

True or Fairy Tale?

- The whole nation of Israel released by their Egyptian slave drivers, sent away heavily loaded with all the wealth Egypt voluntary handed over
- Parting of the Red Sea of at least 6 km wide to enable a whole nation cross over on foot during a single night
- 40 years of daily provision for 3 million people stuck in the desert
- The sun standing still at noon for a whole 24 hours while Joshua and Israel defeat the Amorites
- Gideon and an army of just 300 men defeating 135,000 Midianites
- Solomon being able to building the Temple and his palace for an equivalent of \$ 152.2 billion, almost completely in cash (except the wood he paid for with 10 cities)
- 185,000 Assyrian troops besieging Jerusalem being killed in a single night without king Hezekiah and his Israelite troops having to lift a single finger
- Nehemiah sent, instructed, supported and paid by a pagan king to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem
- Jesus turning between 500 and 700 liters of water into the most exquisite wine
- Jairus's daughter, a widow's son and Lazarus raised from the dead
- Jesus feeding 5,000 men plus women and children with just 5 loaves of bread and two fish
- Jesus feeding 4,000 men plus women and children with just 7 loaves of bread and a few small fish
- Peter walking on water
- Jesus instructing Peter to use the coin he finds in the mouth of the first fish he catches to pay their temple tax
- God sending a powerful earthquake to release Paul and Silas from prison
- Paul raising Eutychus from the dead

This is just a tiny fraction of events recorded in the Bible, which we could term miraculous. In none of those instances did God or His people rely on human logic and wisdom, text-book teaching, science or other degrees, banks, finance institutions, man-made politics, and what have you. Most of what happened there we fail to truly comprehend. Stuff like that doesn't fit the mold, our way of life, our experiences and what we call reality, does it?

So are these fairy tales or were they true events? Are these just made-up stories or accurately reported displays of God's power? Believing the former one would mean we'd have to work out and battle through similar challenges today on our own fallible terms, limited power, wisdom and insight. But truly believing that God (still) can do anything He chooses should logically lead us to trust Him more for solutions in all the mess today than any man or even ourselves.

So what's our honest take on this, true or fairy tale?