


Lesson 13 – November 27
2 Peter 3:1-18

With Anticipation



Rome

Our Living Hope



FBC Woodville
Sunday School Class
Michael G. Maness
see
PreciousHeart.net/SS

A statue of St. Peter, the Apostle, is shown in profile, facing left. He has a long, grey beard and is wearing a brown robe. He is holding a set of keys in his right hand. The background is dark.

- | | | | |
|-------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Sept 4 | Living Hope | 1:1-12 |
| 2. | Sept 11 | Be Holy | 1:13-25 |
| 3. | Sept 18 | Building Our Faith | 2:1-10 |
| 4. | Sept 25 | Living as Strangers | 2:11-25 |
| 5. | Oct 2 | Living in Relationship | 3:1-12 |
| 6. | Oct 9 | Always Ready | 3:13-22 |
| 7. | Oct 16 | Equipped to Live | 4:1-11 |
| 8. | Oct 23 | When Ridiculed | 4:12-19 |
| 9. | Oct 30 | Alert Living | 5:1-14 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| 10. | Nov 6 | Being Useful | 2 Pet. 1:1-11 |
| 11. | Nov 13 | With Trust | 2 Pet. 1:12-21 |
| 12. | Nov 20 | On Guard | 2 Pet. 2:1-13, Jude |
| 13. | Nov 27 | <i>With Anticipation</i> | <i>2 Pet. 3:1-18</i> |



Peter's Last Farewell

1. ***LIVE*** Your Eternal Life
2. Until the Morning Star Rises
3. False Prophets—Dog Vomit
- ★ 4. Look for the New Heaven

Lesson Author's Theme

Believer's hope is in the Return of Jesus

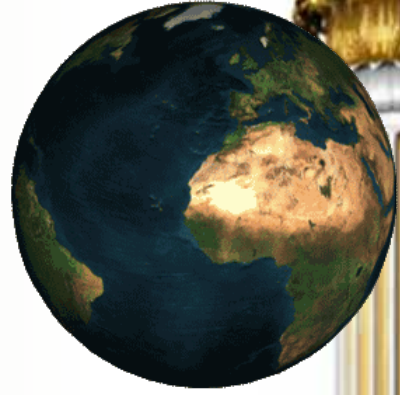
2 Peter 3

- 1-2 2nd Letter—to Stimulate to Good Thinking
- 14-16 Lord's Patience & Apostle Paul
- 3-7 **A Sure Return** – From Water to Water to Fire
- 8-9 **Patient Father** – 1,000 Years a Day—No Delay
- 10 **Warning Issued** – Day of Lord like a Thief
- 11-13 **While Waiting** – New Heavens & New Earth
- 17-18 **Be on Guard** – Grow in Grace & Knowledge of Christ



Key Verse 2 Peter 3:13

But in keeping with his promise
we are looking forward to a
New Heaven & a New Earth
where
righteousness
dwells.



Alternate Title

Our Living Hope

in a Cataclysmic Catechism

The most radical events forecasted in human history

2 Pet. 3:1-2 2nd Letter—to Stimulate to Good Thinking

In closing Peter's Last Farewell ...

¹ Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.

² I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

As smooth as Peter started, all for good, wholesome “THINKING”

He again anchors ALL in God's Word, the

- ✓ “Holy Prophets”
- ✓ “commands” of Christ
- ✓ “through your apostles”

Midway in his last chapter, he recognizes the Apostle Paul

2 Pet. 3:14-16 Lord's Patience & Apostle Paul

¹⁴ Friends ... make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

¹⁵ Bear in mind ... Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶ He writes ... things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Paul's words would become Scripture
Whether Peter and Paul met in Rome ...
dogs were scoffing at Paul too ...



Paul the Apostle, c. 1657, by Rembrandt

2 Pet. 3:14-16 Lord's Patience & Apostle Paul

I suspect 14-16 came to Peter late

As Peter and his Greek helper were
penning his Last Farewell ...

After verses 3-13, Peter KNEW God's
grace was mightily on St. Paul

If he could, Peter would help Paul

One Pillar of Faith to another Pillar ...

All for God's Glory ...

Both Peter and Paul KNEW well the
nature of Satan's Secret Agents

Dogs that came to destroy ...



Paul the Apostle, c. 1657, by Rembrandt

2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From Water to Water to Fire

³ Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

⁴ They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

Scoffers ... we have seen them ... too many

Psalm 1:1, Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

At ALL things spiritual – creation, morality, GOODNESS ...

They even SCOFF at a Christ ... even at his resurrection ...

no surprise they scoff at his Second Coming! – *no surprise!*

2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From Water to Water to Fire

4 They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

“Ancestors died” – is “Fathers died” ...

Either the O.T. Patriarchs and Prophets *OR* first Apostles

I’m inclined to O.T. “Fathers” since “the beginning of Creation”

Really ... Peter and Paul and John had NOT died yet ...

They will be FATHERS of the N.T. Apostles and Disciples ...

Furthermore, Peter is going to mention Noah in the next verses

2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From **Water** to **Water** to **Fire**

⁵ But they—[**SCOFFERS**]**—deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water.**

⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

From **WATER** ... to **WATER** ... to **FIRE**

Where? ... **to FIRE**

As though EVERYONE knows ...



2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From Water to Water to Fire

⁵⁻⁶ ... forget ... by God's word the heavens ... and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

BY these waters the world ... deluged and destroyed.

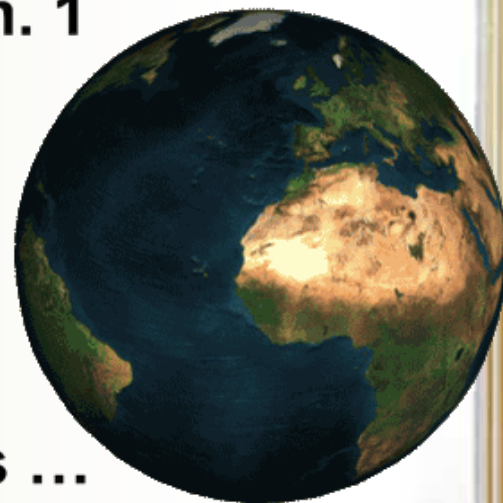
For Greek Jews of A.D. 100 and UNDOUBTABLY Jews in Rome their O.T. was the LXX, the Septuagint ... Greek Trans.

Peter had read it many times by now ... ALL KNEW Gen. 1

Gen. 1:1-2, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

We can speculate *ad nauseam* on the deeper meanings ...

For Peter ... GOD created and God WILL Judge



2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From Water to Water to Fire

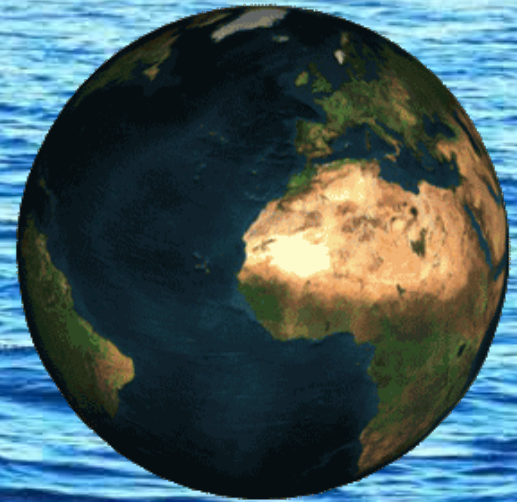
Creation – you've got to believe ...

And WATER ... there is a lot of it ...

- ü 70% of earth is covered ...
- ü more living things in the oceans than on land
- ü Mountains Higher than Mount Everest
- ü Valleys Deeper than the Grand Canyon

You MUST believe in Noah and the Flood!

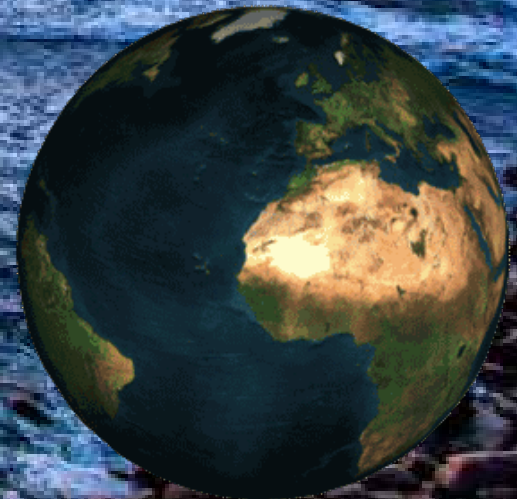
- ü Whole earth was covered for 40 days
- ü All NOT in ARK died ... *including dinosaurs!*
- ü Grand Canyon in part the result ...



**2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From Water to Water to Fire
Creation – you've *GOT* to *BELIEVE* ...**

Evolution ... lot of evidence for OLD earth
NO evidence for Order out of CHOAS
NO evidence for Big Bang (expanding universe—*haha*)
LOT of evidence for a Designer—God
Not just the Sunrise & Sunset ...
ABILITY to LOVE the Sunrise & Sunset
Ability to LOVE one another ... *proof*
Visit ICR—Institute for Creation Research

www.ICR.org



Creation – you've *GOT* to *BELIEVE* ...

ICR founded by Dr. Henry Morris in 1970
Father of Modern Creation Science

1981 started accredited graduate school

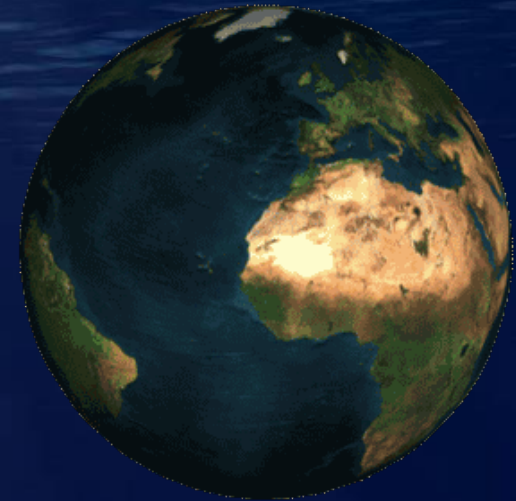
ü Sign up for FREE monthly “Acts & Facts”
excellent newsletter & factsheet

ü *Their scientists have debated
secular evolutionary scientists
all over the world*

ü *They have published many book, DVDs*



INSTITUTE FOR
CREATION
RESEARCH



www.ICR.org



Creation – you've *GOT* to *BELIEVE* ...

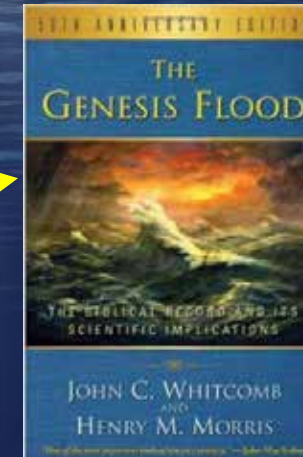
Dr. Henry Morris
Father of Modern Creation Science

ü Sign up for **FREE**
monthly “Acts & Facts”



www.ICR.org

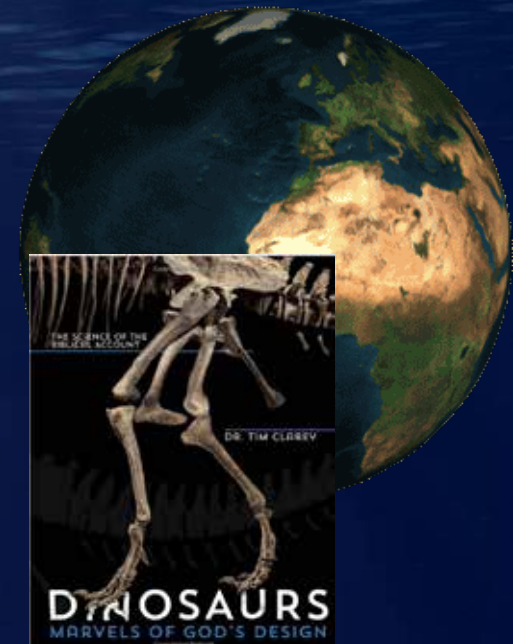
ü ***Genesis Flood*** by Dr. Henry Morris &
John Whitcomb (1961) *book that started it all*



ü ***Scientific Creationism*** by Dr. Henry Morris (1974)
by the founder, one of the first major publications

ü ***Creation Basics and Beyond*** by several scientists

ü ***Dinosaurs—Marvels of God's Design*** by Dr. Tim Clarey



2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From Water to Water to Fire

⁵⁻⁶ ... forget ... by God's word the heavens ... and the earth was formed OUT OF WATER AND BY WATER.

BY these waters the WORLD ... deluged and destroyed.

By the Word of God ... God CREATED the Heavens and the Earth

As God's spirit HOVERED over the waters ... he proceeded ...

Then in Noah's day, destroyed all the earth ... saving Noah

Sending a flood for 40 days ... then a *RAINBOW* ...

Then Peter tells us the Rest of the Story:

⁷ By the same word the **PRESENT** Heavens and Earth are reserved for FIRE, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From Water to Water to Fire

⁷ By the same word the PRESENT Heavens and Earth are reserved for FIRE, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

This is, in so many words ...

Cataclysmic Catechism ... Pt. 1—FIRE

Peter & Paul ... declare the END
And they declare the New Beginning ...

The world is TOUGH ... cruel ... unfair ...

Not merely to comfort though ... but to make clear

Destruction of the Present Heavens and Earth

is a FACT ... *Certainty* ... DESTINY



2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From Water to Water to Fire

⁷ By the same word the PRESENT Heavens and Earth are reserved for FIRE, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

There is a lot there to be afraid of ...

If you're lost ...

Yet, notice, Peter is NOT writing to the LOST

He is sending his Last Farewell to beloved Christians in Asia Minor and Galatia that ...

He will NEVER ... EVER ... see again

Destruction of the Present Heavens and Earth

is a FACT ... Certainty ... DESTINY



2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day—No Delay

After Secret Agents of deviousness ... now Scoffers

Peter warns that these DELIBERATELY deny ...

Deny Creation by Word of God ... after Water, *God created us*

One day ... Present Heavens and Earth DESTROYED by Fire

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

A Thousand Years like a day ...

Let's review where we have come in 1 & 2 Peter

Where we have gone . . .

1. Sept 4, Living Hope, 1:1-12
Living Hope because of resurrection of Christ
just a **FACT** ... with Living Hope, you'll sing in the arena
2. Sept 11, Be Holy, 1:13-25 – *special tribute lesson*
Be Holy – 9-11 – Strength of the Church is Christian
3. Sept 18, Building Our Faith, 2:1-10
Building Our Faith – Craving Milk & **THE Cornerstone**



8:46 to 10:03 – 1.5 hrs that
SHOOK our World

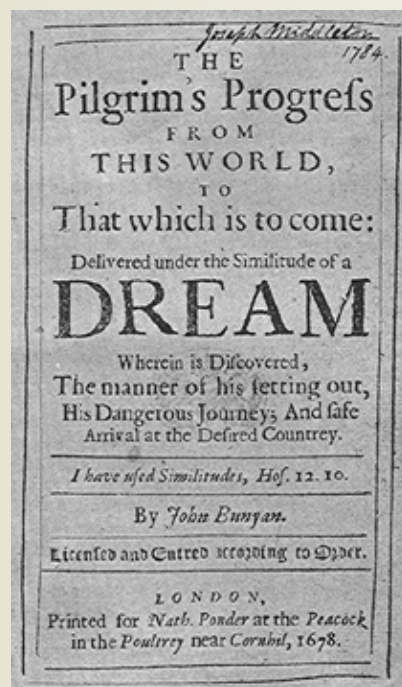


Where we have gone . . .

4. Sept 25, Living as Strangers 2:11-25
Living as Strangers – in Mayberry &
John Bunyan's 1678 masterpiece

Pilgrim's Progress

We ARE pilgrims on an often tough road ...



Where we have gone . . .

5. Oct 2, Living in Relationship, 3:1-12
Love One Another—Submit & Peter the Burger King?
most delicate issue of SUBMISSION ...
and the **Husband as SOUL Provider!**
6. Oct 9, Always Ready, 3:13-22
Christ to Hades & Back for YOU!—Spiritual Realm
Ghost Busting ... **and Christ above ALL**
7. Oct 16, Equipped to Live, 4:1-11
End is NEAR—Don't Monkey Around—
Instead, we should ...



Pray, Love, Serve

Where we have gone . . .

8. Oct 23, When Ridiculed, 4:12-19
Share Christ's Sufferings—

Our service is NOT a vain search
for some outpost of hope ...

we must

Trust Our Creator



Our Living Hope

Where we have gone . . .

9. Oct 30, Alert Living 5:1-14
We Must Clothe Ourselves in Humility ...
We must resist the Devil ... a roaring lion

Follow the Chief Shepherd ...

Not lording
it over ...

But in humility



Where we have gone . . .

10. Nov 6, Being Useful, 2 Pet. 1:1-11

Cultivate Your Character ...

Add to Your Faith ... Love

CHARACTER IS
HOW YOU TREAT
THOSE WHO CAN
DO NOTHING
FOR YOU.

Wisdom
is knowing the right path to take...

Integrity
is taking it

Where we have gone . . .

11. Nov 13, With Trust, 2 Pet. 1:12-21

Morning Star Rises in Your Heart ...

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall ... YOU are the Fairest of ALL

Peter gives an Anchor

The Word of God

**Certified at Christ's
Transfiguration**

The Morning Star rises in your Hearts

Christ Returns ... Rises in Our Hearts

Where we have gone . . .

12. Nov 20, On Guard, 2 Pet. 2:1-22 & Jude . . . where we saw
Satan's Secret Agents ...

Two chapters that
Warn of saboteurs
Concluding that



Lord knows how to RESCUE the godly

We've come a long way ... so it seems ...



1 Peter 1-5

1. Sept 4 **1:1-12** Living Hope
2. Sept 11 **1:13-25** Be Holy
3. Sept 18 **2:1-10** Building Our Faith
4. Sept 25 **2:11-25** Living as Strangers
5. Oct 2 **3:1-12** Living in Relationship
6. Oct 9 **3:13-22** Always Ready
7. Oct 16 **4:1-11** Equipped to Live
8. Oct 23 **4:12-19** When Ridiculed
9. Oct 30 **5:1-14** Alert Living

2 Peter 1-3

10. Nov 6 **1:1-11** Being Useful
11. Nov 13 **1:12-21** With Trust
12. Nov 20 **2:1-13** On Guard
13. Nov 27 **3:1-18** With Anticipation

Living Hope Empowers

9-11 Tribute—15th Anniversary

Chosen People & Cornerstone

Pilgrims when Life's Tough

Seek Peace

To Hades & Back

Pray, Love, Serve

Trust Your Creator

Resist Lion Devil ... 499th Protestant
Reformation

Peter's Last Farewell

LIVE Your Eternal Live

Until the Morning Star Rises

False Prophets—Dog Vomit

Look for the **New Heaven**

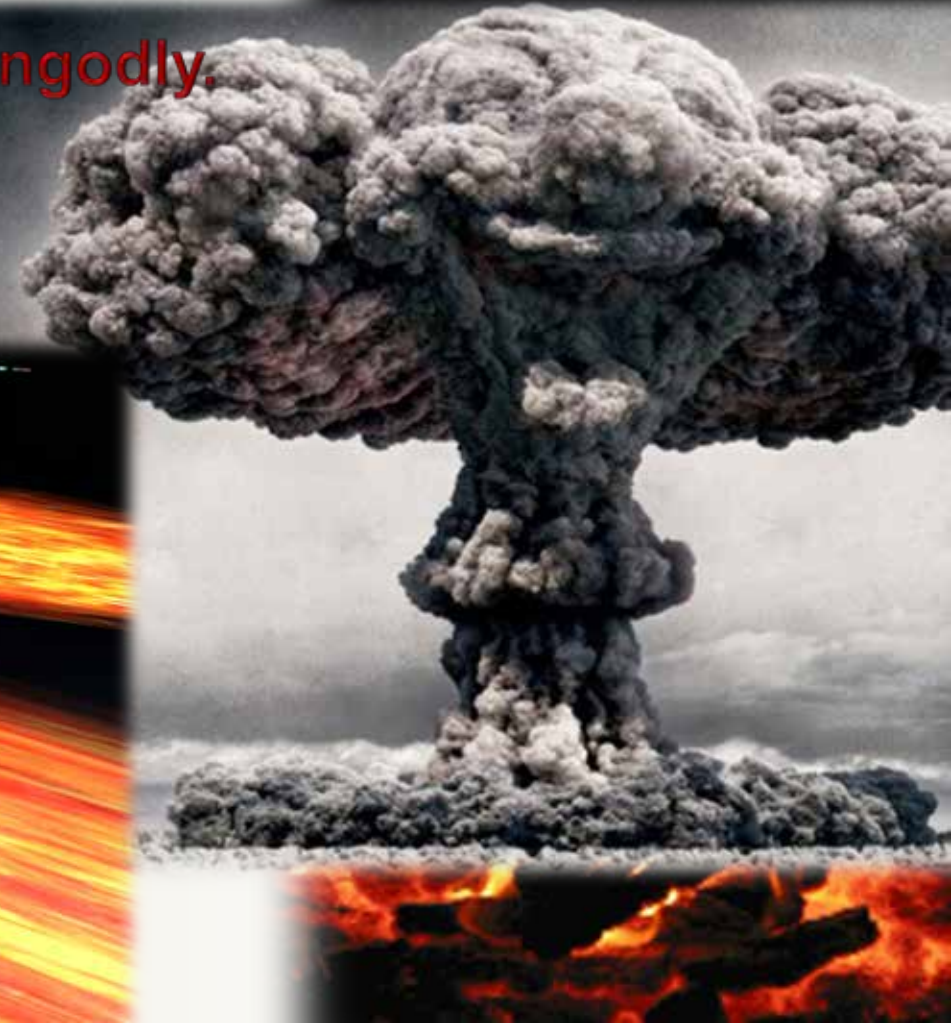
2 Pet. 3:3-7 A Sure Return – From Water to Water to Fire

⁷ By the same word the PRESENT Heavens and Earth are reserved for FIRE, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

While hard to grapple with in A.D. 100

In the 1960s, we began to see

it WAS Possible ...



