

“Living In The Last Days”
2 Peter 3:1-10
7/24/22
Message 5

Introduction

- Title of the Message is: “Living In The Lasts Days”

- **Review:**

- **1 Peter**

- Warning Of Persecution
- Following Christ In A Hostile World

- **2 Peter**

- **A Warning About False Teaching & Teachers Inside the Church**

- No Doubt
 - Persecution had some leaders beginning to buckle under the pressure
 - They were backing off their passion and fervency for Christ.
 - The vacuum in strong leadership resulted in the rising of a lot of false teachers and wacky ideas
- We NEED Strong CHURCH LEADERS today that will stand for God

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- **Chapter 1**

- 1st Christian Maturity (2 Peter 1:1-11)

- Defense Against False Teachers and False Ideas
- Be Anchored – God
- His Part vs. 1-4
- Our Part vs. 5-11
- 2nd Established In TRUTH (2 Peter 1:12-21)
 - The Marvel Of Our Departure vs. 12-15
 - The Majesty Of Jesus vs. 16-18
 - The Power Of The Message vs. 19-20
 - The Method God Used v. 21
- **Chapter 2**
 - 1st Warnings From God (2 Peter 2:1-11)
 - The Message They Teach v. 1
 - The Multitudes That Will Follow v. 2
 - The Methods They Use v. 3a
 - Their Manipulation Brings God Wrath vs. 3b-11
 - 2nd The Depravity Of False Teachers (2 Peter 2:12-22)
 - The Evidence Of Their Depravity vs. 12-16
 - The Enticements Of Others vs. 17-19
 - Their Entanglement Makes It Worse vs. 20-22

• **Now To Chapter 3**

- **Peter is reminding them and US that the end is coming**
 - That We're living in the Last days
 - Because were living in the last days
 - They / We need understand HOW to live our lives
- **Now – Lets Deal with the question that Always Comes UP**
 - Peter wrote this nearly 2000 years ago

- Jesus Christ hasn't returned!
- The Day of the Lord hasn't Happened
- So, was Peter wrong and the other Apostles Wrong?
 - NO they are NOT wrong
 - We will show this in our study today
- **So let's look at 4 Important Truths about "LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS"**
 - A Greater **Influence** Of God's Word in Our Lives vs. 1-2
 - There Will Be An **Increase** In People Doubting vs. 3-7
 - A Growing **Ignorance** Concerning God vs. 8-9
 - The **Impact** Of The Day Of The Lord v. 10

A Greater Influence Of God's Word in Our Lives vs. 1-2

First: Remember – Remember Prophecy v.1

2 Peter 3:1 (NKJV)

1 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),

- **1st I now write to you this second epistle – To Remind You – PURE MINDS**
 - Peter wrote about the importance of **being reminded** (2 Peter 1:12-13)
 - We MUST NEVER get tired of reading and hearing bible studies
 - BUT NOW he reminding them – **Remember Prophecy**
 - Emphases here Prophecy

- What should be known in light of the SECOND COMING of Jesus and the prophecies surrounding His coming
- HE wants them NOT forget PROPHECY!!!

○ **2nd Lesson**

▪ **1st Importance In Remember (BE Anchored) in God's Word**

- It is possible to have a Pure and Sincere Minds
 - Yet have a bad memory!
 - Or become Complicate
 - Or Sleepy
- This why at TIMES we need to be awakened!!!
 - This is why we come to church all the time to be reminded
- But Also Reminded...
 - Not Just Remember God's Word BUT be DOERS

James 1:22–25 (NKJV)

22 *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

23 *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;*

24 *for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.*

25 *But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*

John 14:15 (NKJV)

15 ***"If you love Me, keep My commandments.***

- I have said it MANY times

- There is A VAST difference in KNOWING something and Application of theta KNOWLEDGE
- Over the Years I have seen MANY SMART Christians
 - Head Knowledge
- But what we need is HEART KNOWLEDGE
 - Which comes not in just knowing about something but living it
 - It all in the APPLICATION of KNOWLEDGE
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▪ **2nd Importance In Remembering Prophecy**

- Don't Be
 - Lulled to sleep
 - It's been 2000 years...
 - I get so busy with LIFE that I forget...
- Sadly – A lot of the Church is asleep in the LIGHT
 - There is a large portion of the church today ASLEEP in the LIGHT in regards to
 - Prophecy
 - Times and Season we live in
 - This passage before us is very prophetic in showing us this
- BUT what Prophecy should DO

- Is awaken us to live godly lives and to seek to win the lost (Rom. 13:11–14)

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Romans 13:11–14 (NKJV)

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

• **Second: Authority v. 2**

2 Peter 3:2 (NKJV)

2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

- **1st That you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before**

▪ Be Mindful!!!

