

# The Day of the Lord

## II Peter 3

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- ❖ Letter
- ❖ Testament
- ❖ Apologetic

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- ❖ Greeting (1:1-2)
- ❖ God's grace and godly living (1:3-11)
- ❖ Farewell address to the churches (1:12-21)
- ❖ Evaluation of false teachers (2:1-22)
- ❖ The Coming Day of the Lord (3:1-13)
- ❖ Concluding exhortations (3:14-18)

## II Peter 1:3

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His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

# Everything we need:

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- ❖ Knowing Jesus
- ❖ Understanding the Scriptures

# The Lord knows (verses 4-9)

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- ❖ How to rescue the godly
- ❖ How to punish the unrighteous

# False teachers:

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- ❖ **Rebellious**
- ❖ **Animalistic**
- ❖ **Deceitful**
- ❖ **Chronic sinners**
- ❖ **Mercenary**



## II Peter 2:22

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Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.”

# II Peter 2

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- ❖ Beware of false teachers.
- ❖ God knows how to rescue the godly / punish the unrighteous.
- ❖ Signs of false teachers.
- ❖ “Freedom” to sin = slavery to sin.
- ❖ It is risky to ignore the truth.

## II Peter 3:1-2

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Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

# Peter the preacher:

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- ❖ He believed in repetition.
- ❖ He valued reminders.
- ❖ He believed in encouragement.
- ❖ He believed in the authority and unity of the Scriptures.

# Spokesmen for God:

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- ❖ Prophets
- ❖ Apostles

# Ephesians 2:19-20

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Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

## II Peter 3:3-4

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Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

# Scorners predicted:

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- ❖ Matthew 24:3-5, 11, 23-26
- ❖ I Timothy 4:1-3
- ❖ II Timothy 3:1-9



# Promise of 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming:

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- ❖ John 14:1-3
- ❖ Acts 1:11
- ❖ I Corinthians 15:23
- ❖ II Corinthians 1:14
- ❖ Philippians 1:6
- ❖ I Thessalonians 3:13
- ❖ I Thessalonians 4:14-18
- ❖ II Thessalonians 1:10
- ❖ II Thessalonians 2:1
- ❖ I Timothy 6:14
- ❖ II Timothy 4:8
- ❖ Titus 2:13
- ❖ Hebrews 9:28

## II Peter 3:5

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But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

## II Peter 3:6-7

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By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

# Destroyed by fire:

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- ❖ Joel 2:30
- ❖ Psalm 50:3
- ❖ Isaiah 29:6; 66:15-16
- ❖ Nahum 1:5-6
- ❖ Malachi 4:1
- ❖ II Peter 3:7, 10, 12

## II Peter 3:8-9

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**But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:**

**With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

# Doctrine of time:

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- ❖ It's different for God.
- ❖ It's an opportunity for us.

## II Peter 3:10

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But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.  
The heavens will disappear with a roar; the  
elements will be destroyed by fire, and the  
earth and everything done in it will be laid  
bare.

# Our Lord, the thief:

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- ❖ Matthew 24:42-44
- ❖ I Thessalonians 5:2
- ❖ Revelation 3:3; 16:5



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- ❖ Isaiah 13:9-13
- ❖ Joel 2:1-2; 30-31
- ❖ Zephaniah 1:14-18
- ❖ II Peter 3:10

## II Peter 3:11-12

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Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

## II Peter 3:12-13

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That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

## II Peter 3:14-15

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So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

## II Peter 3:16

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He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

## II Peter 3:17-18

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Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

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# Are you being called?

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- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper