**The Destination of Apostasy, Part 3**

**II Pet. 3:1-18**

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**I. Introduction (1:1-2)**

**II. The Deliverance from Apostasy (1:3-21)**

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**III. The Destination of Apostasy (3:1-18)**

**I. The Reminder (vv. 1-2)**

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**III. The Reservation (vv. 7-9)**

**IV. The Revelation (vv. 10-13)**

**V. The Responsibility (vv. 14-18)**

**PREMISE**: **The LORD will bring an end of the History of Apostate Humanity and create New Heavens and Earth where there will be no more Apostasy!**

**The Reservation (vv. 7-9)**

**I. The Termination by the Day of Judgment (v. 7)**

**A. The Object (v. 7a, c)**

1. The Heavens and Earth (31x) > Gen. 1:1 and 2:1 > Jn. 3:12 (now “having been and still being treasured up” (perfect passive) > *thesaurizo* (8x) > cosmic warming!

 2. Ungodly Men > the false teachers = apostates

**B. The Means (v. 7b)** > *tereo* (“presently being reserved”)

1. Fire of Judgment (*krisis* [48x])

 2. Fire of Perdition (*apoleia* [20x]) > II Pet. 2:1, 2, 3; 3:16

**II. The Timing of the Day of Judgment (v. 8) >** Beloved: don’t “willingly hide” (*lanthano* [6x]) truth like apostates (v. 5)

 **A. The Eternality of God (v. 8a)**

 1. Ps. 90:2

 2. Jn. 1:1; Rev. 1:4-5, 8

 **B. The Estimation of God (v. 8b)**

 1. Ps. 90:4

 2. *“Thousand years”* (7x) > Rev. 20:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 > seven thousand year creation?

**III. The Truth about the Day of Judgment (v. 9)**

 **A. The Nature of God (v. 9a)**

1. His Delay is not because of slackness (*braduno* (2x) = to delay or to retard) > Hab. 2:3 > Heb. 10:37-38!

 2. His Delay is because of longsuffering > *makrothumeo* (10x) > Jam. 5:7-8

 **B. The Necessity of Man (v. 9b)** > repentance: change of mind which affects change of behaviour.

 1. Avoid Perish-ment > II Pet. 3:6 (see Jn. 3:16)

 2. Activate Repentance > Mt. 9:13, Lk. 13:3, 5.

**CONCLUSION: The powerful and longsuffering LORD will destroy with fire the fallen cosmos and fallen man!**