

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER
THE COMBAT FAITH SERIES

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DIASPORA OR DISPERSION THROUGHOUT
THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

2-PETER CHAPTER 3:1-9

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Any Day Now”

The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

2 Peter 3:1-9

Beloved, I now write to you this second **epistle** (in both of which I **stir up** your **pure minds by way of reminder**), **2** that you may be **mindful** of the words which were spoken before **by the holy prophets**, and of the **commandment of us**, the **apostles** of the Lord and Savior, **3 knowing this first**: that **scoffers** will come in **the last days**, **walking** according to their own lusts, **4** and saying, **“Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”** **5** For this they **willfully** forget: that **by the word of God** the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, **6** by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. **7** But the heavens and the earth which are now **preserved** by the same word, are **reserved** for **fire** until the day of **judgment** and **perdition** of **ungodly** men. **:8** But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord **one day** is as a **thousand years**, and a **thousand years** as **one day**. **9** The Lord is not **slack** concerning His promise, as some **count** slackness, but is **longsuffering** toward us, not willing that **any** should perish but that **all** should **come to repentance**.

The “Biblically-Futuristic” Aspects of the Scripture.

Isaiah 46:9-10

For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, :10
Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times
things that are not yet done...

Isaiah 45:21-22

Declare what is to be, present it — let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and Savior; there is none but me. :22 “Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

Isaiah 42:9

Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

John 14:29

“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does
come to pass, you may believe.

Revelation 19:10

And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do
that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of
Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My
Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go
to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will
come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Luke 12:35-36a

“Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; **36** and you yourselves be
like **men who wait** for their master.

Titus 2:13

Looking for the blessed hope
and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for
the hope of righteousness by faith.

Church – the great and awesome future events of the Bible, events
that generations have studied and looked for - - are forming before
us – and we are the generation that is to recognize SCRIPTURE AT
WORK IN THE WORLD and to apply that reality to our lives.

Look Around You Christian,
Nothing is falling Apart, Everything is Falling into Place.

I think it was Victor Feldman who said

“Stop the World, I want to get off”

The Late Comedian Robin Williams said,

“I only book my shows in Las Vegas one night at a time, it’s a hideous and gaudy place. It may not be the end of the world – but you can see it from there”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2020/03/17/not-end-of-the-worldcoronavirus-bible-prophecy/>

Any Day Now

1.) It’s a good day to know for sure

vs. 1-2

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know for sure.

1a.) That you are in the family of God

vs. 1a

2 Peter 3:1a

Beloved, I now write to you

What is meant by Peter when he says that you are the “Beloved”

Beloved grk: **ag-ap-ay-tos** – worthy ones, favored ones, ones who are of grace. To be defined by His grace.

The **Beloved** are the ones who: **have been singled out**

The **Beloved** are the ones who: **have an understanding of life**

The **Beloved** enjoy **having a deeper reality/purpose**

The **Beloved** are ones who are experiencing **the will of God in them**

1 John 3:1-2

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know for sure.

1b.) That you have the mind of God

vs. 1b-2a

2 Peter 3:2a

this second **epistle**

(in both of which I **stir up** your **pure minds by way of reminder**),

2 that you may be **mindful**...

Epistle **grk: epistole**; this letter, this communique, this information.

Stir up **grk: diegeiro; dee-eg-i'-ro** - to arouse completely, fully awake, to be aroused(2), stir(1), stirred up(1), stirring(1), woke(1).

“by way of reminder”

Is to rub, score, emboss, etch – to draw the line or to write it down with the intent to follow – telemetry or that which is teleonomic.

Repetition is one of the strongest teachers

(lay down the word over and over again – not as a novelty, but as a stability)

Philippians 3:1-2

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. :2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

A Warning for Today

Stop trying to be novel and unique – Jesus is not into fleeting whims or passing fads.

Repeat. Repeat. Repeat.

(it's why there are four Gospels – same truth from different angles)

We need to be constantly reminded of the facts

It's a fact that:

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

It's a fact that:

Psalm 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

It's a fact that:

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

It's a fact that:

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying:
“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

It's a fact that:

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know for sure.

1c.) That you know the witness of God

vs. 2b

2 Peter 3:2b

of the words which were **spoken before** (#1) **by the holy prophets**, and of the **commandment of** (#2) **us**, the **apostles** of (#3) the **Lord and Savior**,

- the ministry of God's **holy prophets**
- the “Repeat” Ministry of The New Testament and of the **commandment** of us – {en-tol-ay}
- the **apostles** of **the Lord and Savior**,

Any Day Now

2.) It's a good day to know you're ready

vs. 3-6

Any Day Now

Today Is a good day to know you're ready.

2a.) Being ready is being vigilant

vs. 3-4a

2 Peter 3:3-4a

knowing this **first**: that **scoffers** will come in **the last days**,
walking according to their own lusts, **4** and saying,
"Where is the promise of His coming"

knowing this **first**:

In preparation for you being able to endure the Last Days –
Know This **"Future Truth"** First!

that **scoffers** will come

scoffers **grk: empaiktes; emp-heck-tace** to make light of, to ridicule, to make a mockery of, to belittle someone.

(this is an indicator – so look for it)

in **the last days**,

(this is an indicator – so look for it)

walking according to their own lusts,

Verse 4a

4 and saying, ***"Where is the promise of His coming"***

They either say that He is delaying His return in their teaching or they deny His physical return in their teaching.

Matthew 24:45-51

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, “My master is delaying his coming,” 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Notice – what kind of a person, and for what reasons do they argue away or argue against the return of Jesus Christ?

Don't Interrupt My Lifestyle

Every child of God is either convicted or exhorted or excited to see Jesus Appear. I have never known a Christian to say;
“I hope Jesus Christ doesn't come back today”

“These are willfully ignorant – they see what's written, they hear what's preached, they know better – but they refuse to believe it as a reality. Having “spiritualized” away the warning, they dismiss the existence of Judgement, they mock the existence of hell and the end of the world.”

As I look around at the global events of our day,

More biblical events are in-line to be fulfilled then at any other time in human history. (#1) The regather of the Jewish people back into their promised land. (#2) The Reestablishment of the (modern) State of Israel. (#3) The Islamic agenda to annihilate Israel. (#4) The rise of Russia and the nations of Ezekiel 38. (#5) The call for a global cashless numeric currency. (#6) The dissolving of borders and national sovereignty and (#7) the embracing a one world government. (#8) The increasing of global tensions and (#8) The sudden decline weakening of the United States of America.

Massive drug abuse, unbridled and aberrant lust, senseless violence, the breakdown of authority, lawlessness and chaos.

According to the Bible all these things must be activated as we approach the end, when at the appointed time a man will arise (known in the bible as the Antichrist who will come upon the World scene. A man who has the answer for global economic debt, a man who has the answer to stop all violence in a man who has the answer to heal all diseases, sickness and viruses.

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So what keeps you from being forgiven right now, why would you not be washed clean of all guilt and shame, why not receive His salvation today?

A Sneak Peek Ahead

9 The Lord is not **slack** concerning His promise, as some **count** slackness, but is **longsuffering** toward us, not willing that **any** should perish but that **all** should **come to repentance**.

_____ *End of Study* _____

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