

**THIS IS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.  
THEREFORE, THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD DO**

A Bible study based on the last letter of the Apostle PETER

PART ONE- (5 minutes)

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

**1. Summarize what kind of person the apostle Peter was:**

Emotions, Personality, Intellect, etc. Give accounts and examples.

**2. What were his greatest quotes? His greatest actions?**

**3. Based on who he was, how do you personally relate to him?**

What do you have in common with Peter? In what ways are you quite different? How does that help you personalize his message?

PART TWO- (10 minutes)

**THE TWO MAJOR PARTS TO PETER'S LAST LETTER**

1. What we can expect to happen as the age draws to an end. Chapter 2 and Chapter 3.1-13

2. What we are to do... Chapter 1

Peter seems to discuss the action items (chapter 1) **BEFORE** he tells us what is going to happen. We might have done it the opposite way, discussing what is going to happen and THEN discussing what we are "to do" about it. But Peter didn't do it that way.

**4. WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. Summarize in one sentence WHAT Peter says is going to happen as he describes it in Chapters 2 and 3.1-13**

**5. WHEN IS IT GOING TO HAPPEN. Summarize WHEN he says it will happen.**

What dates does Peter give for these events to transpire? How does Peter say to calculate the exact time when this will happen? Is it possible that every believer who lived during the Gospel age believed that they were living in the last days? **How do we know if our days are any different? Is there anything transpiring in our religious fellowship that identifies us truly in the last days?**

PART THREE –

**MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY IS THE PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Peter begins by saying:

This is the best invitation we ever received

We were also given absolutely terrific promises

Don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given.

(The Message Translation)

**6. Peter gives us an important list of characteristics that we need to have.**

**Verses 5,6 and 7. What is the purpose of this process or development? Why should we even bother to do this?**

**7. As we try to embody these characteristics which makes more sense:**

**a.) a linear growth where we first develop number one, then progress to number two, then number three, etc. OR**

**b.) a network of interrelated concepts that grow together, interactively?**

**c.) how might that change our approach to this growth process?**

**8. Define each of the characteristics in verses 5, 6 and 7 with a common, everyday definition that would be understandable and practical to implement. Behavioral examples would be useful.**

**9. Why is verse eight in this chapter the most important part of the concept and what is the key word for us to focus on to be successful in accomplishing what Peter suggests?**

CLOSING THOUGHT: again from The Message translation: verses 10 and 11

10 do it now

11 and you'll have the... way wide open into the eternal kingdom.