

2 Peter 05 – 3:1-12

1. 3:1-2 – Peter’s Purpose

- a. Peter authored both epistles to the same audience – 1 Pet 2:9
- b. His purpose: Remember the prophets and apostles – 2 Pet 1:12-14
- c. The prophetic message: kingdom promises → Acts 3:18,21-25, Rom 15:8
- d. Hebrew epistles are written about the “things to come” – Col 2:16-17
- e. “pure minds”, not brute beasts – Mat 5:8, 1 Pet 1:22

2. 3:3-4 – Last Days Scoffers

- a. “last days” – They began 2000 years ago, but now it is not the “last”
- b. Last days in prophecy – Isa 2:2, Micah 4:1, Acts 2:17, Heb 1:2
- c. Scoffers were not a new things – Luke 17:26-29, 2 Pet 2:1
- d. “where is the promise?” – Peter reminds them of the promises
- e. “all things continue” – There has not been a kingdom come for 1500+ years
- f. Amillennialism / postmillennialism = spiritualize the kingdom (i.e 2 Tim 2:18)
- g. The danger for them was rejection in the kingdom - Luke 12:45-46
- h. They doubt God’s intervention (judgment) – Mal 3:6, Rom 1:18, Nah 1:2-3

3. 3:5-7 – Willingly Ignorant

- a. Their ignorance: the Creator – Rom 1:19-21
- b. Their ignorance: judgment – “It perished” – God will not acquit – 2 Pet 2:4-6
- c. Men remain willingly ignorant of God’s judgment; it is illogical Rom 1:22
- d. His argument: He saw, prophets spoke, God did before, he will again
- e. “reserved unto fire” –Psa 50:3-4, Mal 4:1, Mat 3:12, 24:35, 2 Thess 1:8-9
- f. God will once again use fire for judgment – Rev 20:9, 20:14-15
- g. The new heaven and earth – Rev 21:1

4. 3:8-12 – Coming Judgment

- a. One day as 1000 years – quotes Psalm 90:4, this is not a formula
- b. 3:9 - God is longsuffering, not disinterested or absent – “silence of God”
- c. God does not pleasure in the death of the wicked – Eze 18:20-23, 33:11
- d. What he does not say – “the kingdom is soon”, “the promises are not sure”
- e. “day of the Lord” – coming wrath, this is the last days spoken of Joel 2:31
- f. “thief in the night” – sudden destruction when you don’t expect 1 Thess 5:2
 - i. God did not appoint wrath to the Thessalonians 1 Thes 5:9
 - ii. Jesus warned his apostles to “watch in the night” – Mark 13:35
 - iii. Prophecy speaks about it – Joel 2:9, Rev 3:3
- g. Peter’s passage on global warming – 2 Pet 3:10-12
- h. The burning and melting of the earth – Psa 97:5, Amos 9:5, Nah 1:5
- i. Fire used for burning during God’s judgment - Rev 9:17, 11:5, 16:8, 20:9
- j. The fiery testimony in the coming kingdom on Earth - Isa 66:15, 22-24