

2 Peter 3:1-10

Remembering Truth When it Really Counts

“... a primer to guard against false teaching”

Its Certainty:

Don't Lose Hope Part 2

Answers to the False Teachers

1. Scripture

a. Prophets

1. Isaiah 66:15-16
2. Malachi 4:1-3
3. From

they had heard the constant theme of the Day of the Lord

b. Apostles (note the same level of authority)

1. Rev 19:11-16
2. Constant theme in New Testament writings

2. History

a. Peter challenges their Uniformitarianism by pointing to

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1. God creates and sustains the universe by His Word.
 1. John 1:1-3
 2. Heb 1:1-3
 2. God uses _____ in creation and destruction
 1. Gen 1:6-9
 2. Gen 7:11-23
 3. He will one day use _____
 1. Isaiah 66 (already mentioned)

2. 2 Thess 1:6-8

3. **Eternity** – the timelessness of God

a. God's _____ is much different than ours

1. God _____ (omnitemporal)

a. Isaiah 57:15

b. Psalm 90:2

c. Psalm 102:11-12, 24-28

2. God _____

a. Gen 1:1-5

b. Jude 25

3. God's _____

a. His Great Gift

b. One aspect of Omniscience

b. “_____” implies same deliberate forgetfulness of false teachers – (don't let them distort your thinking)

4. **The Character of God**

a. He is not loitering

1. Galatians 4:4

2. Isa 25:1

b. He is patient

1. Joel 2:12-13

2. Matt 18:21-35

3. Romans 2:4

5. **Day of the Lord**

a. No one _____

1. 1 Thess 5:2

2. Rev 3:1-3

3. Matt 24:36-51

b. Judgment and Cleansing

1. What are we speaking about here?

Burned up / utterly destroyed or refined / renewed / transformed?

1. The perspective of the Earth NOT remaining forever

a. Psalm 102:25-26

b. Luke 21:33

c. 2 Peter 3:10

d. Revelation 21:1

2. The perspective of the Earth remaining forever (Ecclesiastes 1:4; Psalm 78:69)

3. “Destroy” doesn’t have to mean absolute or final destruction, but a temporary destruction reversed by

_____”

Redemption means _____

4. Christ will “remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything” (Acts 3:21)... not “destroy” everything and start over

5. The context of 2 Peter 3:10

a. The earth was “destroyed” through water in the Flood

b. The flood was cataclysmic and devastating, but didn’t obliterate it and cause it to cease to exist

c. A small group of people (Noah and his family) and the animals were rescued in order to re-inhabit the new world made ready by God’s cleansing judgment

d. This next time it will be “destroyed” through fire, which will permanently eliminate sin

e. In the same way, it won’t make the New Earth uninhabitable

f. “Burned up” could also be translated “laid bare” or “exposed” and was done that way in the earlier Greek manuscripts

The meaning of “new”

6. “Heaven and earth” is the entire universe (Revelation 21:1)
7. “New” is not used as “new as opposed to the old”, but as
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_____”
8. The idea is that the “old” has become obsolete and should be replaced by what is “new” (i.e. – New Covenant)
 - a. Understood better is that when we accept Christ we have “become a new creation, old things have passed away, behold new things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - b. Resurrection is about continuity... the same body which was destroyed is reconstructed into the new
 - c. God will re-gather all He needs from a scorched and disfigured Earth and raise it to become the New Earth... the “destruction” will be temporal and partial, but the renewal will be eternal and complete
 - d. The earth’s death is no more final than our own!
 - e. Earth’s fiery “end” will open straight into a glorious new beginning!!

Bridge to Today

- The present pressures of disbelief
- The present need of Hope