

THE WEEK OF
May 18th, 2009



Series 5, Number 15
II Peter 3:10-11
Chart 74 in Zondervan Charts of Bible Prophecy

"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?"

II Peter 3:10-12

We've resumed our series on Bible Prophecy and Eschatology (End Times Understanding). This week we're focusing primarily on the major events of the tribulation. In particular the judgments that will take place during the first and second halves of this 7 year period also described as "The Time of Jacob's Trouble" or the "Seventieth Week of Daniel". In II Peter 3 (see above) we are challenged to consider what our response to this impending judgment should be. As in every study of God's Word we are to conclude the journey with a personal application. This is exactly what Peter does, he describes the reality that is coming, it's unexpected nature, and the catastrophic violence that the creation will endure. He then asks a great question: "what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming day of God...?" In other words, how can you as the body of Christ shine your light so bright and be so salty that it is obvious to all those who see you that you are looking in full expectation of that looming day? More specifically how can we seize opportunities to warn people of what lies ahead? This is something we should consider each and every day. We don't know the exact time of these events and yet we recognize the signs of the times. As Noah did, so we can expect the fulfillment of these predictions; and because many that we've already covered have come to pass in our lifetime, so too, it seems, many more will be fulfilled soon. Let's live like it!

Read the Proverb and the section of Psalm 119 that corresponds with the calendar day example:
If it's the 1st day of the month, read Proverbs 1 and Psalm 119:1-8 (Aleph)

Consider the Judgments that are coming during the Seven Year Tribulation

Mon: Daniel 9:27 - The 70th Week of Daniel, The Time of Jacob's Trouble

Tue: Matthew 24:1-14; Rev 6; 8:1-2 - The First Half of the Tribulation and the Seal Judgments

Wed: Rev 8: 9; 11:15 - The Trumpet Judgments in the first half of the Tribulation

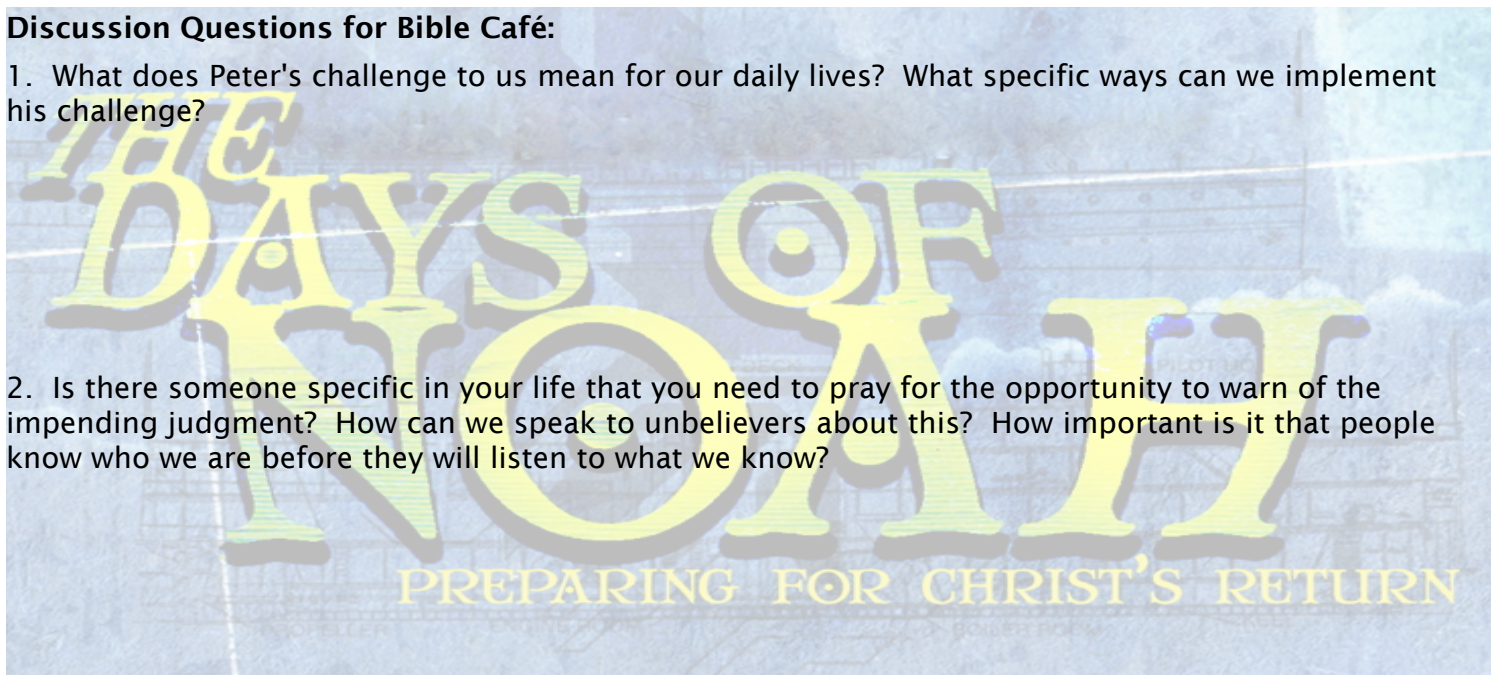
Thu: Matthew 24:15 - The Abomination of Desolation at the Midpoint of the Tribulation

Fri: Matthew 24:16-31; Rev 15; 16 - The Second half of the Tribulation and the Bowl Judgments

Discussion Questions for Bible Café:

1. What does Peter's challenge to us mean for our daily lives? What specific ways can we implement his challenge?

2. Is there someone specific in your life that you need to pray for the opportunity to warn of the impending judgment? How can we speak to unbelievers about this? How important is it that people know who we are before they will listen to what we know?



Prayer Requests of your Bible Café brothers (on back):