

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Summer Quarter: Zealous for the Truth

Today's Lesson: "The Day of the LORD"

Scripture: Second Peter 3:10-18

INTRODUCTION: Understanding "the Day of the LORD" | "that Day"

- "The Day of the LORD" is a key biblical phrase in understanding God's revelation about the future. Without a clear understanding of it, God's plan for the future is obscure.
- "The day of the Lord" appears in four uncontested NT passages (Acts 2:20; 1 Thes. 5:2; 2 Thes. 2:2; and 2 Pet. 3:10). However, the prophets actually wrote more about it and provided the basis for whatever Peter and Paul understood about it.
- The phrase "the day of the Lord" appears 19x in the O.T. The expression occurs in **six minor** (Obadiah, Joel, Amos, Zephaniah, Zechariah, & Malachi) and **two major** prophetic books (Isaiah, Ezekiel).
- A survey of the prophets indicates the term was used in reference to both **near historical fulfillment** and **far future eschatological events**.

Obadiah ... "As for the fulfillment of this prophecy, Obadiah combined in one picture what history split into different times & events ... having near & distant events, or multiple fulfillments, all being part of the single truth-intention of the author with its more immediate victory over Edom and the distant total victory of the kingdom of God." (Walter Kaiser, Towards An Old Testament Theology. 1978. Pages 188-189).

- The N.T. writers picked up on the eschatological usage and applied the phrase to **both** (1) the judgment that will climax the Tribulation period (2 Thes. 2:2; Rev. 16-18) and (2) the consummating judgment of this earth that ushers in the new earth (2 Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 20:7-21:1).

The _____ of the Day of the LORD (vv. 10-13)

- See PowerPoint Chart(s)
- Peter's focus is on the *disappearance* of the present heavens and earth and the *appearance* of the new heavens and new earth.
- Do not be deceived by the lies of "scoffers".

1. It _____ come, despite apparent slowness (v. 10).

A. _____ it.

B. _____ it.

Alt. "as you wait eagerly for the day of God to come" (HCSB; TM).

1) We can _____ (cp. Matt. 6:10)

"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

It would appear from Rev. 5:8 & 8:3-4 that the prayers of God's people are related in some way to the pouring out of God's wrath on "the inhabitants of the earth" (unbelievers).

2) We can _____ (Acts 3:19-21; Matt. 24:14)

If God's work today is calling out a people for His name (Acts 15:14), then the sooner those God is calling actually come (and the Bride is complete), the sooner our Lord will return (Acts 3:19-21; Matt. 24:14).

2. It will be _____ (v. 10; Mt. 24:36-39, 42-44).

- Jesus first compared the unexpectedness of His coming to a thief (Mt. 24)

- Used by Peter (3:10); John (Rev. 3:3; 16:15); and Paul (1 Thess. 5:1-11)

3. It will be _____.

A. What?

1) Heavens will disappear with a roar.

2) Elements will be destroyed by fire.

3) Earth and everything in it "laid bare" (burned up)

B. How? Who will "_____ the _____"?

Greek scholar, Dr. Kenneth Wuest, translates v. 7 "stored with fire"

The _____ of the Day of the LORD (vv. 11-18)

The goal of prophecy is not speculation, but _____!

1. On our _____ (vv. 11-14)

2. On our _____ (vv. 15, 16a)

3. On our _____ (vv. 16b, 17)

4. On our _____ to grow (v. 18; cp. 1:3-12)