



The Promise of Christ's Coming (Part 2)

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2 Peter 3:5-7



1 Beloved, this is already the second letter I have written to you in which I am trying to stir up your sincere mind by way of reminder: **2** that [you] remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles. **3** Knowing this first, that in the last days mockers will come with mockery, following after their own lusts, **4** and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they have from the

beginning of creation." **5** For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, **6** through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. **7** But the present heavens and the earth by the same word are being stored up for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

— 2 Peter 3:1-7 (speaker's translation from the Greek NT)

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- 1. God is the Only Eternal Sovereign Creator (5a)

2. God Created the Earth by His Word with Water (5b)

a. Genesis 1:1-10

b. By the word of God (by means of His command; His will; His decree)

3. God Destroyed the Earth by His Word with Water (6)

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