



**The Day of the Lord
Will Come**

2 Peter 3:1-14

A night view from inside a cave looking out at a starry sky and a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with stars and the Milky Way. The sun is setting over the ocean, casting a glow on the beach. The cave's interior is dark, with some light reflecting off the wet rocks.

Do wish the Lord would return
soon?

Do you wonder why He hasn't
returned by now?


2 Peter 3:1-3 (ESV)
The Day of the Lord Will Come

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 (ESV)

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

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2 Peter 3:4-6 (ESV)

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For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

What is Uniformitarianism?



Uniformitarianism - National Geographic website

“The principle of uniformitarianism says that the present is the key to the past. This principle has had a profound impact on the science of geology.

This is known as uniformitarianism: the idea that Earth has always changed in uniform ways and that the present is the key to the past.

The principle of uniformitarianism is essential to understanding Earth's history. However, prior to 1830, uniformitarianism was not the prevailing theory. Until that time, scientists subscribed to the idea of catastrophism.”

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/uniformitarianism/>

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Romans 1:18-25 (ESV) God's Wrath on Unrighteousness

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Psalm 19:1 (ESV)


The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his
handiwork.



Revelation 4:10-11 (ESV)

the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”



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Genesis 7:17-21 (ESV)


The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.

And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind.

2 Peter 3:7 (ESV)


But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

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2 Peter 3:8-9 (ESV)

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



Are you glad the Lord did not come back in a
previous generation?

Are you glad the Lord is patient?

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Galatians 4:4 (ESV)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman

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2 Peter 3:10 (ESV)

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.




What does this sound like to you?






Colossians 1:16-17 (ESV)

For by him (Christ) all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, **and in him all things hold together.**



2 Peter 3:11-12 (ESV)

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!




What does this mean:

“hastening the coming of the day of God”?

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Matthew 24:14 (ESV)


“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

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Revelation 5:9 (ESV)


And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you
ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people
and nation,



2 Peter 3:13 (ESV)

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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Spoiler Alert!



Revelation 21:1-4 (ESV)
The New Heaven and the New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.


Revelation 21:1-4 (ESV)


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And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and
God himself will be with them as their God.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death
shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor
crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have
passed away.”



A composite image showing a cave opening at night. The cave's interior is dark, with a waterfall on the left side. The opening of the cave frames a view of a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy, with a bright sun or moon setting on the horizon. The beach is covered in dark pebbles and sand, with waves washing onto the shore.

Questions? Thoughts?