

THE DAY OF THE LORD
(2 Peter 3:10)

- I. The CHARACTER of the Day of the Lord
 - A. OT describes it as God's decisive intervention in HISTORY for JUDGMENT
 1. It is a PARTICULAR time of FUTURE judgment (Isa. 13:9; Joel 2:1, 31)
 2. It is IMMINENT and INEVITABLE (Isa. 13:6; Ezek. 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1; 3:14; Oba. 1:15; Zeph. 1:7, 14)
 3. It is described as DARKNESS and GLOOM (Amos 5:18-20; Ezek. 30:3; Zeph. 1:15)
 4. Sinful humanity will experience GOD'S WRATH (Isa. 13:6, 9; Lam. 2:22; Joel 1:15; 2:11; Zeph. 1:18; 2:2-3; Mal. 4:5)
 5. God will VINDICATE His people and DESTROY their enemies (Zeph. 1:7-18; Zech. 14; Mal. 4)
 - B. NT applies it to the RETURN of CHRIST and final JUDGMENT (Acts 2:20; 1 Cor. 5:5; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Thess. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:10; cf. Rev. 6:16-17; 16:14)
 1. It is a series of events encompassing God's PROGRAM for the END OF TIME
 2. The wrath of God will be poured out in TWO PHASES

II. The COMING of the Day of the Lord

A. Its coming is INEVITABLE

B. Its coming will be UNEXPECTED (cf. 1 Thes. 5:2, 4-10)

1. The unprepared will be SURPRISED and suffer irreparable LOSS

2. The prepared will find BLESSING and REWARD

III. The CONSEQUENCES of the Day of the Lord

A. "The HEAVENS will PASS AWAY with a ROAR"

1. *Either* the stars and planets will be ANNIHILATED with a universal ATOMIC EXPLOSION

2. *Or* the stars and planets will be TRANSFORMED

B. "The ELEMENTS will be DESTROYED with intense HEAT"

1. *Either* MATTER will be UNMADE by FIRE

2. *Or* the material universe will be DISASSEMBLED by FIRE

C. "The EARTH and its WORKS will be BURNED UP"

1. *Either* all MAN'S WORKS, with the EARTH, will be CONSUMED by fire

2. *Or* the SURFACE of the earth will be DESTROYED by fire, exposing the FUTILITY of man's self-exaltation