

Bamboo



One day Jesus will return and “Poof” all those who have him in their hearts will be taken up to heaven.

Bamboo is like that. Most species have their own “Resurrection Day”...the day every plant in the world of that species will bloom and die...no matter what continent they are growing on...no matter how old the individual plant is. For some species resurrection day comes once every 60-70 years. For most species not so long. One species “mexican weeping bamboo” had never been known to bloom until recently when all the plants in the world bloomed and then died...all at basically the same time.

The same thing happened to “Arrow Bamboo” the staple food of nearly all the Giant Pandas in China. It did not matter if the seeds were planted 20 years ago or 60 the plants all died on the same day...sort of a second coming.

Personally I choose to take this curiosity of Bamboo as a confirmation of Romans 1:20 “The nature of God is made clear in the things he has made”... that the sudden death of all the plants of a certain species on a certain day reflects God’s second coming.

Whether there is any real connection between Bamboo and scripture or not it is Always good to be REMINDED about the things we cannot see. I am not at all sure about the link with bamboo and the second coming but scripture declares boldly that one of God’s purposes for creating the things we can see was to point to “Him” and to the things we can’t..things like faith, hope and love.

Bamboo is a beautiful plant, mostly I think because it MOVES so beautifully in the slightest breeze...another link between the visible and the invisible...what we see is MOVED by what we cannot see. One of the goals of all Christians, child or adult, should be to let God MOVE us through the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Those interested in growing bamboo either outdoors or indoors should visit the American Bamboo Society: www.americanbamboo.org/