

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "I Believe in the Big Bang!"

Fall Study: Standing Fast in the Last Days: A Study of 2 Peter, 2 & 3 John, and Jude

## INTRODUCTION:

1. The very first chapter of the Bible tells us how the heavens and earth came into existence. Genesis 1:1 says, "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
2. Evolutionists don't believe that God created the universe with all the stars and planets, so evolutionists can only try to imagine how the universe came to be. One popular theory for the origin of the universe is the "Big Bang" theory. It all began with a "\_\_\_\_\_."

  - For some reason, the cosmic egg exploded.
  - This explosion supposedly created hydrogen gas.
  - From this gas the universe was formed over time (15,000,000,000 years).

3. I don't believe the universe \_\_\_\_\_ with a "big bang". I do, however, believe that the universe will \_\_\_\_\_ with one.
4. The theme of 2 Pet. 3 is the "day of the Lord" (described fully in \_\_\_\_\_ 4-22).  
*Note the **Theme** of Revelation: 1:7, and the **Outline** of Revelation: 1:19.*
  - Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week (chs. 6-18) – Seals, Trumpets, Bowls
  - Second Coming (ch. 19)
  - Millennial Reign of Christ (20:1-6)
  - Satan's release, final rebellion, doom (20:7-10)
  - Great White Throne Judgment (20:11-15)
  - New Heaven and New Earth (chs. 21-22)

**PETER'S CONCERN** (vss. 3, 4). The appearance of "\_\_\_\_\_". This is someone who treats lightly that which ought to be taken seriously.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of their scoffing (vs. 4).
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ behind their denial (vs. 4).
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ behind their denial (vs. 3)

**PETER'S COUNSEL** (vss. 1-2, 5-10).

1. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 1, 2)  
Peter emphasizes the unity of the Word of God (the O.T. prophetic books; & the teaching of Jesus in the Gospels; & the writings of the apostles). In addition to the Word of God, we have the personal, eyewitness experience of Peter, James, and John (2 Pet. 1:16-18).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word (vss. 5-10)  
Peter presents the evidence that apostates "deliberately forget" or "deliberately/willfully ignore".

A. The work of God at \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 5)

“Long ago by God’s word the heavens existed & the earth was formed out of water and by water.” The phrase “and God said” occurs *nine times* in Genesis 1. See also Psa. 33:9 and Heb. 11:3. It is God’s word that created the heavens and earth and that holds them together. And it is God’s word that will cause it to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The second event Peter cited was \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6)

The problem is not with the evidence, but with the attitude; they “deliberately forget / willfully ignore”. The lesson taught by the flood was that this is a moral universe, that sin will not forever go unpunished. God has the power to “break in” at any time (ex. “the day of the Lord”) and accomplish His will. He can send rain from heaven or fire from heaven.

C. The “day of the Lord” will come (vs. 7).

“The current galaxies & earth *are fueled for the final fire*. God is poised, ready to speak his word again, ready to give the signal for the judgment and destruction of the desecrating skeptics.”

“This present condition of the heavens and the earth, that of being stored up with fire, is being constantly maintained (reserved, guarded) with a view to the day of judgment of ungodly men, the Great White Throne judgment which will occur at the close of the Millennium, at which time the wicked dead, fallen angels, and demons will be judged, to be sent to an eternity of suffering, banished from the presence of a holy God (Rev. 20:11–15).” – **Kenneth Wuest’s Word Studies in the Greek New Testament**.

1) It will come \_\_\_\_\_ (like a thief).

2) It will come \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10).

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word (vs. 9; see also vs. 15).

Why is God delaying the return of Christ and the coming of the “day of the Lord”? Is He unable or unwilling to act? Is He tardy or off schedule?

A. God counts time \_\_\_\_\_ than does man (vs. 8)

B. God delays the return of Christ and the day of fiery judgment because He wants to give lost sinners the opportunity to be saved (vss. 9, 15; 1 Tim. 2:4).

C. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ people (vss. 11, 12a)

John Stott, The Message of 1 Timothy and Titus (BST)

“The two comings of Christ are like two windows. Through the western window a solemn light streams from Mount Calvary. Through the eastern window shines the light of a brighter day. And it is because of these two windows that the present age is well lit for the believer. Centered on the cross, focused on the future; we cannot afford to do without the light coming from both directions.”