

THE DAY OF JUDGMENT IS A CERTAINTY

One year becomes history while a new year begins with all of its expectations of good. Time ever moves forward. Days keep adding up. And men feel that time (as they know it) will exist forever - that it will not come to end because another year has begun and the Lord's day of judgment is but an empty promise to most of them.

Christ's apostle Peter wrote as a reminder about the Lord's promise of returning to judge mankind in righteousness. You and I are blessed to ring in another year on earth because God *"is patient"* (2 Peter 3:9). His enduring lovingkindness, which forbears and suffers long with all of us, does not work on the same time table as men. What seems so long - or even dragged out - is an invisible speck in the grand scope of eternity. Eternity is incalculable; it is immeasurable. Yet, God knows and understands what is incomprehensible to us. Thus, *"the promise of His coming"* (2 Peter 3:4) is not forgotten, neither has it been discarded.

Men mocking God and His revelation is nothing new (2 Peter 3:3). The unbelievers and disobedient of the world have always ignored or rejected the divine warnings of being accountable to the Creator of the universe and of life. The foolishness of man's wisdom is that he selects with partiality the things that supports his own preconceived conclusions, even if it is a lie. They reject the fact of past divine judgments such as the flood in Noah's day (2 Peter 3:5), although there is evidence pointing to its historicity. Men not only mock God with their blasphemous statements, but also, they mock the Holy One by persistently *"following after their own lusts."*

This day of God and of the Lord is coming. Everything is not going to *"continue just as it was from the beginning of creation."* *"The heavens will pass away... and the earth and its works will be burned up"* (2 Peter 3:10). *"By His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men"* (3:7). Therefore, while you and I still have opportunity, we all must repent of our sins and be converted, turning to the Lord Jesus in holiness and godliness, because when that day comes it will be too late to repent.