

## 2nd Peter Chapter 3 Part 2 -- The Day of the Lord

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**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.

When Peter is talking about the *"day of the Lord"*, does this mean only the second coming of Jesus? --No! He says, *"The day of the Lord...in which the heavens shall pass away...and the elements shall melt ... the earth also shall be burned up!"* And in the 12th verse, as a continuation of that Scripture, *"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!"*

The phrase *"day of the Lord"* usually identifies events that take place at the end of history and is often closely associated with the phrase *"that day."* This phrase *"the day of the Lord"* is used nineteen times in the Old Testament and four times in the New Testament. It is also alluded to in other passages. *Isaiah 2:12; 13:6, 9; Ezekiel 13:5, 30:3; Joel 1:15, 2:1,11,31; 3:14; Amos 5:18,20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7,14; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi. 4:5; Acts 2:20; 2 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 6:17; 16:14*



It is used for different events like the Rapture and the Return and Second coming of Jesus or the Battle of Armageddon. More generally speaking, "*the day of the Lord*" is spoken of almost always



in connection with the Day of Judgment. Sometimes you use "*day*" for just one day, sometimes the Bible, and human English speech at least, uses that word "*day*" for a period of several days, meaning a time. It is the time of God's final judgments on the wicked of that day.

Isaiah says that the heavens shall depart as a garment, and "*they shall be rolled up like a scroll and vanish away!*"

*(Isa.34:4, Rev.6:14)* This is the heavens, now, that doesn't mean

the Heavenly City. It doesn't even mean the stars and the planets, the Sun and Moon, etc. but it means the atmospheric heavens! Even the scientists used to call them the atmospheric heavens, but they don't use that word "*heavens*" much anymore though. They all want to get away from the Bible, spiritual things and God, etc., so even heaven isn't a very popular word any more. So when the final Wrath and Judgment of God come upon the surface of the earth, like it did in the flood of waters, there will be a flood of fire!



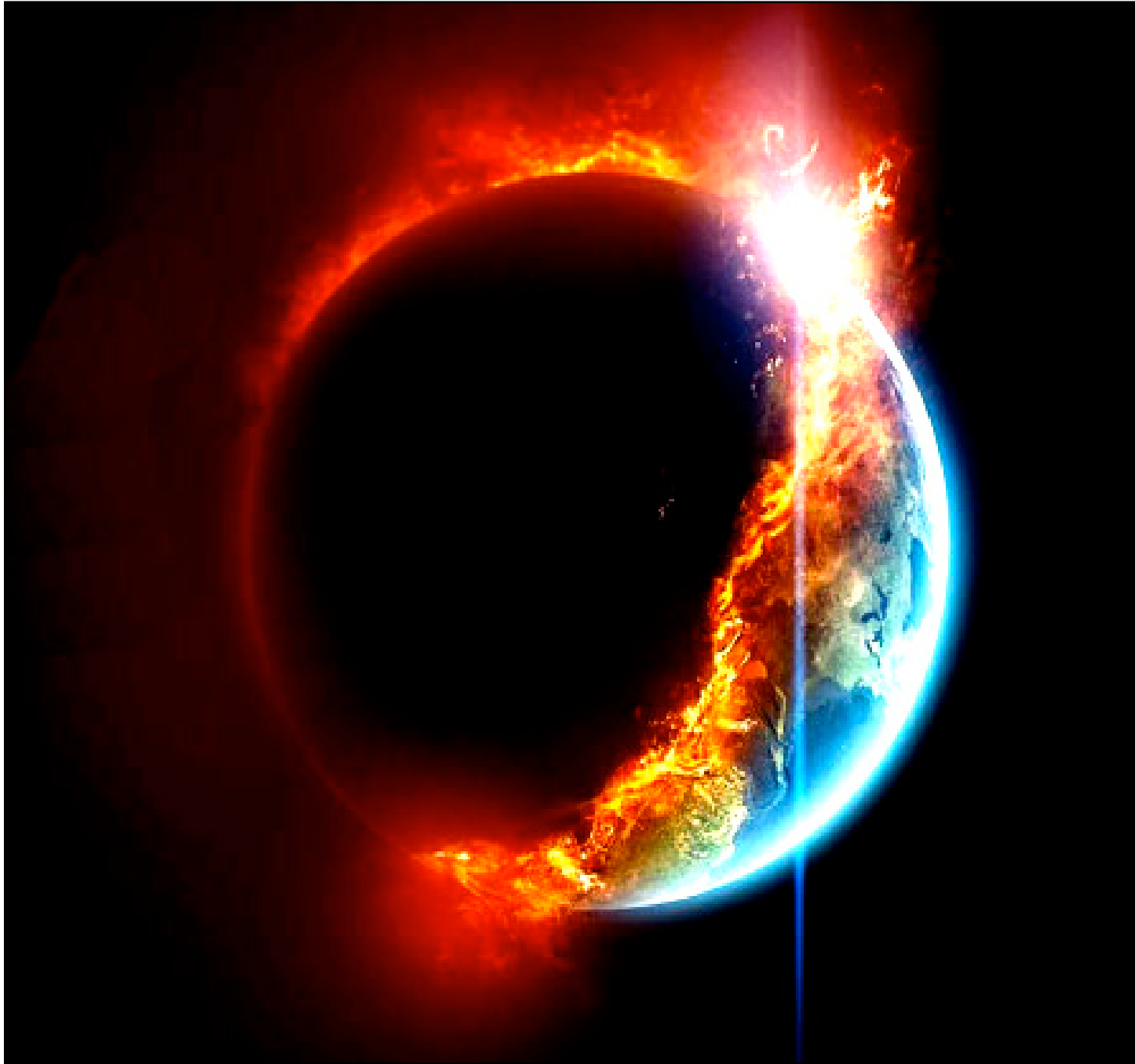
***"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places."***

