

2nd Peter Chapter 3 Part 1

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2PE.3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2PE.3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior:

2PE.3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

***JUDE 1:17-18** But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you*

that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

1TI.4:1-2 Now **the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron...**

2PE.3:4 And saying, **where is the promise of his coming?** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.



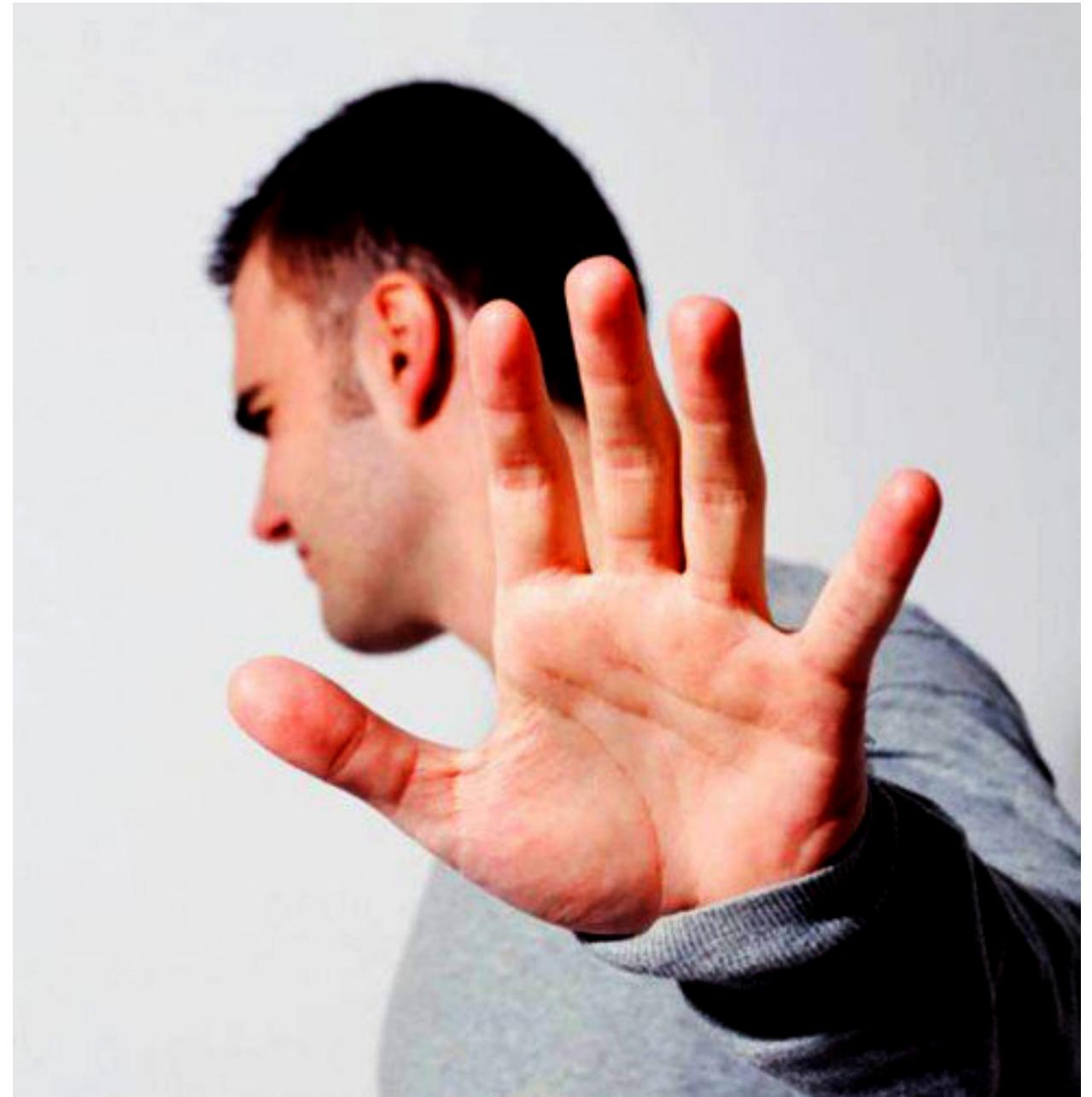
As some in the days of the Apostles said, "All things continue as they were since the days of the fathers. Where is the sign of His coming?" In other words, "Everything's the same. There is not any danger. Business as usual." And just like Jesus said, that they built, they planted, they married, were given in marriage and knew not until the flood came and swept them all away! He said, "So shall it be when the Son of Man comes again."

