

2 Peter 3:13-16

Until Then

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Day of the Lord/God

- A day of judgment and salvation
 - ▶ 2:9 – *then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment*
 - ▶ 3:7 – *But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.*
- A day of revelation¹
 - ▶ Of Christ:
 - ★ Colossians 3:1-3 – *...When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.*
 - ★ 1 Peter 1:13 – *Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
 - ▶ Of Works:
 - ★ 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 – *...each mans work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire...*
 - ★ Hebrews 12:25-29 – *...our God is a consuming fire.*
 - ★ 1 Peter 2:12 – *...they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

¹The word “apocalypse” literally means “uncovering”

Brand new

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- *But according to His promise*
 - ▶ 1:4 – *For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*
- *we are looking for new heavens and a new earth*
 - ▶ *looking* = expecting²; part of our “blessed hope”
 - ▶ *new* – renewed; made superior, more splendid³
 - ★ 1 Corinthians 5:17 – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*
 - ★ Revelation 21:5 – *And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new....”*
- *in which righteousness dwells*
 - ▶ Isaiah 60:21 – *...Then all your people will be righteous...*

²same word in next verse

³Zodhiates

In the meanwhile

Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation

- *beloved* – 1 Peter 2:11; 4:12; 2 Peter 1:17; 3:1,8,14,15,17
- *since you look for these things*
 - ▶ *these things* = forthcoming revelation and judgment⁴
 - ★ also, the renewal of all things
- *be diligent*
 - ▶ 2 Timothy 2:15 – *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.*
 - ▶ Hebrews 4:10 – *Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.*
 - ▶ 2 Peter 1:10 – *Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you...*

⁴i.e. the day of the Lord

What do we have here?

Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation;

- *to be found*

- ▶ 1 Peter 1:6-7 – *...the proof of your faith...may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

- *peace*⁵

- ▶ Peace with whom/what?
- ▶ Romans 12:14-21 – *...be at peace with all men....*
- ▶ Romans 14:16-19 – *...for the kingdom of God is...righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit....*
- ▶ Galatians 5:22 – *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...*
- ▶ 1 Thessalonians 5:23 – *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

⁵word occurs 92 times in the NT

He has become our salvation

*Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, **spotless and blameless**, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation;*

- *spotless and blameless*

- ▶ 1 Peter 1:17-19 – ...*knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things...but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*
- ▶ Consistent with the major theme of 1 Peter—that is, righteous living under persecution

- *regard the patience of our Lord as salvation*

- ▶ 3:9 – *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*
- ▶ In other words, God's patience means more people will come to faith

Paul said it too

just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things,

- *just as also our beloved brother Paul*
 - ▶ Acts 15:25 – *it seemed good to us, having become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,*⁶
- *according to the wisdom given him*
 - ▶ 1:16-21 – *...But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of ones own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*
- *speaking in them of these things*
 - ▶ Peter wrote this epistle around A.D. 65
 - ▶ Paul had written most of his epistles⁷ before this point⁸

⁶this came out of the council of Jerusalem

⁷with the exception of maybe 2 Timothy, which was his last

⁸and he was executed shortly after Peter wrote the epistle

He that has ears

in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

- *in which are some things hard to understand*
 - ▶ Is Peter speaking from his own perspective here?
 - ▶ Hebrews 5:11 – *Concerning him⁹ we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.*
- *which the untaught and unstable distort*
 - ▶ James 3:1 – *Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.*
 - ▶ Are these the false prophets of the former sections?
- *as they do also to the rest of the Scriptures*
 - ▶ Implication is that Paul's writings were considered Scripture
- *destruction* – same word used in v.7

⁹Melchizedek