

Recap of 4/24/16 (2 Peter 3:1-4):

1. In 2 Peter 3 Peter turns his attention to the Second Coming of Jesus. Jesus' return is sure. Peter explains why, humanly speaking, there is a delay.
2. Dr. Kenneth Gangel lists the following five facts about the Lord's return from 2 Peter 3:
 - Believers remember it, vv. 1-2
 - Scoffers laugh at it, vv. 3-7
 - God guarantees it, vv. 8-9
 - Peter describes it, vv. 10-13
 - Behavior is changed by it, vv. 14-16
3. Peter challenges believers to hold their doctrine and lifestyle up to the light of the Word of God. As sunlight would reveal cracks and weaknesses in a defective vase which had been repaired with wax and passed off as new, in the same way the Word reveals flaws and weaknesses in a believer's life and doctrine.
4. A partial list of New Testament passages which reference the Second Coming: John 14:1-3; Acts 1:6-11; 1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 1; Phil. 1; 1 Thess. 3 & 4; 2 Thess. 1 & 2; 1 Tim. 6; 2 Tim. 4; Titus 2; Heb. 9; Jms. 5; 1 Pet. 1 & 4.
5. "The argument of the false teachers is essentially a naturalistic one—a kind of uniformitarianism that rules out any divine intervention in history." (Dr. Ed Blum)
6. "The spirit of our age is not all that different. Scientists speak of a beginning of our universe, but deny a Creator. All that exists is explained by evolution. And whatever the future holds, no God will intrude in the orderly process of the ages to put an end to matter, and then to raise the dead and judge them. First-century intellectuals scoffed in the name of philosophy. Two thousand years later our intellectuals scoff in the name of science. But both are wrong. For God is. And the material universe is not eternal, but destined for destruction. Soon." (Lawrence Richards)