

Where Is the Promise of His Coming?

2 Pet. 3:1-4

Introduction:

- A. A question a lot of folks are asking today?
 - 1. Expected Him to come with the coming of y2k.
 - 2. Some are disappointed others relieved.
 - 3. Others have set the time in the past (y1k, Russell, others)
- B. A question to be asked by scoffers (v. 3,4).
 - 1. Assume he will not come, since has not come.
 - 2. Wilfully ignorant of the evidence. (v. 5)
- C. Peter list some thing we need to know about the Lord's Second Coming:

Discussion:

- I. The Power of God's Word (vs. 4-7)**
 - A. Its effect upon the world.
 - 1. The Creation. (v. 5; cf. Gen. 1:6,9; Ps. 33:9).
 - 2. The Flood. (v. 6; cf. Gen. 6).
 - 3. It Preservation. (v.7).
 - B. So, by it the world will be destroyed.
- II. The Reasons for God's Seeming Delay. (vs. 8-9).**
 - A. Time means nothing to Him. (v. 8; Ps. 90:4).
 - B. Giving more opportunity for repentance. (v. 9, 15; cf. Luke 13:3, 5; 24:47).
- III. The Certainty of God's Promise. (Vs. 9, 10).**
 - A. It was promised with certainty. (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11).
 - B. It was believed with certainty. (2 Thess. 1:6-10; 2 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 9:27).
- IV. The Uncertainty of the Time of His Coming (v. 10).**
 - A. A thief does not announce his time and hour.
 - B. No man knows day and hour (Matt. 24:36)
- V. Our Responsibilities as We Wait. (Vs. 11-18).**
 - A. To be prepared at all times (cf. Matt. 25:13)
 - B. To be holy and godly people. (vs.11; Tit. 2:11, 12).
 - C. To look for new heavens and new earth. (vs. 12-13).
 - D. To be diligent to be found in peace and purity. (v. 14; cf. Jas. 1:27; 3:17).
 - E. To beware lest we fall away from steadfastness into error. (v. 17).
 - F. To grow spiritually. (v. 18).

Conclusion:

Song: "There's a great day coming..."