- 1st Yes Remember
- 2nd BUT Not only that – UNDERSTAND what peter is saying
 - What he and the other apostles are doing is writing Scripture
 - Peter is putting the NT writing on the SAME level as the OT
 - The NT which were writing in REAL time!!
 - WOW – WOW – WOW

○ **2nd By the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior:**

- Peter placed the new covenant on the same level as the messengers of the old covenant
 - Peter understood the authority of the New Testament, even as it was being formed.
- NOTE:
 - Peter saw this authority invested in the apostles - Not in him alone.
 - He would think it strange to consider the POPE

○ **3rd In Regards to Prophecy**

- **What the Bible teaches about the Day of the Lord was not invented by the Apostles.**
 - The prophets taught it and so did our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:2).
 - Peter emphasized the unity of the Word of God –
 - OT Prophets, Jesus, Apostles
 - When the scoffers denied “the power and coming” of Jesus Christ
 - They were / are denying the truth of the
 - OT Prophets
 - Jesus
 - Apostles!
- **As far back as the days of Enoch**

- God warned that judgment was coming (Jude 14–15)

Jude 14–15 (NKJV)

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,
15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

▪ **OT Prophets**

- Announced the Day of the Lord
 - Warned that the world would be judged
 - (Isa. 2:10–22; 13:6–16; Jer. 30:7; Dan. 12:1; Joel; Amos 5:18–20; Zeph.; Zech. 12:1–14:3).
 - This period of judgment is also known as “the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jer. 30:7) and the Tribulation.

▪ **Jesus**

- Taught about this day of judgment in His sermon on the Mount of Olives (Matt. 24–25).

▪ **Paul discussed it in**

- (1 Thessalonians 5 and 2 Thessalonians 1–2)

▪ **John described this terrible day in**

- (Revelation 6–19)

▪ **Peter Talks About it**

- 2 Peter 3

There Will Be An Increase In People Doubting vs. 3-7

- **First: Knowing this first v. 3a**

- **1st Knowing This First Scoffers Will Come**

2 Peter 3:3 (NKJV)

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

- Knowing – Greek: Ginosko –
 - Means: To learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel; to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of
- Scoffers – Greek: Empaiktes
 - Means: A mocker, a scoffer; from empaizo – to play with, trifle with; to mock; to delude, deceive
- Know this
 - Not just in the World
 - But also “inside” the church – Context False Teachers
 - False teachers argue against the second coming of Christ or any teaching of Scripture through ridicule

Jude 18 (NKJV)

18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

- SO WE should NOT be Surprised
 - Christians should not be surprised to find that there are those who scoff at the idea of Jesus coming again.
- So EVERY time you hear someone say
 - They have been say, that He would come for 2000 years now

- Where is He
- He NOT Coming
- Well ever time you hear that – they are fulfilling this text
- Spurgeon; “Every time a blasphemer opens his mouth to deny the truth of revelation, he will help to confirm us in our conviction of the very truth which he denies. The Holy Ghost told us, by the pen of Peter, that it would be so; and now we see how truly he wrote.”

- **Second: In the last days v. 3b**

2 Peter 3:3 (NKJV)

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

- **1st In The Last Days**

- The last days began when Jesus ascended into heaven!
- So there are been a whole lot of Scoffers

- **Third: Walking according to their own lusts v. 3c**

2 Peter 3:3 (NKJV)

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

- The scoffers do not only have an
 - 1st Intellectual problem with God and His word.
 - 2nd They also have a clear Moral problem
 - Their OWN LUST
 - Wanting to reject the Lordship of Jesus Christ over their lives.

