

II-PETER

CHAPTER 3:10-13

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THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

2-Peter 1:3

“as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue”

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“THE DAY OF THE LORD”

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

INTRODUCTION:	Reading of the Text	3:10-13
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The Situation of the World is one where, we are now consistently seeing the globe itself experiencing very strange, even alarming events that beforehand were never even imagined...

Jesus Said
that Globally There Would Severe Trouble (Pressure
and Stress)

Matthew 24:21

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Jesus Said Again
To Watch for Radical Meteorological
(Weather) Changes

Luke 21:25 NASB

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,

1.) The Day of the Lord is Unlike Any Other

vv. 10

Verse 10

But **the day of the Lord** will come **as a thief in the night**, in which the **heavens** will **pass** away with a great **noise**, and the **elements** will **melt** with **fervent heat**; both the earth and the works that are in it will be **burned up**.

Matthew 24:21-22 KJV

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

1a.) *What Day Will It Be ?*

vv. 10a

the day of the Lord

We are living now in what has been mentioned as the day of grace, or the day of man...

...For the world - it's their showtime

For the Christian - a time of grace and forgiveness by God

But... the day of the Lord

Appears in Scripture as a great time of
Terrible Judgment

What The Day of the Lord Is

The time when God personally intervenes in the affairs of mankind globally and specifically toward the unbelieving nations as well as Israel as a nation

And is not - The Day of Christ

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

Now, brethren, concerning **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though **the day of Christ** had come.

Philippians 2:16

holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in **the day of Christ** that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Philippians 1:10

that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till **the day of Christ**,

It's Not - The Day of Jesus Christ

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until **the day of Jesus Christ**;

1-THESSALONIANS BLESSINGS

1 Thessalonians 1:10

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

1 Thessalonians 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

It's Not - The Day of God: Begins after the great white throne judgment of Revelation 20:11 and becomes the eternal day for eons, forever, the eternal state

The Day of the Lord is a Terrible Day

Jeremiah 46:10a

For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself on His adversaries.

Acts 2:19-20

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

It is always in relation to the Lord's physical and personal intervention into man's affairs

#1 - It begins the moment after the rapture takes place.

#2 - It's the time of great tribulation which begins with a peace treaty with Israel.

#3 - It continues through the millennial reign of Jesus Christ from Jerusalem

Zephaniah 1:14-18

The great day of the LORD is near; it is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; there the mighty men shall cry out.

¹⁵ That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶ A day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers. ¹⁷ "I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like refuse." ¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy, for He will make speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the land.

Joel 1:15

Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty.

Joel 2:1-2

Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand:

² A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

Joel 2:11b

...for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Joel 2:30-31

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

Joel 3:13-14

Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow-- for their wickedness is great."

¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

Ezekiel 30:3 NIV

For the day is near, the day of the LORD is near-- a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations.

Let's Travel Ahead in Time to... **the day of the Lord**

1b.) How Will This Day Come ?

vv. 10b

will come as a thief in the night

THE ACTUAL DAY ITSELF BEGINS SUDDENLY/but...

I can have a specific appointment on Monday at 7:00am. But Monday the day began 7 hours earlier, in the dark, at night, in a second of time, while no one was watching. So is it with the "Suddenness" of the Day of the Lord. The Headliners (the obvious stuff) won't happen until the day clock changes and a few hours go by.

The Rapture of the Gentiles "Set's Off" the Day of the Lord

Suddenly

Matthew 24:42-44

"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Verse 10

- #1 Notice first, that He will come just as He had said that he would come
- #2 It will be while the people of the world are (biblically, spiritual asleep)
- #3 It is in connection with the terrors & difficulties of the great tribulation period

1c.) *When Will This Day Come ?*

vv. 10c

(figurative language) **in the night** (figurative language)

implied Greek = "while spiritual darkness reigns"

It begins with the church being removed from earth (people are in darkness about that) and from there, a great apathy toward God envelopes the world.

The Rapture will occur before either before the Russian invasion into the middle east or very shortly after...

When Does The Day of Lord Begin?

(Marked by Israel belief that “they are in peace and safety”)

Daniel 9:27

Then he, the antichrist, shall confirm a covenant with many for (seven years)

1 Thessalonians 5:3

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

that is being “in the night”

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

... according to the tricks of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because (the why) they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

that is being “in the night”

Matthew 24:11-12

and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,

that is being “in the night”

Jesus & Paul Challenged Us to “Get Moving” About the Things of God

John 9:4

"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; (the invitation is open) the night is coming (an evil and sinister time) when no one can work.

Ephesians 5:16

redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

A Personal Plea to Obey Jesus

INVEST YOUR GOD GIVEN GIFT(S) FOR HIS PURPOSES

1d.) The Context Is The Great Tribulation Period vv. 10d

Matthew 24:21

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

False Teachers Had Come to Thessalonica Tell the People That They Were Going to God Through the Great Tribulation Period.... Paul Taught them That They Would Not...

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.....

