

2ND PETER

Peter begins to wind up his letter with some stimulating words. Read them carefully....



CHAPTER 3:1-10

¹ Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.

² I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

Wholesome thinking is “healthy” thinking. Peter is giving them some reminders that are important to their spiritual welfare. What is the source of his prescription?

³ First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is this 'coming' He promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

Who is Peter now warning them about?

What does he say these people “deliberately forget” – and why in the world would they do that?

⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

How does Peter connect the flood of Noah’s time to the future?

⁸ But don't forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a 1000 years, and a 1000 years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He's patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

Does the Lord keep time just like we do? Explain.

According to Peter, why is Jesus delaying His return?

What does Peter say will happen when He comes again?

Points to Ponder

What merit could Peter's argument possibly have if the flood of Noah's time didn't really happen?



Peter wrote this nearly 2000 years ago, yet the Lord still hasn't come as expected. How does this text deal with this?

Does anyone know for sure when Jesus is returning?