

DETAIL, DETAILED, DETAILS

There were times when Moses asked God a question, and God gave him a very **detailed** answer in response (such as this question about inheritance).

- **Numbers 27:5-11:** "And Moses brought their cause before the Lord. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter. And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren. And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren. And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the Lord commanded Moses."

There are times when God tells people to do something, but doesn't give them all the **details** until after they've obeyed the steps He's already given them. (For example, God told Samuel that He wanted him to appoint one of Jesse's children as the next king of Israel, but He said that He wasn't going to tell Samuel which child He had chosen until he went to Jesse.)

- **1 Samuel 16:3:** "And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee."

Eliphaz (one of Job's three friends) said that in the night, he saw a spirit. However, he couldn't make out the **details** of its form.

- **Job 4:15-16:** "Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,"

Although David confessed that he sinned, he didn't go into any **details** about what his sin actually was. He didn't mention the fact that he was guilty of adultery and murder. Instead he only said that he had sinned.

- **Psalms 51:3:** "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."

God knows the **details** of how the kings of nations live their lives (including where they live and what they do).

- **Isaiah 37:28:** "But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me."

The prophecy of Obadiah mentions a time when Jerusalem was conquered and its people carried away captive. However, this happened multiple times in its history and the passage doesn't provide enough **details** to pinpoint the exact date. (It may even be talking about the tribulation era.)

- **Obadiah 1:11:** "In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates,

and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them."

God knows every **detail** of everyone's life. No one can deviate from the plan that God has for them. (God knew exactly what the Chaldeans and their leader was going to do, long before they did it.)

- **Habakkuk 1:6, 10-11:** "For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not their's. ... And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it. Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god."

God knows every **detail** of our lives, including how many hairs are on our head.

- **Matthew 10:30:** "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

There were times when Jesus commanded His disciples to do something, but didn't explain the **details** of how to do it until they asked Him.

- **Luke 22:8-10:** "And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in."

God doesn't require us to question the history of the material goods that we're given. We can accept products without first doing a **detailed** inquiry about their origin. We're not required to investigate whether it came from something evil, and we're not held responsible if it was. Instead we're allowed to accept it at face value.

- **1 Corinthians 10:25:** "Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:"

When Paul had his vision of Heaven he didn't immediately tell everyone about it or try to use the experience to make a lot of money. Instead he kept it a secret. He referred to it with great reluctance and refused to give any **details** about what he saw. (This is very different from the "Heaven tourism" books that are released on a fairly regular basis, which seem to be obvious frauds.)

- **2 Corinthians 12:2-4:** "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

God hasn't revealed the **details** of the change that we'll experience at the resurrection. One day Christians will be transformed, but the details have been kept hidden.

- **1 John 3:2:** "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that,

when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

When we're changed, we'll be made like Jesus. We will be transformed from what we are now into beings who are like Him (although the **details** of that are currently unknown).

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