

THREE WORLDS  
Text: 2 Peter 3:1-13

INTRO: The apostle Peter mentions 3 worlds: the world that was, the world that is now, & the world to come. Let us further consider these 3 worlds.

I. THE WORLD THAT THEN EXISTED, vs. 5-6.

A. It was a world of compromise.

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. (Gen. 6:1-2).

B. It was a world of corruption.

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. (Gen. 6:11-12).

C. It was a world of violence.

D. Note God's judgment on that world.

So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." (Gen. 6:7).

II THE HEAVENS & EARTH WHICH NOW EXIST, vs. 7-11.

NOTE: When the words "heavens & earth" are used together, they have reference to man's abode & the atmosphere surrounding it.

A. This is a world reserved for fire. MT 24:35.

The world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (1 JN 2:17).

B. A world reserved for judgment. Heb. 9:27; Acts 17:31

C. A world reserved for the perdition (destruction) of the ungodly.

The Lord Jesus [will be] revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

NOTE: You can attend church regularly, live a good moral life, be as honest as the day is long, but if you neglect to obey the gospel, fire, judgment & perdition await you.

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever... And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:10, 15).

### III. THE NEW HEAVENS & NEW EARTH, vs. 13.

READ REVELATION 21:1-4, 22-27

A world of beauty, peace, happiness, righteousness, contentment; no pain, sickness, sorrow, or death.

CONCLUSION: Jesus has gone to prepare a place. Are you prepared to join Him there? Are you ready?

Jonestown, TX, January 19, 1969  
Springhill, LA, July 25, 1971  
KBSF Radio, Springhill, LA, May 28, 1972  
La Porte, TX, December 5, 1976  
Exton, PA, August 9, 1987  
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, March 7, 1993  
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, December 2, 2001