

Sunday March 20th 2011
The Second of Peter
Part Fifteen
Study Questions

1). 2Pe 3:3 ¶ *knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."*

a). The false message permeating the church is perpetrated by the scoffers, but who is really the author of this message?

b). What scripture can you think of that would denote its demonic origin?

c). Where do we see the parallel for the scoffers in the OT scriptures?

d). Where do we see the satanic influence presented in the Gospels?

e). From the evidence we have looked at in past weeks, what might we conclude about the nature of deception and what scripture do we have to corroborate it?

f). What would be a more pertinent question to ask with regards to the Lord's return?

g). When revealing God's purpose to His disciples after His resurrection where in the scriptures does Jesus begin?

h). Where did Moses begin?

2). Ge 1:1 ¶ *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

- a). By comparing scripture with scripture how can we build on this foundational presentation of God's promise?
- b). What in particular does Colossians 1:16 teach us?
- c). If all things were created through Christ and for Christ what period of time would this inevitably lead us to and why?
- d). When was the Kingdom prepared, for whom was it prepared and how would we know?
- e). When were we chosen in Him and how would we know?
- f). When were the works that would bring about the completion of God's purpose finished and how would we know?
- g). What would have to be included in these works and whose work would this exclusively be?
- h). What scripture do we have for this?
- i). How should we understand what is meant by the phrase, 'the second coming'?

3). Ac 7:11 *"Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance.*

a). How does Stephen present the reality of the Lord's second coming to the leaders of Israel in Acts?

b). What might we learn for ourselves from the way he does this?

c). Why does he want them to see this picture?

d). What is their reaction to his presentation?

e). Can you see any parallel here between the leaders of Israel and the scoffers?

f). As scriptural history, affirmed by secular history, shows that Israel has not yet been blessed in fulfillment of the types, what would we have to say about the Lord's second coming?

4). Joseph and Moses form part of a bigger pattern of acceptance and rejection – what examples do we have of this bigger pattern and what might we learn from it?

5). Joh 19:15 *But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"*

a). What in effect is Israel doing here with respect to Christ?

b). Having rejected Him what should be expected next?

c). And what will follow on from that?

6). Where did we see the promise of His coming in Acts Chapter 3?

a). In Isaiah Chapter 11?

b). In Joel Chapter 3?

c). In Psalm 110?

d). In Ephesians Chapter 1?

e). In Hebrews Chapter 10?

f). What other means of presenting the details of His coming does the Lord use and where would we find these?

g). What other examples of this same detail did we look at?

h). What is the connection between Israel and 'the church' with regards to the Lord's second coming?

i). What else did Peter and Jude reveal that would accompany His coming?

j). What impact does this very brief account of the promise of His coming have upon you?

k). Why do people not readily see this?