**What is this describing here? --Not the seven vials of the Wrath of God spoken of in Revelation chapter 16 which happened after the rapture, but the final Wrath of God after the Millennium! At the end of the Millennium at the battle of Gog and Magog, there is going to be what we could describe as the final Wrath of God, the final flood of fire: the atmosphere explodes and burns up the surface of the earth, burns up the Devil and all of his followers, the armies of Gog and Magog. That's the greatest Wrath of God ever! He flooded the world once with water, but that is nothing to completely burning up the surface of the earth!**



**2PE.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,

**2PE.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?



***“Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish (the old atmospheric heavens and the old surface of the earth), but Thou shalt endure” (Psalm 102:22, 25–26).*** He’s saying even when the old world perishes and He sets up the new heaven and new earth, He will still endure. The atmospheric heavens are going to perish, but He’s going to create a beautiful new one in the new heaven and new earth which follow the Millennium.

***“Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed” (Psalm 102:26).*** When you change your clothes, you don’t throw away your body too. You just take off the raiment, the surface clothing, and that’s what He’s going to do to the earth one of these days.

The earth today is clothed with its dirty surface and its polluted atmosphere, but He's going to remove them both by fire and make a completely clean new earth and new heavens. —Clean air, no pollution, no contamination upon the earth, no poisonous gases and chemicals; it'll all be washed clean with fire one of these days.

There's no other way God could ever get rid of all this pollution and all this junk flying around in the air! There are thousands of satellites already in orbit around the Earth, besides all the pieces of junk! --Spent cartridges, and spent rockets flying around up there too, as the movie "*Gravity*" so vividly showed. No wonder He's got to destroy both the heavens and the earth! The Heavens shall be rolled back like a scroll, He says, and depart with a great noise! God's not going to allow His whole creation to be totally destroyed! God's Word says they shall endure as long as His throne! He says in several different places His throne shall endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, as long as the earth! (*Ps.89:36, 37*)





