

An Outline of 2nd Peter c3

General Introduction

Eternity has been defined through finite minds as everlastingness, timeless, boundless, limitless, fathomless, shoreless, dateless world of forever. Three Apostles of the New Testament write about this theme in the Bible:

- Peter deals with Creation and how it will end (11 Peter 3:1- 18)
- Paul deals with Christ and His enemies slain (1 Cor 15:20-28)
- John. Deals with the City and the everlasting fire (Rev 21:1-8)

Introduction

This second epistle was written about six years after the first letter was penned by Peter. It has for one of its general themes “spiritual knowledge” (11 Peter c1: v2, v3, v8; c3:v18 etc)

The contents of the three chapters can be summarized as follows:

1. The Source of Spiritual Knowledge Explained c1 (see v3)
2. The False teachers Examined c2 (see v1)
3. The True Christian Exhorted c3 (see v11)

This chapter reveals Peter as the loving pastor, caring for his lambs and sheep. He uses the word "beloved" four times and each time he gives a solemn admonition. Additional to this his teaching addresses the sayings and the life style of the scoffers.

Divisions of 2nd Peter c3

1. Beloved... Be mindful v1-7 (v1)
2. Beloved...Be not ignorant v8-13 (v8)
3. Beloved...Be diligent v14 –v16 (v14)
4. Beloved...Beware v17-v18 (v17)