Mt.24:38, 39

It shows how some people, before Jesus' second coming, will still go on, business as usual, no matter what is happening. For the nonbelievers, that will be a total surprise, they won't be expecting it! It seems like disaster, catastrophe, emergencies like that are always a surprise to the sceptics. They are warned to stop this and stop that or do this and do that, but they never do and they are never prepared. They never expect it and they don't believe the prophets.

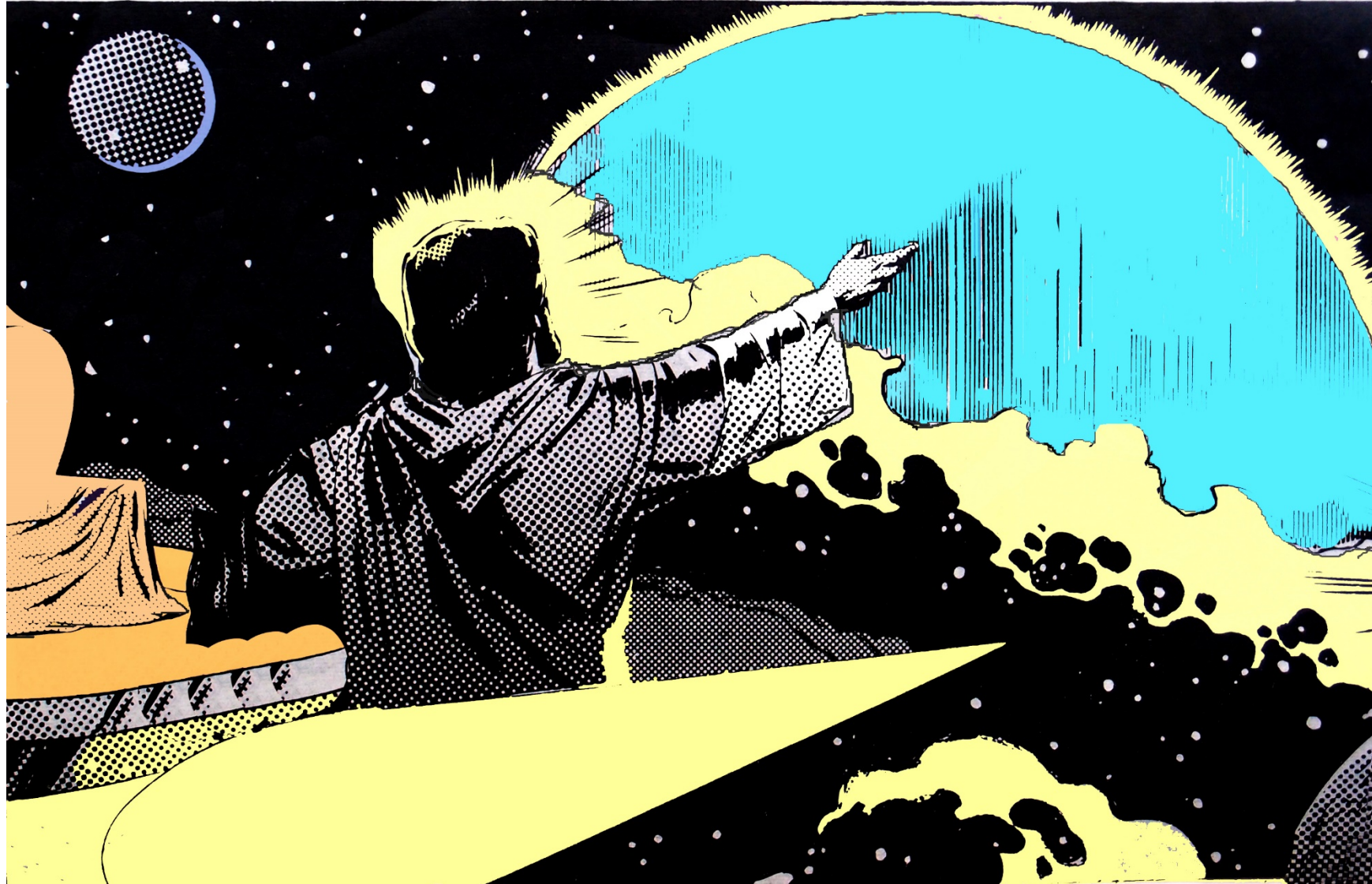
So, they are always caught napping, caught by surprise and unprepared. Even though the Lord usually gives them some warning. Even they could escape if they believed, but of course if they believed they wouldn't be scorners. That's what makes them unsaved, their unbelief. The Lord doesn't hold you as responsible for even your deeds as He does for unbelief. (John 3:18, 19, 36) All mankind without God, let's face it, is lost and sinful.

