

So, What's Next?

2 Peter 3:3-4

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We have taken the time during our celebration of Christ's birth to reflect upon portions of the Bible that spoke prophetically of His coming. These passages are more than just interesting — they are inspiring! They are foundational! They were meant to be understood and relied upon; and we have placed our faith in the One that came as a baby and died as a man.

The Scriptures continue to present future events that have not occurred. Christ's very words include a promise that He would return again. So, what's next? When is He coming? Is He really coming back? And why should this be important to us?

OUR STARTING POINT ...

- The **preeminent** matter.
- “The last days” refers to the entire period of time from the **arrival** of Christ to His **return**.
- Mockers will come that **deny** the **return** of Christ.
- The Lord is on His **time system** and not **ours**.
- The Lord keeps His **promises**.

What promises?

- The **Day** of The **Lord**.

What is this “Day of the Lord”?

OUR HOPE AND SALVATION...

- The church will be preserved from this time of **wrath** and **judgment**.

How do we know?

How then should we live?

- “How astoundingly **excellent** you **ought** to be!”
- Holy **conduct** and **Godliness**.
- “**Eagerly desiring**” that something will happen.
- Each Christian should be found enjoying the **peace** of Christ which knows no **worry** or **fear** about the Day of the Lord or Judgment.
- Christians should have a spotless **character** and a **blameless** reputation.

REFLECTION

- Do I take comfort from the promises of Christ's return?
- Am I anticipating His return with eagerness?
- Am I more concerned with things of this world and this time of my life?
- How then do I live?