

- ❑ Vs. 14
  - ❑ How do people usually get spots on their clothes?
  - ❑ What happens if a spot is not dealt with?
  - ❑ What should a Christian do to remain spotless?
  - ❑ What does it mean to be blamed for something?
  - ❑ How can a Christian be blameless or without fault?
  - ❑ The word peace here means 'undisturbed,' how does this apply to the Christian life?
  - ❑ What would cause a lack of peace in the life of a Christian?
  - ❑ According to 1 John 2.1 how should the Christian respond to spots, guilt, or a lack of peace in their life?
- ❑ Vs. 15 Why does the Lord wait and not return now?
- ❑ Vs. 16 What does Peter compare the writings of Paul to?
- ❑ How does Peter describe the writings of Paul?
- ❑ What do people do who do not understand what Paul is writing about?
- ❑ What are the results of such actions?

*<sup>[17]</sup> Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. <sup>[18]</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

- ❑ Vs. 17 What is the final warning given in this letter about?
- ❑ What does Peter say the results of following such false teachers and their false doctrines (teaching) will be?
- ❑ Vs. 18 What is the believer to do?
- ❑ According to Hebrews 5.14 what should be the results of lives lived according to the directions of Jesus?



## Study lesson #3 How it ENDS!

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*<sup>[3:1]</sup> Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. <sup>[2]</sup> I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.*

- ❑ What was the purpose of the first letter Peter wrote?  
See 1 Peter 1.6
- ❑ What was the purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter Peter wrote?  
See 2 Peter 1.3-4
- ❑ Vs. 1 Why would the people need a reminder to something they had already been taught?
- ❑ Vs. 2 Where does Peter go as his source of reference?
- ❑ Why would these be important considering the way things were going in their world?
- ❑ Would this apply to our nation/world today? Why?
- ❑ Why is this important to know and understand?

*<sup>[3]</sup> First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. <sup>[4]</sup> They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." <sup>[5]</sup> But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. <sup>[6]</sup> By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. <sup>[7]</sup> By the same word the present heavens*

and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

- ❑ Why would Peter refer to the time as the Last Days?
- ❑ Vs. 4 What was happening in the world around the believers that made the scoffers (false teachers) raise questions about the Last Days?
- ❑ Read Matthew 24.37-39, 42 What two things did Jesus say would be the signs of his possible returned?
- ❑ What did Jesus say we would know about his return?
- ❑ How does Jesus words refute the scoffers arguments?
- ❑ Vss.5-7 What have the scoffers deliberately forgotten?
- ❑ How is modern science used to turn people away from God and His inspired Word?

<sup>[8]</sup> But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>[9]</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

- ❑ What do we learn about time from God's point of view?
- ❑ Does God exists in time or outside of time?
- ❑ If you were never born or never could die would time have any significance to you?
- ❑ Vs 9 Why has God waited so long and endured so much sin when he could end it all at any time and stop it all?

<sup>[10]</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

- ❑ When do most people think about the return of Jesus?
- ❑ Why is the Lord's return compared to a thief? See

Matthew 24.43-44

- ❑ How will the world appear to most people when he does finally return? See 1 Thessalonians 5.1-3
- ❑ When Jesus says, "I come like a thief," <sup>Revelation 16.15</sup> what does that mean about how the believer should be living their lives?

<sup>[11]</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>[12]</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>[13]</sup> But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

- ❑ Vs. 11 The word holy means a person must be **pure in body, mind and spirit**. The word godly means a person must be **devoted and worship well**. How does this affect the way a believe should be living their lives?
- ❑ How does this affect the way believers should approach our time of worship together?
- ❑ Why should the believer be looking forward to the day of God?
- ❑ According to Revelation 21.1-4 why should the believer be looking forward to the New Heaven and the New Earth?
- ❑ Vs. 13 what does the word righteousness mean?
- ❑ Why would this be important to know about the New Heaven and the New earth?

<sup>[14]</sup> So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. <sup>[15]</sup> Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. <sup>[16]</sup> He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.