

II Peter

(9) The Day of the Lord will come

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. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 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 in it will be laid bare. 2 Peter 3:8-10, NIV

What kind of people ought you to be? ...3:8-17

How does Peter now respond to ‘where is this coming’, 3:4? 3:8

Remember, dear friends, with the Lord one day is like 1000 yrs, 1000 yrs like one day.

What are (2) possible readings of this verse?

1. God is not on our time! 3:9a 2. 1000 yrs = 1 prophetic day, (Millennium=day 7).

Having confirmed that the Lord is not slow as some would say, 3:9, what is sure? 3:10

The Day of the Lord will come! Unexpected and totally consuming. Judgment is sure.

The Day of the Lord: Is.2:10-21, 13:6-13; Obad.15-16; **Zeph.1:14-18**; Mal.4:1-3

What further detail re the Day of the Lord is in the NT? Rev.6:1, 8:1-2, 15:1; 19:11-16; 21:1

The Day of the Lord is in several stages. Tribulation, Return of Christ, new heaven/earth.

So, dear friends, since you know this destruction is coming, what’s his question? 3:11a

You KNOW this is true. What sort of people ought you to be? Where to ‘invest’??

What is Peter’s immediate response? 3:11b-12

You ought to live holy and godly lives while looking forward to and hastening the Day!

It’s not just destruction and judgment. For believers it’s also what...? 3:13

We are looking forward to a new heaven, new earth, the home of righteousness!!

Again Peter emphasizes to us, dear friends, make every effort to ...? 3:14

Make every effort, work at it, to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with Him.

What kind of peace does Peter likely have in mind? Phil.4:6-7 cp Rom.5:1

It is the peace of God that comes from a life of obedience. Peace with God is settled.

What are we to keep in mind as we ‘wait’ for Him? 3:15

The Lord’s patience means more are getting saved! Just like Paul writes. Col.4:5-6.

What inspired endorsement is given to Paul’s writings? 3:15-16 note: false teachers

Paul’s letters are part of the Holy Scriptures! Already being distorted by ‘ignorant’.

Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this...?? 3:17 Eph.4:14

Be on your guard! Don’t buy the errors and loose your security (not your salvation).

And Peter concludes his 2nd epistle with what instruction? 3:18 Eph.4:13,15; Col.3:1-4

Guard against error and grow in grace/knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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Three things to remember from II Peter:

- 1. God wants His children to be sure, confident of their salvation.**
- 2. BEWARE of false teachers!**
- 3. The Day of the Lord is coming! How then should we live???**