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II Peter 3:1-10

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⁸Dear friends, don’t overlook this one fact: With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief; ^[a]on that day the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be disclosed.

Observations:

Most all of us agree that Jesus is coming back

Titus 2:11-14 ¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation^[a] for all people, ¹²instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people for his own possession, eager to do good works.

The early believers believed he was coming back

The rapture and the second coming of Christ are two different events

I Thess 4:17 Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

I. Peter explains the reason for the writing

Dear friends, this is now the second letter I have written to you; in both letters, I want to stir up your sincere understanding by way of reminder, ²so that you recall the words previously spoken by the holy prophets and the command of our Lord and Savior given through your apostles.

He wants to remove any complacency

He wants to bring to light false teachers

He wants to remind them of previous teaching on the second coming of Christ

Mal 4:1-3 "For look, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and everyone who commits wickedness will become stubble. The coming day will consume them," says the LORD of Armies, "not leaving them root

or branches. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go out and playfully jump like calves from the stall.^[a] ³ You will trample the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day I am preparing,” says the LORD of Armies.

Matt 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will reward each according to what he has done.

II. Scoffers will speak untruths

³ Above all, be aware of this: Scoffers will come in the last days scoffing and following their own evil desires, ⁴ saying, “Where is his ‘coming’ that he promised? Ever since our ancestors fell asleep, all things continue as they have been since the beginning of creation.”

A. They will mock and ridicule the belief in the second coming

B. The most probable reason for their mocking is accountability.

--They do not want him to come because they will have to answer for sin!

“following their own evil desires,”

David Dykes.... “Notice in verse three Peter writes that these mockers ridicule the return of Christ because they are “following their own evil desires.” It’s not because they have legitimate logical or intellectual objections; they have a moral objection. They don’t want to consider the possibility that someone is going to come who will hold them accountable for their sin.”

--The word follow means to travel/go

Rom 1:18 For God’s wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth,

C. They will use false logic regarding the second coming.

⁴saying, “Where is his ‘coming’ that he promised? Ever since our ancestors fell asleep, all things continue as they have been since the beginning of creation.”

D. They have disregarded scripture.

⁵They deliberately overlook this: By the word of God the heavens came into being long ago and the earth was brought about from water and through water. ⁶Through these the world of that time perished when it was flooded. ⁷By the same word, the present heavens and earth are stored up for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

--The doubting of the second coming is deliberate

--God created all things by his word.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.^[a]

--God caused a flood by his word.

--God will destroy all creation by his word through fire.

Matt 25:41 “Then he will also say to those on the left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels!

Rev 21: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

III. God has a plan, and our infinite minds are incapable of understanding all of it.

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promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

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A. God's calendar and ours are incompatible.

⁸ Dear friends, don't overlook this one fact: With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

--Psa 90:4 For in your sight a thousand years
are like yesterday that passes by,
like a few hours of the night.

B. The motivation for Christ not having come back is LOVE!

⁹ The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

--God is patient

--God wants people to be saved!

Jn 3:16-17 For God loved the world in this way:^[a] He gave^[b] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

IV. The day Christ returns will be unexpected and terrifying

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A. Christ return will be unexpected

I Thess 5:2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

B. Christ words will be fulfilled

Matt 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Close....

The big question is...

are

we

ready?