

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CRESCENT

Tuesday 7th March

Series: "The climax of the ages"

An in-depth study of 2nd Peter

Subject: "Where is the promise of his coming?"

2 Peter 3: 1-10

1. This chapter is an answer to the person who would undermine and deny the teaching of the Second Coming of Christ and the reality of the eternal kingdom. Notice the four devisions prefaced by the word "Beloved". (v. 1, 8, 14, 17).
2. The doctrine of the Second Coming has the authority of Our Lord and Saviour; our very salvation depends on it. (v. 1-12).
3. The grounds upon which mockers deny the Second Coming;
 - (a) On the ground of History; the unbroken and uniform chain of cause and effect. They argue that devine intervention hasn't happened in the past and is impossible in the future.
 - (b) The seemingly long delay on the promise of the Second Coming.
4. Peter's answer to the mockers;
 - (a) Nature does not owe her existence to just natural causes but to the creative Word of God (v. 5).
 - (b) It follows that the Word of God that created can destroy. At the flood God used natural means to destroy the earth and He will do the same again, this time by fire. God has timed it for a moral purpose. (v. 6-7).
5. Peter's answer to the seemingly long delay on the Second Coming;
 - (a) The way God counts time (v. 8).
 - (b) We must not suppose God's patience is slackness. It is calculated patience (v. 9).
 - (c) The certainty of the day of the Lord.

"Men must choose between an exceeding great and eternal weight of glory and an exceeding great and eternal weight of wrath".

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