



# The Second Coming of Christ

## Part One - "The Promise of the Second Coming" 2 Peter 3:1-7

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### REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

#### The Incarceration of False Teachers

1. Based on 2 Peter 2:17-22, we contrasted the bondage that our sin produces with the freedom that our Savior provides.
2. **Sin always brings bondage!**
3. Sin's promise of freedom is empty (mirage), enticing (lure) and ensnaring (trap).

### TODAY'S STUDY SECTION

#### The Promise of the Second Coming

##### 1. The Prophecy of the Second Coming of Christ.

Based on a study of the book of Daniel, five things will happen:

- A. Travel will increase.
- B. Knowledge will increase.
- C. Sin will increase.
- D. Trials will increase.
- E. The Jews will return to their homeland.

##### 2. The Promise of the Second Coming of Christ.

###### A. God is still God and firmly in control.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 3:1, NASB95 <sup>-1</sup> *This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up [this Gk. word means to "excite," "arouse" or "to wake up"] your sincere mind [this*

Gk. word means to "be honest and straight forward about what's coming"] by way of reminder [literally, in the Greek, it says, "He put it on a sticky note!"]],

##### B. We have His Promises from the past.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 3:2, NASB95 <sup>-2</sup> *that you should remember the words [i.e., not just any words] spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.*

- "The Words" spoken by the OT prophets (3a)
- "The Words" spoken by the NT apostles (3c)
- "The Words" spoken by the Savior Himself (3b)

##### C. We have something to know about the present.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 3:3-6, NASB95 <sup>-3</sup> *Know [lit., you must understand] this first of all, that in the last days mockers [Dr. Warren Wiersbe says, "a mocker is someone who treats lightly that which ought to be taken seriously"] will come with their mocking, following after their own [own bondage to] lusts, <sup>4</sup> and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep [a euphemism for "died"], all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup> For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the [spoken] word of God the heavens existed [lit., came into being] long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, <sup>6</sup> through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.*

- We will always have those around us who disagree with us.
- God is not so concerned that we defend His Word against every attack; He wants us to believe "the Words" He has given us and rest on His promises.

##### D. We have something to count on in the future.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 3:5-7, NASB95 <sup>-7</sup> *But by His [spoken] word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.*

- The same God who once sent the flood will one day send fire.

### LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

#### "Where is the promise of His coming?" - v. 4

1. Jesus will return (2 Peter 3:8-10)
2. Justice will be served (Acts 17:31, Ps. 7:11)
3. Just wait—*in time*, all things will be made right. (Rev. 21:1-5)

"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal." – Thomas Moore