

Series "Knowing And Growing In Christ"
"The Certainty Of His Return"
2 Peter 3:1-10
Study-8

2 Peter 3 – Peter reminds the believers of the promise in God's Word in both OT and NT of His Return!

No other books of the Bible have been more attacked than Jude, 2 Peter. Both speak of a Return of Jesus Christ and Judgment.

Thought Of The Passage: "The Lord's Return Is Made Sure By His Promise Of His Coming And The Recorded Truth Of His Coming."

1. Verses 1-4 – The Promise Of His Coming

2. Verses 5-10 – The Proof Of His Coming

1. Verses 1-4 – The Promise Of His Coming:

2 Peter 3:1 – "This is now," – Context: Peter left off confronting the false teachers. 2 Peter 2 – Faith's Contentions: Keep Resisting False Teachers.

Peter said the false teachers have turned from God's holy commandment – 2 Peter 2:21.

"Now" – 2 Peter 3, Contrasts that of the believer – 2 Peter 3:2.

2 Peter 2:21 – False Teachers like a "Dog and pig;" versus 2 Peter 3:1 – Believers, "dear friends."

2 Peter 3 – Faith's Consummation: Keep Trusting Jesus.

"beloved" – 4X – 1, 8, 14, 17; "loved of God, dearly loved, beloved of God."

"the second letter I am writing to you" – The first being 1 Peter 1:1-2.

"in which I am stirring up" – "to arouse or awaken fully."

"your sincere mind" – Greek word – "sun judged" – One that purchased a vase would take the material outside and hold it up to the sun to examine it. "sincere" – Latin: "without wax."

"your sincere mind by way of reminder," – Peter, being a good Pastor/Shepherd, is reminding the sheep, 2 Peter 1:12-15.

2 Peter 3:2

Remember The OT: "that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets" – Contrast to the False Prophets/False Teachers, 2 Peter 2.

2 Peter 1:20-21

"and the commandment of the Lord and Savior" – Remember The Gospels: "spoken by your apostles." – Remember The Epistles: Note "holy prophets" and "by your apostles" – Peter believed in the unity of Scripture, both OT and NT, Acts 2:42.

Verses 3-4 – Mockers In The Last Days: 2 Peter 3:3 – "know this first of all" – Literally, "above all else;" that the event of mockers is to be noted.

"mockers will come with their mocking," – "mockers" – "to take lightly that which should be taken seriously, reproach, ridicule;" The character of these people, Jude 17-19.

"following after their own lusts," – the words "following after" – "to travel or go;" Course of conduct or long-term behavior, 2 Peter 2:18.

Believers embrace giving an account to GOD – Romans 14:12.

2 Peter 3:4

The Accusation: "and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?'" – They don't look to Scripture! Like in Malachi's Day! Malachi 2:17

"For ever since the fathers fell asleep," – OT, Fathers, possibly James, Stephen.

"all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." – Argument: "Things remain the same, so it won't happen."

2. Verses 5-10 – The Proof Of His Coming:

2 Peter 3:5

Peter Reveals 4 Proofs Regarding His Coming:

Proof #1 – Verses 5-7 – God’s Powerful Word:

“For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice” – Literally, “deliberately ignore the facts, deliberately are ignorant of.”

Remember God Is The Creator: “that by the Word of God the heavens existed long ago, earth was formed out of water and by water,” – Genesis 1:9.

Romans 1:18-19

By not seeking out the one who made us, we find ourselves as those who “suppress the truth.”

Remember God’s Past Judgment: 2 Peter 3:6 – “through which” (The World).

“world” – system of order – “at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.” – Water used in creation was then used to destroy the earth. Flood during Noah’s time: Genesis 6-8 – God graciously gave people 120 years.

Psalms 115:3; Hebrews 11:7

2 Peter 3:7

God Is Preserving The Earth: “But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire,” – Colossians 1:17.

Psalms 102:25-26

Genesis 9:8-17

“kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.” – Revelation 20.

Proof #2 – Verse 8 – From Scripture: 2 Peter 3:8 – Psalm 90:4

“But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved,” – Peter’s enduring word to these believers – don’t let the facts be hidden from you.

“that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day” – God’s never in a hurry.

Romans 11:33-34

God is not on the same timetable that we are.

Proof #3 – Verse 9 – God’s Delay Is Due To His Mercy:
2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow about His promise,” – God is not tardy; or to loiter, linger.

“as some count slowness,” – Acts 1:7; Matthew 24:36.

God’s Love Is Seen Through His Patience: “but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” – We are in a grace period! 1 Peter 3:20

Ezekiel 18:23

Proof #4 – Verse 10 – The Promise Of Jesus Christ:
2 Peter 3:10

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,” – Matthew 24:43-44; 1 Thessalonians 5:2.

“heavens” – 5X in this chapter, Verses 5, 7, 10, 12, 13.

Peter describes the day of the Lord with 3 phrases:

- 1. “heavens will pass away with a roar”** – “crackling, like a forest fire, or with a great crash,” Matthew 24:35.
- 2. “and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat,”** – basic atomic components that make up the universe.
- 3. “and the earth and its works will be burned up.”** – This earth and everything in the material realm. This is the real “Global Warming.”

Application:

1. Don’t Let The Mockers Trouble You: They Are Actually Fulfilling Scripture By What They Are Saying And Doing.
2. Mockers Are Willfully Ignorant Of The Promise Of His Coming.
3. Don’t Be Discouraged By Current Events Because God Is On The Throne.