2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day—No Delay

⁷ By the same word the PRESENT Heavens and Earth are reserved for FIRE , being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

Peter is CLEAR ... this is an E.L.E. ...

Extinction Level Event!

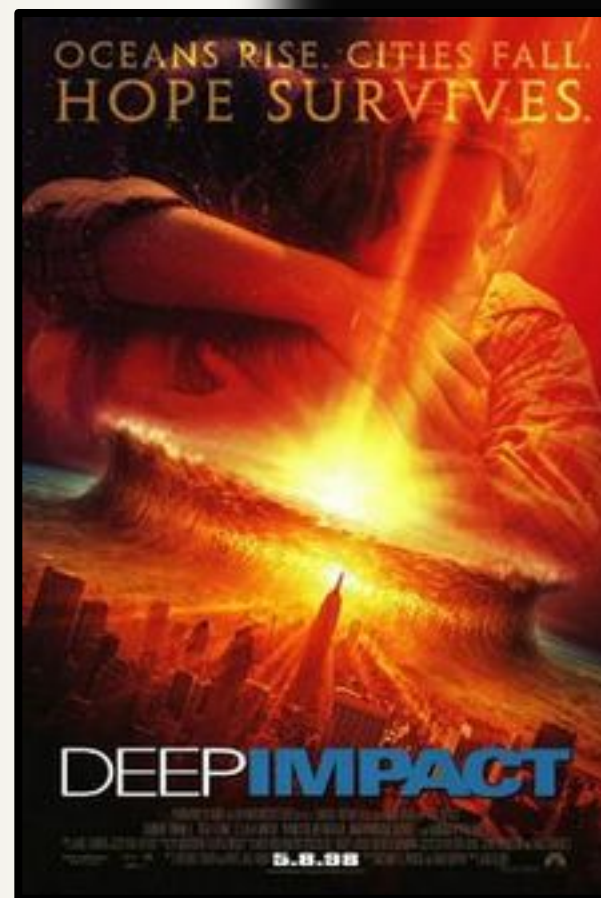
Yet ... unlike the 1998 movie *Deep Impact*

Or the movie *Armageddon*

There is NOTHING we will be able to do

Peter continues his

Cataclysmic Catechism



2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day—No Delay

PRESENT Heavens and Earth are
reserved for **F I R E**

Peter's

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 2—TIME

FIRE for sure, but **PATIENCE** First ...

**⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and
a thousand years are like a day.**

**⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as
some understand slowness. Instead he is patient
with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but
everyone to come to repentance.**



2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day—No Delay

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 2—Time

**⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and
a thousand years are like a day.**

1,000 years as 1 Day? ...

What is TIME? – Open or Closed?

**Several times in several lessons, we pointed to
the dilemmas around **God Knowing ALL****

If all is the future is settled – where is Free Will?

**If God sits on a mountain and sees the Beginning
and End of the road – if that's it & unchangeable**

We have NO real relationship with God



2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day—No Delay

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 2—Time

**⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like a day.**

Father Time is NOT greater than Father God
a point hammered in several of my books

NO victim's or lost person's future is so
SETTLED that God cannot answer prayer

FUTURE is NOT 100% settled ...

Time is up ... Time is coming ... YOU'RE LATE

What is TIME ... ??? ...

No One Knows for Sure



TIME ... TIME ... TIME ...

1,000 years as a day ...

Isaac Newton (1643-1747) time was absolute ...
his discovered calculus as the plague of 1666 killed

H.G. Wells offered up *Time Machine* in 1885

We know well from 1960 movie w Rod Taylor

As 1900 dawned, *Albert Einstein* took
the world to a new understanding ...

Time – Space – Speed ... *physically related*

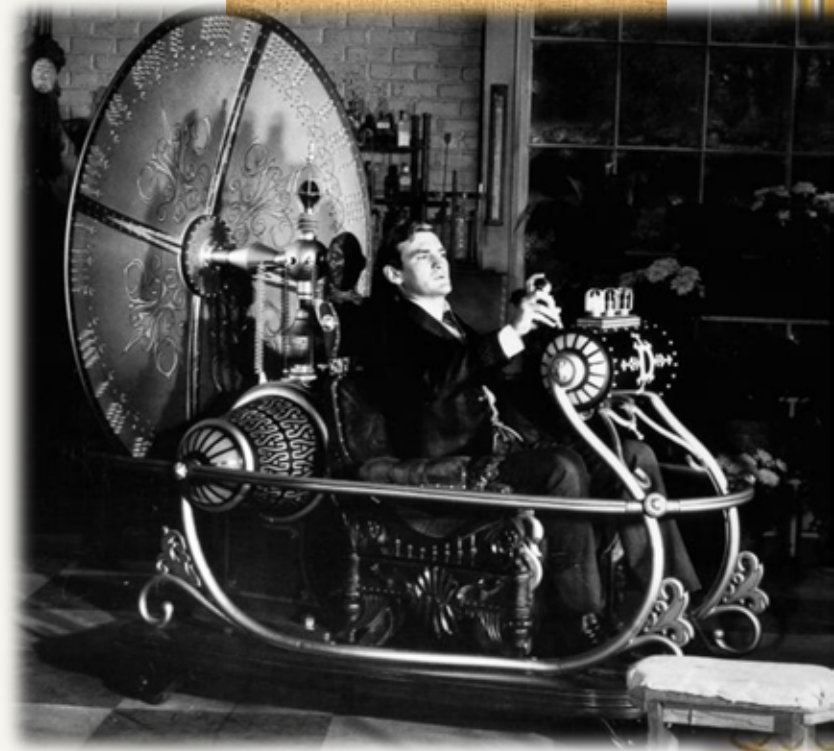
Time is ***RELATIVE***

TIME was NOT absolute, Einstein offered
at the speed of light, ***TIME CHANGES***

The Time Machine



H. G. Wells



TIME ... TIME ... TIME ...

1,000 years as a day ...

Since H.G. Wells and Einstein ... Time Travel

TIME ... has come to our consciousness

Hard to escape the POSSIBILITIES of science

Peter was poetic ... his words beautiful ...

As God's Word, too, DEFINITIVE ...

Believe them or not ... they are TRUE ...

God has a view of time we CANNOT conceive

Part of our *Living Hope* is in *Eternal Life*

While it APPEARS Einstein has Cracked Time



TIME ... TIME ... TIME ...

1,000 years as a day ...

With ... Cracked Time ... we have another
Challenge to Christian Worldview ...

Like Evolution ... and Divine Origins ...

We humans have the ABILITY to change TIME

Only NOT YET, only on chalkboard & in movies

Einstein did NOT prove Time Travel ... he only
APPEARS to have proven that Time is

Time is Relative Speed

So a spaceman going Light Speed will age
slower than his twin brother on earth



2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 2—Time

What does TIME mean to Peter's
divinely inspired ... carefully crafted
poetically revealing ... subtly sublime
philosophically stupendous words?

**⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like a day.**

1 day AS 1,000 years – LOT OF WORK in 1 day

God is NOT bound or BOXED by TIME ...

