

## II Peter 3:1-7

### I. Introduction:

A. As we talked about in the first chapter of this letter, Peter is writing things to remind the saints of some of what they had been taught (**II Peter 1:12-15**).

1. From the fact that this is the second letter, we can know who it is written to by looking at the first letter (**I Peter 1:1-2**).
2. These were saints that were facing persecution (**I Peter 1:6**, **I Peter 4:12-13**, and **I Peter 4:19**).
3. The intent was to stir up [to wake up, awaken, arouse (from sleep)] their minds (cf. **Ephesians 5:14**).

B. They were saints who were pure [sincere; genuine] in mind (cf. **Philippians 1:10**).

1. When talking about the mind, as the word is used here, the point is about the imagination (**Luke 1:51**); the understanding (**Ephesians 1:18**) as translated in the aforementioned verses (Strong's # 1271).
2. The mind matters much in pleasing God (**Mark 12:30**).
3. This was taught in the first letter (**I Peter 1:13-16**).

### II. Body: **II Peter 3:1-7**

A. Awaking the mind to recollect the words delivered before by the prophets and the Apostles of Christ (**Luke 24:27**, **Acts 2:41-42**, **Acts 10:38-43**, and **Ephesians 3:1-7**).

1. Remember who the foundation of the body of Christ is (**Ephesians 2:19-22**).
2. To know and practice what had been taught (**I Thessalonians 4:1-8**).

B. The last days (**Acts 2:14-21** [cf. Joel 2:28-32] and **Hebrews 1:1-2**).

1. Scoffers, mockers walking after their own lusts (**Jude 1:16-18**).
2. This is in reference to the false teachers we talked about already in this letter (**II Peter 2:1-3**; **2:10**).
3. Those opposed to Christ (**I John 2:18**).
4. Their motivation is their own lusts (**Colossians 2:20-23**).

C. Since Jesus had not returned yet, they mocked His coming. Their thinking was as Jews of old did when considering consequences from God (**Isaiah 5:18-19**, **Jeremiah 5:12-13**, and **Jeremiah 17:15**).

1. The denial of coming consequences is common when punishment is not immediate (**Ecclesiastes 8:11**).
2. Their reasoning was that all things were since the beginning. Peter's answer to that was to show their ignorance through reminding about the flood (**Genesis 7:17-23**).

3. Peter's answer does more than just point out the error of the scoffers. Such also draws the knowledgeable to what Jesus taught about His return (**Matthew 24:38-39**).

D. They were willingly ignorant (**Hosea 4:1-6**, **Romans 10:1-3**, and **Ephesians 4:17-19**).

1. The post flood world that is now, is kept in store, reserved; by the same word (**Genesis 8:20-22** and **Genesis 9:11-17**; cf. **Deuteronomy 7:9**).

2. The world is reserved unto fire against the Day of Judgment (**Matthew 10:14-15**, **Matthew 11:21-24**, **II Peter 2:9**, and **Jude 1:6**).

3. God has appointed a day (**Acts 17:31**).

4. As we continue in the context, we will see why it has not yet come as well as what to expect will happen when the world does end.

III. Conclusion: Our Next Study: **II Peter 3:8-9**