

# **A Study of the General Epistles**

## **(NT Survey Lesson 204--2 Peter 3)**

**Introduction:** In this last chapter Peter warns his readers of those who will mock the promise of Jesus' second coming (3:3-7). Peter not only affirms that the day of the Lord will come, but also explains why it has not yet occurred (3:8-9), and what will happen when it does occur (3:10). He urges God's people to be prepared in view of Jesus' return (3:11-18).

**Lesson aim:** To affirm our faith in the second coming of Jesus and to prepare ourselves for that day.

### **Explanation of the letter's purpose--2 Pet. 3:1-2**

1. For what reason did Peter write this letter?
2. What did Peter want his readers remember? Who spoke the commandments of the Lord?

### **The Second Coming of Christ--2 Pet. 3:3-18**

1. What promise of God did Peter say mockers would mock?
2. On what basis would the mockers say the Lord was not coming again?
3. How did Peter say the heavens came into existence? How was the earth itself formed?
4. What did Peter say happened to the world? How did this happen?
5. What will destroy the present heavens and earth? The day of the Lord will be one of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of ungodly men.
6. What does Peter mean by the statement about God in v. 8?
7. Why has God delayed the coming of His Son and the judgment?
8. What will happen on the day of the Lord?

9. How should this cause God's people to live? (v. 11-12). For what do we look?
10. What should Christians do in view of the destruction of this world? (v. 14-15)
11. How did Peter refer to Paul? What did he say about Paul's writings?
12. What two things did Peter urge his readers to do to prevent being led astray by evil men? (v. 17-18)