
The secular news and global scientists are also beginning to see changes in the earth and climate similar to that spoken by the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:22 of how "the whole Creation groans like with birth pangs. Learn more about the END and the sequence of history of the last days from the Prophet Joel and as quoted by the Apostle Peter. It is presented with the link below in PowerPoint slides.?

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Christians and other church members who ignore their Bibles, or "twist {or wrest in the KJV} the Scriptures to their own destruction" (II Peter 3:16), still fail to understand how the Bible is self-interpretative. Even as picture is worth a thousand words, so examples from PowerPoint slides are worth thousands also.

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Most people live in a shell or bubble of fiction and self-denial, especially on the realities of God; the spiritual realities of God being all that really matters now and in the long run. The world is glad to encourage and live off that bubble of fiction as it is profitable money-wise for them to have a community that needs a new car, a new home, boat and others things that have to be bought; the prime motivations, as we are bombarded hourly and daily with ads for buying is confor-

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mity to our neighbors. This is unregenerate or ungodly human nature as it always has been since the sin of rebellion against God and godliness entered the blood stream of the human race through Adam and Eve's disobedience to specific commands from God.

Jesus taught Peter eternal and immutably realities, and the great fisherman took those values and ran with them in a very practical and pragmatic manner. Yet as you read the two little epistles of Peter, I and II Peter, there is also an eloquence of rhetoric and homespun almost poetry of expression that Peter acquired from somewhere. How much of it came from the Holy Spirit working in His life, the teachings of Jesus, or just the inborn and trained style of Peter, we can not tell; but we can in spite of the expressions of the same truth about godliness and ungodliness as the Apostle Paul, immediately we recognize some difference in the more down to earth, yet we are warned in the Bible, not only to hold fast to the sound doctrine of the Bible, but also whether it is from Peter, Paul, another Apostle or Prophet to also "hold fast to the pattern of sound words" (II Timothy 1:13). What we notice is that once we have been raised on the 17 letters of Paul, 14 he wrote through the Holy Spirit and 3 he sponsored and all his quotes from the Old Testament Prophets, still beyond that as read the epistles of Peter they expand our vocabulary of sound patterns.

Peter reminds us, as a basis for understanding godliness, ungodliness, and the necessity for holiness of God in light of the Day of the LORD and Lord, where all Scriptures come from: Old Testament Prophets and Apostles and specifically mentions Paul and how many in protection of their bubbles of unreality "wrest the Scriptures to their own destruction". (II Peter 3:16). Even Bible Baptist Fundamentalists must see this difference in style, in spite of their paronia of a fictitious literalism while adding by way of isogenesis {forcing meaning on the Bible instead of the exegesis of reading meaning out of the Bible} into the Bible such non-biblical words of rapture, millennium, and dispensations-which incidentally is a paranoia of self denial, as maintained by Henry Steele Commager that allowed them to crucify thousands of Christian brothers as they took over the SBC.

4-1: Let us nail down some clear teachings up front from Peter on these matters of realities and Bible spirituality: godliness, ungodliness, standards of the Scriptures as from God and therefore

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authoritative, and the Day of the Lord as a reality that can not be ignored with its demands on holiness, and bubble buster on the fictions of life whereby most people “eat, drink, marry, and are given in marriage”, like in the days of Noah, as if these spiritual and eternal realities are fictions that do not matter.¹

What use to be a relaxing Saturday morning of classical music on a station owned by Dallas, has been turned into stressful discussions with motivations of fear for the future and retirement on “Money Matters”. What you really hear is MONEY MATTERS MOST, for that is the way of Dallas and the way of the world, as it has always been. One of the reasons that Americans continue to live in a bubble of “pride of life” and ungodliness, particularly in Texas where the gospel of wealth and corollary of success dominates, is that shell, encouraged and promoted by Satan, the prince of the power of the air...that shell that there is in Texas and America no difference between the world and godliness; and subtly they have tried to correlate money and wealth with godliness, even as was the same with the rich young ruler who met Jesus, live a moral life and could not moderate properly how his money mattered!

