



## One Day is a Thousand Years (II Peter

### 3:8-13)

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☑ God's Clock

- ☑ One Day = One Thousand Years (Why is this so important?)
- ☑ **The Week: 7 days**
  - ☑ The Work Week: 6 days
  - ☑ The Sabbath: the 7th day (Saturday)
  - ☑ Food Available: 6 days
  - ☑ Double portion: the 6th day
  - ☑ Famine (no collection of food): the 7th day (Sabbath)
  - ☑ Note: See [Raven & Lilies](#)
- ☑ The Week of Years: 7 years
  - ☑ The Work Years: 6 years
  - ☑ The Sabbatical Year: the 7th year
  - ☑ Food Available: 6 years
  - ☑ Double portion: 6th year
  - ☑ Famine (no harvest of food): the 7th year (Sabbatical)
- ☑ The Prophetic Week: 7000 years
  - ☑ The Work Week: 6000 years
  - ☑ The Sabbath Millennium: 1000 year reign of messiah
  - ☑ Food Available: 6000 years
- ☑ The Spiritual Week: 4000 years pre-Messiah, 2000 years Messiah, 1000 years ruling and reigning with Messiah
  - ☑ The end of week (before Sabbath): a Thursday and Friday (2000 years)

- ☑ The end of age: a Friday and a Saturday and those who manage it well...
- ☑ **What will you be doing when He returns?** *“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. “Who then is a **faithful and wise servant**, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? **Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.** Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.”* Matthew 24:44-47 NKJV
- ☑ **Yahweh is not a slacker; all He promised will happen!**
- ☑ No better place will encourage us in this than Paul’s final words of Romans 8:
  - ☑ First we learn that we can and must live by the Spirit and not by the flesh!
  - ☑ Then we see that when the sons of God are revealed the entirety of creation will finally be restored.
  - ☑ From there we witness how the glory that is coming is so wonderful that no amount of suffering should discourage us...the payoff is immeasurably above the price...
  - ☑ And then these final words...no God is not a slacker... He will come through on His promise!

☑ **The Promises!** *“For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? **But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is,** because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that **all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s*

*elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." **Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, **nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" Romans 8:24-39 NKJV*

- Yahweh is simply exercising patience...**
- He is allowing His prophetic plan to unfold in perfect timing (much like you cannot rush the stages of development of a new born baby.)
- Maturation follows the lifecycle...
- Line by Line**

☑ **Milk or Knowledge:** ““Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.” For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear. **But the word of the LORD was to them, “Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little,”** That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught.” Isaiah 28:9-13 NKJV

☑ **I wish you would grow up already!**

☑ **Milk or Solid Food:** “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and **you have come to need \*milk and not \*\*solid food**. For everyone who partakes **only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a**

**babe.** But solid food belongs to those who are of **full age**, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV

☑ **Elementary Principles or Perfection:** "Therefore, **leaving the discussion of the \*elementary principles of Christ**, let us **go on to \*\*perfection [maturity, be a grown up who gets off the milk!]**, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits." Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV

☑ **Gospel of Salvation (\*milk, elementary principles):**

☑ "And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified**. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of

men but in the power of God." I Corinthians 2:1-5  
NKJV

- ☑ **Gospel of the Kingdom (\*\*solid food, perfection):**
- ☑ **"However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature**, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak **the wisdom of God in a mystery**, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man **The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.**" But God has **revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the **deep things of God.** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but



which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him;** nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.”** I Corinthians 2:6-16 NKJV

### **The Day of the Lord and a New Heaven and Earth**

“But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night**, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with **fervent heat**; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. **Therefore**, since all these things will be **dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness**, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be **dissolved**, being **on fire**, and the elements will melt **with fervent heat**? Nevertheless **we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”** II Peter 3:10-13 NKJV

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☑ **The Day of the Lord**

☑ **Malachi**

☑ **The Day of the Lord:** ““For behold, **the day is coming**, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And **the day which is coming** shall burn them up,” Says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this, ” Says the LORD of hosts. “**Remember the Law of Moses, My servant**, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful **day of the LORD**. And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers,

Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”” Malachi  
4:1-6 NKJV

☑ Revelation

☑ **The Lord’s Day?** “I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. **I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day**, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,” Revelation 1:9-10 NKJV

☑ **Thief in the Night**

☑ Be ready for the thief!

☑ **Be ready!** “Behold, **I am coming as a thief**. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”” Revelation 16:15  
NKJV

☑ **Be watching!** “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all

away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.** But know this, that **if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched** and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Matthew 24:36-44 NKJV

- ☑ **A thief in the night!** "But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For **you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.** For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those

who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **For God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." I Thessalonians 5:1-11 NKJV

☑ **Fervent Heat**

☑ See teaching on I Peter 3:1-7: [Mindful of the Prophets](#)

☑ ***“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be **dissolved**, being on fire, and the elements will melt **with fervent heat**?”*** II Peter 3:11-12 NKJV

☑ **Since this is all coming...**

☑ What manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?

☑ **The faithful and wise servant...**“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his

household, to give them food in due season? **Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.**" Matthew 24:45-46 NKJV

- ☑ Redeem the Time! See [Love, Light and Wisdom](#)
- ☑ **Children of light!** "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all **goodness, righteousness, and truth**), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have **no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." See then that you **walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.** Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation;** but **be filled with the Spirit**, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.”Ephesians 5:8-21 NKJV

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☑ **The new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells!**

☑ **Heaven and Earth:** ““Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, **till heaven and earth pass away**, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” Matthew 5:17-18 NKJV

☑ **No better place to see what that looks like than at the end of the book!** “Now I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven** from God, **prepared as a bride** adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men**, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself

will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. **He who overcomes shall inherit all things,** and I will be his God and he shall be My son. **But the** cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." And he **carried me away in the Spirit** to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, **the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.** [vv.12-21]Also



she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. [v. 21]The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate

was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. **But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).** And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. **But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.**" Revelation 21:1-27 NKJV

- ☑ **The Tree of Life:** "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was **the tree of life**, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**" Revelation 22:1-2 NKJV

### NEXT WEEK

Also Paul (II Peter 3:14-18)