

**"SCOFFERS"****Introduction**

1. One of the ways men sin is by scoffing
2. We see here a prophecy of this fact
3. It is certainly true of people today

**1. WE MUST NOT BE SURPRISED TO FIND SCOFFERS**

- 1) v.3: "There shall come... scoffers":
  - (i) when? "in the last days", i.e. NT times
  - (ii) their character: "lusts", i.e. they love to indulge
- 2) What is a scoffer?
  - (i) not all unbelievers scoff as some do
  - (ii) to scoff is to delight in defying God:  
**ILLUSTRATION:** Pharaoh; Sennacherib; Belshazzar
  - (iii) they laugh at what God has said
- 3) Sinners scoff at everything that is good + holy:
  - (i) the origin of the world: "Six days"
  - (ii) the Moral Law: "We are not born sinners"
  - (iii) the gospel's message of salvation by Christ  
**OBSERVE:** The holier anything is the more they scoff
- 4) The particular form of scoffing here: v.4
  - (i) "the promise of his coming" i.e. Christ's
  - (ii) argument: uniformitarianism  
**APPLICATION:** Young people, do not be surprised at it.

**2. THE SCOFFER IS WILLINGLY IGNORANT OF MANY THINGS**

- 1) God here shows us that the scoffer is very wrong
- 2) The scoffer has shut his eyes to many things: v.5:

- (i) The truth about creation: "Let there be..."  
We refer to it as FIAT and FULFILMENT
- (ii) The wonderful world we live in
- (iii) The reality of the Flood: v.6
- (iv) The present world is under God's control: v.7
- (v) There will be a cosmic fire at last: v.7

- 3) The scoffer needs to be told:
  - (i) there is a Day of Judgement coming
  - (ii) this Day will result in the destruction of the wicked  
**OBSERVE:** See how reckless and mad it is to scoff!  
**ILLUSTRATION:** card-players in the time of fire; boys playing with a petrol-can
- 4) But why is Christ so long in coming?
  - (i) v.8: God does not count time as we do
  - (ii) v.9: God loves sinners to come to Christ  
**APPLICATION:** See how perfectly God answers the scoffer!

**3. EVERY PROMISE OF GOD WILL BE FULFILLED IN THE END**

- 1) Everything that scoffers scoff at will come to pass in God's time: v.10 – "the day...WILL come"
- 2) The promises of God are absolutely true:
  - (i) to Noah: the Flood
  - (ii) to Abraham + Lot: Sodom
  - (iii) to David: the royal line of Christ
  - (iv) to Daniel: the 5 Kingdoms
  - (v) to the Jews: the Fall of Jerusalem in AD70
  - (vi) to the Gentiles: the gospel would be preached
- 3) There is yet this great PROMISE to come: the Second Coming of Christ in all His glory: v.10:
  - (i) the whole universe is to be burned up
  - (ii) "new heavens and new earth": v.13
  - (iii) the great separation of all mankind  
**APPLICATION:** Where will the scoffer be then?

## CONCLUSION

1. Jude says the same thing
2. **Illustration**: the man in the coach!
3. Therefore believe the gospel

### **PSALM**

**4: 1 – 6**

**2: 1 – 8**

**26: 4 – 10**