Context always reveals the meaning of a passage

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

The Day of the Lord

in 2 Peter 3

In this study, we are not using the Scriptures in chronological order, but we are using the Scriptures in a logical order, so that we can see how the apostles and prophets understood the Lord and Christ, the apostles of the new heavens and new earth.

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1. Two prayers (Ephesians 1 & 3)

- God's **PROMISE** are intended to motivate the believer to obedience

1 Peter 1:3 to 1:9:
- **Blessed** be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us
- **unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- **To an inheritance** incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven
- **Who are kept** by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- **Wherein you greatly rejoice**, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heavinessthrough manifold temptations:
- **That the trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
- **Whom** having not seen, ye love; in **whom**, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
- **Receiving** the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Promises motivate the believer to obey, verses 5-9

Wherefore, lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as **Rev.** 12:10 **Now** is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

"Now is **entrance** will be ministered unto you **abundantly** into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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2. Peter begins chapter 3 almost as an introduction to his PROMISE

- **It is for the benefit of the believer to understand his thought process**

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

1st Prayer in Ephesians 1:15-23 **Wherefore** I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,
- **Ephesians 1:16** Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;
- **Ephesians 1:17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
- **Ephesians 1:18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- **Ephesians 1:19** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
- **Ephesians 1:20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,
- **Ephesians 1:21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in the world to come:
- **Ephesians 1:22** And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
- **Ephesians 1:23** Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

2nd Prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 **For this cause** I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- **Ephesians 3:15** Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
- **Ephesians 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;
- **Ephesians 3:17** That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
- **Ephesians 3:18** May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
- **Ephesians 3:19** And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
- **Ephesians 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
- **Ephesians 3:21** Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Prayer 1st Prayer in Ephesians 1:15-23 **Wherein** he is **Prayer** 2nd Prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 **Wherein** he is