Contest always reveals the meaning of a passage

So what is Peter's train of thought as he's writing this episode, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit?

The Day of the Lord

in 2 Peter 3

In this study, we are not saying that there is not a complete annihilation of the present heavens and earth, but only that Peter is not making reference to it when he speaks of the new heavens and earth.

The greater context of 2 Peter:

a. God's PROMISES are intended to motivate the believer to obedience:

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV)
3 Seeing that His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
4 by which He has given to us exceedingly great and precious PROMISES, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

10 Therefore, brethren, rather be diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble:
11 for an entrance **will be ministered to you abundantly** into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:6 (NKJV)
6 by which the world then, existing, drowned (when water rushed in) was destroyed.
7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in storage, reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Judgment of angels from Genesis chapter 6:

2 Peter 2:4 (NKJV)
4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

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5 and spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

7 and delivered just Lot, oppressed by the conduct of the lewd men:
8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, by what he saw and heard, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds);
9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly from temptations, and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,
10 and especially those who walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise authority. Presumptuous, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities,
11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring against them a reviling judgment before the Lord.
12 But these, like natural brutes, made to be taken and destroyed, speaking evil of what they do not understand, will utterly perish in their own corruption,
13 and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in daytime. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceptions while they feast with you,
14 having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, a heart they have exercised with covetous practices, cursed children,
15 which have forsaken the right way, and have gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,
16 but was rebuked for his transgression: the dumb donkey, speaking with man's voice, prevented the madness of the prophet.
17 These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom the blackness of darkness is reserved forever.
18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, those who have escaped from those who live in error.
19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption; for whatever overcomes a person, to that he is also enslaved.
20 For if, escaping the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, their latter end is worse than their beginning.
21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.
22 But it happens to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to its own vomit," and "a sow washed to her wallowing in the mire."

Peter begins **chapter 3** almost as an introduction to his 2nd letter.

This is like two of the prophetic parts of Daniel's vision, chapter 2.

Peter under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is setting forth heavenly revelation to motivate believers.

b. Be aware of the religious:

2 Peter 3:3-4 (NKJV)
3 Knowing this first: that there will come in the last days scoffers, walking according to 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 creation."

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Peter is drawing a comparison between what **was** and what **is**.
he's being very specific in what he's about to say

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If for the **thing** they **willfully forget** that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and by the whole world that then existed perished, being flooded with water:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, preserved by the same word,

reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Peter is teaching that we are to stand in his perspective

Isaiah 5:19 (NKJV)
19 Who say, "Let God hasten His work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it!"

The Lord is not slack concerning His PROMISE

as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The day of the Lord in **2 Peter** is a day of judgment, not of annihilation.
It describes those who will not be ready for the day of the Lord, as being in the same stage of human existence in time, which will be the longsuffering stage of Christ for 1000 years.

Context throughout scripture, when these two phrases are used together, is always about the judgment of the ungodly, not about specific events in the end of time.

Joel 2:31 (NKJV)
31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

Acts 2:20 (NKJV)
20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord come.

Zechariah 14:1 (NKJV)
1 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided among you.

Malachi 4:5 (NKJV)
5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD,

Matthew 24:36 (NKJV)
36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but only my Father.

Matthew 24:42 (NKJV)
42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:44 (NKJV)
44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not think.

Matthew 25:13 (NKJV)
13 Watch therefore, for you neither know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man comes.

Luke 17:24 (NKJV)
24 For as the lightning, when it flashes out of one part under heaven, shines even to the other part under heaven, so shall the Son of Man be in His day.

Luke 17:30 (NKJV)
30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Luke 21:34 (NKJV)
34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and that day come upon you unexpectedly.

Luke 21:35 (NKJV)
35 For it will come as a snare on those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Luke 21:36 (NKJV)
36 Watch and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 21:38 (NKJV)
38 And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed in the mountain called Olivet.

Luke 22:53 (NKJV)
53 When I was daily with you in the temple, you did not stretch out your hands against Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

Romans 13:12 (NKJV)
12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NKJV)
2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:4 (NKJV)
4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you as a thief.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 (NKJV)
5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

1 Thessalonians 5:6 (NKJV)
6 Therefore let us not sleep as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:7 (NKJV)
7 For those who sleep, sleep in the night, and those who get drunk are drunk in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NKJV)
8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)
10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; the earth also and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Peters audience would have understood the day of the Lord as a transition from one stage to Jewish history:

Isaiah 65:17, 18 (NKJV)
17 For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and not remember the former things, nor shall they come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people as a joy.

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Isaiah 66:22 (NKJV)
22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me, "Says the LORD, "so your seed and your name shall remain.

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23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

Yet when we look at Jesus's **Olivet Discourse** and in **Revelation 21:8** it is a complete return to Hebraic creation of an eternal habitation. **The old heavens and earth** (Jewish history) **will be remembered** (Jewish history) **no longer** (and God of Israel for 1000 years was completely annihilated)

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Revelation 21:9-10 (NKJV)
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10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Revelation 21:22-23 (NKJV)
22 But I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
23 And the city has no need of the sun or moon to shine in it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and the Lamb is its light.

