

IT ALL ENDS WITH ... A BIG BANG

2 Peter 3:10-14

I. THE BIG BANG

A. The _____ of the Lord 3:10

- 1) The "Day of the Lord" is used throughout Scripture any time God enters human history in _____
- 2) God's wrath is not human, explosive anger, but His consistent, inevitable response to all _____
- 3) In 2 Peter 3, the Day of the Lord is the _____ judgment when God deals with every sin of mankind
- 4) It includes the 7 year _____, the Great White Throne judgment & the 1000 year reign of Christ
- 5) We must watch for Christ's return, which begins this period, like a _____ in the night (Mt. 24:42-44)

B. The Dissolution of the Heavens and the _____ 3:10

- 1) "The heavens will pass away with a great noise"
 - a) "Heavens" points to what we call the sky, including the stars & _____ we see in the heavens
 - b) They will "pass away with a great noise," a word that _____ like what it means: *rhoizEdon*
- 2) "The elements will melt with fervent heat"
 - a) "Elements" = things that stand in a _____ and can point to the 118 elements in the Periodic Table
 - b) "Fervent heat" = medical term used in ancient times of the heat of a _____ —heat from w/in
 - c) "Melt" = *luo* = _____ Literally, "The chemical elements will be loosed with internal heat." HOW?
 - d) At the nucleus of every atom, positively charged _____ repel one another with great force
 - e) According to Colossians 1:16 atoms don't explode because in Christ _____ things hold together
 - f) At the Day of the Lord, the Creator will _____ the atomic structure that holds the universe together
- 3) "Both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up"
 - a) This description includes our human _____ —all the great accomplishments of humanity
 - b) "Burned up" = _____ or laid bare: God will expose the true value of every human achievement
 - c) 1 Jo.2:15-17: "Do not love the world or the _____ in the world ... for the world is passing away"

C. The _____ of the Heavens and the Earth 3:13

- 1) The universe will not be destroyed, but will be transformed back into pure energy then _____
- 2) "New" does not mean new with regard to _____ but rather having the quality of newness--renewed
- 3) The new heavens and new earth will be a place where righteousness will be at _____

II. THE BIG IMPACT

A. We Must Live Holy and _____ Lives 3:11

- 1) We do not want to invest in what will not _____; what we build in this world will be destroyed
- 2) We must be set apart to God—investing our lives in _____, in knowing, loving & becoming like Him
- 3) The final judgment is parallel to the flood: was it hard for _____ to set his life apart from this world?

B. We Must Be Certain of _____ with God 3:14

- 1) With this final judgment in view, we must be diligent—to do our _____ to be found at peace w/ God
- 2) But sinful human beings _____ make peace with God: our sin constantly separates us from Him
- 3) In Eph.2, Jesus is called our _____: by bearing the punishment our sins deserve on the cross