



Fable, Fairytale, or Fact? (Part 3)

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2 Peter 1:19



16 For we did not follow ingenious myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **17** For when He received honor and glory from God the Father such a voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." **18** And we heard this voice borne out of heaven when we were with Him in the holy mountain. **19** And we have the prophetic Word made more sure to which you do well to pay attention as a

lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. **20** Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation. **21** For no prophecy was ever made by the will of man, but men, moved by the Holy Spirit, spoke from God.

– 2 Peter 1:16-21, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

The Passage is Also Found on Page 183 of the New Testament Section of the Pew Bibles

Introduction

It is certain that Christ will return; until then give yourselves to the prophetic Word of God.

I. An Eyewitness Testimony to the Factuality of the Faith (2 Peter 1:16-18)

- A. Negatively: Christ's Return is not a Myth We Followed (16)
- B. Positively: Christ's Return is Prefigured in His Transfiguration We Witnessed (16-18)

II. An Enduring Testimony to the Factuality of the Faith (19-21)

A. The Trustworthiness of Scripture (19)

1. The Confirmation of the Word (19a)

a. What does Peter mean when he says that the prophetic Word is "more sure"?

(1) The adjective "prophetic" (*proph tikon*) is only found here and Romans 16:26

(2) *Prophetic Word* = the _____ Scriptures

(3) Comparative: The prophetic word is "more sure" than what?

(a) The confirmation of the OT prophecies

"The opinion that Peter compares the prophetic Word with the transfiguration and calls this Word more "sure" than the transfiguration (v. 17, 18) or in all the majesty which the apostles came to see in Christ (v. 16-18) is untenable. No, after seeing Christ's majesty the Old Testament prophecies were surer than ever to the apostles; they based nothing of their preaching on "myths" of any kind. By its fulfillment the fulfilled prophecy is naturally made more sure than it was while it was still awaiting fulfillment." [Lenski, 293]

(b) Debate among the Jews as to the authority of a heavenly voice
(*bath qol* - 'daughter of the voice')

2. The Commendation of the Wise (19b)

a. The Consideration

b. The Condition

"Do right—till the stars fall
from the sky— do right!"
[Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.]

B. The Divine Origin of Scripture (20-21)