- Because they want to pursue impure sexual pleasure without consequence, or without having to face divine retribution.
- Illustration
 - Noah's day scoffed at judgment.
 - Sodom & Gomora scoffed at judgment
 - Today they Scoff
 - NO Doubt If you've tried at all to witness for Jesus Christ
 - You have met people who scoff at the idea of hell or a future day of judgment.
 - They scoff because they want to continue living in their sins.
 - *If a person's lifestyle contradicts the Word of God, he or she must either change their lifestyle or change the Word of God.*
 - The scoffers choose to mock the idea of judgment and the coming of the Lord

• **Fourth: Where is the promise of His coming? V. 4a**

2 Peter 3:4 (NKJV)

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

- **1st This is the message of scoffers.**
 - Christians have talked about Jesus coming for two thousand years and He still hasn't come back yet.
 - The early church believed

- That Jesus was coming back imminently (1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Thess. 1:10; 2:19; 4:15–18; 5:1, 2)
- Illustration – Mocking Rapture
 - Pastor Mocking the idea of a Rapture – It's NOT in the BIBLE
 - Rapture in Latin so you will find it a Latin Bible
 - The Word Caught Up in the Greek is Harpazo (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
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• **Fifth: All things continue as they were from the beginning of creation v. 4b**

2 Peter 3:4 (NKJV)

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? *For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.*"

○ **1st The Scoffers Mock**

- These scoffers employed an
 - Emotional argument!
 - Rather than a biblical argument.
- For Since the fathers....
 - A Form of Uniformitarianism
 - This is the idea that all earth features can be explained by the processes we see taking place today.

- And since we see only minute changes to the surface of the earth, that means the earth took billions and billions of years to form.
- Since that's the way it has always been, they say, that's the way it will always be.
- The questions they ask isn't sincere – it's part of their mocking.
 - It's like the men of Malachi's day who asked, "Where is the God of justice?" (Mal. 2:7)
 - It's like the heathen who taunt the Psalmist by asking, "Where is your God?" (Ps. 42:3, 79:10)
 - They think the question itself reveals the utter foolishness of the thing they are poking fun at.
 - "Since our ancestors died long ago, things have just gone on and on with no real change."
- **2nd Modern Day Mocking by Professing Believers**
 - **1st Now the Position we have is called Pre-Millennial**
 - That the Rapture can take place any time before the Tribulation period
 - Then the Tribulation Period –
 - 7 Years of the Wrath of God on Earth the Last 3.5 being the worst
 - Known as Jacobs Trouble – God dealing with Israel
 - Followed By His Return with us
 - Battle of Armageddon
 - Millennial Kingdom

- 1000 years Jesus and us rule and reign on the earth
- Satan Release again
 - Many turn against God again
- Great White Throne Judgment
- Heaven
- **2nd NOW – “Preterism”**
 - Growing In Popularity
 - The reason why I want to deal with this right now is because Preterism is growing rapidly as one of the schools of thought regarding Bible prophecy.
 - It was a view which had almost died out completely!
 - BUT it has had a resurgence in the last 15 years that is remarkable.
 - Preterism – Briefly
 - Comes from a word meaning, “that which is past.”
 - The basic idea of Preterism is that all Bible prophecy was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD.
 - Full Preterist
 - Believe Jesus came again in 70 AD and that there is no future coming of Jesus to earth.
 - There is only a tiny handful of full preterists.

- Partial Preterists
 - Which is what we see today
 - Believe that virtually all prophecy regarding the
 - Tribulation & Second coming of Christ were fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem
 - All of Matthew 24 and almost the entire Book of Revelation, everything except the last couple chapters, have already been fulfilled!
 - That the only thing left to be fulfilled is
 - The visible return of Jesus Christ at the very end
 - BUT ONLY After the Church has converted the entire world and taken dominion of all of the institutions of society.
- The reason I bring this up
 - 1st Preterists scoff and mock with great disdain
 - Those who hold to a Pre-Millennial view
 - Many of the leaders of Preterism are angry and irate at the Left Behind Series
 - Have made some extremely inappropriate comments about Tim LaHaye and others who are Pre-Millennial.
 - One Author wrote two books slamming Pre-Millennialism
 - “Last Days Madness and End Times Fiction”

