***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

THE BIGGER PICTURE

*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. 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; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.*

2 Peter 3:9-11

Introduction: “The sky is falling” is actually not an empty threat. We don’t know the “when”, but we do know the “who”. Of course, not knowing when, has not stopped the “date setters” throughout history. What’s really important is that we remain prepared for the end, and step back to take a look at the bigger picture. Let’s see if we can do this today from 2 Peter 3:8-14:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AT THINGS IN TERMS OF ETERNITY (3:10-11):

 a. Is what I’m stressing over a matter of life and death?

 b. Will this thing I’m dwelling on make a difference 1,000 years from now?

 c. In the end, what will really matter?

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ IN THE MOMENT (3:8-9):

 a. Am I living every moment of every day to the fullest?

 b. Is my life holy and godly?

 c. Have past mistakes discouraged me from living right today?

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO PREPARE FOR THE BEST (3:13-14):

 a. Is my life just about avoiding danger?

 b. Am I looking forward to a new existence with God?

 c. Have I accepted God’s offer of salvation?

CONCLUSION: How bright is your future?

Answers: 1. Look 2. Live 3. Learn