then went to Jezreel where Jezebel was and asked "Who is on my side"? Two or three eunuchs then threw Jezebel out the window and she fell to her death, and before she could be buried, dogs came and ate her body.

God wouldn't do that, would He? Oh yes He did! (1 Kings 21; 2 Kings 9:1-7; 30-36)

#### **4. The Lord told Isaiah to walk barefoot and naked for three years:**

The Lord was going to punish the countries of Egypt and Ethiopia for their idolatry, and He was going to use the king of Assyria to do it. The Lord told the prophet Isaiah to remove his shoes and all of his clothes and walk naked and barefoot for three years as a sign upon those two countries. He then sent the Assyrian army to conquer them, and all the captives, young and old, were led away barefoot and naked to their shame.

God wouldn't do that, would He? Oh yes He did! (Isaiah 20:2-4)

#### **5. The Lord told Jeremiah not to marry:**

The Lord's anger was so greatly kindled against Judah that he told Jeremiah that if both Moses and Samuel stood before him and pleaded for these people, He would not turn away His wrath (Jeremiah 15:1). The Lord told Jeremiah not to marry and have sons and daughters in this place. The Lord then proceeded to tell Jeremiah how all the fathers, mothers, sons and daughters were going to die grievous, or horrible, deaths. It would be so bad that they wouldn't be lamented or buried, but that they would be as dung upon the face of the earth, and that their dead bodies would be meat for the birds of heaven and for the beasts of the earth. Jeremiah was also told not to mourn for them

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#### **6. The Lord told Ezekiel to lie on his side for 430 days:**

The Lord was grieved with both Israel and Judah for all of their rebellion and iniquity which had been going on for a long time. He told the prophet Ezekiel to lie on his left side for 390 days, symbolizing the number of years Israel would bear their iniquity. A day for a year. When he was finished, he was told to lie on his right side for an additional 40 days symbolizing the number of years that Judah would bear their iniquity. Again, a day for a year. A total of 430 days. The Lord also told Ezekiel to carefully measure out his food by weight and then cook it with cows dung, symbolizing that the children of Israel would eat defiled bread among the Gentiles where ever he would drive them to, and that the inhabitants of Jerusalem would eat their food with scarcity because of the coming siege.

God wouldn't do that, would He? Oh yes He did! (Ezekiel chapter 4)

#### **7. The Lord told Ezekiel not to mourn for his dead wife:**

Jerusalem had become so wicked that the Lord had decided to destroy it. He sent King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian army to besiege, conquer, and totally destroy the city, including His Holy Temple which they had profaned. The Lord, using Ezekiel's wife as an example, told him that he would take her, the desire of his eyes, from him that very day but he would not be allowed to mourn her death. In the same way, when the Temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed, the Jews would not be allowed to mourn either.

God wouldn't do that, would He? Oh yes He did! (Ezekiel 24:2, 13-24)

#### **8. The Lord made king Nebuchadnezzar live like an animal for 7 years:**

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon ruled the entire world. His armies conquered wherever they went at that time. But instead of giving God the glory, the king, swelling with pride, boasted that he had built the empire by himself. One night he had a dream and in the dream he saw a huge tree which reached unto heaven. Its leaves were fair and there was much fruit on the branches. Then he saw an angel come down and hew, or cut, the tree down, but leave the stump. He was puzzled at the dream and Daniel was sent for to interpret the dream for the king.

The Lord revealed to Daniel that the tree was king Nebuchadnezzar and that the kingdom would be driven from him for seven years. In that time he would live with the beasts and eat grass like the oxen. At the end of the 7 years, his sanity would return and the kingdom would be given back to him. Twelve months later when the king was bragging about all that he had built, in the same hour, the dream came true and he was driven from among men for 7 years until he realized that it was God that had given him this kingdom and not himself.

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