"We've all sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Ro.3:23) We're all sinners.



MAT.13:58 *And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*

2PE.3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:



JOH.1:1, 3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.*

HEB.11:3 *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

GEN.1:9 *Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.*

2PE.3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

2PE.3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Here Peter tells the last thing that will happen to the old earth. In this chapter Peter first talks about the first destruction of the earth. The early earth was destroyed by a flood. After the Second Coming of Christ and the 1000 years of peace that follows, the earth is going to be destroyed by a flood of fire, coming down from heaven! The first one came from heaven too. God opened the windows of heaven and He dropped all the water from above the firmament. Gen.1:7 and 7:11



And so they landed after a year and ten days on the Ark, and they were glad to get their feet on dry ground. The first thing that Noah did was to give thanks and he sacrificed, and built an altar to the Lord and what did God do in return? He put the rainbow in the sky as a sign of His promise, that He would never let the whole world be covered by a flood of water again. Now, the world will not be wiped out by water anymore. What is it going to be wiped out by next time? Fire! Next time it will be a flood of fire by which He purifies the world.

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store." Storing them up for what? He's saving the World between the floods of water and fire! Kept in store,



"Reserved unto fire against (before) the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

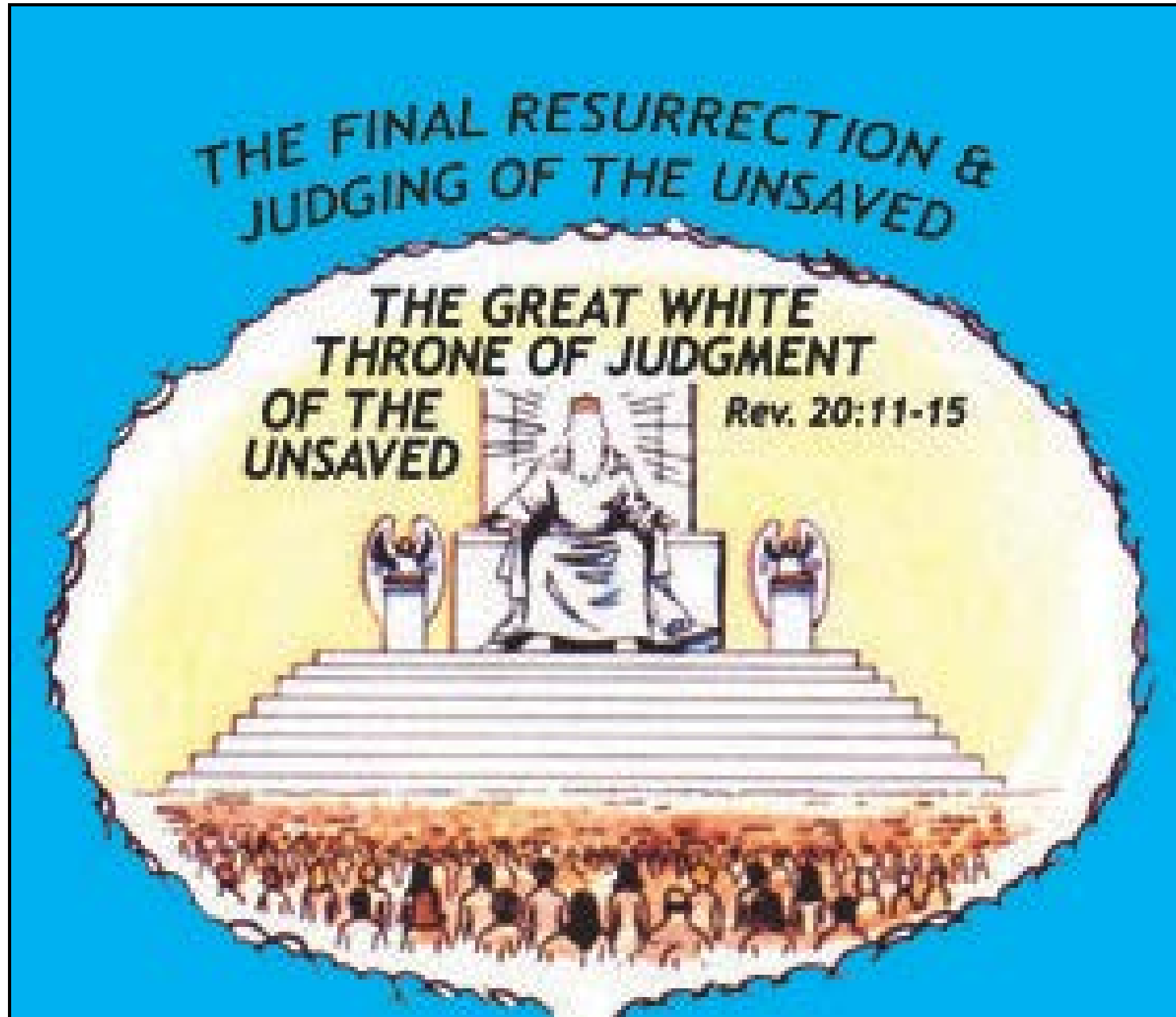


When does the flood of fire happen? Just before the Day of Judgment! Isn't that what it also says in the 20th Chapter of Revelation, where the flood of fire destroys Gog and Magog and then right after that is the Great White Throne Judgment?

REV.20:7-12 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, **Gog and Magog**, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them...

Then I saw a **great white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw **the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.**



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And it's all right here also in Peter, you can piece it together. The rest of this chapter will continue to explain on that subject.

2PE.3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, **that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

