

2 Peter 3

1-2 Reminder: Words of Prophets, Apostles (Foundation of Church Eph 2:20)

3-7 Last Days Scoffers/Mockers - led by their Lusts/Desires

Question His 2nd Coming

Intentionally Forget Creation, Flood

Purpose of Flood: destroy evil (Rev 11:18), remake earth
they forget it's God's Earth (Ps 24:1-2), He will perfect it

Heaven & Earth "held together" by Word (Col 1:16-17)

Reserved for Fire - Day of Judgement (same redemptive purpose)

8-9 He is not Delayed, but Patient - Motive: Salvation (OT, Amorites Gen 15:16)

10-13 **Day of the Lord** - Era: several events grouped together, one purpose

Peter didn't have Revelation 20 - Millennium

He did have Isaiah 60-66

60:12 nations that won't serve Israel perish

60:19 Lord is 24/7 light (Rev 21:23)

60:21 all Israel righteous, inherit land forever

65:17 new heavens & earth, former not remembered (Rev 21:1)

65:19 no more weeping (Rev 21:4)

65:20 restored longevity

65:25 animals no longer predatory

66:22 new heavens & earth remain

(Isa 66:15-16) ¹⁵For behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. ¹⁶For by fire and by His sword the LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

(Je 23:19-20) ¹⁹Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury - a violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

(2Th 1:7-8) ⁷and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Lk 12:49) ⁴⁹"I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

Day of the Lord - same redemptive purpose (Isa 4:4, 33:14, Ezek 1:4, Jer 30:23)

Peter emphasizes 3 elements of the Day of the Lord

His Sudden/Unexpected Coming

(1Th 5:2-4) ²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

Watch! (Mt 24:42-44, Rev 3:3)

Destruction of Heavens & Earth (elements dissolve) - Noise, Fire (remember flood)
New Heavens & Earth - Righteousness

(Rev 21:1) Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

Fire end of Millennium event or process beginning at His Coming?

(Rev 21:5) Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." (compare 2 Cor 5:17)

Peter suggests 3 appropriate responses

pursue Holy Conduct and Godliness

Look for that Day (Watch)

Hasten His Coming (Partnership in His Plan)

(Isa 62:6-7) ⁶I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, ⁷and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

14-18 final exhortation

be Diligent

Paul can be hard to understand

untaught/unstable people will twist the Scriptures

be Steadfast against wickedness

Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus