

JESUS' 2<sup>ND</sup> COMING IS CERTAIN  
Harvest Missionary Baptist Church    Sunday AM, February 5, 2006

□ **II PETER 1:13-21 & 3:10-18 PETER'S FINAL MESSAGE FROM GOD**

- ◆ I Peter's message
  - Written to encourage Christians everywhere
  - We must suffer to live holy & serve Christ
    - Submit to governments
    - Wives to submit to their husbands
    - Husbands take the lead in the home
    - Deny the flesh
    - Elders to feed the flock
- ◆ II Peter's message written near the end of Peter's life
  - What would be your theme in your last book / last sermon / last hour?
  - This reading lesson will give you some insight
- ◆ II Peter's message
  - **Chp 1, Vs 12** If it's not a "reminder" it won't have much impact
  - **Vs 13** It is good as long as we're around to remind others
  - **Vs 14-15** Leave a reminder around to speak after your death
    - Journaling → Opportunity w/your assignment on new church bldg
  - **Vs 16-18** The *focus* → The coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ in power
    - This is not a cunningly devised fable
    - Peter was an eyewitness of Christ's majesty
      - On the Mt of Transfiguration
  - **Vs 19-21** We have a more sure word of prophecy → Bible
    - God gave it to us → Don't ever be confused about this
      - Peter wasn't trying to convince the world
      - He was reassuring God's people
  - Chapter 2 → Warning about false teachers
  - Chapter 3:1-9 → Warnings about those who scoff at Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> return
  - **Chp 3, Vs 10-13** When Jesus returns the world will change
    - Jesus returns with His angels & with His saints
    - Angels in flaming fire to exact vengeance on unbelievers
    - Saints assembled with Jesus in the air
    - Fire will purge the earth → Elements melting w/fervent heat
    - Jesus reigns victorious and the Final Judgment ensues
    - All things made right and righteousness established → Forever
    - Question: "*Since everything is dissolved, how should we be living?*"
  - **Vs 14** Look forward to these things & be diligent (stedfast)
    - So Jesus will find us in peace, w/o spot & blameless
  - **Vs 15-16** Remember the longsuffering of God is salvation
    - Which Paul also said, though many twist it to their destruction
  - **Vs 17** Therefore, beware lest you fall from your stedfastness
    - Being led away with the error of the wicked
  - **Vs 18** Instead, grow in Christ

□ **THE CONCLUSION OF JESUS' 2<sup>ND</sup> COMING BEING CERTAIN**

- ◆ The only thing to dedicate your life to is Jesus Christ & His Word
  - Everything else is burned up or lost forever
    - Burned up → Destroyed
      - Possessions (Houses, heirlooms, etc.)
      - Wealth (Money, gold, credit, etc.)
      - Power (On that day we'll be powerless)
    - Lost forever
      - Family (If marriages don't survive neither will families)
      - Unsaved friends & loved ones
  - Only the works done for Christ will abide eternally
- ◆ Therefore, don't fall from your stedfastness
  - There is a huge temptation to do this when everything seems to go awry
    - Moses questioned his whole life's ministry
    - Elijah wanted to quit and die
    - Others went the way of the world → Everyone else is
    - We at Harvest even questioned if we should exist
  - Facts to hang onto
    - There are others still hanging on and we need each other
    - Jesus is coming back to set all things right & establish righteousness
    - Don't be weary in well doing
  - Don't fall from your stedfastness → Use this occasion to grow in Christ
    - Suffer a little for Jesus' sake

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