2PE.3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

2PE.3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; 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.

"...that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

Do you know why he's saying that? --Because it says it's been a long time since the flood, that doesn't mean that God's forgotten that He's going to finally judge the World with fire! How does



he make the new earth? -- Burning up the old! We're talking about the first destruction of the surface of the earth being with a flood of water, and the last destruction of the earth with a flood of fire! How many years between? --2,400 from the Flood to Jesus, plus 2,000 from Jesus to now is how many? --4,400. Plus, another 1,000 for the Millennium is 5,400 years from the first destruction of the Earth by the flood of water to the last destruction of the surface of the earth with the flood of fire!

He says not to worry just because God's going to be waiting a long time, it doesn't mean it's not going to happen! *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward...not willing that any should perish",* He tries to get as many people saved as He can, *"but that all should come to repentance" and "who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."* (1Ti.2:4) This is the heart of God: love, patience, mercy and salvation before judgment.

Many Bible teachers have taught that the whole earth and everything will be destroyed, that this new earth will be an entirely new Planet, but God' not going to let His Creation be destroyed that easily! The only part of the earth that needs to be cleaned up is the surface of the earth! The only part He cleaned up in the first destruction, the flood of water, was the surface of the earth! Except that in the next flood, the flood of fire, something additional is going to be destroyed besides the surface of the earth and that's the atmosphere! The air around the earth is going to be destroyed in the final flood of fire!





"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night".

What does that mean? How does a thief come in the night? Does the good man of the house know exactly when he's coming? No, it means by surprise! We don't know yet exactly when He's coming, and if the Lord is coming as a thief in the night, it will be a surprise to most people. --But it won't be a surprise to us! This is a verse, by the way, that some of the Pre-Tribulation 'Rapturists' use to support their doctrine, "*He comes as a thief in the night, so nobody knows when it's going to happen.*" But that's not so! Those who are watching are going to know what's going to happen because they study and understand the Bible and its prophecies.