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1e.) Its Purpose Is To Punish The World For Its Sin vv. 10e

Isaiah 26:19-21a

from rapture to rupture

rapture Your dead shall live; together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. ²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, **rupture** until the indignation is past. ²¹ For behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;

Revelation 6 thru 18 - Details the Day

Revelation 6:12-17

I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. ¹³ And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴ Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

in which the **heavens** will **pass** away with a great **noise**, and the **elements** will **melt** with **fervent heat**; both the earth and the works that are in it will be **burned up**.

1.) The Heavens will pass away

2.) The Elements will melt with fervent heat

3.) The Earth & It's Works will be burned up

1.) The Heavens will pass away

in which **the heaven(s)** will **pass** away with a great **noise**,

* **Heavens** GRK 3772 ouranos (oo-ran-os');
the air, the atmosphere, the visable sky

* **Pass away** GRK 3928 parerchomai (par-er'-khom-ahee);
to go away, to run as to fleeing from someone or something

Isaiah 34:4

All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree.

Matthew 24:35

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

* **Great noise** GRK 4500 rhoizedon (hroyd-zay-don');
with an explosion or a great crashing or collision:

2.) The Elements will melt with fervent heat

* **Elements** GRK 4747 stoicheion (stoy-khi'-on);
something of order and arrangement,
a principle ingredient

* **Melt** GRK 3089 luo (loo'-o);
to let "loosen" to allow to break (up) to let go of something

This is the most advanced, scientific language used in the New Testament

The scientific advancements of the 20 centuries has allowed us to understand this passage because prior to this age of ours - verses 10-12 could not be understood because we had no concept of atoms being split in two and the world being held together by a mystery

The Atom Glu (an unknown mystery of physics) which holds the material universe together will release and things will happen

Colossians 1:16-17 NIV

For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

The Nature of the Coming Destruction's

Yes, there will be political destruction via the antichrist

Yes, there will be financial destruction making way for the cashless system

Yes, there will be liturgical destruction ushering in a world church of all faiths

But Peter here focuses on the environment and
meteorological events

Thermal-nuclear Reaction

Mark 13:24-25

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ "the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in heaven will be shaken.

Very Advanced Language Here

- 1.) The Heavens, both atmospherically and celestial, will vanish
- 2.) The stability of the present laws will devolve: the molecular structures will become detached from the natural laws. Thermal-nuclear separation
- 3.) There shall be the greatest of all disasters

3.) The Earth & It's Works will be burned up

- * **Works** GRK 2041 ergon (er'-gon);
toil at pleasure, to toil at our occupation); by implication, an act:

The investments of energy and time

John 6:27

"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

- * **Burned up** GRK 2618 katakaiō (kat-ak-ah'-ee-o);
to burn down (to the ground), to be consumed wholly:

IT'S ALL GOING TO BURN

all the things that we depend upon will
disappear
your house, car, cloths, savings account,
inheritance, your job

It's all going to be taken away - what will you have then

Colossians 3:2

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

1 Timothy 6:7

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Matthew 13:22

Jesus said that wealth can be dangerous *there is the* "deceitfulness of riches which choke the word, and you become unfruitful.

Proverbs 23:4-5 NIV

Soloman Said:

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

*Our Culture Places Everything Upon What You
Show Off
(He dies with the most Toys..... is Dead!)*

Jesus Said... "Be Careful"

Matthew 13:22

"Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹ "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

I had Special Ordered a Car Once... Once When I was Stupid... I would wash that thing, wax it, talk to it, - I took pictures of it

*God Places Value On Who
and What You Are*

2.) Prop. Teaching Should Produce Holy Living vv. 11b-12a

2a.) *Rethinking How We Live in these Last Days* vv. 11

Verse 11

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

God law of sow & reaping

Verse 11a

2b.) *Everything We Can See Will Disappear* vv. 11a

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved
what manner of persons ought you to be
in holy conduct and godliness

We are to be Building the Kingdom Life

In Our selves & In Others

1 Timothy 6:6

Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

- 1.) Holy conduct here is your “walk” or Lifestyle
- 2.) Godliness is do what Jesus would do

Verse 12

looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

- * **Looking** **GRK** **prosdokao** (**pros-dok-ah'-o**);
to anticipate with a great eagerness

When Takes Charge

Not The Judgment to Come - But It's First Step - The Rapture
which begins the chain of events

3.) There is a New World Order Coming

vv. 13

3a.) *Nevertheless: Our Hope is Secure*

vv. 13a

Verse 13

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and
a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Before You Can Move Into a House...

You first need to take possession, then you begin to prepare to clean
the house.

You paint, patch up the walls and relandscape the yard...

Well Jesus is coming back but the world is very much against HIM.

He made the worlds and owns all that there is, but this Ol' house needs painting, things need to be patched up and the yard is in a mess...

...and the neighborhood needs to be cleaned up. That process is called the Day of The Lord"

A very strange, yet supernatural pattern will develop. As we approach the terrible events of the last days

#1 the majority of people will not believe that God will visit the earth with judgment.

#2 the events listed in Scripture will become more and more obvious to those watching