

Duluth Bible Church Exposition Conference
“An Inconvenient Truth” • 2 Peter 3:10-18
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Intro: During his three years with Jesus, the apostle Peter was a man known for always having something to say. And in his Holy Spirit-inspired epistles, God uses Peter’s forthrightness and his value of “repetition” and “reminding” to bluntly summarize this entire letter. He succinctly tells his readers:

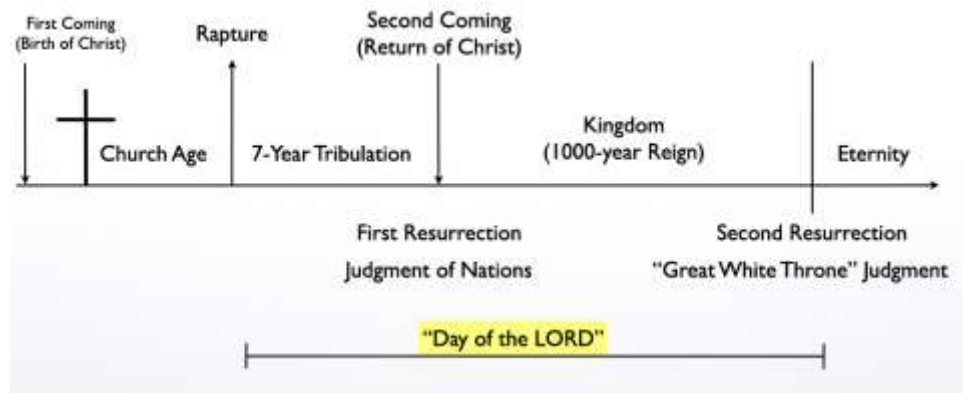
I. It WILL Happen (v. 10)

A. The Word of the Lord **Will Be Twisted and Belittled**

1. S_____—Distort and misrepresent God and His dealings with mankind

2. F_____ T_____—Will twist the Scriptures to further their own ideas, opinions, philosophies, and agendas

B. The Day of the Lord **Will Occur**



1. Its C_____ —
2. Its Unexpectedness — “As a thief in the night”
3. Its C_____ — the total deconstruction of the old created world in preparation for the new heavens and new earth.
 - “Elements” —
 - Consider I Corinthians 15:20-28 and Revelation 20:14-21:1

II. Isn't This What We Want? (vv. 11-13)

A. The C_____ of the Day of the Lord

1. Looking for This Day (“H_____”)
 - a. Certainty and Anticipation—
 - b. Present P_____—
2. Speeding This Day (“H_____”)

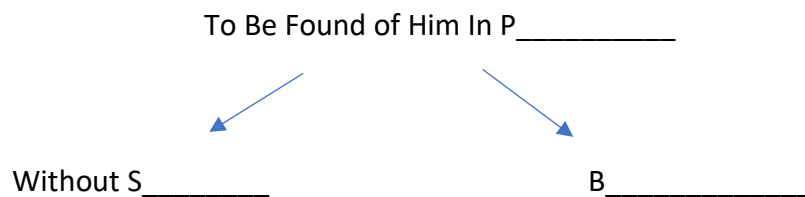
B. Establishment of New Heavens and New Earth

1. W_____ burned up
2. Righteousness D_____

As we are aware of future judgment (vv. 10-12) and as we are looking for this the new heaven and new earth (v. 13), are we not speeding it along by our set apart conduct and God-focused walk?

III. Then This Is Our Present Privilege and Responsibility (vv. 14-18). Four Imperatives:

A. Be D_____



B. Acknowledge God's G_____ and His T_____

1. God's Goodness: Why He has delayed —
2. God's Timetable: "Even as Paul has written"

- a. Which the Un_____ twist/distort
- b. Which the Un_____ twist/distort

- C. B_____ of Stumbling (via the False Teachers and Their Doctrine)

- D. Grow in the G_____ and K_____ of Jesus Christ
 - 1. Grow in Grace = H_____

 - 2. Grow in Knowledge = I_____

Concl: ... All to the Glory of God! There is no better way to end any letter than this. It is all summed up in the glory of God. Our desire as pastors, missionaries, and ministry leaders should be to remain **faithful** to God and glorify Him in all things in order to truly experience God's blessing on our ministries.