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that there shall come **in the last days** scoffers,
walking after their own lusts,
4 And saying, Where is **the promise of his coming?**
for since the fathers fell asleep,
all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
5 For this they willingly are ignorant of,
that by the word of God the heavens were of old,
and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now,
by the same word are kept in store,
**reserved unto fire against the day of judgment
and perdition of ungodly men.**
8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing,
that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years,
and **a thousand years as one day.**
9 The Lord is not slack concerning **his promise,**
as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering** to us-ward,
not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
10 But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;**
in the which **the heavens shall pass away with a great noise,**
and **the elements shall melt with fervent heat,**
the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
11 Seeing then that **all these things shall be dissolved,**
what manner of persons ought ye to be
in all holy conversation and godliness,
12 **Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God,**
wherein **the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved,**
and **the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**
13 Nevertheless we, **according to his promise,**
look for new heavens and a new earth,
wherein dwelleth righteousness.
14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that **ye look for such things,**
be diligent that ye may be found of him **in peace,**
without spot, and blameless.
15 And account that the **longsuffering** of our Lord is salvation;
even as **our beloved brother Paul** also
according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;
16 **As also in all his epistles,**
speaking in them of these things;
in which are some things hard to be understood,
which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest,
as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.
17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing **ye know these things before,**
beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked,
fall from your own steadfastness.
18 But **grow in grace,** and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

**There are Some Things that Peter Wrote About
That Paul ALSO Wrote About in ALL of his Epistles**

.... What Are They?

We 'gracers' usually use 2 Pet 3:15-16 to say that the things Paul wrote about were hard for Peter (and his followers) to understand because Peter's group was under Israel's 'prophecy-law' program whereas, Paul's was under the Body of Christ's 'mystery-grace' program - and because you can't MIX law and grace. I think we have been wrong about some things:

2 Pet 3:15-16 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as **our beloved brother Paul** also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

That floats pretty well **until you read the CONTEXT** and then it sinks.

But before we look in 2 Pet 3, let's get some background information.

In Paul's early epistle unto the churches of Galatia, he and Peter agreed to focus their ministries on the particular group that Christ had sent them to:

Gal 2:6-9 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:

7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;

8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

Thinking about the gospel, let's not forget that earlier in the same epistle, Paul equated the grace of Christ with the gospel of Christ:

Gal 1:6-7 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into **the grace of Christ** unto **another gospel**:
7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert **the gospel of Christ**.

Before we read the next verse in Gal 1:8 let's compare what Peter said at the meeting in Acts 15, between the apostles and elders with Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them about **putting Gentiles under law**:

Acts 15:5-11 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful **to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses**.

6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.
7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren,

ye know how that a good while ago (in Acts 10)

God made choice among us, **that the Gentiles** (Cornelius together with his kinsmen and near friends, Acts 10:24) **by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe**.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

(Peter --- not Paul --- was actually the first person to say there is no difference between the Jew and the Gentile):

9 And **put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith**.

(Hold your place here while we see the same principal in Paul's writing to the Galatians):

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female:
for **ye are all one** in Christ Jesus.

(Go back to Acts 15, where Peter questioned about putting the Gentiles under the law):

Acts 15:10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put **a yoke** upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

(Hold your place here while we reference Paul's encouragement to the Galatian saints not to go back under the yoke of the law's bondage):

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with **the yoke of bondage**.

(Now back to Acts 15, where **Peter** also recognized salvation through **grace, without the law**):

Acts 15:11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

Let's go back to Gal 1 and continue in verse 8 as we consider if Peter already realizing that Israel would be saved through grace, just like the Gentiles would have been guilty of preaching another gospel, to cause himself to be excommunicated, banned, or maybe, doomed to destruction:

Gal 1:8-9 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Peter addressed his 1st epistle to include the Galatians

and sent them grace and peace:

1 Pet 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, **Galatia**, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: **Grace** unto you, **and peace**, be multiplied.

