

gnashing of teeth.' (Matt. 24: 45-51.) In this prophecy the difference between the two classes of teachers is, the one is giving instruction to the household in due season when the Master cometh, and the other class of teachers, who oppose, say that His coming is to be delayed. The greater portion of the ministry have already taken sides on this question, and it is noticeable in their preaching and in their writings."

"There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as thy were from the beginning of the creation.' " (2 Peter 3: 3, 4.) "Willingly ignorant," says the same apostle. Remember it is recorded that men would talk thus only in the last days. "Mockers in the last time," says Jude.

In all the history of the past only a comparative few have believed or heeded the warnings of the prophets. It was so in the days of Noah, Micah, Jeremiah, Jesus, etc. It never has been, it is not now, popular to believe God. If you have the courage to believe and declare your faith in the literal fulfilment of the remaining items of prophecy, you will soon find yourself "a speckled bird." Never mind. Let no one hesitate to be a Noah to his generation. Noah was on the right side when the flood came.

The great mass of professing Christians and the world at large, in spite of Noahs and Jeremiahs, have not known "the time of their visitation." They "knew not until the flood came and took them all away. So shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." Why did they not know? Not for lack of faithful warning, but because they did not believe the message. Alas, for the scoffing multitude!

*"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts*