

# Connect360: The Return of Christ

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- *Lesson Eleven in the Connect360 unit "Find Us Faithful: Standing Firm in Our Faith" focuses on 2 Peter 3:1-7*

In college, I took a class in logic where we studied syllogisms.

The class taught deductive reasoning, where general principles were used to form a logical conclusion.

The scoffers in 2 Peter would have benefited from such a class.

Our author reminds the church God created the heavens and the earth when the Spirit of God hovered over the waters (Genesis 1:1-2).

In doing so, he separated the dry land from the sea (Genesis 1:9-10.)

However, the same world God created when separating land and water, God also destroyed with water in the days of Noah.

My logic class continues to come to the forefront in my thinking when reading 2 Peter 3.

God acts in and out of history to fulfill his purposes, and it only makes sense that God will do it in the future.

God has done it in the past through creation and the flood ... and many were eating and drinking and going on with their daily business without giving it any thought (Matthew 24:38-39).

God worked in history when he chose to put on flesh and blood in the

person of Jesus.

Prophet after prophet spoke of the day the Messiah would arrive, and almost all in Bethlehem missed it that night.

God defeated death when Christ died on the cross, and it was a Centurian guard who declared Jesus was the Son of God (Mark 15:39).

One day in the future, God will act again.

Our present world will give way for God to create a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1).

By closely examining history and how God has worked in his world in the past, the only logical conclusion for any human being is to prepare oneself for Christ's second coming.

As Noah and his family prepared for the flood years before it took place, the church must be preparing for Christ's return.

As Mary was ready to respond when the angel Gabriel arrived in Nazareth, a Christian never asks, "Will Christ come again?"

The question is always: "Will you be prepared and ready when Christ does come again?"

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