



The Second Coming of Christ

Part Three - "The Preparation for the Second Coming"

2 Peter 3:10

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REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

The Patience Needed Before the Second Coming

1. Our God wants everyone saved.
2. The church is not to leave anyone out from hearing the gospel.
3. Our struggles continue so that others may hear the saving message of Christ.
4. Time is short—the judgment of God will come.

Your biggest trial on Earth will be of no more concern in Heaven than what you wore on the second day of first grade.

TODAY'S STUDY SECTION

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 3:10, NASB95 - ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord* will come [emphatic tense] like a thief [i.e., unannounced], in which the heavens [i.e., sky] will pass away [lit., pass by and disappear] with a [in audible] roar and the elements [i.e., material universe] will be destroyed [lit., broken apart from its original state] with intense heat [i.e., a destructive fire], and the earth [lit., nature/land] and its works [specifically, all that people have accomplished] will be burned up.

*The Five Days

"Extraordinary, miraculous intervention of God in human history for the purpose of judgment, culminating in His final judgment of the wicked on earth and the destruction of the present universe." - Dr. John MacArthur

- **The Day of Man** began in the Garden of Eden.
- **The Day of the Son of Man** began in Bethlehem.
- **The Day of Christ** begins when Christ comes for His church.
- **The Day of the Lord** begins at the Tribulation (Judgment).
- **The Day of God** begins at the beginning of the Millennial Reign.

The Preparation for the Second Coming

1. When?—The Day of the Lord will be a surprise.

2 Peter 3:10, NLT - ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

2. What?—The Day of the Lord will be a scorching.

2 Peter 3:10, NASB95 - ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

- The heavens (sky) will pass away.
- The elements will be destroyed.
- The earth and its works will be **burned** up.

3. How?—The Day of the Lord will have sound.

2 Peter 3:10, The Living Bible - ¹⁰ The day of the Lord is surely coming, as unexpectedly as a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the heavenly bodies will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be burned up.

4. What?—What are believers to do until then?

2 Peter 3:11–13, NCV - ¹¹ In that way everything will be destroyed. So what kind of people should you be? You should live holy lives and serve God, ¹² as you wait for and look forward to the coming of the day of God. When that day comes, the skies will be destroyed with fire, and everything in them will melt with heat. ¹³ But God made a promise to us, and we are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth where goodness lives.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

What Should We Do to Prepare for the End of Time?

- A. **Clean up** (1 John 1:8, Galatians 5:19-23, 1 John 1:9)
- B. **Look up** (1 Corinthians 3:10-15)
- C. **Speak Up** (Psalm 105:1, Proverbs 11:30, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 9:37-38)