

## The God of History

II Peter 3:5-7

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Summary: In spite of those who mock and deliberately ignore the Lord Jesus, the God of history reigns supreme. God started history and He remains in charge of history, right to the end when the ungodly are judged by fire. In the meantime, in the greatness of His compassion He rescues people, to be set apart for Him, as His very own.

1.
  - A. Mockers ridiculed Jesus severely during His first coming; what will characterize mockers regarding His second coming, and what will they be saying?  
(Mark 15:16-20, 15:29-32, 2Peter 3:3-4).
  - B. What is God like whom they mock, and what has He spoken? What makes the phrase, “*BY THE WORD OF GOD*” nothing less than **profound**?  
(Genesis 1:1-3, Psalm 90:1-11, Isaiah 40:8, 46:8-11, Mark 13:23-26, 14:60-62, John 3:16-17, 14:1-3, Romans 5:8-9, 1Peter 2:24, 2Peter 3:5).
  - C. The phrase, “*it escapes their notice*” in the original Greek indicates a defiant turning away from God and what He has spoken in His Holy Word. What is a better way of responding to Him who is almighty, and yet full of compassion?  
(Micah 6:8, Luke 18:9-14, Rom. 10:9-10, Hebrews 4:14-16).
2.
  - A. How does the LORD God demonstrate that He continues to be in charge of history?  
(2Peter 3:6).
  - B. The evolutionary humanism of man tries to overlook the flood; especially that it was an act of judgment for sin by a holy God. What makes the historic event of a world wide flood so important for us to learn from?  
(Psalm 29:1-11, Rom. 15:4-6, Colossians 1:15-17, Heb. 1:1-3).
  - C. What else motivates us to follow the ways of God instead of the ways of man?  
(Jeremiah 17:5-8, Lamentations 3:19-23, John 15:9).
3.
  - A. What will be the final judgment, as God demonstrates His invincible sovereignty, consistent with His holiness, right to the very end?  
(2Peter 3:7).
  - B. Sometimes God is accused of being harsh. How do we know this is not the case?  
(Psalm 51:3-4, 130:3, Isaiah 6:1-3, Rom. 2:4-11, 2Thessalonians 1:8-9).
  - C. We could say that we have been in the last days since the New Testament was written in the first century. Why is God waiting? Why are we here, as God’s people?  
(Matthew 28:18-20, 1Cor. 10:31, 2Cor. 5:15, 2Peter 3:8-9).