

THE SECOND EPISTLE GENERAL OF PETER

2 Pet. 3:10-13

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The atomic age was born at 3:36 p.m. on December 2, 1942, at the University of Chicago's Stagg Field, where scientists produced the world's first chain reaction. Neutrons split uranium-235 a nucleus... The first atomic bomb was exploded at 5:20 a.m. on July 16, 1945, in the wilderness of New Mexico, 50 miles from Alamogordo.. John Phillips, *Exploring The Epistles of Peter*, p. 305.

The biggest and most powerful nuclear weapons ever built

From the enormous Tsar Bomba, detonated with the force of 3,800 Hiroshima explosions, to the Mk-41, the biggest thermonuclear device ever built by the US, army-technology.com lists the world's most powerful nuclear bombs based on explosive power (or yield). <http://www.army-technology.com/features/featurethe-biggest-and-most-powerful-nuclear-weapons-ever-built-4206787/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52VjhNoiCu0>

- i. The time of it, 3:10a “But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night...”

The Day of Judgment
The day of the Lord
The day of the Lord Jesus
The day of Christ
The day of Jacob's trouble
The day of salvation
The day of redemption
The day of visitation

Isa. 2:12 For **the day of the LORD** of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Isa. 13:6 Howl ye; for **the day of the LORD** is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. ...

9 Behold, **the day of the LORD** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Jer. 46:10 For this is **the day of the Lord GOD** of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! for **the day of the LORD** is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of the LORD** cometh, for it is nigh at hand; ...

11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for **the day of the LORD** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Joel 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

Amos 5:18 Woe unto you that desire **the day of the LORD!** to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. ...

20 Shall not **the day of the LORD** be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

Obad. 1:15 For **the day of the LORD** is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Zeph. 1:14 **The great day of the LORD** is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Zech. 14:1 Behold, **the day of the LORD** cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

Mt. 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ...

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Luke 12:39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

1 Thess. 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.**

Rev. 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, **I will come on thee as a thief**, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Rev. 16:15 Behold, **I come as a thief**. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

ii. The totality of it, 3:10b "...in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Rev. 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Mt. 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mt. 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Luke 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

(b) A new heaven foretold, 3:11-13

i. The practical exhortation, 3:11-12

(a) Recorded, 3:11

2 Pet. 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2 Pet. 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain **unto life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: ...

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience **godliness**;

7 And **to godliness** brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

1 Pet. 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Ezek. 33:10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, **how should we then live?**

(b) Reinforced, 3:12

2 Pet. 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

1 Cor. 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, **then** shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Rev 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of **that great day of God Almighty**.

ii. The prophetic experience, 3:13

2 Pet. 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Original Word: καινός

Transliteration: kainos

Definition: fresh, new, unused, novel.

kainós – properly, *new in quality* (innovation), *fresh* in development or opportunity – because "not found exactly like this before." <http://biblehub.com/greek/2537.htm>

Jer. 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

Jer. 33:16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

Dan. 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Rev. 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. ...

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Isa. 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isa. 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Conclusion

2 Pet. 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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