1. Peter POPS the unrealistic bubble on the source and authority of Scripture. {See the All Scripture approach and movement from Paul in other Bible Scriptures, and on a page of www.biblecombibleman.com.}
2. Peter POS the common bubble of humanity that there are many interpretations of the Bible “so why mess with it”! If with a typo, we just wrote Pete, the world would think more of Pete Sampras the tennis player than of the Apostle Peter, which shows where the “head” of the world is and therefore the heart. As Jesus taught, “Where your head is {really the exact Bible words are treasure instead of head, but the meaning is the same}, there will your heart {or focus of life and living} be also.” (Matthew 6:21)
“knowing this first {it must be up-front before godliness and godly conduct²}, that no prophesy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophesy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (II Peter 1:20,21)

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1. What theology can not explain away to protect the bubble, cultural and community education strives to enhance. May, the efforts of humanity, especially in America, to deny that God and godliness matters, and what they exemplify as examples for life and living is the only real standard!
 2. The word prayer is being thrown around flippantly today by the news by seculars who never acknowledge the realities of God and prayer, and think instantly that God is going to honor any prayer except for repentance and conversion.

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3. Pete POPS the eschatological bubble of strange doctrines and strange patterns of words with reminders of the consistent theme always throughout the Bible of the Day of the Lord with demands for holiness and holy living.

4. Pete POPS the bubble of the extent of godliness demanded of Christians in the church.

"For if these things are yours {the list¹ of holy conduct and godliness mention in the previous verses of II Peter 1:5-7} and abound, you will neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Peter 1:8)

5. Peter pops the bubble of Pentecosts that speaking in unknown tongues is evidence of the filling of the Spirit of God; no, the evidence is in holy conduct and godliness in the daily life inside and outside the church building. 15 minutes on Sunday can never take the place of "God Being My Helper" through the Holy Spirit as Ralph Herring wrote years ago. The purpose of the Holy Spirit coming on any people, according to Jesus (Acts 1:8), is to make witnesses to Jesus unto the end of the earth, and the evidence of that power is going outside the church to bear witness to Jesus everywhere.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The "other tongues" (Acts 2:4) heard by Jews from all over the world were real languages, and the disciples of Jesus were "filled with the Spirit" in order to communicate to those Jews a knowledge of Jesus in their own known² languages.

4-2: Which side are you on, that of God the Father or "of the world"? They are clearly two different sides, and you can not straddle both expecting to also receive the good benefits of judgment and the Day of the Lord. Step by step, Peter pops

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1. "...giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self control perseverance {does this really sound like something you can do standing up front of a comfortable church building?} to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love." (II Peter 1:5-7)
 2. "Other languages" from Jesus and the Bible are known languages, not the unknown languages that you can hear from some Pentecostals as they get excited in worship.

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bubbles of unreality to get godliness among those of the world and godliness among those of the dispersed church.

1. Jesus, Peter, Paul, and all writers of the Bible strive to clarify to humanity that you can not have the world and godliness at the same time. Just the fact that Satan, his fallen angels, and the wicked alone are those who run the world dictates an encouragement of ungodliness and a lack of godliness.
2. God is holy and God demands holiness for His own people and children of faith.

4-3: Peter, or at least the Holy Spirit through Peter, not only pops the human bubble or bubbles of unreality but also provides motivation for godliness, the words of Peter are “what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness” (II Peter 3:11).

What changes everything is when any human being, somehow acquires an emotional and vivid mental image of the ultimate reality of the “Day of the Lord”. Many Old Testament Prophets, like Isaiah, Zechariah, and Joel wrote before Scriptures before the Scriptures from Peter and Paul about this single one great and terminal “Day of the LORD and Lord”; Jesus shortly before Peter wrote scriptures, taught Peter and the other Apostles about the Day of the Lord and the LORD--we are grateful that these Apostles wrote Scriptures recording what Jesus taught like in Matthew 24 and Mark 13 on the Day of the Lord; and after Peter was Paul, as he wrote 14 New Testament letters of Scripture and sponsored 3 more through Mark and Dr. Luke.

NOTE: What keeps you from hearing from your churches and denominations today about this “great and notable day of the Lord”, as Joel called it and Peter quoted it on the first day of Pentecost after the Ascension, is also explained by Peter as he pops your even larger bubbles of unreality that many of your church leaders are “false teachers” like the “false prophets” of the Old Testament. Never forget that every official prophet, every Jewish denominational and state and religious sponsored prophet during the final days of Judah was a false prophet according to the word of God Scriptures from Jeremiah, only one single Prophet was a true Prophet of God with true words and Scriptures from God, and that was the Prophet Jeremiah.

