

The First Thing to Know: Scoffers Will Come

2 Peter 03:01–07

<p>1 <i>Arouse your minds to be pure, wholesome thinking; so you can remember</i></p> <p>a. Remember the words of the prophets</p> <p>b. Remember what has been preached</p> <p>2 <i>They come in the last days, in our day and time</i></p> <p>3 <i>They walk after passion</i></p> <p>4 <i>They scoff and ridicule the return of Christ</i></p> <p>5 <i>They deliberately forget</i></p> <p>a. That God’s Word created the world</p> <p>b. That God’s Word destroyed the world</p> <p>c. That God’s Word reserves the world for destruction by fire</p>	<p>1 Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.</p> <p>2 I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Saviour through your apostles.</p> <p>3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.</p> <p>4 They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”</p> <p>5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.</p> <p>6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.</p> <p>7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.</p>
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