

"God-Made Global Warming"

2 Peter 3:7, 10

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There is a big hoax being perpetuated by liberal environmentalists called "Man-Made Global Warming." That is, man is destroying planet earth by not going green. Fossil fuels, SUV's, and flushing your toilet are evil.

The earth is getting hotter and the ice is melting. We need to prepare to move to Mars before we destroy the planet. It seems to me they have come from Mars already!

We know God created man and gave him everything we need on this planet for existence. Man is to enjoy and be good stewards of the creation. Man will not annihilate himself or this planet. The big secret is that God will destroy this planet.

They want us to believe in a big bang, and we do. Trouble is the big bang comes on the back end not the front end. The universe is winding down to an intended end.

Peter closes his letter by reminding his readers of mockers who scoff at the Lord's return [3:1-5]. They forget God made everything and destroyed it by the great flood [3:5-6]. The creative Word that created now reserves the world for judgment of fire [v. 7].

He then makes it clear that the Lord's return is certain [3:8-9]. Time is no factor with God. Let me say something about v. 8 in regard to creation days.

There is coming a great melt down or God-made global warming as described in v. 10.

Then Peter tells us how to live in light of all this [3:11-18]. Verses 12-13 are key!

TT- Let's camp on v. 10 and look at God-Made Global Warming. The teaching revolves around two phrases:

1. v. 10a- "The Day of the Lord."

In its context the Day of the Lord is not just the tribulation period, but begins at the rapture and goes thru the millennium to the destruction mentioned in our text. It will be after the millennial kingdom and before the new heavens and the new earth.

Peter does not give us a panoramic view of end time events because His emphasis is on what really lasts.

The order of events is as such- rapture, tribulation, Armageddon, millennium, Great White Throne Judgment then the new heavens and earth and the Eternal State. It will be after the millennium but before the new heavens and earth.

Note 3:12-13

Rev 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. (12) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was

opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. (14) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (15) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Notice something else here, "as a thief in the night." This is not the rapture because He does not come as a thief for the church but rather it speaks of the world's unrepentant and un-expected attitude [v. 4].

2. v. 10b- "The elements shall melt."

The elements will pass away with a big bang. The elements, earth and the works therein shall melt with fervent heat. The smallest particles will cease to be. So Peter's warning is that the lost should get saved [vs. 9, 15a] and the saved should live holy separated lives [v. 11-14].

John MacArthur states, "The earth's core contains a huge volume of molten rock that may be as hot as 12,400 degrees F. Only a ten-mile crust separates man from earth's blazing interior. The entire earth because of its atomic structure, is a potential nuclear bomb. When God is ready, He will use nuclear energy in an atomic holocaust that will disintegrate the universe."

"Great noise" speaks of a rushing roaring sound as they are consumed. Jesus spoke of this in Matt. 24:35 about the heaven and earth passing away. Heaven here is the visible physical universe.

So what?

1. Don't buy into man-made global warming, enjoy the creation but don't abuse it.
2. Don't worship the creation more than the creator.
3. Witness to as many as you can, knowing the end.
4. Live for the eternal that lasts, and not for the material that will perish.