

## **The Impending Judgment of Unrighteousness**

### A time of God's Wrath

- The Second Coming is a distinct event from the Rapture.
  - The general rule for all mankind is that the body dies and then judgment occurs (Heb. 9:27).
  - An exception to this rule is the live generation at the Rapture, since that generation's bodies will not die ("We" 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thes. 4:14, 15, and 17).
  - All unrighteousness will be judged (Rom. 1:18).
  - The Day of the Lord: Starts after the Rapture and ends at Eternity—begins with God's full wrath (Zeph. 1:14-15<sup>959</sup>), a time of unprecedented punishment, judgment beyond any previous historical event (Dan. 12:1<sup>919</sup>; Mt. 24:21-22).
1. The prophecies regarding Christ's Second Coming: (2 Pet. 3:1-3).
    - 1) Are to be remembered by Christians (v. 1).
    - 2) Stir up, awaken pure thoughts that pass through the mind—we are to select the correct thoughts (v. 1 )
    - 3) Maturity: "Living in the present in lieu of the future."
    - 4) The last days of the church (v. 3 cf. 2 Tim. 3:1; Heb. 1:2).
    - 5) In context Christ is coming to judge the world (vv. 4-9).
    - 6) Mockers mocking this promise (v. 3).
  2. Christians are not to have an uniformitarian view regarding the future (2 Pet. 3:4).
    - 1) Mockers say, "Where is the promise of His coming?"
    - 2) They say, "from the time the fathers fell asleep, all things continue the same from *the* beginning of creation."
    - 3) These mockers willingly desire to have the truth hidden from them—*i.e.* they shut their eyes to the fact of judgment.
  3. The prophecy of Christ's Second Coming: (2 Pet. 3:5-9).
    - 1) These mockers disregard the two previous universal floods, which indicate to us that catastrophic or supernatural events will occur in the future.
      - i. Out of water—under old heavens
      - ii. Through water—under old heavens
      - iii. Old heavens v. 5 cf. Now heavens v. 7
    - 2) The current heavens are kept in store for a day of judgment—the ruin of the ungodly.