

**Recap of 5/1/16 (2 Peter 3:5-8):**

- 1. “If we can escape from all the wrangling and simply read our New Testaments, we can recover a clear view of what lies ahead: civilization a decaying carcass awaiting the vultures, anarchy in the world, apostasy in the professing church, apathy among true believers. Beyond that, the final showdown between Christ and Antichrist, God who became man and the man who will claim to be God; Armageddon, the final world conflict, and the Appearing of our Lord. There is no denying that the early Christians, while they and learned, also looked for Jesus to return any day. But Constantine became a professed believer and Augustine envisioned his City of God, and since then we have tried to build here the Kingdom instead of bringing back the King. And do not forget that the man who says there are no ‘signs’ [of Jesus’ return] is himself a sign! (2 Peter 3:3,4). (vance Havner)**
- 2. The mockers deny that God intervenes in human activity, but they deliberately forget that He has intervened in the past in Creation and in the flood of Noah’s day. Thus God has intervened in judgment, He did interrupt the uniform, natural order and He will intervene again at a future time in judgment by fire. This world has a date with a fiery judgment.**
- 3. There is deliberateness to unbelief. Salvation is not just a matter of more information. We should be “ready to give an answer for the hope that lies within us,” but ultimately belief is a spiritual decision, not an intellectual decision. (see also Romans 1:18-23)**
- 4. “For the millions whose hopes are wrapped up in this world, the wrapping up of this world is going to come as an awful blow. Every material thing is headed for fire.” (Burton C. Murdock)**
- 5. God is in eternity so what seems like a delay to us is no delay to Him. Peter quotes Psalm 90:4 to bolster his argument. Psalm 90:4 and 2 Peter 3:8 are a figure of speech, a simile, not meant to be taken literally, but to show that, one writer said: “God is not slow—He’s just not on our timetable.” (One Year NLT)**