Peter wrote his 2nd epistle also sending grace and peace:

2 Pet 1:1-2 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, **to them that have obtained like precious faith with us** (remember **Acts 15:9**) through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 **Grace and peace** be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

Now let's begin at the beginning of 2 Pet 3 for a clear understanding:

2 Pet 3:1-2 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

Peter specified exactly 'what time' he is writing about: **the last days**.

That is the 'time frame' for 'these things' in this chapter: **the last days**:

2 Pet 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come **in the last days** scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

Paul wrote that it will be dangerous in **the last days**:

2 Tim 3:1 This know also, that in **the last days** perilous times shall come.

Peter wrote of a question that will be asked about Christ's appearing in the last days. **The coming of Christ will occur in the last days**:

2 Pet 3:4 And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

If scoffers will think things are the same as they have always been then there could not have been a 'rapture' that already occurred where millions of believers just **mysteriously disappeared** off planet earth more than 7 years earlier before Daniel's 70th week.

Paul also described **Christ's coming** as being **at the end**:

1 Cor 15:23-24 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are **Christ's at his coming**.

24 **Then cometh the end**, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Again, it is **Paul** that indicates that the body of Christ **will be here on earth until Christ comes in His day at the end** and the saints should be **blameless as they wait for His appearing:**

1 Cor 1:7-8 So that ye come behind in no gift;
waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
8 Who shall also confirm you **unto the end,**
 that ye may be **blameless**
in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Again, Paul wished for believers to be **blameless when Christ comes and brings the 'dead in Christ' with Him:**

1 Thess 3:12-13 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:
13 To the end he may stablish your hearts **unblameable** in holiness before God, even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.**

A little bit later in the same epistle, Paul assured believers of the **hope of resurrection** for those believers who have died.

Jesus will return with all His saints:

1 Thess 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**

Jude also testified that the Lord will **return with His saints and when He comes He is coming in judgment:**

Jude 1:14-15 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, **the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**

15 **To execute judgment** upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jesus' disciples were also curious about 'when' 'these things' would be:

Matt 24:3-4 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, **when shall these things be?** and what shall be **the sign of thy coming,** and of **the end of the world?**

Jesus told them to be **careful** not to be misled:

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them,
Take heed that no man deceive you.

Paul wrote a similar warning to the saints at Thessalonica that they not get **confused** about the end when Jesus will come in His day:

2 Thess 2:1-4 Now we beseech you, brethren,
by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and by our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ** is at hand.

3 **Let no man deceive you by any means:** for **that day** (what day? the day of Christ the day He comes and gathers believers to Himself and judges His enemies) shall not come, (until certain things happen):
except there come a falling away first,
and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (that is the abomination of desolation)

When Jesus' disciples asked Him He answered them with **signs**.

Luke 21:7-9 And they asked him, saying, Master, but **when shall these things be?** and **what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?**

They will be able to identify when it will be the last days.

They can realize when the time is getting close:

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not **deceived:** for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and **the time draweth near:** go ye not therefore after them.

When they see the **signs** they will know it is **beginning**

and that **the end is still at a distance**:

9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: **for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.**

Those who are wise will be able to understand in the last days the end:

Dan 12:9-10 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till **the time of the end.**

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried;
but the wicked shall do wickedly:
and none of the wicked shall understand;
but **the wise shall understand.**

Next Peter wrote about the flood of Noah's day, also called The Deluge.

Folks ignored Noah's righteous preaching and as a result, they drowned:

2 Pet 3:5-6 For this they willingly are ignorant of,
that by the word of God the heavens were of old,
and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

Jesus told His disciples that His coming would be like in the time of Noah.

People were carefree and partying then they were taken in judgment:

Matt 24:37-39 But as the days of Noe were, **so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and **took them all away**; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

The present heavens and earth are waiting for God's fiery judgment:

2 Pet 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are **now**, by the same word are **kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

- the last days
- the promise of Christ's coming
- the day of judgment and ruin, loss, and destruction of the wicked.

