

## The Second Epistle of Peter

*(Note Italics are ideas added for study and not part of the Bible)*

*The book of 2 Peter is similar in both order and content to the book of Jude (2 Peter 2:1-3:3, cf. Jude 1: 3-18). Peter, however, issues warning concerning the false teachers that eventually would come, while Jude sates that they were already present.*

*Antinomians believe that since salvation was by grace alone, the requirements of the moral law are irrelevant. Peter devotes the second chapter to attacking the licentious lifestyle that naturally resulted among those who held this belief. In the third chapter, Peter gives one of the most detailed descriptions of end-time events in all of Scripture. The delay of Jesus; return is only apparent, he explains, because God does not exist within the concept of time (2 Pet. 3:8). Peter also tells them that when the Day of the Lord comes, it will be accompanied by the total destruction of the physical universe (2 Pet. 3:10, cf. Rev. 21:1). (Key Word Bible, page 1542)*

### CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of JESUS Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior JESUS Christ:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of JESUS our Lord,

***“Great and Precious Promises”***

<sup>3</sup>According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

<sup>4</sup>Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

*We must put off the ways of the world and its lust for physical things.*

<sup>5</sup>And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

<sup>6</sup>And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

<sup>7</sup>And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

<sup>8</sup>For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord JESUS Christ.

*Knowledge is important of the Word and he gave was to maintain it. Peter was with God a lot in his daily life.*

<sup>9</sup>But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

<sup>10</sup>Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

<sup>11</sup>For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour JESUS Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth.

<sup>13</sup>Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance;

<sup>14</sup>Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord JESUS Christ hath shewed me.

*The tabernacle is his body, our bodies are as a tabernacle to God.*

<sup>15</sup>Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

*To remember the teachings.*

### ***A More Sure Word of Prophecy***

<sup>16</sup>For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord JESUS Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

<sup>17</sup>For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

*Matthew 17: 1*

*And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,*

*2And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

*3And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.*

*4Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.*

*5While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

*6And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.*

*7And Jesus came and touched them, and said, **Arise, and be not afraid.***

*8And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.*

<sup>18</sup>And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

<sup>19</sup>We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

*John 1:1*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*2The same was in the beginning with God.*

*3All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

*4In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

*5And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

<sup>20</sup>Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

*The prophecy is for everyone.*

<sup>21</sup>For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

*It comes from God; he is the author of scripture and prophecy.*

## CHAPTER 2

### ***Warnings Against False Teachers***

<sup>1</sup>But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

*As warned by Christ in Mark 13, beware of false prophets and teachers. Satan can inspire people to do as he will and go against God's teaching. Remember the temptation in the wilderness, Matthew chapter 4.*

<sup>2</sup>And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

<sup>3</sup>And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

*They are, or will be, damned for their works of false teachings making merchandise of people, looking for monetary reward and not the reward of heaven. They never sleep in their quest.*

<sup>4</sup>For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

*Revelations 11: 18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*

<sup>5</sup>And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

*There was a flood before Noah's flood, in Jerimiah 4:*

*22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.*

*23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.*

*24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.*

*25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.*

*26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger.*

*27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.*

*Noah's flood was not a full end of the earth and was not without form and void. That line takes us back to Genesis 1:*

*2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

*3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

*4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.*

*5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

<sup>6</sup>And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

*God is against things like same sex marriage, men thinking they are women and vis versa, He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrha. Remember they went after the male angels, not Lots daughters. Genesis 19:*

*4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:*

*5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.*

*That we "may know them is a reference to having sex with them as to know your wife.*

<sup>7</sup>And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

*Keep clear from such talk as they did above to “we may know them”.*

<sup>8</sup>(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)

<sup>9</sup>The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

*God will judge all men fairly.*

<sup>10</sup>But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

*Many of our leaders do this today.*

<sup>11</sup>Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

<sup>13</sup>And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, *as* they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

*They want to be a part of churches to bring in false teachings to deceive, even during feast days. They want to slowly change holy days into evil in God's eyes.*

<sup>14</sup>Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

<sup>15</sup>Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son* of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

<sup>16</sup>But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

*Numbers 22:*

*22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.*

23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

<sup>17</sup>These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

*A well with no water is not good for anything, just a hole in the ground.*

<sup>18</sup>For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

<sup>19</sup>While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

*They promise peace, but do not deliver. They are slaves to corruption. How many leaders do this today?*

<sup>20</sup>For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour JESUS Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

*Stay in God's words. Those who pollute it will suffer greatly at judgement.*

<sup>21</sup>For it had 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 unto them.

<sup>22</sup>But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

*Proverbs 26:*

*10 The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.*

*11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.*

*12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.*

### CHAPTER 3

#### *Exhortations to Steadfastness*

<sup>1</sup>This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

<sup>2</sup>That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

*The Lord's commandments to us.*

<sup>3</sup>Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

<sup>4</sup>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 the creation.

*They say nothing has changed. It's not the same, Christ paid a price for our salvation. Mark 13 the prophecy was fulfilled.*

*Matthew 24: 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;*

<sup>5</sup>For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

*Science shows the age of the earth is millions of years old. Genesis 1:1 tells us God created the earth and heavens. In verse two the actual translation says it became without form and void.*

*Isaiah 45: 18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.*

<sup>6</sup>Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

*There are three earth ages listed, two destroyed by water and the last by fire.*

<sup>7</sup>But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

*To blot them out in judgement.*

<sup>8</sup>But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

*Revelation 1: 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,*

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

*The Lord keeps His Word.*

<sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

*Hebrews 12: 29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

<sup>11</sup>Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

*Study the word of God for yourself, not just what people tell you it says.*

<sup>12</sup>Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?



*This is the last judgement. Isaiah 34: 4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.*

<sup>13</sup>Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

*Isaiah 65: 17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.*

<sup>14</sup>Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

*Work to stay and live by His word.*

<sup>15</sup>And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

*Paul is being confirmed by Peter.*

<sup>16</sup>As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

<sup>17</sup>Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

*Don't be misled by false teachers.*

<sup>18</sup>But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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