

ALL SCOFFING CAME TO AN END

“First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come’ (2 Peter 3:3)

Here are some things we know about Noah and the flood.

- God saw the wickedness of man and decided to destroy mankind with a flood (Gen. 6:7).
- Up to that time God had not caused it to rain upon the earth (Gen. 2:6).
- Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Gen. 6:8).
- God instructed Noah to build an ark to preserve seed (Gen. 6:14).
- Noah was a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5).
- Only eight people were on the ark (1 Pet. 3:20).
- All of the animals and people were on the ark 7 days before the flood began (Gen. 7:4).
- The flood water came from two sources. First God caused all the springs of the great deep to burst forth. Second, God caused it to rain for 40 days and 40 nights (Gen. 7:11, 12).
- The flood waters covered all the high mountains under the entire heavens (Gen. 7:19).
- Everyone who was not on the ark died (2 Pet. 3:6).
- We know that in the last days scoffers will deny the flood (2 Pet. 3:1 - 6).
- We know that the Second Coming of Christ will be like it was in the days of Noah (Matt. 24:37).

Here are some things we assume:

- We assume that Gen. 6:3 indicates that Noah preached and prepared for 120 years.
- We assume that since there are scoffers now, there must also have been scoffers then.
- We assume that those who rejected the message of Noah scoffed.
- We assume that the scoffing increased during those last 7 days after everyone was on the ark because it had not yet started to rain.
- We can be absolutely certain that all scoffing did come to an end. Some might have quit when it began to rain, others when the flood waters forced them to the high mountains, and still others in the last moments of their life. But all scoffing did come to an end!

Unfortunately, this is the way it will be when Jesus comes again. The smug professors with their condescending smiles will find out too late how wrong they were. The “main stream moguls” who modeled immorality for the masses will cry for the mountains and rocks to fall on them (Rev. 6:16). Those who bragged about their blasphemy will be rewarded with eternal sadness. Imagine, if you will, how confident the scholars must have been in refuting Noah. The very idea of “rain”, they would shout, was a scientific impossibility. “Everybody” knew that water came “up” from the ground and not “down” from heaven (Gen. 2:6). That strange preacher named Noah was definitely crazy. In fact, they probably smirked that the only people that Noah convinced to get in the ark were members of his own family. The gray bearded sages must have given “scoffing” an air of respectability. . They spoke with such a united voice that it seemed an easy choice for the average person. You could stand with the scoffers, the scientific community, the environmental specialists, and the masses, or you could follow that lonely, strange, and eccentric preacher. Statistically speaking, it did not seem possible for Noah to be right and everyone else to be wrong.

Those last 7 days must have been especially rewarding for the scoffers. Remember, the Lord shut the door to the ark 7 days before it began to rain (Gen. 7:4, 16). Each day the scoffers could triumphantly point their fingers and say “I told you so”. Each day seemed to make it all the more obvious how wrong Noah was. The local people, of course, had known about the ark for years, but now their jokes became more funny and their criticism even more believable.

Then, as you know, all the scoffing came to an end! Please don’t let it happen again!