**God created TIME ... or
TIME is a byproduct of His creation**



2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 2—Time

Peter's philosophically stupendous words
are a REMINDER ...

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like a day.

God's TIME is NOT *above* or *below* OUR TIME ...

God can just see MORE of TIME ... and quicker ...

My decades have gone fast ... each week speeds

Last year is ... somewhat ... like a day ...

But there is so much more ...



2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 2—Time

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like a day.



Most importantly ... in the context of all the N.T.

- ✓ TIME ... so important to us ...
- ✓ TIME ... so fleeting ... so expensive to us
- ✓ TIME ... is **NOT** that important to God
- ✓ One day ... 1,000 years ... **God is ETERNAL**
- ✓ Best of all ... God has chosen to give us, too,

Eternal Life

2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 2—Time

Peter is clear ... regarding God's loving patience
For God, a mere 1,000 years is but a DAY ... for

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

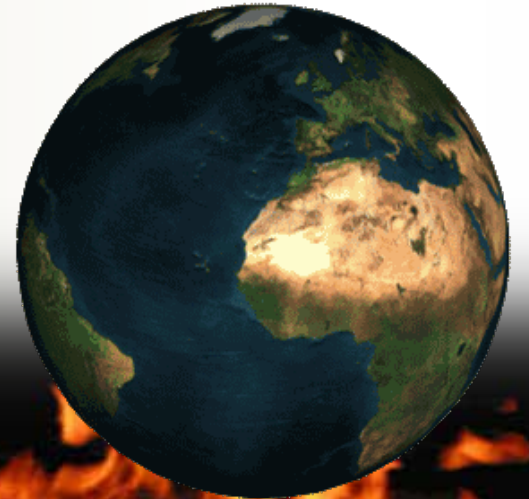
God ... has ... certainly has ...

All the TIME in the World ...

Recall Cataclysmic Catechism Pt. 1—Fire

God has **RESERVED** this world for **FIRE** ...

This World & TIME will go up in flames



2 Pet. 3:8-9 Patient Father – 1,000 Years a Day

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 2—Time

God ... our LORD ... Master of the Universe

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

NOT SLOW ... very, very PATIENT ...

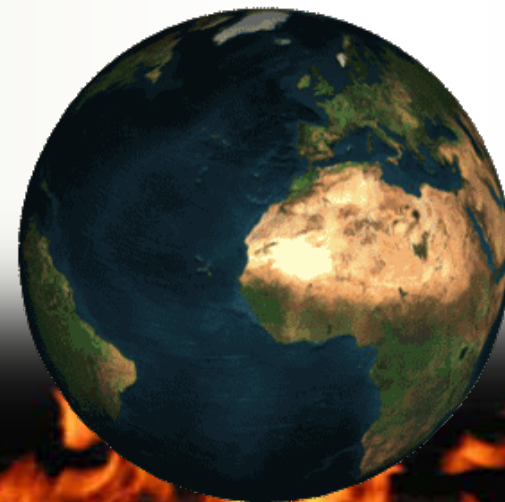
Because God does NOT want any to perish ...

All of TIME is NOT Settled ... **WHY?**

Because GOD does NOT want any to perish

Because ... this world is RESERVED for **FIRE**

This World & *TIME* will go up in flames



2 Pet. 3:10 Warning Issued – Day of Lord like a Thief

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 3—Thief of Time

Deny God, Deny Creation ... is also a *Denial of Future Destruction*

Peter is also clear that NO One ... No One will know when

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Thief in the Night ... who does NOT worry ...

Lock your doors ... have “911” ready ... pay insurance ...

Now, where does the rapture play in this? ... DO NOT KNOW

Perhaps the Rapture will play out like the some have said ...

We do KNOW a lot ...

2 Pet. 3:10 Warning Issued – Day of Lord like a Thief

Cataclysmic Catechism, Pt. 3—Thief of Time

1

¹⁰ But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Matt. 24 ... long passage on Return of Christ ... (*w little in Luke 17*)

24:40, Jesus said, “One will be taken, the other left....”

2

1 Thess. 4:16-17, For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, ... with the voice of the archangel and ... trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive ... will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

There appears to be TWO Comings ... ???

