

"But, Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His Promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:8-9 KJV

For the procrastinator tomorrow is always “on time.” However, with God, purpose overrides duration. His purpose allows all those He foreknew *“before the foundation of the world”* to repent. Time bows to purpose. What seems forever to us is but an event to God. Think for a moment; how would you function without time? Time constrains us, because our days are finite. However, God is not bound by time; He is eternally past, present, and future. God created time, so He can use, manipulate, and change it as He sees fit. In construction plan and purpose are more important than the duration. Duration is estimated but not rigidly observed. If it takes extra time to prepare the foundation, so be it, but the foundation must be perfect. All preparation and work must be done in advance of the pour, for once started, it cannot be stopped. It must be dug, the form leveled and exact, and the crew ready to work the muck quickly. Concrete waits for no one, it simply sets! God’s eternal Plan will proceed regardless of man’s patience or readiness! *“The fullness of time”* is used in Scripture to indicate all is ready for the next event to occur. God’s Eternal Plan is a sequence of events, not a timetable. Men’s own wickedness will destroy them. God has instilled absolutes by His Word and these Laws, if broken, have predetermined consequences! *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die! Whatsoever a man soweth (does), that shall he also reap.”* Men must be prepared for their *“Last Day”* BEFORE it comes! There’ll be no do-overs in the grave! Death is every man’s *“Last Day! It is appointed into man ONCE to die and after this the Judgment.”* Jesus said, *“Behold, I come quickly...to give every man according as his work shall be. The time is at hand!”* We often get impatient with God’s timing, forgetting that, while we may have a deadline, God does not. It may seem the wicked die unpunished, but not so! *“The sea gave up the dead which were in it; and Death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.”* God’s Perfect Plan will unfold exactly! For true believers no mystery surrounds the end of time. We’re simply constrained to be more diligent in *“preaching the Gospel to every creature. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”* We don’t know the length of time, but we know the signs of its end, because God’s Word tells us! *“[God’s] Word is Truth. The Spirit of Truth...will guide you into all Truth...and He will shew you THINGS TO COME.”* If you don’t know God’s Word, it’s consequences are your own fault!



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The essence of hope and patience is knowing and trusting the promises of our eternal God! “God never is before His time, and never is behind.” ~C. H. Spurgeon

“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the Day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His Promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”
2Peter 3:12-14 KJV