

Study Notes for 2 Peter Chapter 3

- Why did Peter say he wrote this second letter? (3:1)
- Of what is he reminding his readers?
- What is the significance of Peter placing the two sources of authority: ***the holy prophets*** and ***your apostles*** on the same plane?
- Why should we pay attention to someone preaching about getting ready for God's judgment when "everything goes on as it has" for hundreds of years?
- How does Peter answer the skeptics' problem with the apparent delay in Christ's return (see 3:5–7)?
- What connection does Peter make between the Second Coming of Jesus and the Global Flood (see 3:6–7)?
- How does Peter answer the problem, raised by the faithful, about the apparent delay in Christ's return (see 3:8–10)?
- How does the Lord's patience differ from slowness (see 3:9, 15)?
- It took 120 years for the Global Flood to happen and many scoffed at Noah's preparations. Now, many scoff at the apparent delay in the Lord's "imminent" return. At what biblical truths have you heard people scoffing?
- What will the "day of the Lord" be like (3:10)?
- Should we take Peter's prophecy literally? Why, or why not?
- How have you benefited from the Lord's patience or apparent slowness?
- What does Peter suggest is holding up the Lord's return? (see 3:8–9, 12)
- What promise does Peter give us about the hopeful outcome of the "day of God" (3:13)?
- How should we live as we anticipate the last days that Peter describes (see 3:14)?
- In 3:15–16 Peter mentions Paul and his writings. What does he say about each?
- What are Peter's readers "forewarned" about (3:17)?
- How can believers fall prey to "the lawless" who twist the Word (3:17)?
- What can you do to grow in the grace of the knowledge of God?