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

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

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

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

**II. The Description of Apostasy (2:1-22)**

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

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

**II. The Rebels (vv. 3-6)**

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

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

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

 **A. Alertness (v. 14)**

 **B. Acknowledgement (vv. 15-16)**

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

**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! 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!**

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

**PREMISE**: The church member has the advantage of knowing the big plan and how it will turn out! Live like you know it.

With Knowledge (Biblical world view) > *“Know before”* > *pro ginosko* (present participle [5x]) > cf. I Pet. 1:20

**I. Continue to Guard (v. 17)**

 **A. Deception (Led away)** > Gal. 2:13

 1. What > error *plane* (II Pet. 2:18)

 2. Who > wicked *athesmos (*II Pet. 2:7)

 **B. Defeat (Fall from stedfastness)** fall (I Pet. 1:24) > steroids

**II. Continue to Grow (v. 18)**

 **A. Process** (I Pet. 2:2) > grace and knowledge > II Pet. 1:2, 5-7:

 1. virtue

 2. knowledge

 3. temperance

 4. patience

 5. godliness

 6. brotherly kindness

 7. charity

 **B. Person** > Lord, Saviour, Jesus Christ

 1. Lord (22x) > I Pet. 1:3; 3:15

 2. Saviour (5x) > II Pet. 1:11; 2:20

 3. Jesus Christ (17x) > I Pet. 1:2

 **C. Prospect** > glorify Him now and the Day of Eternity

 1. Now > I Pet. 2:12; 4:16

 2. Eternity > Eph. 3:21

**CONCLUSION**: The church member knows all he needs to know for the battle. Be victorious!