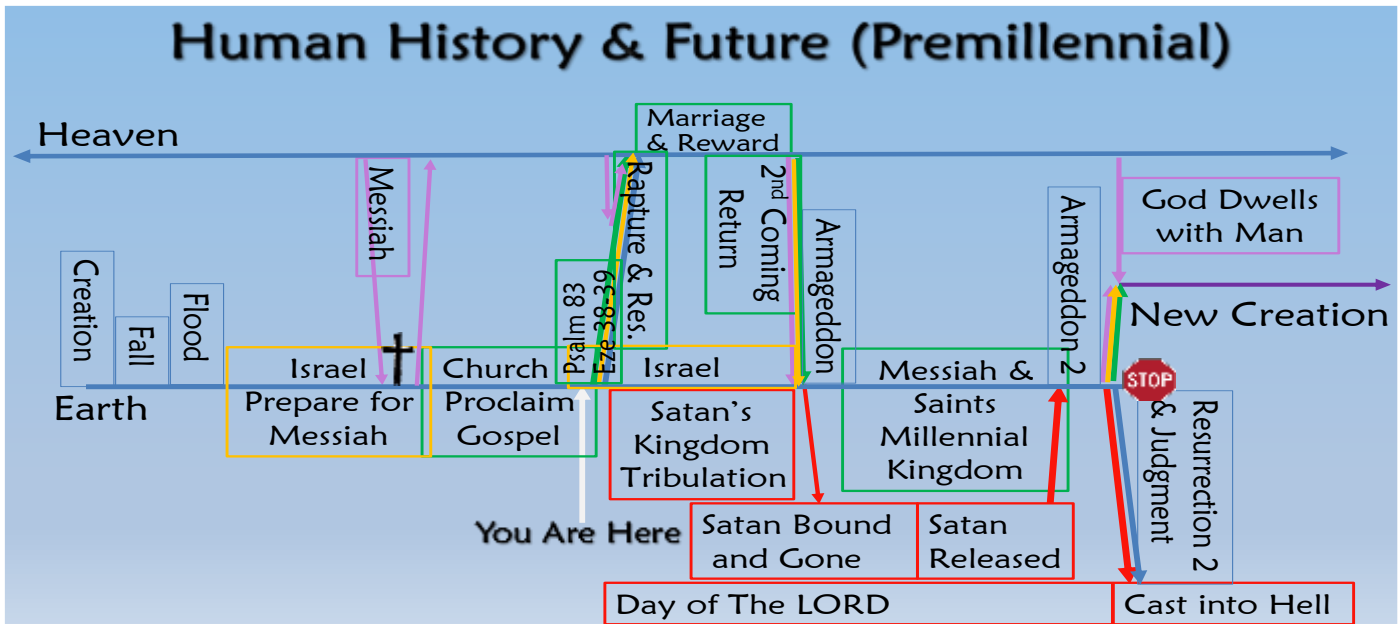


The Flood & The Day of the LORD



2 Peter 3 (NET) Dear friends, this is already the second letter I have written you, in which I am trying to stir up your pure mind by way of reminder: I want you to recall both the predictions foretold by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.

Above all, understand this: In the last days blatant scoffers will come, being propelled by their own evil urges and saying, “Where is his promised return? For ever since our ancestors died, all things have continued as they were from the beginning of creation.”

For they deliberately suppress this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water. Through these things the world existing at that time was destroyed when it was deluged with water.

But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, by being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

Now, dear friends, do not let this one thing escape your notice, that a single day is like a thousand years with the Lord and a thousand years are like a single day. The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some regard slowness, but is being patient toward you,

because he does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief; when it comes, the heavens will disappear with a horrific noise, and the celestial bodies will melt away in a blaze, and the earth and every deed done on it will be laid bare. Since all these things are to melt away in this manner, what sort of people must we be, conducting our lives in holiness and godliness, while waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God? Because of this day, the heavens will be burned up and dissolve, and the celestial bodies will melt away in a blaze!

But, according to his promise, we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness truly resides. Therefore, dear friends, since you are waiting for these things, strive to be found at peace, without spot or blemish, when you come into his presence.

And regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as also our dear brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him, speaking of these things in all his letters. Some things in these letters are hard to understand, things the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they also do to the rest of the scriptures. Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard that you do not get led astray by the error of these unprincipled men and fall from your firm grasp on the truth.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the honor both now and on that eternal day.

Not willing that any should perish 3:9

1 John 2:2 (NET) and he himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for the whole world. Isn't God sovereign and always gets what he desires?

Can humans make real choices since God is sovereign?

Luke 22:41-42 (NET) He (Jesus on the way to the cross) went away from them (disciples) about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Yet not my will but yours be done.”

God can limit himself. Philippians 2:5-8

Hastening the day of Christ's return 3:12

Does hastening mean 'desiring'? (some commentaries)
Can we make Christ's return come sooner (hastening)?
In the context God is patiently waiting. (not rushing)
Do our choices and our prayers make real differences?
Is God sovereign?

YES, and yet He gives us the ability to make real choices.

Peter's Prophecy: "In the last days... they deliberately suppress this fact, . . . the world . . . was deluged with water."