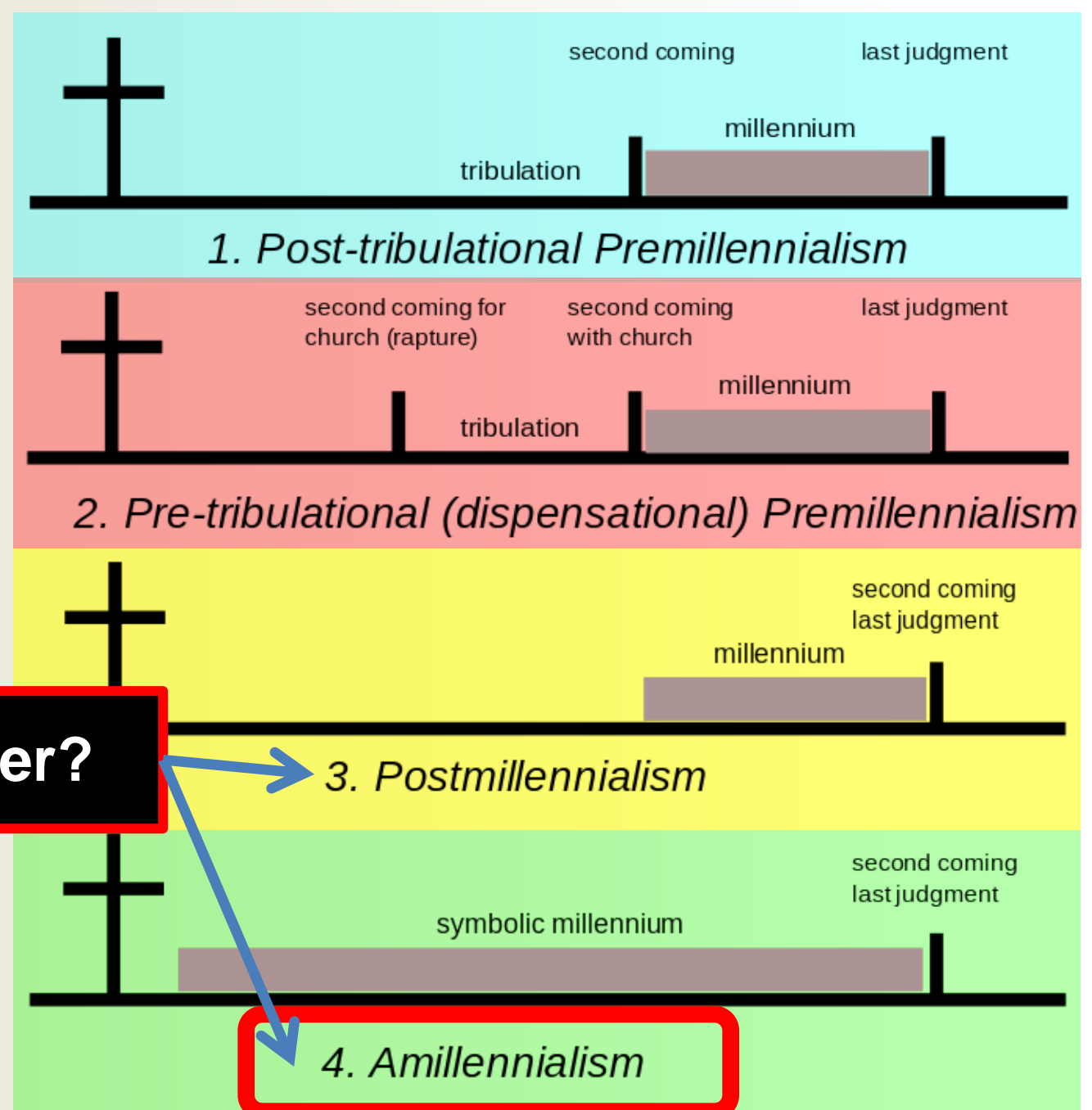
Millennial Views

1. 2nd Coming ... Millennium
Last Judgment

2. 2nd Coming FOR Church
2nd Coming W Church
after Tribulation

3. 2nd Coming AFTER
Millennium

4. 2nd Coming w Last Judge
Millennium Symbolic
Most popular to 1900



2 Peter ... Lord's Coming *CLIPPED*

1 Peter 4:7 The **End of All Things is Near**. Therefore be alert ...

1:11 a rich welcome **into the eternal kingdom** of ... Christ

1:16 We did not follow ... stories when we told you about the Coming of Christ in power ... eyewitnesses ... *transfiguration*

3:3 in the **last days** scoffers will come

3:8 Do not forget ... with the Lord a day is as a thousand years

3:9 Lord **not slow** keeping his promise ... not want any to perish

3:10 **Day of the Lord** ... like a **thief**. **Heavens will disappear** ... elements **destroyed by fire** ... earth and everything ... bare

3:12 As you **look forward** to the **Day of God** and **speed its coming**. **That day** will bring about the **destruction** of the heavens

3:13 Keeping with His promise ... **Looking for New Heaven & Earth**

3:14 Dear friends, since you are **Looking forward to this** ...

2 Peter ... Lord's Coming *CLIPPED*

Day of the Lord ... 2nd Coming of Christ

Most see Day of the Lord in 2 Peter as 2nd Coming

Peter assumes **THEY ALREADY KNOW** the

Day of the Lord is when Christ Comes Again

Yet, what you **MUST** see in Peter's elegant clarity ...

Day of the Lord is the End of the Old ... and the

Beginning of the New

Peter does **NOT** deny the rapture ... or Jesus in Matt 24

Yet, if the "Rapture" & "Fire with New World" happen

on the **SAME DAY** ... *hmmm ... we cannot know all*

Literal Bible and Dispensationalism LED to a lot of End-time work

Dispensation: Eras or Ages of God's work

2 Pet. 3:10 Warning Issued – Day of Lord like a Thief

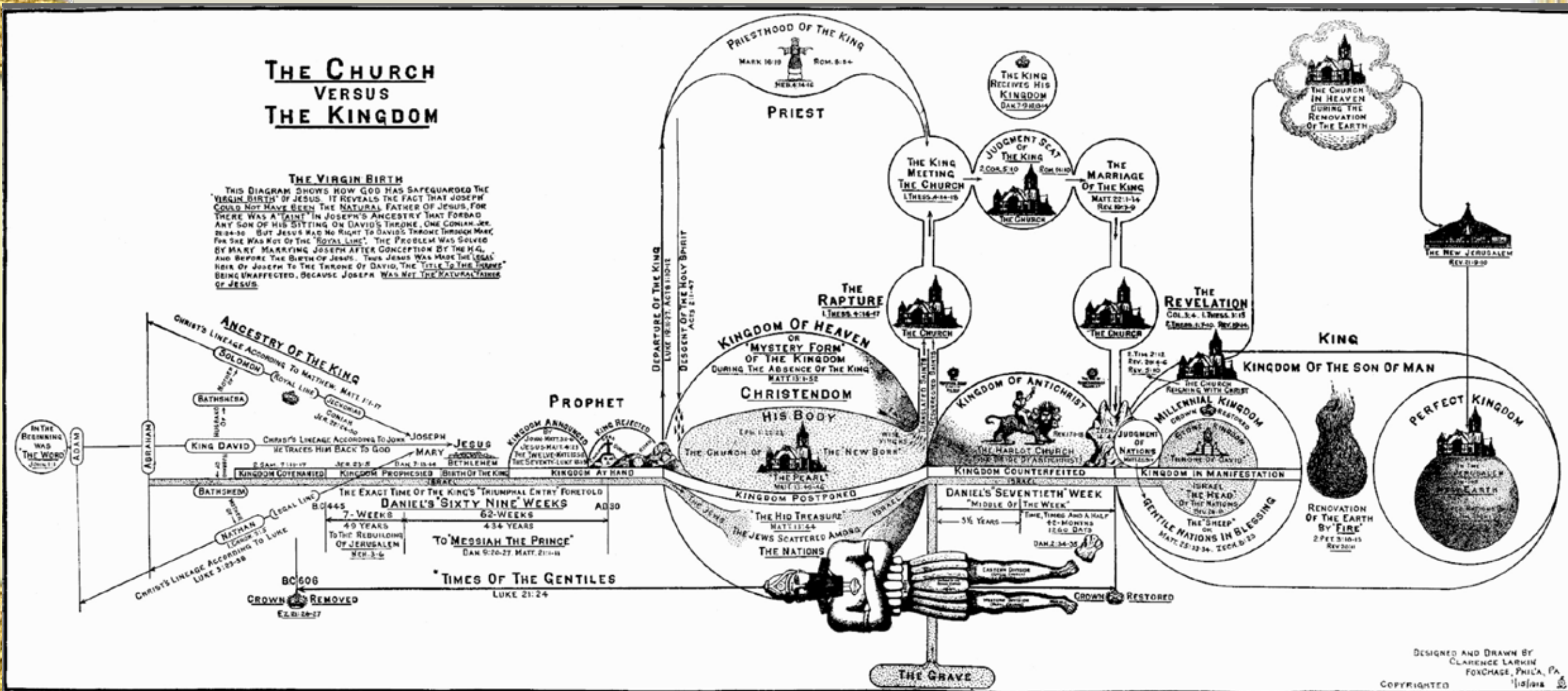
John Nelson Darby (1800-82) Father of Dispensationalism

Kicked into high gear with *Scofield Reference Bible* 1917

1. **Innocence** – Adam under probation prior to the Fall. Ends with expulsion from the Garden of Eden. Aka, **Adamic Period** or covenant
2. **Conscience** – Fall to the worldwide Great Flood, Noah and Ark.
3. **Human Government** – After Flood, human law, death penalty. Ends with dispersion at Tower of Babel. Aka, **Noahide Law**
4. **Promise** – From Abraham to Moses. Ends at refusal to enter Canaan at start of 40 years of unbelief in wilderness. Aka, **Abrahamic Law**
5. **Law** – From Moses to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Ends with dispersion in A.D. 70 destruction of Temple. Aka, **Mosaic Law**
6. **Grace** – From the cross to the Second Coming. Ends with Great Tribulation. Aka, **Age of Grace** or **Church Age**
7. **Millennial Kingdom** – 1000-year reign of Christ on earth centered in Jerusalem. Ends with God's judgment on the final rebellion.

