

Biblical Notes — 2 Peter 3:9

Against Postmillennialism

"Gentry fails to notice that Peter also gave directives for his readers, namely, to reject the false teachings of the scoffers and to prepare for the Lord's arrival. In addition, the apostle was certainly not "facing the slowness of God's judgment" despite Gentry's claim! The apostle specifically taught that "the Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise" (2 Peter 3:9)."

—— Brock Hollett, *Debunking Preterism: How Over-Realized Eschatology Misses the Not Yet of Bible Prophecy*, Kindle, (Morris Publishing, 2018), Location 368.

"Yet as we have seen, the apostle Peter contrasted God's reckoning of time ("with the Lord one day . . ." in v. 8) with the scoffer's reckoning of time ("as some count slowness" in v. 9) as the primary reason to reject the scoffer's claims that the Lord failed in his promise to return soon. Furthermore, the apostle John used the time indicators in the book of Revelation ("near," "soon," and "at hand") in the precise manner that the prophets employed these time indicators in the Old Testament."

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Against Amillennialism

"(1) the judgment which climaxes the tribulation period (2 Thess. 2: 2; Rev 16-18), and (2) the consummation judgment of this earth which ushers in the new earth (2 Pet 3: 10-13; Rev 20: 7-21:1)."

—— Richard Mayhue, *The Prophet's Watchword*, 246.

"As Peter makes clear, this fire of judgment is directed toward the wicked. In particular, it is poured out on the mockers or scoffers who rebel against what they know about God and His promises. In short, the tribulation as the day of the Lord is not the end of God's judgment. A final day of reckoning will occur at the end of the millennium, before the new heavens and the new earth. This judgment on the wicked will strike suddenly and unexpectedly, like the other manifestations of divine wrath."

—— Glenn R. Kreider, *The Rapture and the Day of the Lord, in Evidence for the Rapture: A Biblical Case for Pretribulationism*, (Moody Publishers, 2015), 89.

"In short, as the rapture and second coming are one event in two stages, so too the day of the Lord is one event in two stages; stage one is the tribulation and the final stage is the climactic judgment of the wicked. The first stage of the day of the Lord is preceded by the rapture and followed by the second coming. The final stage is preceded by the millennium and followed by the eternal new earth."

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