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THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

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The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

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2 Peter 3:10-13

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**.

11 Therefore, since all these things will be **dissolved**, what **manner of persons** ought you to be in **holy conduct** and **godliness**, **12 looking for** and **hastening the coming of the day of God**, because of which the heavens will be **dissolved**, being **on fire**, and the **elements** will melt with **fervent heat**? **13 Nevertheless** we, according to **His promise**, **look for new heavens** and a **new earth** in which **righteousness dwells**.

Luke 4:14-22a

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. **15** And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. **16** So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. **17** And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: **18** *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”* **20** Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, *“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”* **22a** So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

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Remembering that this comma, is like The Great Hoover Dam, holding back the raging waters of the mighty Colorado River. That comma has held firm for 2,000 years the coming wrath of Almighty God, but I tell you church – that comma is fading !!!

Romans 15:4

or whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the **Scriptures** might have hope.

2 Peter 1:19-21

And so we have **the prophetic** word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of **Scripture** is of any private interpretation, 21 for **prophecy** never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

THE END

1.) You know The End is coming vs. 10

2 Peter 3:10

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**.

This is the Day of the Lord.

There are a couple of differing views as to how long is The “Day of the LORD” Personally, I understand it to begin at the moment of the Rapture of the Church and it continues out to the end of the (7) seven-year Tribulation period

Ezekiel 30:1-3

The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, 2 “Son of man, prophesy and say, “Thus says the Lord GOD: “Wail, **‘Woe to the day!’** 3 for **the day** is near, even **the day of the LORD** is near; it will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles. (or the judgment of the nations of this world)

And for Those Left Behind, after The Rapture;

Joel 2:11

The LORD gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word. **For The Day of The LORD** is **great** and **very terrible**; who can endure it?

There is the Day of Christ

1 Corinthians 1:8

who will also confirm you to **the end**, that you may be blameless
in **the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

There is also the Day of God

2 Peter 3:12

Looking for and hastening **the coming of the day of God**, because of which the
heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat!

BE HONEST - YOU KNOW THE END IS COMING

The End

1a.) The End is a superimposed reality vs. 10a

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night,

In no way should we be surprised by this reality.

Chronos (Time) by “Nature” and by “Observation” we know there is an end
coming. The Sciences Demand That Everything that is Studied, Must by
Nature Come to an End.

What is this “the day of the Lord”?

It **“will come”** and it will come **“as a thief in the night”**

**Make note here that whenever this term “as a thief in the night” is
used - it is used to describe those who are caught by surprise at His
appearing / coming.**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to
you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the
night. 3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them,
as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are
not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

Isaiah 26:20-21

Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide
yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. **21** For behold, the
LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;

Revelation 16:15

“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

BE HONEST - YOU KNOW THE END IS COMING

The End

1b.) The End is an observable finality vs. 10b

in which the **heavens** will pass away with a great noise,
and the **elements** will melt with **fervent** heat;

“The heaven(s) (not His heaven - His dwelling place, but the physical
heaven(s) **will pass away”**

This “world that is now.” This “as is world” will expire.

#1

**We need to remember that the world that was pre-fall
was a very different environment from the world that was post-fall.
(things began to die)**

#2

**And we need to remember that the world that was pre-flood
was different from the world that was post-flood.**

#3

**Thus, we need to remember that the world that is ours today,
is a post fallen, post flood world and thanks be to God - it is very different
world from the world that is coming.**

2 Peter 3:6-7

by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.
7 But the heavens and the earth which are now

Acts 3:20-21

and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, **21**
whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which
God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

“with a great noise”

The Greek words used here mean: to make a sound of a swoosh, a burst or blast of air – more accurately, it means the sound that an arrow or bullet makes passing by. (like the sound of nearby thunder roaring from one side of the sky to the other)

“and the elements will melt”

The Greek Sto'iche'ion means elementary or {one of a row or One in a row of the next One} – the undoing of the alphabet, order, information – design.

The Undoing of the Design
(the end of our known “structure” or “structuring”))

BE HONEST - YOU KNOW THE END IS COMING
The End

1c.) The End is a needed judgment vs. 10c

both the **earth** and the **works** that are in it will be **burned up**.

“both the elements”
“will be burned up”

“and the works
“will be burned up”

Works = meaning all that any and every human being has ever planned, achieved, performed, built, or invented or did. All of it will be consumed in His coming fire.

This verse demands that: “the will of man” be stacked up against or exposed to the will of God. The Issue is – Did I, in my life seek to find out what the will of God was for me (my purpose for living) and did I live for that will or did I live for my own will, my own purpose?

Isaiah 13:10-13

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.

Isaiah 24:19

The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly.

Isaiah 66:16

For by fire and by His sword The LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

Micah 1:4

The mountains will melt under Him, and the valleys will split like wax before the fire, Like waters poured down a steep place.

Revelation 1:14

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

Daniel 7:9

"I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;

Daniel 10:6

His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

Revelation 19:12

His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

THE END

2.) You know The Hope we have

vs. 11

2 Peter 3:11

Therefore, since all these things will be **dissolved**, what **manner of persons** ought you to be in **holy conduct** and **godliness**,

BE HONEST - YOU KNOW THE HOPE WE HAVE

The End

2a.) His Hope will not fail us

vs. 11a

Therefore, since all these things will be **dissolved**,

**Everything Physical Shall be Burned Up
Empires / Nations / Gold / Legos / My Little Pony**

Lamentations 3:22-25

Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12 Then** you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13 And you will** seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

BE HONEST - YOU KNOW THE HOPE WE HAVE

The End

2b.) His Hope will not leave us

vs. 11b

what **manner of persons ought** you to be (?)

manner grk: the translated word is where we get the word, exotic, foreign, or not of this world.

Unusual People

It would mean that those who do not belong to God would view us and our lifestyles as if we were aliens – people from another world.

In Jesus' High Priestly Prayer – He Prays...

John 17:14

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

what **manner of persons ought** you to be

ought grk: your personal holiness / lifestyle is to be mimicking Jesus'. Our morality, your lifestyle, your ethics, the passion that occupies you daily.

There is an underlying support here implied but not mentioned – it doesn't need to be, it's a given.

In the face of all things being "fired" by fire to see what endures, know that what is devoted to God and is holy / fully His – it shall pass through the coming fire and remain forever.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; **13** but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

BE HONEST - YOU KNOW THE HOPE WE HAVE

The End

2c.) His Hope will not disappoint us

vs. 11c

in **holy conduct** and **godliness**,

the fire of God can and will totally consume
what is self-centered, self-seeking, carnal and of this world.

That same fire will perfect and make glorious
that which is honoring to the Lord.

Hebrews 12:28-29, 13:1

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. **29** For our God is a consuming fire. **13:1** Let brotherly love continue.

This;

“in **holy conduct** and **godliness**,”

Is a TRUTH TO put forth A Contrast.

!!! it's a life that is to be marked by **joy** and **purpose** !!!

Job 23:10

But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. 11 My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside. 12 I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth

Philippians 3:8-10

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings,

Give Em' Jesus

End of Study

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