

The Day of The Lord

2 Peter 3:1-18

The question I put forth was this: When Jesus returns the second time to this earth to set up His Millennial Kingdom, from where will He come to fight against the armies of the Antichrist?

1. Where is the Initial Place of JESUS' RETURN TO THIS EARTH?
Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 24:29-30; Revelation 1:7

There are actually 4 passages in the Bible that PINPOINT THE PLACE OF HIS SECOND COMING.
Isaiah 34:1-7; Isaiah 63:1-6; Habakkuk 3:3; Micah 2:12-13
Zechariah 14:1-5 describes WHEN Jesus will set His foot on Mount Olives

2. The Context of 2 Peter: THE DAY OF THE LORD
2 Peter 1:12-15; 1:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2; 2 Peter 3:10; Acts 3:12-21
3. The Context of 2 Peter: GOD'S JUDGMENT UPON THIS EARTH
2 Peter 3: 5-7
REDEMPTION — REGENERATION - RESTORATION — RECONCILIATION — RESURRECTION

"God hangs unto His fallen original creation and salvages it. He refuses to abandon the work of His hands – in fact, He sacrifices His own son to save his original project.

Humankind, which has botched its original mandate, is given another chance in Christ; we are reinstated as God's managers on earth." Albert Walters (Creation Regained)

"A good case can be made here (verse 10) for taking this as a RENOVATION OF THE HEAVENS AND EARTH RATHER THAN AN ANNIHILATION. The Bible does speak of "Everlasting Hills"; the earth "ESTABLISHED FOREVER" and "ABIDING FOREVER". Since fire is often used in the Bible of cleansing or purifying, it may be taken that the heavens and earth are simply RENOVATED, RENEWED, and RESTORED to a better state by going through the fire." Stanley M. Horton (Complete Biblical Library)

Genesis 49:26

The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the utmost bound of THE EVERLASTING HILLS.

Habakkuk 3:6

He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations. And the EVERLASTING MOUNTAINS were scattered, the perpetual hills bowed. His ways are everlasting.

Psalms 78:69

And He built His sanctuary like the heights, like the EARTH WHICH HE HAS ESTABLISHED FOREVER.

Psalms 104:5

You who laid the FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH, SO THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE MOVED FOREVER.

Psalms 125:1-2

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED, BUT ABIDES FOREVER. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.

Ecclesiastes 1:4

One generation passes away, and another generation comes; BUT THE EARTH ABIDES FOREVER.

4. The Context of 2 Peter: A PLACE WHERE RIGHTEOUSNESS DWELLS
2 Peter 3:11-14; Luke 24:39; Romans 8:19-23
The word translated DISSOLVED means: **"from one condition to the other"**

"What afterwards follows, respecting the burning of heaven and earth, requires no long explanation, if indeed we duly consider what is intended. For it was not his purpose to speak refinedly of fire and storm, and other things, but only that he might introduce an exhortation, which he immediately adds, even that we ought to strive after newness of life. For he thus reasons, that as heaven and earth are to be PURGED BY FIRE, that they may correspond with the kingdom of Christ, hence THE RENOVATION OF MEN IS MUCH MORE NECESSARY. Mischievous, then, are those interpreters who consume much labour on refined speculations, since the Apostle applies his doctrine to GODLY EXHORTATIONS. John Calvin Commentary