Next Peter made a statement about 'time measurement' with God:

2 Pet 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing,
that **one day is with the Lord as a thousand years,**
and **a thousand years as one day.**

The 90th Psalm is attributed to Moses as the writer who mentions
a thousand years in connection with a flood and God's anger and His wrath:

Psa 90:3-15 Thou turnest man to destruction;
and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For **a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past,** and as a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away **as with a flood**; they are as a sleep:
in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed **by thine anger,**
and by **thy wrath** are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,
our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are passed away in **thy wrath:**
we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of
strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow;
for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of **thine anger?**
even according to thy fear, so is **thy wrath.**

12 So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13 **Return, O LORD, how long?**
and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy;
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us,
and the years wherein we have seen evil.

The only other scriptures of the thousand years are in 6 verses,
all right in a row found in Rev 20 sometimes referred to as
the millenium, because a millenium is 1,000 years.

The **1st resurrection** is the **1st resurrection!** That means there
was **NO earlier 'mystery resurrection' before the 1st one.**

The **1st resurrection** is just prior to the thousand years:

Rev 20:2-7 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him **a thousand years,**

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till **the thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ **a thousand years.**

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until **the thousand years** were finished. **This is the first resurrection.**

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in **the first resurrection:** on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him **a thousand years.**

7 And when **the thousand years** are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, **(in the bottomless pit, vs. 3)**

Men have had lots of time to repent God is not late on arrival:

2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is **not slack** concerning **his promise,** **(what promise? the promise of his coming in 2 Pet 3:4)** as some men count **slackness;** but is **longsuffering** to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish,** but that all should come to repentance.

God will not want them to perish but they will have none of Him:

2 Pet 2:12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and **shall utterly perish in their own corruption;**

They will not want the truth so God will let them have the error:

2 Thess 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that **perish**; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

God will catch them by surprise unprepared:

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as **a thief in the night**;

- in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise,
- and the elements shall melt with fervent heat,
- the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Paul wrote of the same event the Lord's day when unbelievers will get His judgment but believers will not be overtaken:

1 Thes 5:2-4 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so cometh** as **a thief in the night**.

3 For when **they** shall say, Peace and safety; then **sudden destruction cometh** upon **them**, as travail upon a woman with child; and **they** shall not escape.

4 But **ye, brethren**, are not in darkness, that **that day** (what day? the day of the Lord when He comes) should overtake **you as a thief**.

John wrote words of warning in the Revelation of Jesus Christ when Christ will be revealed from heaven:

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, **I will come on thee as a thief**, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Rev 16:15,16 Behold, **I come as a thief**. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Luke 12:39,40 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known **what hour the thief would come**, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also: for **the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not**.

At the revelation of Jesus Christ His enemies will be judged:

2 Thes 1:7-10 And to you who are troubled rest with us, **when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,**
8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

At the revelation of Jesus Christ His saints will be glorified:

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) **in that day.** (what day? the day of Jesus Christ the day He comes)

Psa 97:3 A fire goeth before him,
 and **burneth up his enemies** round about.

Matt 3:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor,
 and **gather his wheat** into the garner;
 but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**)

(back to 2 Pet 3:11):

2 Pet 3:11-13 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God,

- wherein the heavens being on **fire** shall be dissolved,
- and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to **his promise,** (what promise? the promise of his coming in 2 Pet 3:4 and 9)

look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

This issue of **looking for** the day when God comes is also in Paul's writings

Phil 3:20-21 For our conversation is **in heaven;** from whence also **we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Titus 2:13 **Looking for** that blessed hope, and **the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself **a peculiar people,** zealous of good works.

