

IS THIS THE END?

January 30, 2017

2 PETER 3:1-4 NKJV – (1) Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), (2) that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, (3) knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, (4) and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

That is the question that many are asking today. Looking at the world through human eyes, it is hard to tell who is really in control. Many people close their eyes at night and hold their breath, figuratively speaking, hoping they live to see the morning light. With the sun always rising somewhere, a new crisis can erupt while we sleep. We never know what the morning headlines will bring.

That is how the world perceives life, unsure of who is in control. But Christians look at the world differently. We have a reason to sleep soundly and peacefully at night. We are able to greet each new day with confidence rather than cowardice, with faith rather than fear, with trust rather than trembles.

How is that possible? The truth is best illustrated by who God is and what God does. Regardless of what is going on in the world -if we are in our last days or if this is the end- we know God is in control!

SCRIPTURE READING

DANIEL 2:31-45

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Whether it is coming to an end or not, what is your status?