Revelation 22:1-2 (NKJV)
1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb
2 in the midst of its street. And there was the tree of life, which bore twelve kinds of fruit, and yielded its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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5 There will be no night there: they need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God shines on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

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Frequently understood to be the sun, moon and stars, the galaxies' the physical universe.

But it clearly should be understood as the **substitute** for the physical universe.

Isaiah 24:19-20 (NKJV)
19 The earth shall be utterly broken down, the earth shall be completely shattered, the earth shall be shaken violently.
20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totally give way like a hut; its transgression shall be heavy upon it, and it will fall, and not rise again.

Isaiah 24:23 (NKJV)
23 Then the moon will be disclosed, and the sun will be ashamed; for the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His elders gloriously.

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Revelation 6:12-14 (NKJV)
12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.
13 And the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree dropping its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.
14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Revelation 8:12 (NKJV)
12 The fourth angel sounded: and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened, and a third of the day was darkened, and likewise the night.

Revelation 9:2 (NKJV)
2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and there arose a smoke out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

Revelation 16:8-9 (NKJV)
8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to him to scorch people with fire.
9 And people were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues, and they did not repent to give Him glory.

Revelation 16:10-11 (NKJV)
10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain,
11 and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

Revelation 16:17-18 (NKJV)
17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and there came a great voice from the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"
18 And there were noises, thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as had not been since men were upon the earth, such a great earthquake and so powerful.

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Galatians 4:3 (NKJV)
3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

Galatians 4:9 (NKJV)
9 But now that you know God, or rather are known by God, how turn you back again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?

Galatians 4:10 (NKJV)
10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)
8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of the world, and not according to Christ.

Colossians 2:20 (NKJV)
20 Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations,

Hebrews 9:1 (NKJV)
1 Then indeed the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.

Hebrews 9:10 (NKJV)
10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and various washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

Hebrews 9:23 (NKJV)
23 It was therefore necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Hebrews 9:24 (NKJV)
24 For Christ has not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

Hebrews 9:26 (NKJV)
26 For then he must often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once in the end of the world has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 10:1 (NKJV)
1 For the law having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offer year by year continually make those who approach perfect.

Hebrews 10:9 (NKJV)
9 Then he said, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first that he may establish the second.

Hebrews 10:11 (NKJV)
11 And everyone indeed stands ministering daily and offering often the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Hebrews 10:26 (NKJV)
26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins,

Hebrews 10:27 (NKJV)
27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Hebrews 10:28 (NKJV)
28 Anyone who violated the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Hebrews 10:29 (NKJV)
29 How much more severe punishment do you think will be given to him who has trampled on the Son of God, who has counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10:30 (NKJV)
30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance belongs to Me, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people."

Hebrews 10:31 (NKJV)
31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:32 (NKJV)
32 But remember the former days, in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great fight of afflictions,

Hebrews 10:33 (NKJV)
33 partly while you were made a spectacle of reproaches and afflictions, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated.

Hebrews 10:34 (NKJV)
34 For you sympathized with those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plunder of your goods, knowing in yourselves that you have a better and an enduring substance.

Hebrews 10:35 (NKJV)
35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

Hebrews 10:36 (NKJV)
36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

Hebrews 10:37 (NKJV)
37 "For yet a little while, and he who shall come will come and will not tarry.

Hebrews 10:38 (NKJV)
38 Now the just shall live by faith; but if he draws back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."

Hebrews 10:39 (NKJV)
39 But we are not of those who draw back to destruction, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

no indication that Peter is giving this phrase new meaning

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)
1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:2 (NKJV)
2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)
3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV)
4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he witnessed that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

Hebrews 11:5 (NKJV)
5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found because God had taken him." For before his taking he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)
6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV)
7 By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Hebrews 11:8 (NKJV)
8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 11:9 (NKJV)
9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

Hebrews 11:10 (NKJV)
10 For he looked for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Hebrews 11:11 (NKJV)
11 By faith Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, even when she was barren, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

Hebrews 11:12 (NKJV)
12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

Hebrews 11:13 (NKJV)
13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them afar off and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Hebrews 11:14 (NKJV)
14 For those who say such things declare that they seek a country.

Hebrews 11:15 (NKJV)
15 And truly if they had been mindful of that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.

Hebrews 11:16 (NKJV)
16 But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:17 (NKJV)
17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Hebrews 11:18 (NKJV)
18 of whom it was spoken, "In Isaac your seed will be called,"

Hebrews 11:19 (NKJV)
19 concluding that God was able even to raise him up from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Hebrews 11:20 (NKJV)
20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

Hebrews 11:21 (NKJV)
21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

Hebrews 11:22 (NKJV)
22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

Hebrews 11:23 (NKJV)
23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Hebrews 11:24 (NKJV)
24 By faith Moses, when he had grown, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

Hebrews 11:25 (NKJV)
25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the children of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season,

Hebrews 11:26 (NKJV)
26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Hebrews 11:27 (NKJV)
27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

Hebrews 11:28 (NKJV)
28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

Hebrews 11:29 (NKJV)
29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, which the Egyptians attempting to do were drowned.