1TH.5:4-6 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore, let

us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. To be continued in part 2

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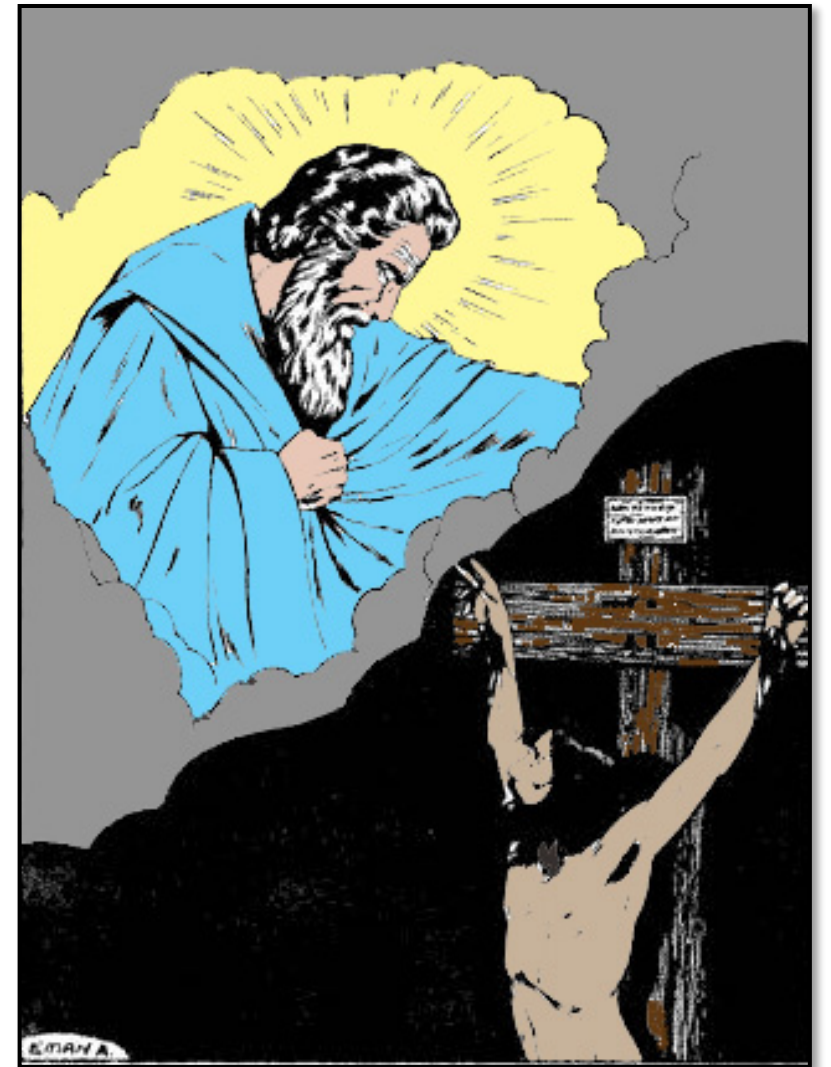
Food for thought:

All this talk about God's judgments, whether past or future, might seem extreme or unfair to some, as they prefer to think of Him as only a God of love and mercy. The truth is that He is both a God of Love and also of Justice: He sent His Son to die for us to open a way of salvation for all, showing immense love. He suffered and paid dearly to redeem and forgive us. What other God did that for humanity?

God can forgive almost every sin you can imagine. But if one rejects Jesus Christ and insists on his own ways, he himself rejects his own salvation, like a drowning man who rejects the life preserver thrown to him. God's hands are tied as He has given everyone free will and does not force people to believe in Him and love Him. He did not create us as robots. After all, if you don't believe that Jesus suffered for your sins, then you yourself will have to suffer for yours. He says that at the end of the world these people will be raised from the dead, during the Last Judgment, and will be judged according to their own works.

You can receive Jesus right now. It is a gift from God. It is totally by faith. Pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, I beg you to forgive all my sins. I accept that you are the Son of God and that you died for me. I invite You into my heart, into my life. Thank You for Your gift of Eternal Life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen."



Here's a probable time line of the many events from the time of the Millennium to the battle of Gog and Magog, the flood of fire from God which Peter predicted in this chapter, the day of the Last Judgement, the new heaven, the new earth and finally the Heavenly City.

