



## TEXT SUMMARY

In this week's text, [2 Peter 3:8-12](#), Peter deals with the false teachers' claims that Christ would not return as He promised. Peter explains three things about the Second Coming of Christ:

- that the seeming delay in His Return has to do with God's timetable, which isn't proportioned as we would expect
- that "the Day of the Lord" (Christ's Return in judgment) will be catastrophic
- that in light of the certainty of His Return, our part is to wait in expectancy and holiness

## INTRODUCTION (OBSERVATION):

1. Peter offers two explanations for the apparent slowness of the Return of Christ (v. 8-9). What are those reasons?
2. There's a vivid contrast in the way Peter describes the Day of the Lord (v. 10); it will be both surprising and dramatic. What descriptions does he give of how that Day will come and what it will be like when it does?

## DISCUSSION (INTERPRETATION):

1. The "one day = thousand years" formula (v. 8) is one of the most familiar expressions in Scripture. What does it mean? Is this a mathematical formula?
2. Where did Peter get his word picture of the Coming of Christ "like a thief"? What does that word picture mean?
3. If God is not willing for anyone to perish (v. 9), why do many perish?
4. How can we "hasten the coming of the day of God" (v. 12)?

