

**New Series: Last Days – 2 Peter**  
**“Are We in the Last Days?” – 2 Peter 3:1-3**

**Big Idea - It's important to know how to live in evil, uncertain times.**

Watch this video on the last days.

2 Peter 3:1 My friends, this is the second letter I have written you to help your honest minds **remember**.

2 I want you to think about the words the holy prophets spoke in the past, and **remember the command** our Lord and Savior gave us through your apostles.

3 It is most important for you to understand what will happen in the last days. People will scoff and laugh at you. They will live doing the evil things they want to do.

**1. Remember God's words**

Luke 22:19 Then Jesus took some bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the apostles, saying, “This is my body, which I am giving for you. Do this to **remember** me.”

John 15:18 “If the world hates you, **remember** that it hated me first.”

20 **Remember** what I told you: A servant is not greater than his master. If people did wrong to me, they will do wrong to you, too. And if they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours, too.

John 16:4 I have told you these things now so that when the time comes you will **remember** that I warned you.

1 Corinthians 15:1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want you to **remember** the Good News I brought to you. You received this Good News and continue strong in it.

Ephesians 1:16 I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you. I always **remember** you in my prayers,

Hebrews 13:2 **Remember** to welcome strangers, because some who have done this have welcomed angels without knowing it.

3 **Remember** those who are in prison as if you were in prison with them. **Remember** those who are suffering as if you were suffering with them.

2 Peter 1:12 You know these things, and you are very strong in the truth, but I will always help you **remember** them.

13 I think it is right for me to help you **remember** as long as I am in this body.

15 I will try my best so that you may be able to **remember** these things even after I am gone.

Jude 1:5 I want to remind you of some things you already know: **Remember** that the Lord saved his people by bringing them out of the land of Egypt. But later he destroyed all those who did not believe.

Luke 10:3 Now go, and **remember** that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.

Luke 22:19 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to **remember** me."

John 14:28 **Remember** what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again.

Romans 14:10 So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? **Remember**, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. **Remember**, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

Philippians 4:5 Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. **Remember**, the Lord is coming soon.

Colossians 3:13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. **Remember**, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Hebrews 10:32 Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. **Remember** how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering.

35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. **Remember** the great reward it brings you!

James 4:17 **Remember**, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

1 Peter 5:9 Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. **Remember** that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.

Revelation 3:3 'So **remember** what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

## **2. His warnings of coming judgment.**

### **Announced by Old Testament prophets**

Enoch - Jude 1:14-15 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Isaiah - Isa. 2:10-22; **13:6-16**

Jeremiah - Jer. 30:7

Daniel - Daniel 12:1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time.

And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.”

Joel

Amos - Amos 5:18-20

Zephaniah

Zechariah - Zech. 12:1-14:3

aka "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7) and the Tribulation.

### **Declared by Jesus & apostles in the New Testament**

Jesus – Matthew 24, 25

Paul the apostle – 1 Thessalonians 5; 2 Thessalonians 1, 2

John – Revelation 6 – 19

We believe in the pre-Tribulation “Rapture” of the church

### **3. Biblical terms used to describe different “days”**

"The Day of the Lord" – the day of judgment that climaxes with the return of Christ to the earth.

"The Day of God" (2 Peter 3:12) is the period when God's people enjoy the new heavens and the new earth, when all evil has been judged (1 Corinthians 15:28).

"The Day of Christ" relates to the coming of Christ for His church (1 Corinthians 1:7-9; Philippians 1:10; 2:16). Aka the “Rapture”

### **4. Why do people scoff?**

(Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 4: 2 Timothy 3)

What’s a scoffer? someone who treats lightly what should be taken seriously.

The people in Noah's day scoffed at the idea of a judgment, and the citizens of Sodom scoffed at the possibility of fire and brimstone destroying their sinful city.

If you have tried at all to witness for Jesus Christ, you have no doubt met people who scoff at the idea of hell or a future day of judgment.

The false teachers wanted to continue living in their sins - 2 Peter 2:10, 18

Jude 17 But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:

18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

## **5. What should my response be?**

Get mad, indignant, upset, angry? No – that's a sinful human response. The Bible says "do not avenge yourselves, vengeance is mine, I will repay says the Lord."

## **Trust God's Word**

2 Peter 1:19 ...so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts

## **Wake up and live right**

Romans 13:11 ...we live in an important time. It is now time for you to **wake up** from your sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

12 The "night" is almost finished, and the "day" is almost here. So we should stop doing things that belong to darkness and **take up the weapons used for fighting in the light**. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

13 Let us live in a right way, like people who belong to the day. We should not have wild parties or get drunk. There should be no sexual sins of any kind, no fighting or jealousy.

14 But clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and forget about satisfying your sinful self.