

He's Coming!

(2 Peter 3:1-18)

- Introduction:
1. Last week, September 23, David Meade had predicted that the world would end.
 - a. When the 23rd came and went, Meade postponed his doomsday prediction till October 15.
 2. Setting dates and predicting the time of the end is nothing new.
 - a. (2 Thessalonians 2:2-3).
 - b. (2 Timothy 2:17-18).
 3. But as the years pass, skepticism increases.
 - a. That was true in the first century and even more today.
 - b. False predictions increase such skepticism and cause disillusionment.
 - c. And while some are not openly skeptics, they are by their actions.
 4. Let's learn what the Bible says about Jesus' return and the end of the world.

I. A Polemic for the Skeptics

- A. (2 Peter 3:1-9).
- B. The scoffers complaint (2 Peter 3:3-4).
- C. The answers to their complaint (2 Peter 3:5-9).
 1. It's happened before (2 Peter 3:5-7).
 2. God is faithful and not bound by time (2 Peter 3:8).
 3. God is longsuffering (2 Peter 3:9).

II. The Presence of the Lord

- A. (2 Peter 3:10).
- B. The heavens and the earth will pass away (2 Peter 3:10).
- C. It will occur as a thief in the night (2 Peter 3:10).

III. The Preparation of Humanity

- A. (2 Peter 3:11-14).
- B. We must be holy and godly people (2 Peter 3:11).
- C. We must look for this day (2 Peter 3:12-13).
- D. We must persevere and not be led away (2 Peter 3:14-18).

- Conclusion:
1. If I was unprepared for the Lord's return, I think I would tremble as Felix did (Acts 24:25).
 2. If you have trusted in Jesus, then rejoice in your salvation and anticipate His return with boldness.