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2 Peter 3:1-10a

***Peter's Last Words to the Churches:  
God's Word and Scoffers***

Jesus' first coming compared to his second coming

<b>A Reminder of God's Word</b>	<b>1-2</b>
<b>Encouragement to clear thinking</b> <i>(2 Peter 1:12-15)</i>	<b>1</b>
<b>Remember the words of the prophets</b>	<b>2a</b>
<b>Remember the command of Christ</b>	<b>2b</b>
<b>A Denial of God's Coming</b>	<b>3-4</b>

**The Character of the Scoffers** **3**

*(Jude 17-19; 2 Peter 2; Acts 20:29-30; Matthew 7:15-16)*

**The Charge of the Scoffers** **4**

**An Ignoring of God's Power** **5-7**

**Willful forgetting** **5a**

**God's Word in creation** **5**

**God's Word in the flood** **6**

**God's Word in preservation** **7a**  
*(Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3)*

**God's Word in judgment** **7b**

*In investing, "Past performance does NOT guarantee future results;" however, when it comes to God and his Word – "Past performance absolutely DOES guarantee future results!"*

**An Explanation of God's Patience** **8-9**

**God's view of time** **8**  
*(Psalm 90; Isaiah 40:6-8)*

**God's purpose in patience** **9**  
*(1 Timothy 2:3-4; Romans 2:3b-4)*

## **An Affirmation of God's Promise      10a**

*(Romans 2:5)*

### **Questions for Consideration**

1. What things do you keep as reminders of events or people from the past? How do they remind you of them?
2. Peter wrote to remind believers of God's Word and God's promises. What passages remind you of what God has promised?
3. How might you use God's actions in the past to persuade people that God's prophecies about the future will also come true?
4. Have you ever had to wait for God to answer your prayers? How might God's view of time help us learn to be patient?
5. When we consider that God wants everyone to come to repentance, what can we do to help God in achieving this desire?
6. Peter tells us that the day of the Lord will come like a thief. Even though believers will not be here for that, the rapture can happen at any moment. How should this affect how we use our time and our resources?