

# Jesus Is Coming Again

(2 Peter 3:1-18)

- Introduction:
1. A little more than two thousand years ago, Jesus came to this earth in the form of a helpless baby.
  2. But Jesus didn't stay a baby, he became a man whose confrontation of sin caused others to kill him.
  3. But before Jesus left, he promised to come again.
  4. His second coming will be a day of joy and victory for the faithful child of God, but it will be a terrifying day for those who are unprepared.
  5. There are no signs or hints as to when he will come back, allowing people to "cram for a final;" his coming unannounced.
  6. But as the years pass, skepticism increases.
  7. If this was true in the first century, it is certainly true today, 2000 years later, and still no appearance of Jesus.
  8. What answer do we have for the skeptics and how do we keep our faith in his return unwavering?
  9. I believe the answer lies in 2 Peter 3.

## I. The Polemic of the Skeptics

- A. (2 Peter 3:1-9).
- B. The scoffer's 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.