

**LESSON 14**  
**THE HOPE OF THE LORD'S RETURN**  
**2 PETER 3:1-18**

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**I. The Call to Remembrance (3:1-9)**

**A. The purpose of the letter (3:1-2)**

**1. As a stimulant (3:1)**

- Peter is writing them to \_\_\_\_\_ with reminders.

**2. The object of remembrance (3:2)**

- He wants to remind them of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The reality of scoffers (3:3-7)**

**1. The presence of scoffers (3:3)**

- In the last days, scoffers will arise who are \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Their accusation (3:4)**

- They will point out that the promise of second coming has \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Their forgetfulness (3:5-6)**

- They have forgotten that God's word \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. God's timing (3:7-9)**

**1. The future of the world (3:7)**

- The heavens and earth as we know it are \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. God and time (3:8)**

- God's timing is \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. The patience of God (3:9)**

- God is \_\_\_\_\_ the fulfillment of His promise.

- God's patience allows the lost to \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. The Day of the Lord (3:10-13)**

**A. The Day of the Lord described (3:10)**

- The coming of Jesus Christ will \_\_\_\_\_.
- The world as we know it will \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. A proper mindset (3:11-12)**

- Because our world is headed to this end, we must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must be watchful for \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. A proper hope (3:13)**

- In hope, we look to the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Conclusion (3:14-18)**

**A. The exhortation (3:14-16)**

**1. Be prepared (3:14)**

- Live in such a way that you will \_\_\_\_\_ when Christ returns.

**2. The Lord's desire (3:15)**

- The patience of God allows for \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. The written testimony (3:16)**

- This is the testimony of scripture including \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The warning (3:17)**

- We must be on guard against anything that \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. The encouragement (3:18a)**

- We are to grow in grace and in \_\_\_\_\_.

**D. The doxology (3:18b)**

- Peter gives \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ forever and ever.