

# **II-PETER**

## **CHAPTER 3:10-13 Pt.2**

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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”

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### **THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:**

#### ***“THE DAY OF THE LORD” PT.2***

**THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD**

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<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	<b>Reading of the Text</b>	<b>3:10-13</b>
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### **THE DAY OF THE LORD**

Different from The Day of Christ and The Day of God, **THE DAY OF THE LORD** is a predetermined, appointed time of special events that deal predominately with the nation Israel but not limited to Israel.

**THE DAY OF THE LORD** so comes as a thief in the night because it begins with a seemingly uneventful beginning. According to scripture, this day will commence at some point in time following the rapture of the church. Just as every day begins at the stroke of midnight, suddenly, in the dark, so also will **THE DAY OF THE LORD**. It isn't until this day advances that more and more of the prophesied events of this special time become increasingly evident and more clearly visible.

**THE DAY OF THE LORD** extends out to and beyond the bodily return of Jesus to the earth in the second coming, pass the earthly, physical reign of Jesus upon the throne of David in Jerusalem, otherwise known as the millennium. And then finally, **THE DAY OF THE LORD** comes to completion and total fulfillment after the resurrection of the damned in the final judgment, but before the beginning of The Day of God, otherwise known as the eternal state.

Just as if we were to visit the beach on an appointed day, **THE DAY OF THE LORD** also will be an appointed day that to us, at this time, is yet unknown. But once the day's visit begins, we can be sure that the shore will be visited with many waves of varying size and frequency during the course of the day, but very much predictable. So also will be the events of the **THE DAY OF THE LORD**, as they will be released upon the earth in prophetic succession until the day has come to it's full end.

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

vv. 10

## Verse 10

(( Verse 10 is a Parenthesis of the Day of the Lord ))

*“Bookend” by 2 Key Characteristics*

### AT THE FIRST

But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night,

Triggered by the **Day Of Christ** (The Rapture)

Then **The Day of the Lord** Begins...

(( Rev. 6:1-2 - Ezek. 38 ))

### TO THE CLOSE

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**.

When Celestial Matter (sun, moon & stars) and consumed and terrestrial matter (the dry ground, sub-terranian soils and all waters) are dissolved

#### 2 Peter 3:12 NIV

as you look forward to **the day of God** and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

But Dawning Hours of The Day of Lord will Terrible

#### Matthew 24:21-22

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

**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. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood **before the (second - yes) coming** of the great and glorious 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." <sup>14</sup> Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

*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**

**Matt 24:42-44**

"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

*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 just prior to 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.

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.

*1f.) What Will This Day Be Like?*

*vv. 10f*

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

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

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

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**Pass away** GRK 3928 parerchomai (par-er'-khom-ah-ee);  
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.

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

The scientific advancements of the 20th century 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

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.

**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:

**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,

## Verse 11a

2b.) *Our Reason for Following Christ*

*vv. 11a*

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

## “what manner”

The “In Holy Conduct” here - is our “walk” or Lifestyle

Way Before We Had Willfully Invited Jesus In,

- *We lived for our own Pleasures*
- *Dedicated our time and energy, our money*

**BUT NOW WE’RE CHRISTIANS  
AND THERES A COMING JUDGEMENT FOR US**

### **2 Corinthians 5:10**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

### **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

<sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved,

### **Hebrews 10:31 NASB**

It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

# BUT IT WILL BE A GLOUROUSE TIME TOO...

**Holy Conduct: The Private Person We Are**

Sin's "Passing" Pleasures

**Hebrews 11:25**

choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy  
the passing pleasures of sin,

Satisfaction & Pleasure....

*They Would Wave to Us as They Pass By*

In The Old Testament

God Required His People to Live Separated Lives

**Isaiah 52:11**

depart from the things of the world - follow God!

**2 Corinthians 6:17**

Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is  
unclean, and I will receive you."

**Holy Conduct: The Public Person We Are**

2.) And in godliness - is do what Jesus would do

## LIVING OUR LIVES OUT IN THE WORLD - BEFORE THE WORLD

**! ARCHEOLOGY UPDATE !**

Recently a temple receipt was unearthed in Israel...  
That Receipt Records an Offering that Was Made to the Temple in  
Jerusalem - Soloman's Temple, thousands of years ago !!!

# The 'Hastening' of The Day

2c.) Heaven! - Our Hope and Focus

vv. 12

## 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

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

- \* **Hastening** GRK **692 speudo (spyoo'-do);**  
to "speed" ("study") to urge on (diligently or earnestly)  
to await eagerly: to hurry unto.

### Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.  
Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage  
one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## 3.) There is a New World Order Coming

vv. 13

1. Jesus will remove His church
2. The tribulation period will begin
3. The second coming will take place
4. The millennium kingdom begins
5. The final rebellion occurs
6. The earth and sky are consumed
7. There appears a new earth and new space

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.

## The Invitations of William Randolph Hearst

The invitation often came 1 year in advance.

All would be provided for.... even a transport and escort

### John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

3b.) Our Future is Secure, Forever in Christ

vv. 13a

### Verse 13

a new earth in which righteousness **dwells**.

## THE ETERNAL STATE – EARTH NOT AS WE KNOW IT

### 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a one was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup> And I know such a man-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- <sup>4</sup> how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

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Dwell

GRK 2730 katoikeo (kat-oy-keh'-o);

to move into a house permanently. To reside permanently in righteousness. Righteousness will DWELL permanently in us...

## Turn To Revelation 21:1-6

**Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV**

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