

Review and Introduction

I. The Seeming Delay in Christ's Second Coming

A. Even among Christians there can be doubts and fears...

1. False teachers are troubling...
2. Signs of the times are troubling...

B. Christians do anticipate His coming... Titus 2:11

C. Encouraging Instruction, vs. 8-9

God's promise (singular) is certain, even if it appears to delay... *I John 2:18; II Thessalonians 1:5ff*

1. God is eternal, therefore... *Psalms 90:4*

Observation:

2. God loves and cares for "us..."

Lessons:

3. God is patient and faithful...

Lessons:

II. The Manner of Christ's Second Coming...

A. It will be sudden and unexpected... Matthew 24:42-44; I Thessalonians 5:2; Revelation 3:3; 16:15

Lesson: Always be prepared... *see I Thessalonians 5:2-11*

B. It Will be cataclysmic... vs. 10b

Observation:

1. A day of judgment... *Revelation 20:11-15; John 5:28-29*
2. The beginning of the "age to come..." *vs. 13*
Hebrews 12:28-29

III. The Implications for Living While we Anticipate and Wait for Christ's Second Coming...

Philippians 2:12-16