

2 Peter 3:1-18

v1 – stimulate	(verb)	cause someone to be full of enthusiasm
v1 – wholesome	(adjective)	having a positive influence; good for your wellbeing
v2 – recall	(verb)	remember something from the past
v2 – holy	(adjective)	set aside for God’s purpose
v2 – prophets	(noun)	people who received words from God and communicated them to God’s people
v2 – command	(noun)	instruction that must be obeyed
v2 – Lord	(title)	master
v2 – Saviour	(noun / title)	someone who saves. Jesus is called our Saviour because he saves us from our sins.
v2 – apostles	(noun)	people who had witnessed Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, and who were sent out to tell others about Jesus
v3 – scoffers	(noun)	people who mock something because they think it is ridiculous
v3 – scoffing	(verb)	mocking something you think is ridiculous; speaking about something in a way that shows you think it is ridiculous
v3 – evil	(adjective)	against God; rebellious towards God
v4 – creation	(noun)	the world that God has made
v5 – deliberately	(adverb)	intentionally; in a planned way
v6 – deluged	(verb)	flooded; destroyed by a sudden and large amount of water
v7 – present	(adjective)	current; existing now
v7 – reserved	(adjective)	kept specifically for a purpose
v7 – day of judgment	(phrase)	the day when Jesus will return and judge all people
v7 – ungodly	(adjective)	rebellious against God
v9 – perish	(verb)	die; be destroyed
v9 – repentance	(noun)	the act of being sorry for your sins and turning away from them to live in God’s way instead
v10 – thief	(noun)	someone who steals from others
v10 – roar	(noun)	a loud, deep, long sound (e.g. the sound made by a lion)
v10 – elements	(noun)	the different parts that make up the whole
v10 – laid bare	(phrasal verb)	destroyed by fire; burned up
v11 – ought..to be	(phrase)	should be
v12 – ‘speed its coming’		make it come more quickly
v13 – righteousness	(noun)	the quality of always doing what is just and right

v14 – ‘make every effort’		do everything you can
v14 – spotless	(adjective)	without imperfection; clean; without sin
v14 – blameless	(adjective)	without blame; without guilt before God
v15 – ‘bear in mind’		remember
v15 – salvation	(noun)	the action of saving someone; God’s salvation refers to how he saves us from our sins and their consequences
v16 – ignorant	(adjective)	don’t know the things that they should know
v16 – distort	(verb)	misrepresent; speak about in an untrue way
v16 – Scriptures	(proper noun)	God’s written word
v16 – destruction	(noun)	the act of destroying something
v17 – ‘on your guard’		alert and looking out for a threat or danger
v17 – secure	(adjective)	safe; will not be lost
v18 – grace	(noun)	the undeserved kindness of God towards people
v18 – glory	(noun)	greatness, awesomeness, majesty
v18 – ‘Amen’		literally ‘so be it’; said to express agreement

2 Peter 3 (New International Reader’s Version)

¹ Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders. I want to encourage you to think in a way that is pure. ² I want you to remember the words the holy prophets spoke in the past. Remember the command our Lord and Savior gave through your apostles.

³ Most of all, here is what you must understand. In the last days people will make fun of the truth. They will laugh at it. They will follow their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, “Where is this ‘return’ he promised? Everything goes on in the same way it has since our people of long ago died. In fact, it has continued this way since God first created everything.” ⁵ Long ago, God’s word brought the heavens into being. His word separated the earth from the waters. And the waters surrounded it. But these people forget things like that on purpose. ⁶ The waters also flooded the world of that time. And so they destroyed the world. ⁷ By God’s word the heavens and earth of today are being reserved for fire. They are being kept for the day when God will judge. Then ungodly people will be destroyed.

⁸ Dear friends, here is one thing you must not forget. With the Lord a day is like a thousand years. And a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to keep his promise. He is not slow in the way some people understand it. Instead, he is patient with you. He doesn’t want anyone to be destroyed. Instead, he wants all people to turn away from their sins.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar. Fire will destroy everything in them. God will judge the earth and everything done in it.

¹¹ So everything will be destroyed in this way. And what kind of people should you be? You should lead holy and godly lives. ¹² Live like this as you look forward to the day of God. Living like this will make the day come more quickly. On that day fire will destroy the heavens. Its heat will melt everything in them. ¹³ But we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth. Godliness will live there. All this is in keeping with God’s promise.

¹⁴ Dear friends, I know you are looking forward to this. So try your best to be found pure and without blame. Be at peace with God. ¹⁵ Remember that while our Lord is waiting patiently to return, people are being saved. Our dear brother Paul also wrote to you about this. God made him wise to write as he did. ¹⁶ Paul writes the same way in all his letters. He speaks about what I have just told you. His letters include some things that are hard to understand. People who don’t know better and aren’t firm in the faith twist what he says. They twist the other Scriptures too. So they will be destroyed.

¹⁷ Dear friends, you have already been warned about this. So be on your guard. Then you won’t be led astray by people who don’t obey the law. Instead, you will remain safe. ¹⁸ Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory belongs to him both now and forever. Amen.

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