

Matthew 6:9-13

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time ["the right time" ERV, "the appropriate time" NET", "the set time" NIV] had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Luke 1:8-9, 11-13 NET

Luke 1:8-9 Now while Zechariah was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the holy place of the Lord and burn incense.

Luke 1:11-13 An angel [Gabriel] of the Lord, standing on the right side of the altar of incense, appeared to him. And Zechariah, visibly shaken when he saw the angel, was seized with fear. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son; you will name him John.

Luke 1:14-17 NET

Luke 1:14-15 Joy and gladness will come to you, and many will rejoice at his birth" --- the birth of John --- "for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth.

Luke 1:16-17 He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go as forerunner before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for him

Luke 1:26-27, 36

1:26-27 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

1:36 "And look, your relative Elizabeth has also become pregnant with a son in her old age—although she was called barren, she is now in her sixth month!

Luke 1:28-29

1:28 The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one, the Lord is with you!"

1:29 But she was greatly troubled by his words and began to wonder about the meaning of this greeting.

Luke 1:34-37

1:34 Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since have not been intimate with a man?" 1:35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God. 1:36 "And look, your relative Elizabeth has also become pregnant with a son in her old age—although she was called barren, she is now in her sixth month! 1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God."

Course of Abijah

- This was the eighth course, serving in that year the equivalent of our June and December.
- John was likely conceived in late June.
- Gabriel appears to Mary when Elizabeth is six months pregnant, probably in late December, and tells Mary she will conceive.
- Nine months from late December is late September-early October, at the time of the fall Holy Days.

John 1:14

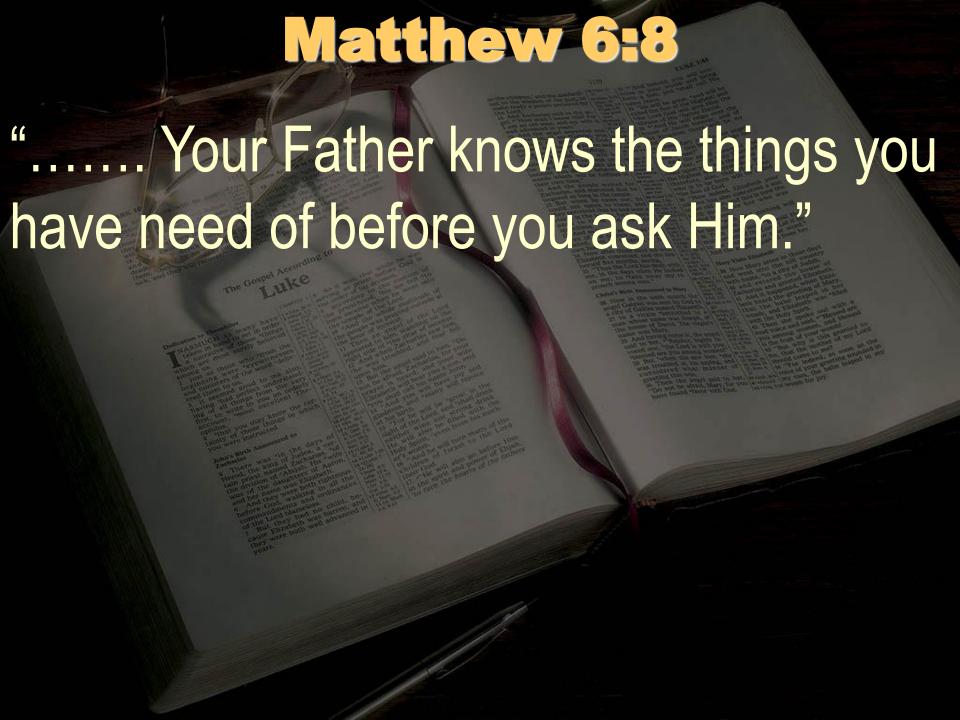
John 1:14 [NET] Now the Word became flesh and took up residence among us . . .

"took up residence" literally means
"tabernacled" or "lived in a tent (tabernacle)"

"The Word was made flesh and tabernacled among us . . ."

ASSUMPTON

If God the Father so carefully planned and executed the perfect timing of the first coming of Jesus Christ --- surely, He will at least as carefully plan and execute the perfect timing of the second coming of Jesus Christ!



Isaiah 61:1-2

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

Daniel 8:18-19

Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright. And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.

Ephesian 1:7-10

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times ["At the right time" NLT] He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth — in Him.

