

Do you believe?

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And he believed YHVH, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

(Genesis 15:6 ESV)

Do you believe our Father, the Creator of heaven and earth? Do you believe that He created heaven and earth in six days? The first chapter of the Bible is under attack. There are those who no longer believe that God created everything in six days. The argument is raised that Genesis 1 is written like poetry and therefore should not be interpreted literally. This might be a good argument. But Exodus 20:11 and 31:17 clearly state that everything was created in six days—and they aren't just a poetical description of creation. Do you believe it?

Do you believe Noah was saved from a worldwide flood? There are those who would assert that the flood was only local—that there was not enough water to cover the earth. How could a local flood wipe out all life? Why did Noah need to get in the ark if it was only a local flood? Do you believe the Word of God or not?

And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?"

(Numbers 14:11 ESV)

The world is full of scoffers today. Scientists tell us that Creation didn't happen, the signs done in Egypt are impossible, the Torah was not written by Moses, and the Bible is not a historically accurate document. Which do you trust more: science or God? There is a people that would have us believe that Jerusalem was never part of Israel and that there never was a Temple. What do you believe?

Times are coming when we will no longer be able to place our trust in our money, our government, our friends, or our family. Only YHVH.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

(Isaiah 43:1-2 ESV)

When they come to gather the believers for destruction will you stand firm? Will you trust God just as Radshach, Meshach, and Abednego? Do you believe that our God, the one who parted the Red Sea, led Israel through the wilderness, and drove out the Canaanites before them—do you believe that He will be able to save you from destruction?

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

(John 14:12 ESV)

He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

(Matthew 17:20 ESV)

Over and over again in the Scripture people performed signs, healed people, even raised the dead to life! Do you believe these things happened? Prophecy, tongues, healing—these are gifts that our Father gives to us. Do you believe that the Miracle Worker will give us the power to perform great works in His name to His glory?

Thus says the LORD: "If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, declares the LORD."

(Jeremiah 31:37 ESV)

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

(Isaiah 49:15-16 ESV)

All throughout Scripture the return of Israel is prophesied. Jeremiah 30 and 31, Ezekiel 37, Isaiah 11, Romans 11, Deuteronomy 30—these are just a few of the passages that promise the return of Israel. Go back and read them. YHVH has NOT forsaken His covenant with Israel. YHVH will NEVER forget His covenant with Israel. Do you believe?

Faith and works

Yeshua said that we would know a tree by its fruit (Matthew 12:33). He also compared faith to a seed (Matthew 17:20). If the seed is our faith, then we should produce works as the seed produces fruit. A seed that does not produce fruit is dead. Faith without works is dead (James 2). Disobedience is a sign of unbelief (Hebrews 3:18-19). Will you act in faith?

For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
(Exodus 20:11 ESV)

The Sabbath is YHVH's mark on the world. It is a witness that He is God. When we keep the Sabbath we are proclaiming that our God is the Creator of heaven and earth (Exodus 31:17). When we keep the Sabbath we are remembering that YHVH brought us out of Egypt, out of slavery (Deuteronomy 5:12-15). When we rest on the Sabbath we are placing our trust in our Father to provide our every need—we are admitting that our works are not enough and that we must rest in Him for security. When we observe the Sabbath we are proclaiming that we believe. This is the fruit that confirms our seed.

Any other mark can be traced back to natural origins. But nowhere in creation do we see any reason for a seven day week other than the fact that YHVH created the heavens and earth in six days and blessed the seventh day.

At the beginning of this article I quoted a Scripture about Abraham's faith. Even Abraham's faith was not without works (James 2:21). Abraham was asked to sacrifice his only son—the son of promise—upon the altar. How could he do such a thing that is clearly against the Torah? Because he believed that Isaac could not die there—that even if he killed him, he must be raised from the dead (Hebrews 11:19). This was the ultimate display of faith. Will we believe the Word of YHVH?