Wikipedia: Flood Geology:

"Scientific analysis has refuted the key tenets of flood geology. Flood geology contradicts the scientific consensus in geology, stratigraphy, geophysics, physics, paleontology, biology, anthropology, and archaeology."

Science sees thousands of meters of sedimentary layers covering Earth and assumes they were caused by billions of years of slow deposition and erosion. Sediments occur very slowly today.

They are confident of this time frame because there are thousands of huge volcanic layers interspersed in the layers. Volcanos of this size only happen every few million years.

They also observe hundreds of huge meteorite impacts that have mostly been filled in with sediments. Impacts this big also only happen every few million years.

Three geological evidences agree on billions of years. Scientists cannot find any evidence of a global flood a few thousand years ago.

Genesis 7:11b-12 tells us how God initiated Noah's Flood. (ESV)

On that day

all the fountains of the great deep burst forth,
and the windows of the heavens were opened.
And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

The common interpretation of this is: A global flood takes lots of water. God brought the water from two sources:
1. Water from deep underground & 2. Water from space

The problem is that this ubiquitous interpretation violates the grammar of Genesis 7:11-12 and it disagrees with the geological evidence.

The correct interpretation totally agrees with the scientific evidences (thousands of meters of sedimentary layers, huge volcanoes and meteorites), but they all happened in one year.

Genesis 7:11b-12 (My literal translation – changed 'the' and consequential 'then')

On that day

all fountains of great deep burst forth, and
the windows of the heavens were opened.

These caused the rain upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

What word best describes a fountain of great deep bursting open? Volcano.

A huge volcano can put over ten cubic miles of water above the atmosphere.

Windows to the heavens, or portals to space, would allow a stream of heavenly bodies in – meteorites. Larger meteorites hitting the oceans would send tsunamis sweeping across continents. They also would put cubic miles of water above the atmosphere.

These two events, and the torrential rain were continuous for 40 days and continued for 150 days. These three events caused a global flood that totally agrees with the geological record, and it was all over in one year!

Genesis 8:2 (ESV) This is 150 days after the flood started.

The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained

Notice again that there are three events. When the first two events completely stopped, the rain was restrained back to normal levels.



The Lord Will Judge the Earth (Day of the Lord) Isaiah 24 (NET)

Look, the Lord is ready to devastate the earth and leave it in ruins; he will mar its surface and scatter its inhabitants. Everyone will suffer—the priest as well as the people, the master as well as the servant, the elegant lady as well as the female attendant, the seller as well as the buyer, the borrower as well as the lender, the creditor as well as the debtor. The earth will be completely devastated and thoroughly ransacked. For the Lord has decreed this judgment.

The earth dries up and withers, the world shrivels up and withers; the prominent people of the earth fade away. The earth is defiled by its inhabitants,

for they have violated laws, disregarded the regulation, and broken the permanent treaty. So a treaty curse devours the earth; its inhabitants pay for their guilt. This is why the inhabitants of the earth disappear, and are reduced to just a handful of people. The new wine dries up, the vines shrivel up, all those who like to celebrate groan. The happy sound of the tambourines stops, the revelry of those who celebrate comes to a halt, the happy sound of the harp ceases.

They no longer sing and drink wine; the beer tastes bitter to those who drink it. The ruined town is shattered; all the houses are shut up tight. They howl in the streets because of what happened to the wine; all joy turns to sorrow; celebrations disappear from the earth. The city is left in ruins; the gate is reduced to rubble.

This is what will happen throughout the earth, among the nations. It will be like when they beat an olive tree, and just a few olives are left at the end of the harvest. They lift their voices and shout joyfully; they praise the majesty of the Lord in the west. So in the east extol the Lord, along the seacoasts extol the fame of the Lord God of Israel. From the ends of the earth we hear songs—

the Just One is majestic. But I say, “I’m wasting away! I’m wasting away! I’m doomed! Deceivers deceive, deceivers thoroughly deceive!”

Terror, pit, and snare are ready to overtake, you inhabitants of the earth! The one who runs away from the sound of the terror will fall into the pit; the one who climbs out of the pit will be trapped by the snare.

For the floodgates (windows) of the heavens are opened up and the foundations of the earth shake. The earth is broken in pieces, the earth is ripped to shreds, the earth shakes violently. The earth will stagger around like a drunk; it will sway back and forth like a hut in a windstorm. Its sin will weigh it down, and it will fall and never get up again.

At that time the Lord will punish the heavenly forces in the heavens and the earthly kings on the earth. They will be imprisoned in a pit, locked up in a prison, and after staying there for a long time, they will be punished. The full moon will be covered up, the bright sun will be darkened; for the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will rule on Mount Zion in Jerusalem in the presence of his assembly, in majestic splendor.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (NET) Now on the topic of times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you know quite well that the day of the Lord will come in the same way as a thief in the night. Now when they are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction comes on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will surely not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the darkness for the day to overtake you like a thief would. For you all are sons of the light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of the darkness. So then we must not sleep as the rest, but must stay alert and sober.

Matthew 24:36-39 (NET) “But as for that day and hour no one knows it—not even the angels in heaven—except the Father alone. For just like the days of Noah were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be. For in those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. And they knew nothing until the flood came and took them all away. It will be the same at the coming of the Son of Man.

