Where Is the Promise of His Coming?
2 Pet. 3:1-4

Introduction:
A. A question a lot of folks are asking today?
   1. Expected Him to come with the coming of y2k.
   2. Some are disappointed others relieved.
   3. Others have set the time in the past (y1k, Russell, others)
B. A question to be asked by scoffers (v. 3,4).
   1. Assume he will not come, since has not come.
   2. Wilfully ignorant of the evidence. (v. 5)
C. Peter list some thing we need to know about the Lord’s Second Coming:

Discussion:
I. The Power of God’s Word (vs. 4-7)
   A. Its effect upon the world.
      1. The Creation. (v. 5; cf. Gen. 1:6,9; Ps. 33:9).
      2. The Flood. (v. 6; cf. Gen. 6).
      3. It Preservation. (v.7).
   B. So, by it the world will be destroyed.
II. The Reasons for God’s Seeming Delay. (vs. 8-9).
   A. Time means nothing to Him. (v. 8; Ps. 90:4).
III. The Certainty of God’s Promise. (Vs. 9, 10).
   A. It was promised with certainty. (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11).
   B. It was believed with certainty. (2 Thess. 1:6-10; 2 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 9:27).
IV. The Uncertainty of the Time of His Coming (v. 10).
   A. A thief does not announce his time and hour.
   B. No man knows day and hour (Matt. 24:36)
V. Our Responsibilities as We Wait. (Vs. 11-18).
   A. To be prepared at all times (cf. Matt. 25:13)
   B. To be holy and godly people. (vs.11; Tit. 2:11, 12).
   C. To look for new heavens and new earth. (vs. 12-13).
   D. To be diligent to be found in peace and purity. (v. 14; cf. Jas. 1:27; 3:17).
   E. To beware lest we fall away from steadfastness into error. (v. 17).
   F. To grow spiritually. (v. 18).

Conclusion:
   Song: “There’s a great day coming...”