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Literally

To some people the Bible is not to be taken literally.

The last chapter of Mark, for example is considered to be a late addition, something added after Mark had written his gospel.

God would not judge and destroy anyone, at least that's what some believe. How could a loving God destroy His creation? (Not that creation is believed either because of course Genesis is just a fairy tale for the simple folk of the past!)

And as for the book of Revelation, well, a nightmare brought on by bad food is what some call it.

There is the story of the minister who called to see a dying parishioner. He decided to read aloud something from the old man's Bible but when he opened it he found entire books missing, pages and verses cut out.

"Why have you done this to your Bible?" he asked the dying man.

"There's hardly any of it left."

"I simply cut out those bits you said weren't true," the old man replied. "I didn't want anything that wasn't true so I cut those things out of my Bible."

There are many today that believe the Bible isn't true. Some believe that their doctrine or their denomination has the power and right to change God's written word.

But God is His Word. (John 1 v1) The Bible is God in written form. To delete, adjust and "correct" the Bible is to attempt to delete, adjust and correct God.

Jesus condemned the priests of His day who by their traditions, their doctrines, made the Word of God of none effect. (Mark 7 v6-

13) And Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. (Hebrews 13 v8) If He condemned the church leaders then for allowing their traditions to make the Word of no effect two thousand years ago He will condemn those that do the same today.

The only way to accept and understand the Bible is to accept it all as it is and then ask for the Spirit of the Word, the Holy Spirit, to open it up to you.

Then it will make sense.

Then you will see it is true, every last little word.