2 Pet. 3:10 Warning Issued – Day of Lord like a Thief

Rev. Clarence Larkin (1850-1924) a lot on Dispensationalism



2 Pet. 3:10 Warning Issued – Day of Lord like a Thief

1970 Hal Lindsey published ...

Orson Wells narrated a movie version 1979

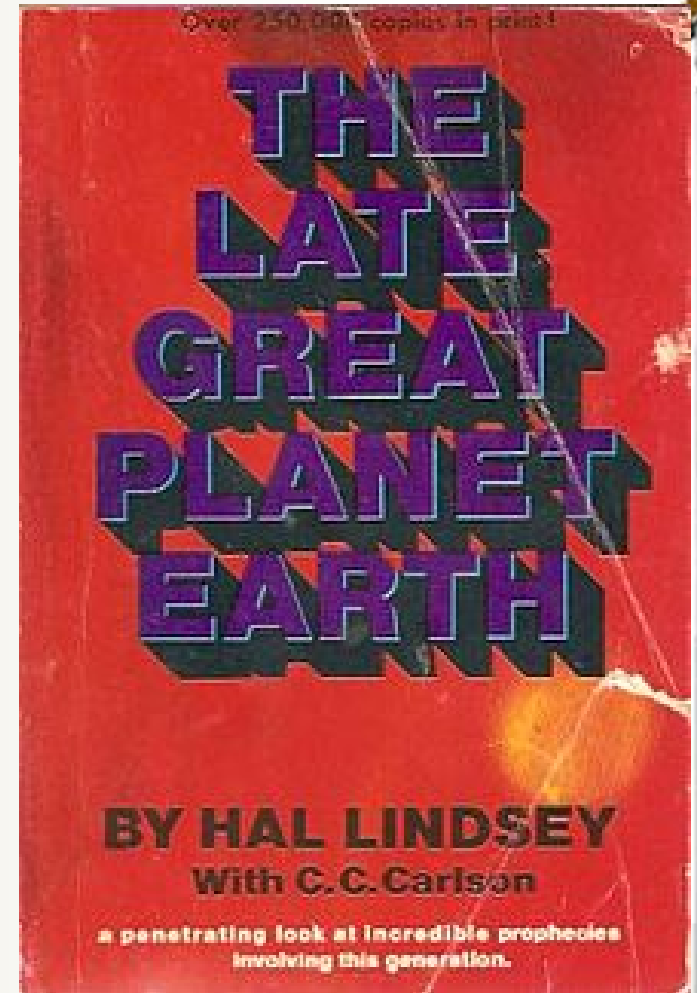
By 1990, the book had sold 28 million copies!!

Mostly from Daniel, Ezekiel and Revelation

From Matthew 24 ... he hints that
Jesus' return might be within "one generation"
of the rebirth of the 1948 nation of Israel

While wildly popular ... and helping to
MAKE the "Rapture" popular

Some portions are hard to reconcile ...



2 Pet. 3:10 Warning Issued – Day of Lord like a Thief

Dec. 31, 1995, Tyndale Publishing released
Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins' book
took the Christian church hostage ...

Jenkins wrote “in consultation” with LaHaye

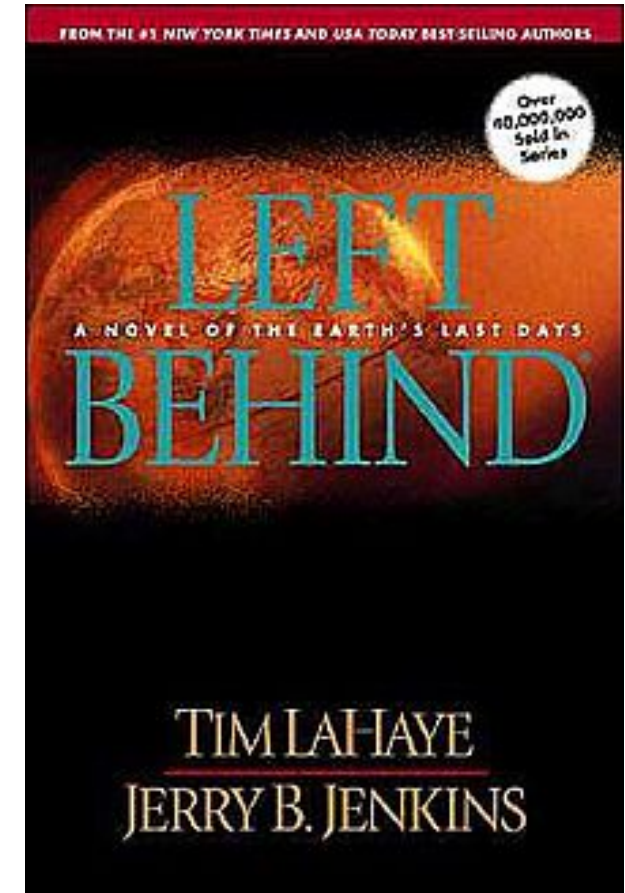
Book starts with Rapture & two weeks after

From 1995 to 2007 ... **15 sequels followed!!!**

Movies started to churn out in 2000 ...

Tim LaHaye (1926-16) wrote 80+ books/tracts
mostly Christian life & marriage in '70s '80s

Pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church
for 25 yrs to 1981, followed by David Jeremiah



www.LeftBehind.com

Over 63 million copies have sold ! ! !

2 Pet. 3:10 Warning Issued – Day of Lord like a Thief

Michael G. Maness

Heaven—Treasures of Our Everlasting Rest

My view of Revelation 21-22

CHAPTER

1. Heaven Is Perfected Everlasting Love

—No Eye Has Yet Seen

2. Similarities Between Two Passages

3. Heavenly Wedding Feast—Fresh

4. Heaven's Simple, Elemental Experiences

5. Cloudy Dark Side ... Obscures the True Fullness

6. Heaven's Greater Experiences

7. Greatest Experience—Sharing in God's Life & Glory

Has not sold 63 million copies ... Not yet!

