

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Big Bang Behavior"

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 "**COSMIC EGG**."
  - 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 do not believe the universe **BEGAN** with a "big bang". However, I do believe the universe will end with one. believe that the universe will **END** with one.
4. The theme of 2 Pet. 3 is the "day of the Lord". This is a major theme in both the OT & NT (see Isa. 2:6-22; Zeph. 1:14-2:2; Amos 5:18-24; Joel 1:15; 2:1-11; 2:18-32; 3:1-21; 1 Thes. 5:1-11).
5. The on place in the Bible where the Day of the Lord is most thoroughly unfolded is in the Book of Revelation (Chs. 4-22). *Note the **Theme** of Revelation: 1:7, & the **Outline** of Revelation: 1:19.*
  - The Throne in Heaven; and the Scroll and the Lamb (chs. 4, 5)  
"Church" (ἐκκλησία) appears 20x in the book (19x in chs. 1-3; 1x in 22:16). What happened to the church?
  - 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)

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE DAY OF THE LORD (vss. 3, 4).

1. It \_\_\_\_\_ come (vs. 10). How should the church respond?
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ it. Three times in vss. 11-14 believers are described as "looking forward" to the Day of the Lord (and see 22:20).
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ it. Peter affirms that it's possible for us to "speed" the Lord's return.
    - 1) We can \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus taught us in Mt. 6:10 – "Thy kingdom come!" (cp. 5:8; 8:3-4).
    - 2) If Jesus' work today is calling out a people for His name (Acts 15:14), then the sooner the church is completed, the sooner our Lord will return (Acts 3:19-21; Matt. 24:14).

2. It will be \_\_\_\_\_ (sudden; vs. 10).

In verse 10, Peter uses an analogy Jesus used. Jesus compared the unexpectedness of His coming to a thief. See Matt. 24:36-39, 42-44. This analogy of a “thief” made a great impression on the apostles - 2 Peter 3:10 (Peter); Rev. 3:3; 16:15 (John); and 1 Thess. 5:1-11 (Paul).

3. It will be \_\_\_\_\_ (cataclysmic)

A. \_\_\_\_\_? See verses 10, 12b.

1) The “heavens” will disappear with a roar. Heavens = earth’s atmosphere and outer space.

2) The “elements” will be **destroyed** by fire – *disintegrate* (break up); or *dissolve*.

3) The “earth” and “everything in it” will be “laid bare” or “burn up”.

B. \_\_\_\_\_? Who will “\_\_\_\_\_”? ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_ will.

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE DAY OF THE LORD** (vss. 11-18).

Bible prophecy was not meant to be an end in itself. The purpose of prophetic truth is not speculation, it’s not just an academic exercise, it was meant to be \_\_\_\_\_! Take note of vs. 11.

1. In our \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 11-14).

*Holy lives (separation from; consecration to); Godly lives; Spotless, Blameless, at Peace with Him.*

Two \_\_\_\_\_:

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. In our \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 15-16a). Compare vss. 8, 9.

A. An opportunity for the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. An opportunity for the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. In our \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 16b-17). Satan attacks the church in one of two ways:

A. Directly, via \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter: “True Grace for Fiery Trials”)

B. Indirectly, via \_\_\_\_\_ thru “counterfeit communicators” (2 Peter: “Guard the truth by Growing in the Knowledge of Christ”, or “Zealous for the Truth”).

**Distort** – The root of Greek word is graphic. The noun form refers to an instrument of torture, while the verb can refer to the actual twisting and dislocating of limbs on the rack. Counterfeit communicators love to **twist** the truth until they’ve successfully **dislocated** the true meaning of a passage of Scripture. The *good workman* “correctly handles the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).

**Guard** – see 2 Cor. 11:1-4, 13-15.

### Epochs of Time:

“Here Peter divides history into three vast cosmic epochs and indicates something of the characteristics of each. There was the antediluvian world, the world destroyed by the Flood (vss. 5-6); there is the present cosmic system, ‘the heavens that now are and the earth’ (vs. 7), which will come to a fiery apocalyptic consummation; then there is the future order, the ‘new heavens and a new earth’ (vs. 13) wherein righteousness shall be at home.” – D. Edmond Hiebert