

- Have you ever been teased?
- ...laughed at?
- ...ridiculed?
- ...mocked?

Mockers and the Bible

2 Peter 3:1-7

Mockers do not accept the Bible

- As the Word of God
- As Authoritative
- As Actual History
- As Predictive Prophecy

They Reject It as the Word of God

- “The words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets”
 - Old Testament - 1:19-21
 - From God!

They Reject It as the Word of God

- “The commandment of the Lord and Savior”
- “spoken by your apostles”
 - New Testament - 1:16-18

So What?

- Since the Bible is the Word of God it is Authoritative
 - “to which you do well to pay attention...” (1:19)

They Reject It as Authoritative

- “The commandment of the Lord”?
- “Beware of false teachers”
(Matt. 7:15; 24:4-5, 11; Mark 13:22-23; 2 Tim. 4:3-4)

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- “What, then, was the command in which the Old Testament prophets, New Testament apostles and the Lord himself concur? ...

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- “There can be no doubt that it is to live holy lives in the light of the Saviour’s return at the end of history.”

They Reject It as Authoritative

- Mockers follow their own lusts
 - They flaunt disobedience
 - They taunt God’s judgment

So What?

- God has given us His Word so we can know how to live rightly
 - 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Rom. 15:4

So What?

- Obedience leads to righteousness; disobedience leads to death
 - Rom. 1:32; 6:16 23; 8:13; Gal. 6:8

They Reject It as Actual History

- It reveals to us what we could not know otherwise
- Things that seem ridiculous to natural reason but we accept by faith

They Reject It as Actual History

- It reveals:
 - Creation (Power of God)
 - By the word of God (5)
 - Gen. 1-2; Heb. 11:3 (Rom.1)

They Reject It as Actual History

- It reveals:
 - The Flood (Holiness of God)
 - The world...was destroyed
 - Gen. 6-9; Heb. 11:7

They Reject It as Actual History

- Mockers ignore what is revealed
 - They reject the truth
 - They replace the truth

So What?

- If the Bible is wrong about the **past**, there is no reason to believe it about the **future**
 - 2:4-10; 3:5-7 (1 Cor. 15:12-19)

So What?

- If the Bible is wrong about the **future**, there is no reason to believe it about the **present**
 - 3:11-14 (2:5)

So What?

- Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it
 - Luke 17:26-30; Matt. 24:37-39
 - (Jesus believed it to be true)

They Reject It as Predictive Prophecy

- It reveals to us what we could not know otherwise
- Things that seem ridiculous to natural reason but we accept by faith

They Reject It as Predictive Prophecy

- It reveals:
 - The Return of Christ
 - 1:16; Acts 1:9-11; Matt. 24-25

They Reject It as Predictive Prophecy

- It reveals:
 - The End of this World
 - 3:10; Rev. 21:1

They Reject It as Predictive Prophecy

- It reveals:
 - The Judgment to Come
 - 3:7; 2:9-10; Acts 17:30-31

They Reject It as Predictive Prophecy

- Mockers are a sign of the end
 - Mockers – 3:3; Jude 17-18
 - Apostasy – 2 Thess. 2
 - Bad to Worse – Matt. 24-25

So What?

- Trust – God is in control
–2:9; 1 Pet. 4:19
- Obey – Live holy
–3:11, 14; 1 John 3:2-3

So What?

- Does your life demonstrate concern for the future?
–Heb. 11

Heb. 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for his household and waited for God to bring an ark to save him...

Heb. 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household...

Do You Accept The Bible

- As the Word of God?
- As Authoritative?
- As Actual History?
- As Predictive Prophecy?