

Dear Brother Faull,

(This question below comes from one who I believe is a preterist who believes Heaven and earth are figurative and fulfilled in 70 AD at the destruction of Jerusalem. They then try to do the same with II Peter 3:10.)



What is your point?...Did not Christ, Himself promise that Heaven and earth would pass away? Thus, unless you are arguing that there was no promise in Scripture for Heaven and earth is to pass away, you make no sense and thus the only real issue would be how Heaven and earth is defined in Scripture

that was to pass away and the timetable for when Heaven and earth would pass...Christ did promise that it would pass right???

MR. FAULL'S ANSWER:

Not in **Matthew 24**, He did not. I am sorry that you cannot see that Jesus is not saying that Heaven and earth will pass away before all these things happen. He is saying it would be easier for Heaven and earth to pass away than for those things not to happen.

For example, can you see the difference between saying, "I will die before I marry you" and saying, "It would be easier to die than to marry you"? Are those the same things? No, they are not.

In these verses He is not saying Heaven and earth will pass away before these things happen. He is saying it would be easier for Heaven and earth to pass away than for My words to fail. It is not a promise or declaration that Heaven and earth will pass away, but it is a comparative proposition. One would be easier than the other would.

All that He spoke before up to **verse 34 in Matthew Chapter 24** would happen in that generation. It would be easier for Heaven and earth to pass away than for the words He had said thus far not be fulfilled.

Likewise He said, "It is easier for Heaven and earth to pass, than one jot or tittle of the law to fail." **Luke 16:17**

That is not a promise that either the Law would fail or Heaven and earth would pass away. It is contrastive.

Other Scriptures may affirm the earth and its lusts will pass away, etc. but these verses are not saying they will. They are simply affirming the truthfulness of the Law and His own Words.

Elsewhere the Word does promise a passing away of Heaven and earth literally. So to make the Heavens and earth of **Matthew 24** figurative is without justification.