



Summer Bible Study

Greentown Baptist Church
Wednesday, June 26, 2024

1. Is it possible that God hid Moses' body in the Mariana trench? (Question for a friend)

- It is the deepest such trench known on Earth: 1,580 miles long and up to 43 miles wide. Some measurements in the Mariana Trench have charted depths exceeding _____ miles (36,000 feet). The average depth of the world's oceans is around 2.3 miles (12,000 feet).
- Despite the depth, near freezing temperature, and tremendous water pressure, many different animals live there including snailfish, eels, and varieties of sharks and fish. Only a few people have ever made it to the deepest part of the trench, including James Cameron. In 2022, Dr. Dawn Wright made an interesting discovery at the bottom of the trench: a _____.
- There was a dispute over the body of Moses between the archangel Michael and Satan – Jude 1:9. This is likely over the role Moses will play during the tribulation – Rev. 11:1-14.
- Moses' death is unique as God not only told him where to go to die, but God Himself also _____ him – Deut. 34:5-6. Although no one knows exactly where, the Bible says it was in a valley in _____. BUT...consider Matthew 17:1-8. (Enoch – Gen. 5:24. Elijah – 2 Kings 2)

2. With the world saying that man is the cause of all the issues (weather, climate, starvation, war, etc.) that happen on earth...does that mean if sinful man were to be totally physically removed from the planet that the Earth would become perfect?

- Mankind has certainly _____ God's creation - Is. 24:5; Gen 3:17-18, 6:11-13; Lev. 18:24-25.
- God created the earth with built-in cleansing and purifying mechanisms.
 - During the lockdown of the COVID-19 pandemic, the earth experienced a drastic reduction in certain pollutants.
- While the condition of the earth would improve with mankind's removal in *certain* aspects, it would be far from perfect. Why? Because God created the earth to be _____ - Is. 45:18; Psalm 115:16; Gen. 1:28; Rev. 4:11.

3. A coworker asked: "How can we trust English versions of the Bible to not have flaws in them when God only inspired the original Greek and Hebrew translations, not an English translation?"

- Regardless of the language, this issue is summarized in one simple word: _____. Many Bible carrying, professing Christians do NOT *really* believe that they have the complete, perfect, and preserved word of God...in ANY language.
BUT GOD promised that HE would preserve HIS word – Ps. 12:6-7, 33:11, 100:5, 105:8, 119:89, 119:111, 119:152, 119:160; Pro. 22:20-21, 30:5; Ecc. 3:14; Is. 40:8, 59:21; Matt. 5:17-18, 24:35; Luke 16:17, 21:33; John 10:35, 12:48; 1 Peter 1:23-25.
- God is not bound by language. We know the Jew is His chosen people. We know their language is Hebrew and yet the NT was written in Koine Greek...why? Because it was the universal language of the day and God wants His message to go to the entire world! With Koine Greek now a dead language, it only makes sense that God would translate His word into the next universal language – English!

- There are well known, _____ Hebrew and Greek manuscripts – Vaticanus, Sinaiticus, Septuagint. The fact that they were written in the “original” language does NOT guarantee they are flawless!
- **THINK ABOUT IT**: The God who created everything from NOTHING, who speaks to make things happen, who walked on water, who raised the dead, who made the lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and who performed countless other miracles cannot simply _____ a book He wrote??