

# Why Does the Earth Still Stand?

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Text: 2 Peter 3:10-14

Peter told those to whom he wrote that the end of the world was coming like a thief (v. 10). He wanted them to be prepared (v. 11, 14) because it could come at any time. Approximately 2,000 years later the earth is still here. Why? Let us notice three reasons given in the Scriptures as to why the earth has not yet been destroyed.

## God Made It to Stand

- His faithfulness continues (Psalm 119:90) – He “established the earth” in Creation (Genesis 1:31); “it stands” by His providence (Colossians 1:16-17; cf. Proverbs 27:23-27)
- Ironically, mockers cite God’s providence as a reason to disbelieve God (2 Peter 3:3-4) – they don’t call it providence, but that’s what they’re describing (cf. Genesis 8:22); it is a witness to remind all nations about God (Acts 14:15-17)

## The Day of Destruction Has Not Yet Come

- God has “fixed a day” for judgment (Acts 17:31) – we will all stand before Him (2 Corinthians 5:10); the righteous will be saved and the wicked destroyed (Matthew 25:46); after this, the world will be destroyed (2 Peter 3:10)
- This day that is fixed is known only to the Father (Matthew 24:36) – therefore, it is foolish for man to claim to know the day; since the day could come at ANY time, we must be ready at ALL times (Matthew 24:42-44)

## God Is Patiently Waiting for Men to Repent

- God wants all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4) – this is why Jesus came to earth (John 3:16); man departed from God and sinned (Romans 3:23); repentance is turning back to God and is part of the plan of salvation (Luke 13:3, 5)
- God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 18:23) – but He will punish those who are unfaithful; therefore, we must not think lightly of His patience (Romans 2:4-6)

## Conclusion

- Though God is patient (2 Peter 3:9), the end WILL come (2 Peter 3:10)
- We must be prepared – if you are not prepared, use the time NOW to do it