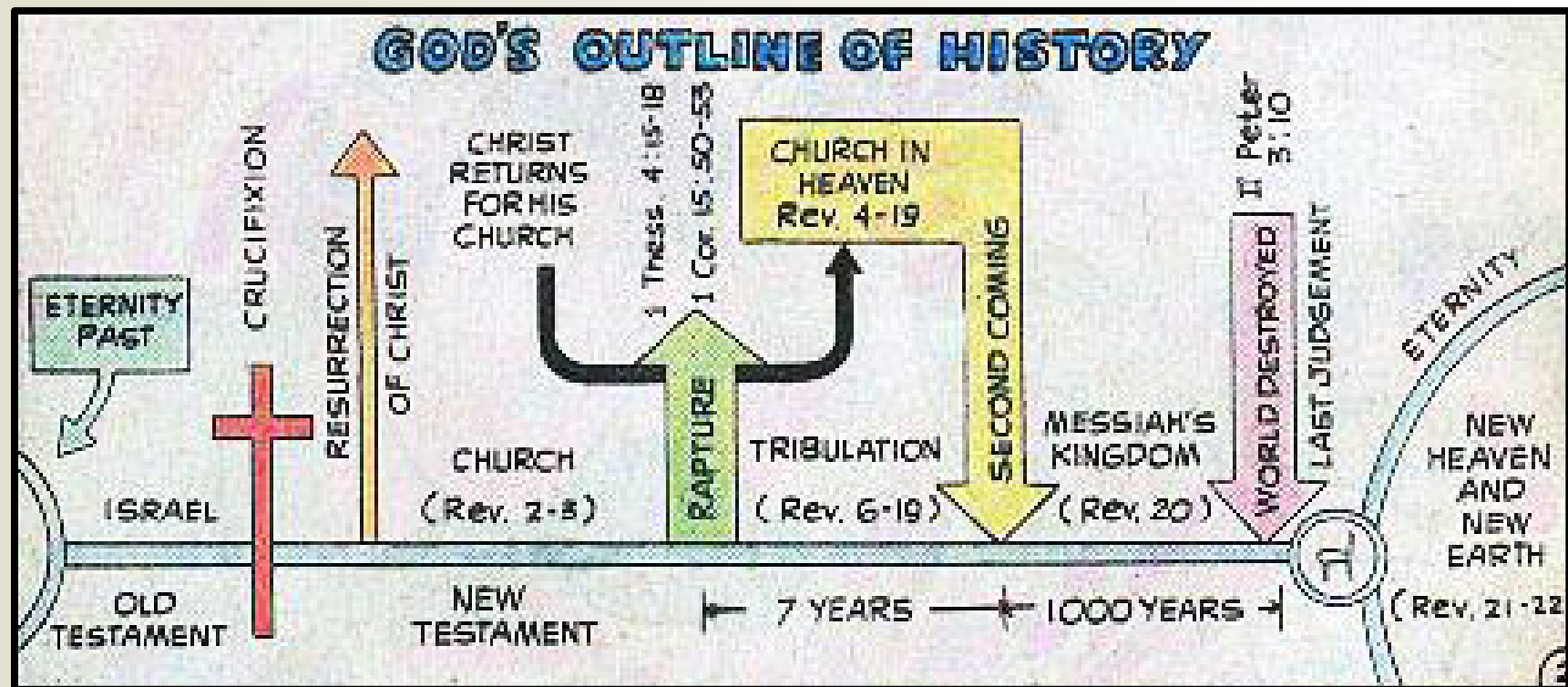


www.PreciousHeart.net/heaven

2 Pet. 3:10 Warning Issued – Day of Lord like a Thief

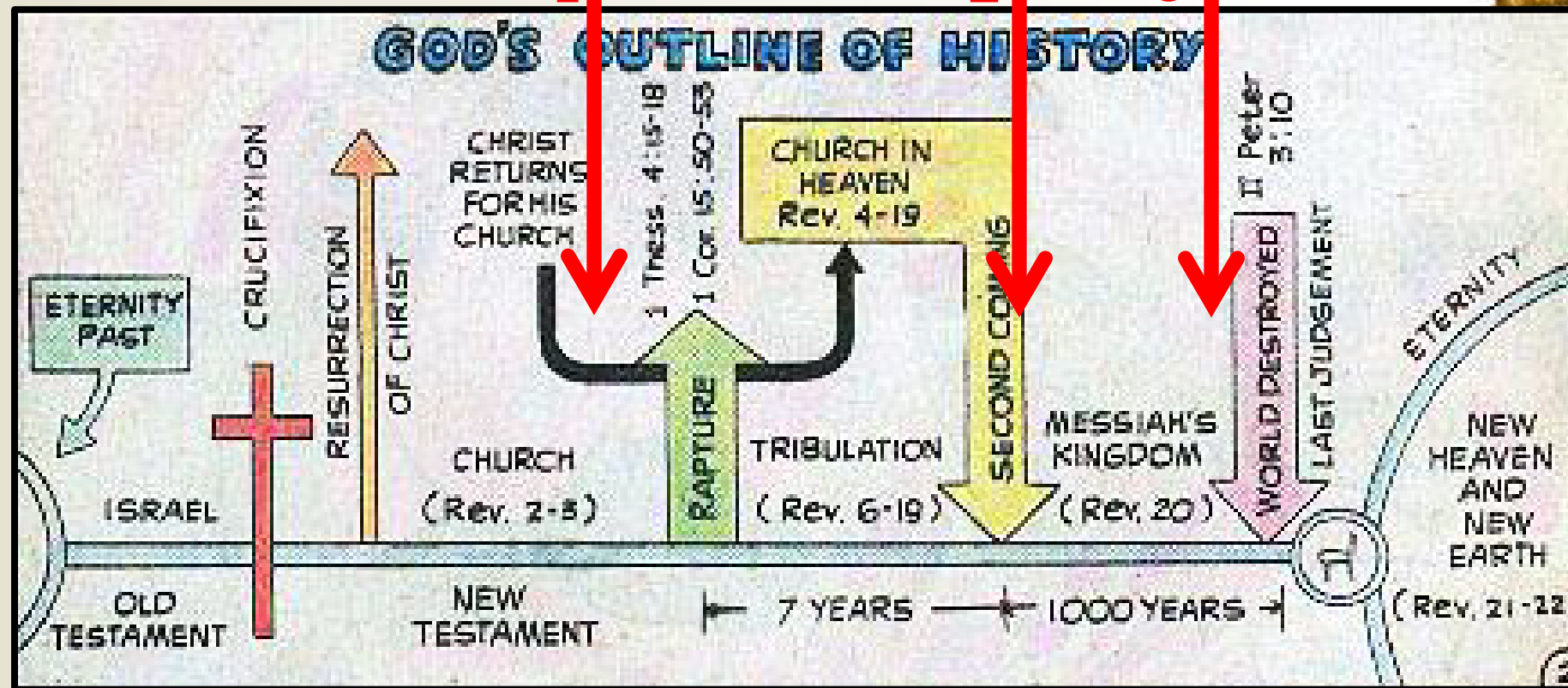
¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Here is the most COMMON understanding



Most COMMON understanding

What I
INCLINE to
But cannot
say 100%
Lot of verses
Peter sees 1
Christ coming
w Judgement
Has issues



Most troublesome issue is Christ coming back **THREE (3) TIMES**

1. Christ Comes for His Church -- dead raised first, alive meet in sky
2. Christ Comes WITH His Church to Rule
3. Christ Comes w Day of Lord to Judge – World Fired, New World

2 Pet. 3:11-13 While Waiting – New Heavens & Earth

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

¹² 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.

Well, our Living Hope is NOT so much for the DESTRUCTION of the world with FIRE ...

Our Living Hope is in CHRIST's COMING ... and more, verse 13

¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a New Heaven and a New Earth, where righteousness dwells.

Among all the complexities & puzzle fitting ... No Puzzle for Peter

Christ is Coming SOON ... with New Heaven & Earth

17-18 Be on Guard – Grow in Grace & Knowledge

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position.

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Peter closes his Last Farewell ...

KNOWING he will NEVER, EVER see his friends again ...

KNOWING he will die soon ...

KNOWING that Satan's Secret Agents will deceive ...

KNOWING that scoffers have and will make fun of Christ's Coming

Yet, confident, Peter recalls history ... God is not slow ...

17-18 Be on Guard – Grow in Grace & Knowledge

World created by God ... and sat ...

Water covered the world ... and God created the rest ...

In Noah's day, God covered the world with water ...

Now, ALL THE WORLD has a reservation with FIRE ...

But we wait and long for the New Heavens and New Earth ...

And God is NOT slow ... 1,000 years is as a day ...

But Christ will Come ... soon ... the dead in Christ will rise first

And, as we see this, as the Morning Star rises in our hearts ...

1 Peter 1:11 ... We will receive a RICH welcome into the

Eternal Kingdom of Christ

Thank you, St. Peter for your stupendous

Last Farewell

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun.

We've no less days to sing God's praise,
than when we first begun.

FBC Woodville
Sunday School Class
Michael G. Maness
see
PreciousHeart.net/SS



**Thank You God for our
Living Hope in our
New Heaven & New Earth
Our Eternal Life**