

Study 6

Read 2 Peter 3:1-7

SUMMARY OF THE PASSAGE

Some of the biblical doctrines that false teachers can deny are the coming of Christ and the final judgment. However, these truths were taught by the prophets of the Old Testament and the apostles of the New Testament. Anyone who says that God has no plan for the future of the world is ignoring the power He demonstrated in Creation and the Flood. God is the One who sustains the world, and one day He will judge every ungodly person.

MEMORY VERSE

2 Peter 3:7 (NIV)—By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How many other letters did Peter write to this group (3:1)
2. Whose words does Peter want his readers to remember (3:2)?
3. Who does Peter say will come in the last days (3:3)?
4. What argument are the false teachers making in this passage (3:4)?
5. What truth do the false teachers ignore or overlook (3:5)?
6. What were the components of the creation of the world (3:5)?
7. What Old Testament story is Peter referring to in 3:6?
8. What does Peter say will one day happen to earth (3:7)?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How well do you know what the Bible says about “the end of the world”?

 - What is the advantage of knowing ahead of time that mockers will come?

 - What are some ways that you can demonstrate respect for the word of God?

 - How is your life affected by a better understanding of God as the Creator?

 - How is your life affected by a clearer understanding of God’s judgment?
1. Read 2 Peter 3:1-7 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

 2. What is his objective, according to verse 1?

 3. What two things does he want them to remember, according to verse 2?

 4. What is going to be happening in the last days, according to verse 3?

 5. What question is going to be asked, according to verse 4?

 6. What is their main argument, according to verse 4?

 7. How was the world in the past destroyed, according to verse 6?

8. What is the destiny of the “present heavens and earth,” according to verse 7?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is Peter’s purpose to stir them up by way of a reminder.

LESSON #2: We need to remember the words of the prophets and the commandment of the Lord.

LESSON #3: We should not be surprised by the mockery of those who know not the Christ.

LESSON #4: It is not always going to be business as usual because God is faithful to fulfill His promises.

LESSON #5: Judgment is certain because God has promised that it will happen.

LESSON #6: The best way to remember is to memorize it and hide it in your heart.

LESSON #7: The best defense is to remember what you know.