“A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH”

2 Peter 3:1–18

Key Verse: 3:13

1. What was the author’s purpose in writing these letters? (1,2; cf. 1:13) In light of these verses, what is “wholesome thinking,” and why do we need it?
2. What did he predict? (3,4; cf. Jude 18) What do these scoffers deliberately forget? (5) How is the role of God’s word emphasized? (cf. Heb11:3) How was the ancient world destroyed? (6) What will happen to it at the end? (7)
3. What criticism does the author anticipate, and what lessons can we learn here about God? (8,9)
4. What is “the day of the Lord” and how is it described? (10,12b) Why will it come “like a thief”? (Mt24:42,43; 1Th5:2; Rev3:3; 16:15)
5. In light of the destruction of all things, what kind of people ought we to be? (11b,14b) Note the repetition of “looking forward to” (12–14); why do we not dread that day? Read verse 13. Why is this our hope? (cf. Isa65:17; 66:22; Rev21:1)
6. Why does the author mention “the Lord’s patience” again? (15a,9) What does he say about Paul’s writing, and why? (15b,16) What is his final admonishment? (17,18) What does it mean to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” and how can we?