

2 Peter 3:1-10

Caution: God Will Judge The World Suddenly

Introduction:

1. History has an End – Not like Hinduism or Materialism
2. The World Will be Judged in the End
3. Ch. 3 – What False Teachers Believed and Taught
4. Orthodox Christianity: Jesus Will Return to Judge
5. We Need to Be Reminded

The Main Idea of 2 Peter 3:1-10

Christians need to be reminded that the Bible declares there will be those who mock the Faith in these last days, but in God's timing, Jesus Christ will return again as righteous judge.

Peter's Reminder: Remember God's Word (vv 1-3)

1. Beloved, Awaken from Slumber! (**1 Pet 1:13, 2 Tim 4**)
2. Sound Doctrine is the Cure for the Murkiness of False Teaching
3. Many Voices in this World: Listen to the Voice of God
4. Beloved, Remember the Whole Counsel of God
 - a. Predictions of the Prophets of the Old Testament
 - i. **Malachi 4:1-2; Isaiah 66**
 - b. Christ's Command through the Apostles of the NT
 - i. **Matthew 24:42; Luke 21:36**
5. The Voice of the Scoffer or God: Who do you listen to?
 - a. *Own Sinful Desires*: Mockers speak from own heart
 - b. True Teachers speak from the Word of God
6. Beloved, The last days will be characterized by Scoffers
 - a. The Last Days? From Incarnation to Consummation
 - b. We are living right now in the Last Days (**Heb 1:2**)

The False Teacher's Rejection (vv 4-10)

1. Myth: Where is Jesus? He isn't Coming!!! (**v 4a**)
 - a. Jesus was just being Metaphorical
 - b. He is not going to Judge
 - c. Find Historical Jesus behind the Myth and Miracles
2. Science: Creation and History (**v 4b**)
 - a. History & Creation will have no end – it will go on
 - b. God is not involved in this World; No Intervention
 - c. There is no end to all things, there is no Judgment

3. Moral/Ethical: (**vv 7, 10**)

- a. Your God does Not Look like a God of Love
 - b. Your God looks arbitrary & temperamental
 - c. God is ALL Forgiving with NO Judgment
 - d. A God of Justice is a God of Love!
 - e. The Substitutionary Atonement is Good News
 - f. Scoffer: The Cross = Divine Child Abuse
4. Individual: God is Slow to Fulfill His Promises (**vv 8-9**)
- a. God is on My Timetable – 40/2000 years = too long
 - b. God is Young, Infinite, Omnipresent, Eternal I Am
 - i. Created Time
 - ii. Relationship with Time is different than ours
 - c. Time is Relative to Age and Pleasure
 - i. God is Eternal and Full of Joy!
 - ii. False Teachers have a Juvenile Idea of God

Peter's Rebuttal: Know The Facts! (vv 2-3, 5--10)

1. Embrace & Submit to the Biblical Truth (**vv 2-3**)
 - a. God's Word is Truth – Believe It!
 - b. There will Be Scoffers & Jesus WILL Come Again
2. Science & History & Future Judgment (**vv 5-7**)
 - a. God Created the World by His Word out of Nothing
 - i. Christians do not believe Humanistic Evolutionary Theory (**Hebrews 11:3**)
 - ii. *Creatio Ex Nihilo* (**Genesis 1:1-2**)
 - iii. Do not place modern scientific language on the Biblical Witness
 - b. God Judged the World by His Word – The Flood
 - c. God Keeps the World for Judgment by His Word
 - i. Literal Water in the Flood → Literal Fire
 - ii. Day of Judgment = everything will be affected
3. Time & Love (**vv 9-10**)
 - a. Why does the Lord seem Slow to Judge?
 - b. Not all of His Sheep are in His Fold Yet (**see Jn 6**)
 - c. Loving Patience: God's Patience is toward His People – the audience is the Church (**see Ch 1:1**)
 - i. *God is patient toward you all, not willing that any of you all will perish but all of you will repent!*
 - d. God's Patience Will Run Out
 - i. Jesus will come Unexpectedly (like a thief)
 - ii. All will be exposed
 - iii. Christians don't need to worry, the lost do...