

## **2 Peter 3:1-9 (ESV) - “Three Rs of Christ’s Coming”**

**2 Peter 3** <sup>1</sup>This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup>that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

<sup>3</sup>knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup>They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

<sup>5</sup>For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup>and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup>But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

### **1. R\_\_\_\_\_ the TRUTH (vv.1-2)**

O.T. \_\_\_\_\_ Predictions (Dn. 7; Is. 66; Mal.4)

N.T. \_\_\_\_\_ Promises (Jn.14; Mt.24; Rv.22)

*“Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is Coming, and He will Judge the Living and the Dead.”*

- *Apostle’s Creed*

### **2. R\_\_\_\_\_ what is FALSE (vv.3-4)**

Scoffers will Scoff at the \_\_\_\_\_

*“Where is the promise of his coming?”*

- *2 Peter 3:4*

### **3. R\_\_\_\_\_ what is FALSE with FACTS (vv.5-9)**

God’s Powerful Deeds of the Past

Point to His Future Judgment

- God Spoke the World into

Existence and Formed it

- God once Flooded the World  
and \_\_\_\_\_ it

- God Will one day Destroy the  
World with Fire and \_\_\_\_\_ it!

God’s Timing is Not Our Timing,

and His Character is Unchanging

- He is Not \_\_\_\_\_ to Fulfill nor

\_\_\_\_\_ in His Judgment!

*“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty..”*

- *Exodus 34:6-7*

*“As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live..”*

- *Ezekiel 33:11*

