

Studies in 2 Peter (15)  
The Day of the Lord  
**2 Peter 3:10-13**



## 2 Peter - Previously

- We have concluded our examination of false teachers in **2 Peter 2**.

In our last lesson (**3:1-9**), we addressed those who mock the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus because of delay.

- Today, we continue as Peter declares the certainty of His return and what will happen



# The Day of the Lord - 3:10

- But - a marker of contrast
- The day of the Lord -  
In scripture there are several days of the Lord.
  - **Isaiah 2:12** - against Israel and Judah
  - **Joel 1:15** - against Israel
  - **Isaiah 13:6** - against Babylon
  - **Acts 2:20-21 (Joel 2:28-32)** - associated with events of Pentecost and that generation. Likely referring to fall of Jerusalem.
- A “day of the Lord” would be a day of judgment/deliverance



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Peter is likely speaking of the Lord's second return
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:1-2**  
(**cf. 2 Thessalonians 2**)



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- Will come as a thief in the night
- We do not know when He will return -  
**1 Thessalonians 5:1-2**  
(**cf. Matthew 24:43-44**)
- He has appointed a day - **Acts 17:30-31**  
**Cf. Matthew 25:13** - parables about His return



## The Day of the Lord - 3:10

- Will come as a thief in the night
- When He comes it will be time for judgment -  
**John 5:28-29, 2 Corinthians 5:10,  
Acts 17:31, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9**
- This is why we must ALWAYS be prepared  
**1 Thessalonians 5:6  
1 Peter 4:7  
Revelation 16:15**



## The Day of the Lord - 3:10

- The heavens will pass away with great noise
- Elements will melt with fervent heat, both the earth and its works burned up
  - this material universe will cease to be.Heavens will dissolve, earth burned up
- Burned up, is translated by some, “will be found out” (LSB), “it will be exposed” (ESV)  
Should this latter apply (I believe in the former - TT), the point would be the wickedness leading to this world’s destruction WILL be found out  
(**Hebrews 4:12-13,**  
**cf. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)**)



## Are you ready for that day? 3:11-13

- *Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved*
  - Dissolved - broken apart, destroyed, reduced to ruin.
    - Loosed or untied - **cf. 2 Peter 3:5,7** - by the word of God the world was created and remains
- When God determines it is time, that will be it.



## Are you ready for that day? 3:11-13

- *What manner of persons ought you to be?*
- How are you living your life? Are you living as if it will end?
  - **Hebrews 9:27, James 4:14**



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- *In holy conduct and godliness*
- Holiness - **1 Peter 1:15-16, 2:5**  
**Philippians 1:27, James 3:13,**  
**1 Peter 2:12, etc.**
- Godliness - reverence toward God - **2 Peter 1:6-7, 1 Timothy 4:7-8, etc.**  
**2 Peter 1:3** - He have given us all things that pertain to life and godliness...



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- *Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God*
- God is longsuffering - **2 Peter 3:9**. It is about others why He delays.
- But the Christian wants to depart (or at least should not fear it) - **Philippians 1:21-23, Titus 2:11-13**

Hastening - working to cause such to happen.

How? By being holy & godly seeking to win others.



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- *Because of which the heavens will be dissolved* (again emphasized)
- *Nevertheless we* - we have faith beyond this life - **Titus 1:2**
- *According to His promise* - we do trust in His promises (**cf. 3:9**)  
Unlike the scoffers, we know and live with hope.



## Are you ready for that day? 3:11-13

- *Look for new heavens and a new earth*
- A cause of much discussion. Some believe this world will be regenerated or renewed (Premillennialism, Jehovah's Witnesses, some brethren), either for a period of time OR eternally.

**VS. 10-12**, terms are redefined to refurbished instead of annihilated.



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- *Look for new heavens and a new earth*
- Our text is a description of our eternal home in heaven!
  - This is what Jesus promised - **John 14:1-3**
  - NOWHERE does Jesus promise to return to earth (**cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**)
  - Notice the order of events in our text - first He comes THEN destruction!



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- *Look for new heavens and a new earth*
- Our text is a description of our eternal home in heaven!
  - We are promised heaven - **Matthew 6:19-20, 1 Peter 1:3-4, Colossians 1:5, etc.**
  - Consider **Revelation 21:1 (cf. 20:11-15)** similar language to our text as to order.
  - How do we try to reach others? Speaking about eternity in heaven with God & Jesus. It is not about a materialistic dwelling.



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- *Look for new heavens and a new earth*
- Our text is a description of our eternal home in heaven!
  - “New heavens and new earth” is a simple description that we are going to live somewhere else!
  - While **Isaiah 65:17, 66:22** may be dealing with a different restoration (the kingdom of the Lord), our context CLEARLY points us to a different and better place - HEAVEN!



The day of the Lord is  
coming.

Are you ready for that day?



Let us pray!