

Awaiting Our Blessed Hope

2 Peter 3:1–18

English Standard Version

The Day of the Lord Will Come

3 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them ^gI am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, **2** ^hthat you should remember the predictions of ⁱthe holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, **3** knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come ^jin the last days with scoffing, ^kfollowing their own sinful desires. **4** ^lThey will say, “Where is the promise of ^mhis coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” **5** For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth ⁿwas formed out of water and through water ^oby the word of God, **6** and that by means of these the world that then existed ^pwas deluged with water and ^qperished. **7** But by the same word ^rthe heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and ^sdestruction of the ungodly.

8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and ^{ta}thousand years as one day. **9** ^uThe Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise ^vas some count slowness, but ^wis patient toward you, ¹^xnot wishing that any should perish, but ^ythat all should reach repentance. **10** But

^zthe day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then ^athe heavens will pass away with a roar, and ^bthe heavenly bodies² will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.³

11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, ^cwhat sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, **12** ^dwaiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and ^ethe heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! **13** But according to his promise we are waiting for ^fnew heavens and a new earth ^gin which righteousness dwells.

Final Words

14 ^hTherefore, beloved, since you are **waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.** **15** And count ⁱthe patience of our Lord as salvation, just as ^mour beloved brother Paul also wrote to you ⁿaccording to the wisdom given him, **16** as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. ^oThere are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, ^pas they do the other Scriptures. **17** You therefore, beloved, ^qknowing this beforehand, ^rtake care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. **18** But ^sgrow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ^tTo him be the glory both now and to the day of ^ueternity. Amen.

Three times in 1 Peter in 5 chapters Peter writes concerning the coming of the Lord.

Jesus told us these things:

Matthew 24:29-31

29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

John did also:

Revelation 6:12-17

12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale.

14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. 15 Then the

kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave^[a] and free, hid

themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,

16 calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

Paul's writings on this:

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 **waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,** 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Waiting...

4327/prosdéxomai ("wait actively, expectantly") means being "ready and willing" to give and receive. 4327 (prosdéxomai) then expresses expectant waiting where a person is ready and willing to receive all that is hoped for (note the force of pros). This is active "looking-for-and-waiting!"

[The high level of personal involvement (interest) motivating 4327 (prosdéxomai) accounts for why it is always in the Greek middle voice.]

This waiting actively and expectantly being ready for the coming promise and hope of the appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ will....

Affect the way that we as christians live and understand our purpose in our brief time here on earth....

vs.11 For the **grace of God** has **appeared bring salvation** for all people.....**training us** to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self controlled, upright, and godly lives in the **present age**.

The manifestation of the “grace of God,” in the first coming of the Lord **in humiliation** (**Titus 2:11**), teaches us to live our lives in expectation of the second manifestation of His coming in his glory in His second coming **in power** (**Titus 2:13**).

Slide of the present age (age of grace) time between his promised 1st coming and his promised second coming!!!!

Knowing this truth will result in what in the life of the believer in Christ?

A. Training....

Phonetic Spelling: (pahee-dyoo'-o)

Definition: to train children, to chasten, correct

Usage: (a) I discipline, educate, train, (b) more severely: I chastise.

HELPS Word-studies

3811 paideúō (from **3816** /país, "a child under development with strict training") – properly, to train up a child (**3816** /país), so they mature and realize their full potential (development). This requires necessary discipline (training), which includes administering chastisement (punishment).

Training us to...

1. Renounce Ungodliness

2. Renounce Worldly Passions
3. To Live Self Controlled Lives
4. To Live Upright Lives
5. To Live Godly Lives

Why???? Because Jesus is COMMING, and every true believer in Christ will stand before HIM!!!

Romans 14 For we will stand before the judgment seat of God... As I live says the Lord every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV

6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.:

THERE ARE TWO JUDGEMENTS 1 FOR THE CHURCH 1 FOR THE UNBELIEVING AND THE WICKED REVELATION 20

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 ESV

12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will

become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you understand this urgent truth? Are you expectantly actively anxiously awaiting the return of our Lord and in so doing knowing it could be any moment is this truth affecting the way in which you are living knowing that Christs return will mean you stand before him giving an account of your life based on the knowledge of this truth???????

The Word of God promises that one day Christ will return to earth in all His glory as the Judge who will right every wrong in our world.

Zachariah 4 says On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, **and also that all the holy saints come back with him.**

In Acts 1 on the Mt. Of Olives at his ascension he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold two men stood by them in white robes, and said Men of "Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

This event is mentioned throughout Scripture, particularly in the New Testament. It will occur after the Tribulation, when Christ defeats Satan which leads to him being chained for 1000 years and the end of the antichrist and the false prophet, and His second coming will take place before His one-thousand-year reign on earth. His epicenter of his throne will be in Jerusalem

and we the bride of Christ, the redeemed of the Lord, the Church will rule in reign with him.

People are often shocked to learn that references to the second coming of Christ in the O.T. far exceed references to his first coming.

According to Bible Teacher David Jeremiah, Bible scholars have identified 1845 references to the second coming of Christ, and no less than 17 O.T. books and 23 out of 27 N.T. Books speak of the second coming of Christ our Lord.

Since according to scripture The second coming of Christ is still yet future, and the 7 year period of time spoken of by Daniel , other prophets and Jesus Christ himself referred to the time of JACOBS trouble referring to Israel and Jesus reference to the great tribulation that will be the greatest in the entire history of the world.

The question that we are going to address and answer in relation to this guaranteed truth, is this

When Jesus comes at his second coming we are coming with him. How did we get to where he is if he is in heaven and he is and if he is coming from heaven with us, How and when did the redeemed of the Lord in Revelation chapter 5 all get there?????

Read Revelation Chapter 5

WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT 4 QUESTION CONCERNING
THE APPEARING OF THE GLORY OF OUR GREAT GOD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!

1. How
2. Why
3. Who
4. When

1. How