James 5:7-8

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

What About 2 Peter 3:11-12?

"Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?" NKJV

What About 2 Peter 3:11-12? - Cont.

Meaning of Greek Word translated "hastening" in NKJV

Per "Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary" the word translated "hastening" in 2 Peter 3:12 NKJV is <u>σπεύδω</u> (Strong's #4692 — Verb — speudo — spyoo'-do)

This word denotes (a) intransitively, "to hasten," <u>Luke 2:16</u>, "with haste," lit., "(they came) hastening;" (b) transitively, "to desire earnestly," <u>2 Peter 3:12</u>, RV, "earnestly desiring" (the day of God), i.e., in our practical fellowship with God as those who are appointed by Him as instruments through prayer and service for the accomplishment of His purposes, purposes which will be unthwartably fulfilled both in time and manner of accomplishment. In this way the earnest desire will find its fulfillment.

Using a study tool like Bible Hub to look up different English translations of this verse one discovers that the translators of this Greek word speudo in this verse were divided --- some choosing to translate it intransitively as "to hasten"; and others choosing to translate it transivitely as "to desire earnestly" (thus having a burning and yearning desire for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Whenever we encounter a verse which contains a word that has more than one possible valid meaning, a methodology called "Hermeneutics" should be used to properly interpret the scripture based on rules consistent and applicable to proper Bible study. In this case the rule is as follows: A verse of uncertain or ambiguous meaning should be interpreted to be in harmony with all other related scriptures which have clear and precise meanings. Using this principle, all of the previous seven points I presented to you lead us to conclude that the Greek word "speudo" in 2 Peter 3:12 should be correctly translated "to desire earnestly" --- not "hasten" or "speed up the timing of" Christ's return.

FYI --- another PowerPoint slide has been added that lists 19 English translations I found that chose the correct "to desire earnestly" option for 2 Peter 3:12.

What About 2 Peter 3:11-12? - Cont. **Bible Translation Bible Translation** (American Standard Version) looking for and earnestly desiring the coming (Mace New Testament) expecting, and vehemently desiring the day of the of the day+B2:B11+B2:B10 of God, by reason of which the heavens being Lord would come, when the heavens all on fire shall be dissolv'd, and the elements shall melt with intense heat. on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (Amplified Bible) [while you earnestly] look for and await the coming of the day of God. For on this day the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? the [material] elements will melt with intense heat! (RV) looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by (Aramaic Bible in Plain English) While you expect and eagerly desire the coming of The Day of God in which the Heavens, being tested by fire, shall reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? be dissolved, and the elements, when set on fire, shall melt. (Contemporary English Version) You should look forward to the day when God judges everyone, and you should try to make it come soon. On that day of the day of God, during which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, 4 the heavens will be destroyed by fire, and everything else will melt in the 13 and the elements going to be burned are melted away? heat. (English Revised Version) looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be melt with fervent heat? dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (ERV) You should be looking forward to the day of God, wanting more melt with fervent heat?

- than anything else for it to come soon. When it comes, the sky will be destroyed with fire, and everything in the sky will melt with heat. (GOD'S WORD® Translation) as you look forward to the day of God and
- eagerly wait for it to come. When that day comes, heaven will be on fire and will be destroyed. Everything that makes up the universe will burn and melt. (Holman Christian Standard Bible) as you wait for and earnestly desire the coming of the day of God. The heavens will be on fire and be dissolved because of it, and the elements will melt with the heat.

(Lamsa Bible) Looking for and longing for the coming of the day of God,

wherein the heavens being tested with fire shall be dissolved, and the

elements shall melt with fervent heat?

- (New Heart English Bible) looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of
- the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and
- (Smith's Literal Translation) Expecting and seeking earnestly the presence
- (WEB) looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will
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- day of God, by reason of which the heavens, all ablaze, will be destroyed, and the elements will melt in the fierce heat? (Weymouth New Testament) eagerly looking forward to the coming of the
- day of God, by reason of which the heavens, all ablaze, will be destroyed, and the elements will melt in the fierce heat? (World English Bible) looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

Reason 1: To confirm to God that we want the world's corrupt governments replaced by His Righteous Kingdom

Revelation 11:15 NET Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Reason 2: To confirm to God that we "sigh and cry" for the suffering of humanity.

Ezekiel 9:4-6 and the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it." To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the temple.

Reason 3: To confirm to God we are committed to God's will and are preparing to become part of Christ's new group of rulers

Daniel 2:44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.