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*“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.” (1 Peter 3:10)*

**I. Remember These Things (2 Peter 3:1-13)**

- a. A magnificent celebration (The marriage supper of the Lamb, Rev. 19:1-9, will occur in Heaven, while 7-years of tribulation occurs on Earth.
- b. Scoffers mistake God’s delay as a sign that Jesus is not coming. We must remember. (1 John 3:1)
- c. God’s **will** is merciful toward us. He is operating on His own schedule. (Pro.18:30)
  1. God’s delay demonstrates His patience and love towards a sinful world. (vv.5-9)
- d. If God created the heavens and the Earth by speaking a word, He can bring judgement to the world only by speaking. *Waiting for and hastening.*
- e. In the rapture Jesus will meet us (believers) in the air. The day of the Lord, Second Coming, is when Jesus *literally* comes back to Earth.

**II. The Millennial Kingdom (Rev 19:11-16; 20:4-8)**

- a. Christ will rule and reign on Earth for 1,000 years. Jesus will arrive with the armies of Heaven at His side to establish the *millennial kingdom*.
- b. Satan will be chained in the abyss by an angel at the command of Christ.
- c. What then is the purpose of the millennial kingdom? Opportunity
- d. The kingdom will be a worldwide display of Christ’s glory. The Second coming will be about justice and judgement. Jesus will return not as Savior but as the righteous judge.
- e. Who will reign with Christ?
- f. On earth, during the *millennial kingdom*, *there will be a unique collection of people*.
  1. People who survive the seven-year tribulation. \*They will have a sinful nature.
  2. There will be OT and NT saints who will have glorified bodies.
  3. People will marry and babies will be born over the 1,000 years.
- g. Because of the earth’s perfect conditions people will live longer and will outwardly conform to the Lord’s righteous rule. It will be a time of peace and nearly perfect environment.
- h. The millennial reign will be a reign of law, yet justice will not change man’s sinful heart.
- i. All of the nations will not be truly born again, this explains why Satan will be able to gather a great army and rebel (Rev 20:8-10) Why “must” Satan be released to lead one last revolt?
- j. As a final proof that man’s heart is desperately wicked and can only be changed by God’s grace.
- k. The “last battle” will be no battle at all. Without any struggle, Satan will be bound. The saints will not fight.

**I. Application and Practice *Judgement at the Great White Throne.***

- a. The divine courtroom will not be open for debate, Jesus will judge based on what was written in the books. What books? *Record of wrongs?*
- b. There will be a book containing the works of the sinners to determine the degree of punishment they will endure in hell. The sea will give up the dead...no sinner will escape judgment.
- c. Every sinner will be held accountable for the truth they heard in this life.
- d. The “Book of Life” (Lamb’s Book of Life) will be there containing the names of God’s redeemed people. When the judgment is finished, all the unsaved will be cast into hell.
- e. People who end up in hell will be there because they rejected the gift of Christ. (Salvation)