

The Silence of Certainty

Scripture Reading:

II Peter 3:1-18

INTRODUCTION



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- **Waiting requires patience**
 - **James 1:3-4**
 - **We are (eagerly) waiting for the fulfilment of the third tense of our salvation**
 - **This period of waiting has continued for almost 2000 years**

The Waiting

- **The waiting period for the first coming of Christ:**
 - **Promised shortly after The Fall of mankind into sin (Gen 3:15)**
 - **Promised through Abraham (Gen 22:17-18)**
 - **Promised by Moses**
 - **Promised through David**
 - **Malachi to John – 400 silent years**

The Waiting

- **The waiting period for the second coming of Christ: (Acts 1:6-7)**
 - **The need for patience shortly before Christ's second coming**
 - **Rev 6:9-10**

The Willful Rejection of God's Revelation

(II Peter 3:3-7)

The REALITY of God's record of past judgment

- **The greatest judgment ... so far! The world system was totally ruined**
 - **Gen 5:32, 7:6**
- **100 years of warning: Noah preacher of righteousness - II Pet 2:5**
- **The response of mankind the warning - Matt 24:37-39**

The Willful Rejection of God's Revelation

(II Peter 3:3-7) cont.

The **RESPONSE** of mankind today to
God's record of reality

- **II Pet 3:5-6**

The **REVELATION** of greater
judgment to come

- **II Pet 3:7**

Warning to believers: Don't be led
away from reality by the error of
unbelieving

- **II Pet 3:7**

CONCLUSION

- There is always a purpose in God's "prolonging" His coming judgment
 - **Before the Flood:** to prepare an ark in order to physically save alive 8 humans and a seed of all animals
 - **Today:** God is still calling out of the nations a people for His name before 'the door of the ark of the Church' is closed
 - **Acts 15:14, II Pet 3:15**

CONCLUSION

- **Since The Second Coming of Christ is drawing close, The Rapture of the Church is even closer**
 - **Work for the Lord - Eph 2:10**
 - **While waiting for the Rapture - Eph 5:15**
 - **Perhaps TODAY!**