

Introduction To Our Study

What did the Holy Spirit want us to remember in the last study?

**If false teachers, university professors and pastors are not the authority,
what is the authority?**

Who Will Come In the Last Days?

2 Peter 3:3

- 1. When did the last days start and when will they end?**
- 2. What is the meaning of mockers? Who are the mockers?**
- 3. What motivates the mockers to mock?**

What Do The Mockers Claim?

2 Peter 3:4

1. The Greek word for “coming” is *parousia*. It occurs 24 times in the N. T. and only _____ times the word refers to the 2nd Coming of Christ.

2. Next, we will compare the rapture to the 2nd Coming of Christ.
 - Where is the rapture described?

 - Give three reasons why we should believe there will be a rapture.
 - First reason:

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3. Here is why we know Peter is not describing the rapture.

The Rapture

1. Christ comes in the air and returns to heaven
– 1 Thess 4:17
2. Christ gathers the elect – 1 Thess. 4:16-17
3. Christ comes to reward – 1 Thess 4:17
4. Elect are resurrected – 1 Thess 4:15-16
5. Believers leave the earth – 1 Thess 4:17-18
6. Unbelievers stay on earth – 1 Thess 4:17-18

Second Coming of Christ

1. Christ comes in the air and to the earth –
Zechariah 14:1-4; Revelation 19:7-19
2. Angels gather the elect – Matthew 24:31
3. Christ comes to judge – Matthew 25:31-46
4. No resurrection – Revelation 19:7-19
5. Believers come to earth – Revelation 19:7-19
6. Unbelievers are removed from the earth –
Matthew 25:31-46

What Do The Mockers Claim?

2 Peter 3:4

4. Why would the mockers' teaching seem convincing?

Mockers Intentionally Distort Truth

2 Peter 3:6-7

3. What is his second example?

3. What is his third example?

Mockers Intentionally Distort Truth

2 Peter 3:8-9

1. The mockers also ignored the fact that God does not operate according to _____.
2. What attribute of God did the mockers ignore?

Conclusion

2 Peter 3:3-9

1. We cannot _____ anyone!
2. Second coming of Christ is _____ a myth or fanciful story.
3. Name three attributes of God that Peter refers to.