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It Is Finished!

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To understand God and His will more fully, one must realize that some things He has done or promised in the past are finished. What He has done other times may not happen today.

Creation is finished!

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." Genesis 2:1

After God's six-day work of creating the universe, putting all the stars and planets in place, and creating the Earth and all that lives on it, He had it recorded that His creation was finished. No more new creations will be put into outer space, although some may "burn out" or change. There will be no more species of plants or animals created, although many more may be discovered. Man or beast will not transform into something different ("evolve"). God's perfect creation is finished.

God may not deal with the people of today as he has dealt with them in the past! No longer will He destroy mankind as he did in the time of Noah. Although God still supplies our daily needs, most of us will never eat the

daily manna, as did the children of Israel as they fled Egypt. The church and Christ's sacrifice replaced the need for a Temple and priests to present sacrifices on our behalf. Although God still performs incredible supernatural feats in individual lives and for nations, most of the time, He will not deal with circumstances the same way as He has done in the past.

God's Word is finished!

"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

Deuteronomy 4:2

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:"

Revelations 22:18

God made sure all we needed to know was recorded in the written word preserved for the major languages. Today, English-speaking people have His Word exactly the way He gave it to the prophets, scribes, and other men of God. It is preserved in our King James Bible. There is no need to have a modern scholar tell us something that God had "forgotten" to say or something He had preserved incorrectly. What He said thousands of years ago is finished, and nothing is to be added or taken away from it.

Jesus' work is finished!

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said,

It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." John 19:30 Also: John 17:4.

Man's only way to Heaven was finished when Christ died for all of our sins on the cruel cross at Calvary. That day, the price was paid for sin when the blood flowed out of God's only Son.

There is nothing we can do to earn our way to Heaven. There is no religious task we can do that will keep us out of Hell. Also, no one can say certain words that will absolve us of our sins. All that was necessary for our salvation was completed when Jesus died.

There are, however, several things that are not finished. Some prophecies are yet to be fulfilled. All the prophecies about the Messiah's coming were fulfilled when Jesus came and died. Although all of what was predicted about the Messiah hundreds and thousands of years before His birth came true, there are many prophecies about man's last days on this Earth that are yet to come true, as God's Word says they will.

We are still waiting for the promises of His coming and the calling of His own out of this world. We are still waiting for the judgments God promised to the inhabitants of this world to be fulfilled. Those prophecies are yet to be finished.

Lastly, one thing that is not finished is your life. If you are reading this, you still have the opportunity to be saved and

miss Hell. You still have time to do what God commands you to do. However, one day you will not have that opportunity. You will not be able to look out of the flames of Hell, change your mind, and be saved because your time to be saved had passed.

Have you trusted Christ's finished work on the Cross as the only way to Heaven, or are you still putting your trust in what your religion says or what you think you must do to please God? Have you been saved (Rom. 10:9)? Have you done what God has spoken to your heart to do for Him or made the changes to your life that He required? One day it may be too late as your life will be finished here on this Earth.

God Made It. He Will Keep It!

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Psalm 104 is a Hebrew hymn restating the Genesis account of creation. It reminds the Psalm's singer of what God created in this universe and on Earth in six days. Here, the God of creation is given credit for His wonderful works in those days.

God's creation of light (Genesis 1:2) is mentioned, as are all the following summarized five days of what He did. The God-deniers and God-haters, of course, deny God's account and resort to their theories of "accidental" developments of all the amazing wonders we have on this Earth and in the skies.

All the evolutional "accidents" modern "science" claims to be the result of all on this Earth have never been proven, and the theories are constantly changing. Still, those ideas are believed by most.

In recent decades, a new scare tactic has been forced down the throats of a gullible public. It is an attempt to convince people that this planet will soon be uninhabitable or destroyed. This chapter refutes two of those accusations that are causing ungrounded fears.

The first biblical principle taught here (Psalm 104:4) crushes current political propaganda that the Earth will not be around or inhabitable forever. Our planet will experience geological upheavals, changes, and during the final days of sinful man, it will be made new (Revelation 21:1). However, the Earth is here to stay and is not going anywhere, thus saith the Lord!

"Who [God] laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever." Psalm 104:5

As for rising oceans that politicians have attempted to get citizens fearful of, God also says that there are boundaries that waters cannot cross. Although panic is growing that polar ice will melt, and cities and other lands will be flooded, it is contrary to what God promises in His Word. The waters will not invade any further than God has planned them to go.

"Thou hast <u>set a bound that they</u> [water] <u>may not pass over;</u> that they turn not again to cover the earth." Psalm 104:9

Although government scare tactics repeatedly warn of Earth catastrophes man thinks he can control, the Creator of this planet decides what will become of what He has made. God says it will be here forever!

Who do you believe, man, who has a political or financial agenda, or God who loves His creation and all He has made?

"The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works." Psalm 104:31

"If the Father designs to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn and to make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He neglect the soul of man that was made in the image of his Creator?" — William Jennings Bryan

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If a man should go into a far country and see stately edifices there, he would never imagine that those built themselves but that some greater power erected them. To imagine that the work of the creation was not framed by God is as if we should conceive a curious landscape to be drawn by a pencil without the hand of an artist.

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I noticed something interesting while reading a book written in 1872. There was a collection of 15 or so articles on atheism written by preachers of the time. All the

articles were about those that denied that God created the heavens and the Earth.

Without today's pseudo-intellectualism and political correctness hindering them, those preachers publically identified those that did not believe God created the universe as heathens. They warned their "flocks" of those that believed or taught contrary to what the Bible says. Toleration today of unbiblical beliefs has silenced many from calling God-haters and Bible-deniers what they really are. Those against biblical teachings and principles must be identified and avoided, or their false teachings may spread.

"The probability of life originating by accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary originating from an explosion in a print shop." — Edwin Conklin