Dangerous Doctrine of False Teachers (P. 2) (2nd Peter 3:4-7)

Uniformitarianism

- A doctrine/philosophy which insists that what we observe in the *present* is the key to understanding what has happened in the past, and what will happen in the future.
 - Necessitates the absence of the God of the Bible, who is sovereign and participatory in the events of protology, present affairs, and eschatology.
 - Underlying philosophy which drives higher criticism, naturalistic evolution, etc.

Peter's rebuttal (vv. 5-10)

Using arguments from...

1. vv. 5-6:

2. <u>v. 8</u>:

3. <u>v. 9</u>:

4. vv. 7,10:

"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. (7)He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; He puts the deeps in storehouses. (8)Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him! (9)For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm."

Psalm 33:6-9 (ESV)

"For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (38) For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, (39) and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."

Matthew 24:37-39 (ESV)

"Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen."

Revelation 1:7 (ESV)

"And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. (20) The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. (21)And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. "

Genesis 7:19-21 (ESV)

(22) Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. (23)He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark."

Genesis 7:22-23 (ESV)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (19)For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. (20) For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."

Romans 1:18-20 (ESV)

Biblical opposition to Uniformitarianism

EVENT	SCRIPTURE/ERA	RESULT/CHARACTERISTICS
Creation	Gen. 1—2	No death, no toil, no pain, etc.
Fall	Gen. 3—6	Death, pain, toil, long life spans, no human government
Flood	Gen. 7—10	Shortened life spans, human (global) government,1 language, no nations
Tower of Babel	Gen. 11—present	Independent nations, multiple languages, multiple ethnicities
Tribulation (Antichrist)	Rapture—Second Coming	Global government, religion, economic system
Millennial Kingdom	Rev. 20:1-10	Perfect government, long life spans, no war, coexisting animals, etc.
Eternal State	Rev. 21—22	New heavens/earth, no death, perfection and bliss

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. (5) Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? (6)On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, (7) when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

Job 38:4-7 (ESV)

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, (21)to Him be glory..."

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

"By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."

Hebrews 11:3 (ESV)

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him."

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, (7)rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith..."

Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)