- “Good Grief”
- The very titles reveal disdain for the pre-mil position.
- 2nd They are WRONG
 - I find it absolutely shocking what preterists have to do to scripture to make it fit their mold
 - Illustration
 - You see, preterists believe the Day of the Lord is Past v. 10
 - That it was totally fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by the Romans
 - BUT in verse 10 Peter describes the Day of the Lord as ending with the complete dissolving of the heavens and earth and the arrival of a new heavens and earth

• **Sixth: For this they willfully forget v. 5**

- **1st For They Willfully Forget v. 5a**

2 Peter 3:5 (NKJV)

5 For this they willfully forget: *that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,*

- **1st They willfully forget.**
 - The false teachers, in their quest to avoid the doctrine of judgment,
 - Deliberately ignore the two major previous divine JUDGMENTS

- What do the WILLFULLY FORGET?...

- **2nd That God Created The Earth v. 5b**

2 Peter 3:5 (NKJV)

5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of **old**, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

- That God by His WORD Created the EVERYTHING

- He spoke and creation came into being.
- NOT by Uniformitarianism
- But by an instantaneous, 6-day creation.
- In 6 - 24 hour days the whole universe was created mature and complete

- **3rd That God Judged the EARTH vs. 5c – 6**

2 Peter 3:5–6 (NKJV)

5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,
6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

- God Judged In a FLOOD
 - Totally Changing the way the Earth was
 - Before the Flood
 - More Green House
 - The earth did not see Rain
 - Etc...
 - After the Flood what we see today

- Worldwide Flood Evidence
- Evidence 1: Fossils At High Elevations
 - Fossils of sea creatures high above sea level due to the ocean waters having flooded over the landmasses
 - Show Illustration
- Evidence 2: Rapid burial of plants and animals
 - We find extensive fossil “graveyards” and exquisitely preserved fossils.
 - For example, billions of nautiloid (NOT A LOID) fossils are found in a layer within the Redwall Limestone of Grand Canyon.
- Evidence 3: Rapidly deposited sediment layers spread across vast areas
 - We find rock layers that can be traced all the way across continents—even between continents—and physical features in those strata indicate they were deposited rapidly.
 - For example, the Tapeats Sandstone and Redwall Limestone of Grand Canyon can be traced across the entire United States, up into Canada, and even across the Atlantic Ocean to England. The chalk beds of England (the white cliffs of Dover) can be traced across Europe into the Middle East and are also found in the Midwest of the United States and in Western Australia. Inclined (sloping) layers within the Coconino Sandstone of Grand Canyon are testimony to 10,000 cubic miles of sand being deposited by huge water currents within days.

- Evidence 4: Sediment transported long distances
 - We find that the sediments in those widespread, rapidly deposited rock layers had to be eroded from distant sources and carried long distances by fast-moving water. For example, the sand for the Coconino Sandstone of Grand Canyon (Arizona) had to be eroded and transported from the northern portion of what is now the United States and Canada. Furthermore, water current indicators (such as ripple marks) preserved in rock layers show that for “300 million years” water currents were consistently flowing from northeast to southwest across all of North and South America, which, of course, is only possible over weeks during a global Flood.
- Evidence 5: Rapid or no erosion between strata
 - We find evidence of rapid erosion, or even of no erosion, between rock layers. Flat, knife-edge boundaries between rock layers indicate continuous deposition of one layer after another, with no time for erosion. For example, there is no evidence of any “missing” millions of years (of erosion) in the flat boundary between two well-known layers of Grand Canyon—the Coconino Sandstone and the Hermit Formation. Another impressive example of flat boundaries at Grand Canyon is the Redwall Limestone and the strata beneath it.
- Evidence 6: Many strata laid down in rapid succession
 - Rocks do not normally bend; they break because they are hard and brittle. But in many places we find whole sequences of

strata that were bent without fracturing, indicating that all the rock layers were rapidly deposited and folded while still wet and pliable before final hardening. For example, the Tapeats Sandstone in Grand Canyon is folded at a right angle (90°) without evidence of breaking. Yet this folding could only have occurred after the rest of the layers had been deposited, supposedly over “480 million years,” while the Tapeats Sandstone remained wet and pliable.

