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Jesus Christ's Second Coming

He will come to take us to our mansions He has prepared.
It will be fabulously wonderful as believers admire Him.
He will destroy this universe, which should affect us.

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Why Do We Rarely Think of It?

Why Did No One Join Noah?

Love not the world,

neither the things that are in the world.

If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world,

the lust of the flesh,

and the lust of the eyes,

and the pride of life,

is not of the Father,

but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof:

but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

I John 2:15-17

Why Do Our Lives Here Consume Us?

So Peter Reminded Us of His Return!

3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

We need reminders about the second coming.

Not because of persecution ... but because of prosperity.

If the Bible is $\frac{1}{2}$ true about His return ... How much should it affect us?

3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

O.T. prophets knew the huge event, but few details.

Apostles commanded godly living to prepare for His return.

We want to be mindful ... keeping in memory ... how we should live.

3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

A review of his return must deal with scoffers.

Their lusts for this life cause them to mock Jesus' return.

Worldly men try to get rid of this event – no afterlife, no hell, etc.

3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

The issue is the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Scoffers argued no such thing had happened since creation.

We never mock prophets and apostles ... we believe them over history.

3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

Horrible deception – ignorance by choice!

Creation by God's voice was the only reason for any dry land.

And Noah's worldwide flood that came next – sinful men must get rid of it.

Of course, we know about the Flood,
but it should affect our lives about
earthly things that entice us.

3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

The worldwide flood killed everything.

There has been a destruction of the world they ignore.

We must not forget or minimize Noah's flood for God and godliness.



What do you think of the generation
that drowned in Noah's flood, in
spite of warning 120 years?

But as the days of Noe were,
so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
For as in the days that were before the flood they
were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,
until the day that Noe entered into the ark,
And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away;
so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:37-39

3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Creation and flood prove He rules the universe.

It is the physical universe here – not figurative of O.T. covenant.

Jesus reserves the universe by His power until the fiery Day of Judgment.



3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Fact check – God’s timing is different from ours.

Scoffers – you forgot the flood, then this, then grace to elect.

Full preterists live or die by timing texts, but this second coming rule wins.

3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Jesus has perfect integrity in His promise to return.

He patiently waits for all elect to have eternal life by its evidence.

Fiery judgment is on time – He counts differently – He will save all elect.

**There Is One Combined Event,
*For It Waits for the Last Soul Saved!***

Jesus coming according to His promise
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3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

In spite of scoffed delay ... BUT ... His day will shock them.

He will burn up the universe we know with great heat and noise.

Everything men think of as permanent and/or important will all be gone.



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3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Here is the first response to Jesus' coming.

Knowing the universe will melt ... let us live holy, godly lives.

We should be perfect Christians knowing all burns up (and He rewards).

The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king,
which made a marriage for his son....

But they made light of it, and went their ways,
one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

Matthew 22:2-5

3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

We should eagerly anticipate and desire the day.

This is the right Christian perspective – looking and longing.

The repetition of language from verse 10 is to grab our full attention.

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3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Hallelujah! Good news! A new, righteous universe!

Nevertheless = in spite of repeating total destruction by fire.

His promise for us is not destruction but a glorious, perfect new universe.

Let not your heart be troubled:
ye believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house are many mansions:
if it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto myself;
that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Here is the second response to Jesus' coming.

See both ... the world burned up ... but we in a perfect universe.

Diligence is obvious – for Jesus to find us at peace, not worldly, faultless.

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3:15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

Scoffers and preterists cannot count, but we can.

Jesus' longsuffering – looking like a delay – is to get us saved.

Peter agreed with Paul's prophetic doctrine to Paul's churches in Asia.

3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

All Paul's epistles extend beyond Peter's audience.

Peter and Paul had the same goal – love and live for Jesus' return.

Paul did have hard sayings – Romans 8; II Thessalonians 2; and I Cor 15.

3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

Here is the third response to Jesus' coming.

We have insider information – to provoke careful vigilance.

We deny heresies and lusts to partake of the divine nature by promises.

3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Grow these two ways ... do not backslide or stagnate.

Grace is Jesus' religion to be godly and then learn more about Him.

We make Him preeminent now like He surely will be in the new universe.

Three Responses to Jesus' Coming

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3:14 ... ***Be diligent that ye may be found of him....***

3:17 ... ***Beware lest ye fall from your steadfastness....***

Let Us Help Each Other Prepare

Let us not be like Noah's generation and ignore tonight.

If we talk about it ... by God's grace it will be part of us.

We can avoid the world's ratrace for stuff ... for the fire!

He which testifieth these things saith,
Surely I come quickly. Amen.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Revelation 22:20-21

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