Paul described **the day** when Jesus appears as a day of judgment:

2 Tim 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall **judge** the quick (**alive**) and the dead **at his appearing and his kingdom**;

2 Tim 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous **judge**, shall give me at **that day**: (**what day? the day when the Lord appears the day of the Lord His day**) and not to me only, but unto all **them also that love his appearing**.

Hebrew saints knew to **look** for Christ to appear from heaven

when He will judge those that have died:

Heb 9:27-28 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto **them that look for him shall he appear the second time** without sin unto salvation.

When Jesus taught His disciples about the end when He

comes He also told them to **look up**:

Luke 21:27-28 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when **these things begin to come to pass**, then **look up**, and **lift up your heads**; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Go back to 2 Pet 3:13 and also get Rev 21:1 **to compare and see the exact same Greek word** in Peter's record as in John's, even though KJV says "heavens" (plural) and "heaven" (singular) it is the same word:

2 Pet 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens** (Greek word <ouranos>) **and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Rev 21:1 And I saw **a new heaven** (exact same Greek word <ouranos>) **and a new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

(back to 2 Pet 3:14):

2 Pet 3:14-a Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye **look for such things** (what things? all these things in this chapter: the last days, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the judgment, the resurrection and glory, the new heavens and new earth at his coming), be diligent that ye may be found of him

- in **peace**,

We always focus on Paul opening all his 13 epistles with "Grace and Peace"

.... but we fail to mention that both of Peter's epistles begin by sending

"Grace and Peace."

In connection with the last days Peter says 'without spot':

2 Pet 3:14-b • **without spot**,

In connection with the last days Paul says it too:

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, **not having spot**, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

1 Tim 6:14 That thou keep this commandment **without spot**, unrebukeable, **until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ**:

In connection with the last days Peter says 'blameless':

2 Pet 3:14-c • and **blameless**.

In connection with the last days Paul says it too:

1 Cor 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto **the end**, that ye may be **blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

Phil 2:15,16 That ye may be **blameless** and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice **in the day of Christ**, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

(Go back to 2 Pet 3:15):

2 Pet 3:15 And account that the **longsuffering** (from 2 Pet 3:9) of our Lord is salvation (that they don't perish when he comes); even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

Paul - like Peter - also compared God's longsuffering 'delay' (not 'slackness') on His enemies with the riches of God's glory on His saints:

Rom 9:22-23 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much **longsuffering** the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

23 And that he might make known **the riches of his glory** on the vessels of **mercy**, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to **the riches of his glory**, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Paul himself was the first example of God's longsuffering toward a blasphemer who was in unbelief:

1 Tim 1:13,16 Who was before a **blasphemer**, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly **in unbelief**.

16 Howbeit for this cause **I obtained mercy**, that **in me first** Jesus Christ might shew forth all **longsuffering**, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

Paul's past was typical of Israel's history they blasphemed God:

Acts 18:5,6 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified **to the Jews** that Jesus was Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and **blasphemed**, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

The Jews were also responsible for the Gentiles blaspheming God's name:

Rom 2:24 For the name of God is **blasphemed** among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

During Israel's blindness God is not making distinction for them.

His great mercy is being offered to the entire world till the Gentiles are full:

Rom 11:30-32 For as ye **in times past** have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

32 For God hath concluded them **all in unbelief**, that he might have **mercy upon all**.

God through Peter wrote, that Paul wrote of these things

in every one of his epistles.

Therefore, we can FIND 'these things' in EVERY epistle of PAUL.

A good Bible student may be interested enough to LOOK for them:

2 Pet 3:16-17 As also in all his epistles,
speaking in them of **these things**; (what things?)

the things we have been reading in this chapter:

- the last days
- the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
- the judgment
- the resurrection and glory
- the new heavens and new earth at his coming)

in which are some things hard to be understood,
which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, (**twist, gnarl, like in wrestling**) as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know **these things** before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, **fall** from your own steadfastness.

I think we 'grace believers' have mishandled or ignored 'these things':

2 Pet 3:18 18 But **grow in grace**, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"