- **Seventh: Heavens Preserved v. 7**

2 Peter 3:7 (NKJV)

7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

- **1st The same word of God that created Everything**
 - The Word of God is sustaining
 - Will Also One DAY judged the world with FIRE
 - First Time HE Judged He Flooded the Earth
 - Rainbow is His promise He will never flood the earth again
 - The NEXT He judges the Earth
 - FIRE
 - Until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men
 - Perdition – apoleia –
 - Means: destroying, utter destruction; a perishing, ruin, destruction; the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell

- Yes - MY Friends Judgment is COMING
 - We would do well to remember
 - And to Warn

A Growing Ignorance Concerning God vs. 8-9

- **First: That with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day v. 8**

2 Peter 3:8 (NKJV)

8 *But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

- **1st Do NOT FORGET this One Thing**
 - Why is he saying this?
 - 1st Ignorance about the TIMING of the Lord in terms of Bible prophecy!
 - 2nd Because we Forget
 - Time just seem to be going along and we think it will just continue to go along
- **2nd So the Reminder**
 - God Measures time differently the we do!!!
 - What seems like forever for us is but a short time for God
 - Illustration
 - Just as an hour may seem to be an eternity for a child but a moment for an adult.
- **3rd Please NOTE – this is NOT a Formula**

- Peter did not give some prophetic formula
- Saying that a prophetic day somehow equals a thousand years.
- He instead communicated a general principle regarding how we see time and how God sees time.
- When people use this verse as a rigid prophetic key it opens the door for great error.

• **Second: The Lord is not slack concerning His promise v. 9**

○ **1st Slack Concerning His Promise v. 9a**

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, *but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

▪ **1st Not Slack**

- That is, not loitering or late
- Wasting time distracted by something else
- O Yah that's right I have something I need to get done

▪ **2nd Not Slack Concerning His Promises**

- The truth is that God will keep His promise
- Without delay according to His timing.
- His promises
- **1st God's PLAN for Israel!**

Romans 11:25–27 (NKJV)

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

- **2nd God's PROMISE to resurrect dead believers and rapture living ones!**

- I Thessalonians 4:13-18

- **2nd Longsuffering - Not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance v. 9b**

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, *but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

- **BUT Longsuffering**

- Peter here revealed some of God's glorious heart.
- The reason why Jesus' return isn't sooner is so that all should come to repentance, because God is not willing that any should perish.
- Any perceived delay from our perspective is due to the longsuffering of God, who allows man as much time as possible to repent.
- Many of those who are Christians today are happy that Jesus didn't return ten years, or five years, or two years, or one year, or even two months ago.

The Impact Of The Day Of The Lord v. 10

- **First: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night 10a**

2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

10 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.*

○ **1st The DAY of THE LORD**

- “The Day of the Lord” is a technical term
 - Pointing to the special interventions of God in human history for judgment.
 - Refers to the future time of judgment
 - Where God judges the wicked on earth and ends this world system in its present form.
- Starts With
 - Tribulation
 - 1000 Year Reign of Christ
 - Final Judgment
 - Conclude with the end of judgment with the dissolving of the heavens and Earth – which is what Peter describes here
- NOTE: Bible References
 - The phrase “the day of the Lord” is used often in the Old Testament (Isaiah 2:12; 13:6, 9; Ezekiel 13:5, 30:3; Joel 1:15, 2:1,11,31; 3:14; Amos 5:18,20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7,14; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:5) and several times in the New Testament (e.g. Acts 2:20; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Corinthians 1:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10). It is also alluded to in other passages (Revelation 6:17; 16:14).

○ **2nd But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night:**

- When Jesus does return

- He will come at a time that will surprise many (as a thief in the night).
- Meaning People are asleep
 - Just like it was during Noah's Day
 - Just going about their business
 - Mocking Noah
 - An BAM
- (I Thessalonians 5:1-3; Matthew 24:42-44; Revelation 3:3; Revelation 16:15)

• **Second: Judgment v. 10b**

2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

○ **1st The CATASTROPHE will be supernatural!**

- The earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up

Isaiah 13:6–13 (NKJV)

6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt,

8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames.

9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

11 *"I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

12 *I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.*

13 *Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.*

Joel 2:30–31 (NKJV)

30 *"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.*

31 *The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.*

Joel 3:15–16 (NKJV)

15 *The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.*

16 *The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.*

Closing

- Are YOU READY?!
 - Next How To live in light of HIS soon Return
- House of PRAYER 4