

“Feed My Sheep” 1st and 2nd Peter

Lesson #12 The Day of the Lord

2 Pet. 3:1–18; John 21:15–17; Ps. 90:4; Matt. 24:43–51

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The Line of Authority

2 Peter 3:1–2 (NKJV) *Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),² that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, **The words of the Apostles are compared to prophets.***

Nothing in the New Testament justifies the idea that the Old Testament was no longer valid or of little importance.

2 Peter 3:15–16 (NKJV) *and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our **beloved brother Paul**, according to the wisdom given to him, **has written** to you,¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also **the rest of the Scriptures.***

John 21:15–17 (NKJV) *So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?**” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.”*

*He said to him, “**Feed My lambs.**”¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, “**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?**” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “**Tend My sheep.**”*

¹⁷ *He said to him the third time, “**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?**” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “**Feed My sheep.***

***2 Peter 1:19** (NKJV) *And 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;*

The Scoffers

2 Peter 3:3, 4 *knowing this first: **that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”***

Jude 17–19 (NKJV) *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.¹⁹ These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.*

A Scheduled Delay

Matthew 24:48 *“But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’*

Exodus 32:1 *Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain,...*

“There are those who say, not only in their hearts, but in all their works, “My Lord delays his coming.” They show the effect of error upon them by smiting their fellow-servants and eating and drinking with the drunken. As in the days of Noah, those who have had great light will show their inconsistency. Because Christ’s coming has been long foretold, they conclude that there is a mistake in regard to this doctrine. But the Lord says, “If the vision tarry, wait for it; for it will surely come. It will not tarry past the time that the message is borne to all nations, tongues, and peoples.” Shall we who claim to be students of prophecy forget that God’s forbearance to the wicked is a part of His vast and merciful plan, by which He is seeking to compass the salvation of souls? Shall we be found among the number who cease to cooperate with the Lord, and who are found saying, My Lord delays His coming?” - Letter 131, Oct 14, 1900, pp. 2, 3.

Matthew 25:5** *“But while the bridegroom was **delayed**, they all **slumbered and slept.

Habakkuk 2:3 *For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, **wait for it;** Because it will surely come, **It will not tarry.***

Hebrews 10:37-38 *“For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and **will not tarry.** Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”*

1 Samuel 10:8 *“You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and **surely I will come** down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do.”*

1 Samuel 13:8 *Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal;*

Rev 10:5, 6 *The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that **there should be delay no longer**,*

Romans 13:11, 12 *And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.*

Matthew 24:13 *"But he who endures to the end shall be saved".*

A Thousand Years as a Day

2 Pet 3:8 *But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

Psa 90:4 *For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past,*

Psa 84:10 *For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.*

Ecc 6:6 *"Even if the other man lives a thousand years twice and does not enjoy good things-- do not all go to one place?"*

***Gen 2:17** *"but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day** that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

Near But Not When

Matthew 24:36 *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

Matthew 24:33 *When ye shall see all these things, know that **IT IS NEAR**, even at the doors.*

E.G. White Comments (Over 70 references in her CD)

"The great controversy between Christ and Satan, that has been carried forward for **nearly six thousand years**, is soon to close; and the wicked one redoubles his efforts to defeat the work of Christ in man's behalf and to fasten souls in his snares." GC 518

"**For six thousand years** Satan has struggled to maintain possession of the earth. Now God's original purpose in its creation is accomplished. "The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." AH 539

The continual transgression of man for **six thousand years** has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruits. {CD 59.3}

So What?

2 Peter 3:11 (NKJV) *Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,*

2 Peter 3:14 *Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;*

1 Peter 1:15–16 (NKJV) *but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."*

Matthew 24:42–44 *Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

***Luke 21:36** (NKJV) *Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."*

Titus 2:11–14 (NKJV) *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,¹³ **looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,**¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

A Final Appeal

2 Peter 3:17–18 (NKJV) *You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 (NKJV) *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*

7,000 Year Pattern

After Six Days A Miniature Of The 2nd Coming

Up with Jesus, Moses Resurrected, Elijah Translated, White garments, Clouds of Glory, Father, Unexpected time.

Mark 9:1, 2 *And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them.*

Mat 17:1 *Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves*

Millennial Week

4004 B.C.-2004 B.C. Epoch of the patriarchs. Abraham 2004 B.C. 2004 B.C. - 4 B.C. The age of Israel (Jesus is born approximately 4 B.C.)

4 B.C. -- Second Coming- The age of spiritual Israel or church. Millennium = 1000 year Sabbath rest.

2 Chr 36:21 *to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.*

Leviticus 26:35 (NKJV) *As long as it lies desolate it shall rest—for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.*

Moses Went Up

Exo 24:16 *Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.*

After 6 Years

Exo 21:2 *"If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing.*

Exo 23:10, 11 *"Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce, "but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard and your olive grove.*

Luke 8:11 *"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*

Rev 14:15, 16 ... *"Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.*

Jericho

Joshua 6:14 *And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days.*

Enoch Went Up

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, "to execute judgment on all, ...*

Job 5:19 *He shall deliver you in six troubles, Yes, in seven no evil shall touch you.*

Jacob Served

Gen 29:18 *"I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter."*

Joash Crowned

2 Ki 11:3 *So he (Joash) was hidden with her in the house of the LORD for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.*

2 Chr 23:1-21 *Then he took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD; and they went through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom. So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword. **Whole Chapter***

7 Times

2 Kings 5:10 *And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."*

Matthew 24:44 *"... you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."*