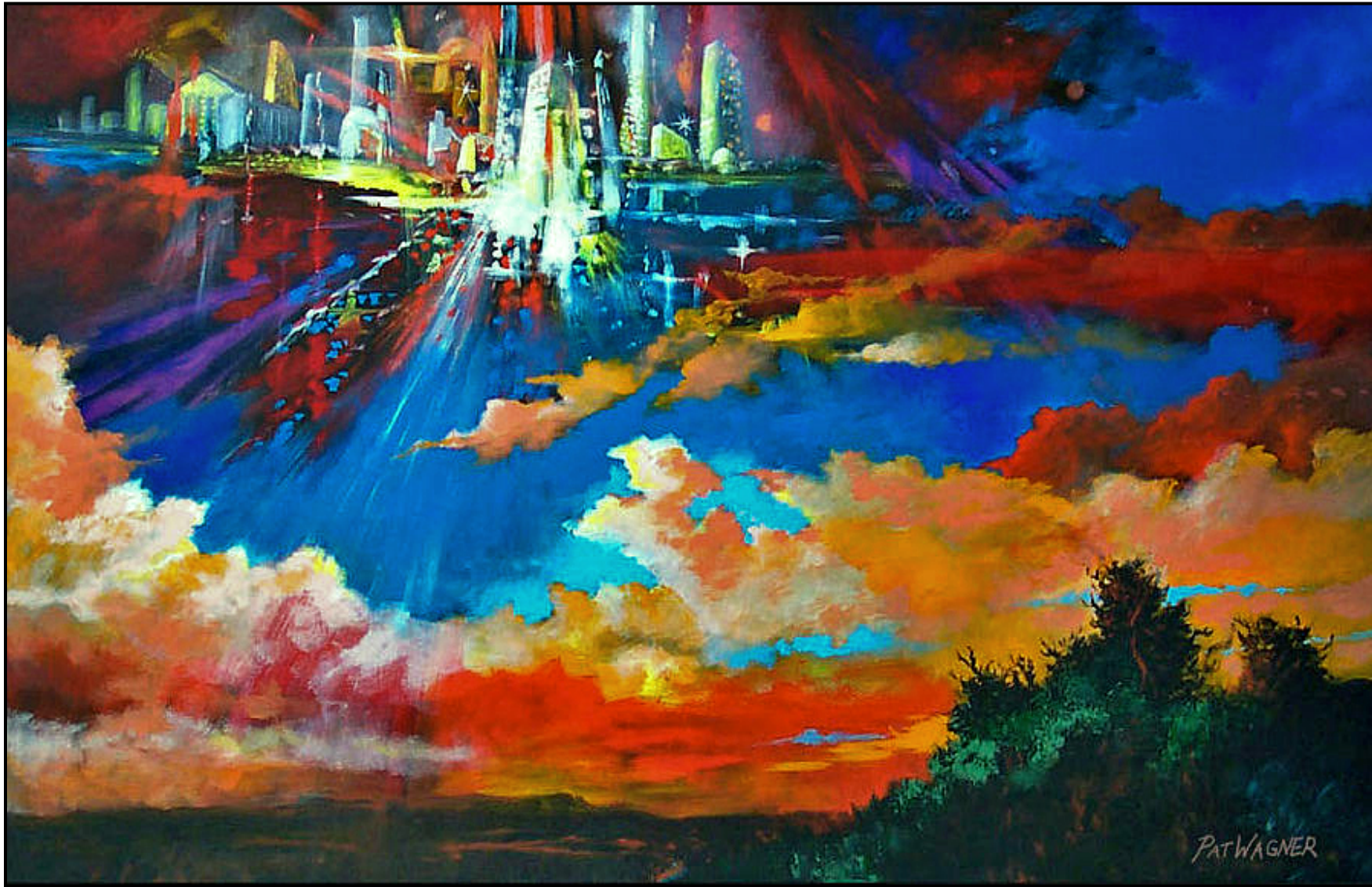
“...The heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat” What are the elements? Oxygen, hydrogen, helium, nitrogen, there are over 100 elements and some of these gases are atmosphere elements. The elements are going to melt with fervent heat. We'll not go into such details or guesswork here; we just know generally that the atmosphere is going to explode and destroy the surface of the earth! The Lord is going to remake it perfect and beautiful like He did in the beginning in the Garden of Eden in the days of Adam and Eve! Even the earth, the ball will still be here, and He's going to re-do the surface with a new earth with no more sea, think of that! **(Re.21:1)** It'll all be beautiful rolling hills, trees, grass and gardens!



**2PE.3:13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells 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. Also there was no more sea.*

When the Millennium is over, we know that God will make a new earth, a nice clean beautiful lovely earth! It's going to be like it was in the days of the Garden of Eden. He's going to create it all new, He's going to create everything even more beautiful! The Heavenly City shall be coming down out of heaven to the new earth, "*wherein dwells righteousness,*" Praise God! And then we will be able to enjoy the Heavenly City and live in it permanently and forever from then on.



*REV.21:4-5* And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: **for the former things are passed away.** And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.** And he said unto me, write: **for these words are true and faithful.**





*knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”, reading faithfully His Word and growing and being prepared. Are you?*

*MAT.24:25 Behold, I have told you before.*

**2PE.3:14** Wherefore, beloved, **seeing that ye look for such things**, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

**We are not ignorant of “such things”, we know it will happen!**

**2PE.3:17** Ye therefore, beloved, **seeing ye know these things before**, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

**2PE.3:18** But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

**Peter encourages us that since we “know these things” (this preview of the future),**

**we should keep the faith and grow in Him, “in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”, reading faithfully His Word and growing**



*Last comment:*

*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.

