

- 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)

### Michael Green

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

### Michael Green

- “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 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?