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“But there were also false prophets among the people {the people of God of “good figs and bad figs”¹}, even as there will be false teachers who will secretly bring in destructive heresies...” (II Peter 2:1)

4-4: Don't be deceived by your respected religious leaders failures² to speak to you about the “Day of the Lord”, and in that “sound pattern of words” (II Timothy 1:13) of the biblical consistent summary of last things with those words of the Day of the Lord, normally most times in Old and New Testament scripture where you find the words “day of the LORD” of Day of the Lord, you will know it is the same terminal day because the sun and the moon stop giving off light.

1. Such a well known, but often distorted New Testament Scripture, comes from the Prophet Joel and from the Apostle Peter who quoted Joel on the “Day of the Lord” on his first recorded sermon in the book of Acts and on the first day of Pentecost after the Ascension. Peter and Joel, in writing Scriptures through the Holy Spirit as “holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Spirit of God” (II Peter 1:20,21) Peter and Joel agree in calling this single and terminal day of the Lord as that “great and notable day³ of the LORD” (Acts 2:14-21)

2. There is neither time nor space {or the patience of the reader} to quote all of Peter's quote and explanation of--and hopefully you read, or read again for yourself all of Acts 2:14-21; but quickly consider how your respected religious teachers today with false teachings are able to deceive you about the when and how of the Day of the LORD and Lord is because they deceive you on something as fundamental as the “last days”. According to Peter as in the Scripture of

1. As Jeremiah also explained in Jeremiah 24.

2. If they speak to you at all on last things, or eschatology, it will be the isogetically invented words of fundamentalists, not found in the Bible literally, such as “rapture”, “millennium”, and “dispensations” and with their weird charts and self-invented time lines that they try to force on the Bible. This is called “isogesis”, for reading meaning into the Bible as contrasted to exegesis which is the ASPI reading of meaning out of the Bible. “Just let the Bible say what it is trying to say.”

3. The New King James Version translate it as “the great and awesome day of the LORD”, both awesome and equally true in description. Among other things the greatest earthquake ever will be felt all over the world, all will see the sun with diminished light and also the moon, and Christ will come again!

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Acts, he quoted from the Scriptures through the Prophet Joel, that first day of Pentecost after the Ascension was the beginning of the last days (Acts 2:15-17):

- (a). to be terminated with "the great and awesome day of the LORD";
- (b). to be immediately preceded {"before the coming of that great and awesome day"} by "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood" (Acts 2:20); and
- (c). and before that will be the "beginning of sorrows" spoken by Jesus in the Matthew 24 and Mark 13 Scriptures from the Apostles, things that started happening at the beginning of the last days and keep going with more intensity until the END, "wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire and vapor of smoke" (Acts 2:19).

NOTE: We must stand in awe not only of what is going to happen in heaven and earth to lead to the END and the Second Coming of Christ, but also of how false but respected and popular teachers of religion can so distort something as simple and straightforward as from Joel and Peter. We must believe that they want notoriety, popularity, and the status and profit of propagating something that no one else is able to get out of their proper Bible reading and understanding.

4-5: However the prime theme of Peter, at least in II Peter, is godliness and the opposite of ungodliness; and this survey of coming attractions from the total second little epistle of Peter, II Peter, is background to allow us in conclusion of this message and in the coming series to stress, explain, and motivate on godliness, what "the manner of persons you ought to be in holy conduct and godliness" (II Peter 3:11).

1. "BE HOLY IN CONDUCT AND GODLINESS"--the conduct in outward behavior and godliness in an inward state.
2. "LOOKING FOR AND HASTENING THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD"--did you realize the godly Christians can hasten when that DAY comes! We will discuss that in the coming series on "Peter and Paul".

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Yesterday national and international news interviewed victims of the Chile earthquake and continuing aftershocks, and a few days before that victims and experts on the LA earthquake. In both cases they are looking and waiting for the "big" or "great one"; when all humanity the world over should be looking for and hastening of the coming of the great day of the Lord, immediately after the largest earthquake ever--"And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since man was on the earth." (Revelation 16:18)

NOTE: Yes, you should be looking for the big one; but the one at the END, at the day of the LORD and Lord, at the Second Coming. You should also be making preparation in all holy conduct and godliness; for as in the days of Noah, when people went about their daily routines as if these realities of God and from God did not exist, so are people engaged in routines today of life and living as if there is no God, no day of the Lord, and no END just like many building owners in LA know their structures are not able to withstand a big one, yet make no preparation. Those are bubbles of unreality, in this life and living, and especially about life and living for eternity!