

Problem:

what if i were to tell you you are doing prophecy wrong (argue rather be motivated)
2 Peter 3:17 -> Mark 13:20-23 and a proper perspective John 13:27-33 -> 14:27-31

Main Idea - The purpose of prophecy is not speculation but motivation

Text:**Remember**

2Pet. 3:1 ¶ This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of **reminder**,

2Pet. 3:2 that you should **remember** the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

2Pet. 3:3 **knowing** this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

2Pet. 3:4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." (*things seem to be stable*)

Reminder - 2 Pet 1:12-15 - keep it in front of your face

Remember - 2 Pet 1:16-21 - not an opinion nor a myth but a settled reality - He is coming in power knowing - 2 Peter 2

They Deliberately Overlook This fact

2Pet. 3:5 For **they deliberately overlook this fact**, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, (*they forget that's what those before the flood must have said*)

2Pet. 3:6 and that by means of these (the water and the Word) the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. (*academic deniers of special creation and a global flood*)

2Pet. 3:7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

deliberately overlook - Luke 17:26-30 - naturally overlook that things were not always here- illusion of endless time

stored up for fire - (Gen 9:9-17) they may forget the flood but they will see the fire

man doesn't push the button that ends the world - God does

Deut 32:1-22; Isaiah 66:15-16, 22-24; Zeph 1:17-18; Mal 4:1-6

Do Not OverLook This Fact

2Pet. 3:8 ¶ But **do not overlook this one fact**, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (*if this were a calculation a 1 min sin would be 8.5 months to Him also the opposite*)

2Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some **count** slowness, but (strong) is **patient toward you (beloved)**, not wishing that any (of you) should perish, but (strong) that **all** (of you) should reach repentance.

2Pet. 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

patience for repentance - Rom 2:1-4

While you wait

2Pet. 3:11 ¶ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, **what sort of people** ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

2Pet. 3:12 **waiting** for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

2Pet. 3:13 But according to his promise we are **waiting** for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

what sort of people - 2 Peter 1:3-8

Be diligent

2Pet. 3:14 ¶ Therefore, beloved, **since you are waiting** for these, **be diligent** to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

2Pet. 3:15 And **count the patience of our Lord as salvation**, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

2Pet. 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

2Pet. 3:17 You therefore, beloved, **knowing this beforehand, take care** that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

2Pet. 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

the issue - the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ - 2 Pet 1:16

some count - slowness as God's laxity (3:9)

but we count his slowness as motivation

remember 3:2, do not overlook 3:8, be diligent 3:14, take care 3:17

application: get to work - Luke 12:35-13:9 - Matt 28:18-20

Implication:

His return in power and glory

3:2 - Remember

3:8 - Do not overlook

3:14 - be diligent

3:17 - take care

Critics deny it, cynics laugh at it, scholars marginalize it and liberals call it a myth, fanatics pervert it and many mock it sarcastically...but we are to be motivated by it.

be diligent judgment IS coming but salvation is here now

Application:

get to work

<http://www.barabbasroadchurch.com/missions.php>

articles for further study and discussion:

<https://www.gci.org/prophecy/approach>

<https://www.raptureready.com/featured/gillette/study.html>

answering arminians 2 Peter 3:9

http://www.reformationtheology.com/2005/10/understanding_2_peter_39_by_pa.php