Hebrews 11:30 (NKJV)
30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

Hebrews 11:31 (NKJV)
31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies in peace.

Hebrews 11:32 (NKJV)
32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I told of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

Hebrews 11:33 (NKJV)
33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Hebrews 11:34 (NKJV)
34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in fighting, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Hebrews 11:35 (NKJV)
35 Women received their dead raised to life. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Hebrews 11:36 (NKJV)
36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yes, moreover of bonds and imprisonment.

Hebrews 11:37 (NKJV)
37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented,

Hebrews 11:38 (NKJV)
38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

Hebrews 11:39 (NKJV)
39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, did not receive the promise,

Hebrews 11:40 (NKJV)
40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Hebrews 12:1 (NKJV)
1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)
2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:3 (NKJV)
3 For consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your souls.

Hebrews 12:4 (NKJV)
4 You have not yet resisted to blood, striving against sin.

Hebrews 12:5 (NKJV)
5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to children, "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked by Him;

Hebrews 12:6 (NKJV)
6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives."

Hebrews 12:7 (NKJV)
7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom his father chastens?

Hebrews 12:8 (NKJV)
8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are bastards and not sons.

Hebrews 12:9 (NKJV)
9 Furthermore we had fathers of our flesh who corrected us, and we paid them reverence. Should we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

Hebrews 12:10 (NKJV)
10 For they for a few days chastened us as they thought best, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

Hebrews 12:11 (NKJV)
11 Now no chastening seems to be joyous for the present, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised by it.

Hebrews 12:12 (NKJV)
12 Therefore lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees,

Hebrews 12:13 (NKJV)
13 and make straight paths for your feet, lest what is lame be dislocated but rather be healed.

Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV)
14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Hebrews 12:15 (NKJV)
15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Hebrews 12:16 (NKJV)
16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Hebrews 12:17 (NKJV)
17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

Hebrews 12:18 (NKJV)
18 For you have not come to the mount that may be touched and that burned with fire, nor to blackness and darkness and tempest,

Hebrews 12:19 (NKJV)
19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, which those who heard begged that the word not be spoken to them anymore.

Hebrews 12:20 (NKJV)
20 For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with a dart."

Hebrews 12:21 (NKJV)
21 And so terrible was the sight that Moses said, "I exceedingly fear and tremble."

Hebrews 12:22 (NKJV)
22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels,

Hebrews 12:23 (NKJV)
23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Hebrews 12:24 (NKJV)
24 and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:25 (NKJV)
25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they escaped when they refused him who spoke on earth, much more shall we escape who turn away from him who speaks from heaven,

Hebrews 12:26 (NKJV)
26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now he has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth but also heaven."

Hebrews 12:27 (NKJV)
27 And this word, "Yet once more," signifies the removing of those things that are made, that those things which are not shaken may remain.

Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV)
28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Hebrews 12:29 (NKJV)
29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 13:1 (NKJV)
1 Let brotherly love continue.

Hebrews 13:2 (NKJV)
2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by this some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV)
3 Remember the prisoners as bound with them, and those who suffer adversity as being yourselves also in the body.

Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV)
4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)
5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Hebrews 13:6 (NKJV)
6 So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:7 (NKJV)
7 Remember those who have rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you; and considering the outcome of their conduct, imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)
8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Hebrews 13:9 (NKJV)
9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

Hebrews 13:10 (NKJV)
10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

Hebrews 13:11 (NKJV)
11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin are burned outside the camp.

Hebrews 13:12 (NKJV)
12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Hebrews 13:13 (NKJV)
13 Let us go forth to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

Hebrews 13:14 (NKJV)
14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)
15 Therefore by him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Hebrews 13:16 (NKJV)
16 But to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)
17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they watch for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:18 (NKJV)
18 Pray for us, for we trust we have a good conscience, desiring to live honestly in all things.

Hebrews 13:19 (NKJV)
19 But I urge you the more to do this, that I may be restored to you sooner.

Hebrews 13:20 (NKJV)
20 Now the God of peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,

Hebrews 13:21 (NKJV)
21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:22 (NKJV)
22 And I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you in a few words.

Hebrews 13:23 (NKJV)
23 Know ye our brother Timothy, with whom if he come shortly, I will see you.

Hebrews 13:24 (NKJV)
24 Salute all your leaders and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

Hebrews 13:25 (NKJV)
25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

All fallen angels will be judged at the end of the **seven year tribulation**, when Satan is cast into the bottomless pit.

Those will be no demonic influence during the thousand year rule of Christ

A closer look at **Heaven** and **Earth** as they're used in the Old Testament:

Heaven and **Earth** are used in scripture in place of their occupants:

We's using these words in place of the two groups of sentient beings:

Heaven = the inhabitants of heaven
Earth = the inhabitants of earth

This is a standard Hebraism, a typical Hebrew idiom.