**The Destination of Apostasy, Part 5b**

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

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**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! Apostasy started in perfect creation with angels, then with man, and soon whole creation will be burnt up! Only what is done for Christ will last!**

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

**II Pet. 3:14 (Part 5b)**

\*What vain thing that is going to burn up is keeping you from the will of God? (Eccl. 1:2)

Beloved: professed believers and church members (I Pet. 2:11; 4:12;)

**I. Alertness (v. 14):** behaviour > anticipation, alertness, action

**II. Acknowledgement (vv. 15-16):** delay for is for salvation not because of slackness

 **A. Who**: Paul

 1. His Person: *“beloved”* > Gal. 2:11-14 (*“beloved brother” >* Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7, 9)

2. His Position: pre-Trib, imminent > I Thes. 4:13-18; 5:1 ff. > (Peter had no hope of rapture [Jn. 21:18-21])

 **B. What**: He Wrote to the Jews > I Pet. 1:1; II Pet. 1:1; 2:1 > *The Book of Hebrews*

 1. Hebrews: *“salvation”* > 1:14; 2:3, 10; 5:9; 6:9; 9:28

 2. Other Epistles > Phil 3:20-21

 a. Rapture > “mystery” (I Cor. 15:51 ff.)

 b. Tribulation > II Thes. 2:2 ff. (Dan. 9:24-27)

 **C. Why**: Heretics attack 2nd coming!

 1. Hard to be understood > *dusnoetos* (1x) hard + understand

2. Unlearned and unstable *> amathes* (1x) and *asteriktos* (II Pet. 2:14; 3:16); unstable as a little moving star! “Aster-isk”

 3. Wrest > *strebloo* “twist” Greek text > conspiracy against the written text in 1st century.

 4. Destruction > 2:1, 2, 3; 3:7

**III. Advantage (vv. 17-18)**

**CONCLUSION: The Lord is longsuffering but not slack in the 2nd coming of Christ!**