

Peter's First Epistle

II-PETER

CHAPTER 2:4-9

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

***"THE COMING JUDGMENT
OF THE FALSE PROPHETS"***

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

2-Peter 1:3

*as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us
by glory and virtue,*

INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 2:4-9

Responsive Reading of John 10:1-16

(THE PURPOSE FOR THE WRITING OF CHAPTER 2)

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

II. OUTLINE: - Chapter 2 The False Prophet & Teacher

a.) Their Condemnation 2:1-9 b.) Their Character 2:10-17 c.) Their Claims 2:18-22

Peter Believed Fully That These False Teachers Were Condemned and Sealed to Destruction

2 Peter 2:17

These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest,
for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

#1

They Will Infiltrate the Church

vv. 1

#2

They Will Introduces Aberrant Doctrines

vv. 1

#3

They Will 'Down-Grade' The Work of Christ

vv. 2

#4

They Will Imply That By Following Them, You'll Prosper

vv. 3

Last Week

Ephesians 5:11 NIV

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness,
but rather **expose** them.

2 Timothy 3:8-9

Now as **Jannes** and **Jambres** resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; ⁹ but they will progress no further, **for their folly will be manifest to all**, as theirs also was.

1 Timothy 1:18-20

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹ having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, ²⁰ of whom are **Hymenaeus** and **Alexander**, (whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.)

2 Timothy 4:14

Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm.
May the Lord repay him **according to his works.**

#5

They Will Be Condemned For Their Deception

vv. 4-9

Concerning The Demise of the False Prophet and Teacher, First
Understand this;

#1 - they will follow in the spiritual footsteps of their fathers - deception

#2 - their own fruit will reveal their destination - the judgment

Ezekiel 34:10

'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."

(The Good News) Ezekiel 34:11-12a

'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹²
"As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered.....

There are False Prophets, Teachers & False Apostles,

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into **apostles of Christ.** ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself **transforms himself into an angel of light.** ¹⁵
Therefore it is no great thing if **his ministers** also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

There are False Missionaries

Matthew 23:15

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

Even False Christ's with False Gospel's

Galatians 1:6-9

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to **pervert** (to breed out of significance, or to wash away the color) the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Paul's Concern For The Welfare of the Flock

2 Corinthians 11:2-4

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. ³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴ **For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted-- you may well put up with it!**

Recommend Two Books
both by Hank Hannigraff
Christianity in Crisis & The Counterfeit Revival
(*These books on tape are a must*)

1.) The False Prophet's Coming Damnation vv. 4-6

2.) The Deliverance From False Prophet & Doctrine vv. 7-9

1.) The False Prophet's Coming Damnation

vv. 4-6

There will eventually be an end of all false prophets and teachers

Revelation 20:10

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Thought Began with Verses 1 and 3...

2 Peter 2:1b

...bring on themselves **swift** destruction.
(the ax is over head - impending)

2 Peter 2:3b

and for a long time their judgment has not been **idle**, (without a purpose)
and their destruction does not **slumber**. (delay for neglect)

Hell Was Never Intended to be for Human's

Matthew 25:41

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and **his angels**:'

(Sadly, We've Earned the Right to be There)

Jesus Spoke About Hell

More Than Any Other Biblical Personality

Jesus Said It's Real

Mark 9:45-46

some will be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched--
"where 'Their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

Revelation 20:15

And anyone not found written in the Book of Life
was cast into the lake of fire.
(this is not symbolic language)

*There is a Literal 'HELL' in Eternity and we Refuse
to think about it....*

On the Topic of 'Heaven & Hell', Mark Twain Said;

"Each place has its own advantages - Heaven for its climate, and Hell for its Society"

**This Morning - There is no advantage to hell, at
all....**

Each of us knows at least one person
who's on their way to hell

Jude 1:22-23

And on some have compassion, making a distinction; ²³ but others save with fear, pulling them
out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

There are three Examples of Judgment Given Us

#1 - The Angels: *What Was The Nature of Their Sin?*

#2 - The Ancient World: *What Was The Nature of Their Sin?*

#3 - The Cities of Sodom & Gomorrah: *What Was The Nature of Their Sin?*

**What Ever The Answer is...
It Applies to False Prophets & Teachers**

Whatever is Going On Here, We Know This for Sure. The Company That is Mentioned Here is Most Notable and Terrible...

...and their Awaiting Final Judgment as We Speak

#1 - The Angels: *What Was The Nature of Their Sin?*

Verse 4

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

1a) - God is Holy and Must Judge Sin

Verse 4a

For if God did not spare

Since He did Not Spare Them... He Cannot Spare These False Prophets & Teachers

It's Owed to Them, - They've Earned It

Verse 4b

the angels who sinned

What Was Their Sin?

Spiritual Deception, Characterized by The Times

What Ever Happened back Then, It was very Weird...

Angels Have The Ability To Sin!

Isaiah 14:12-17
Ezekiel 28:12b-19

Verse 4c

*but cast them down to **hell** and delivered them into chains of **darkness**, to be reserved for judgment;*

- * **Hell GRK 5020 tartaroo (tar-tar-o'-o);**
(the deepest abyss of Hades) the place of the underworld

There are Demon's and There are Fallen Angels

the activity and nature of each are different from one another

Jude 1:5-7

But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

⁶ And **the angels** who did not keep their **proper domain**, (assigned positions) but left their own abode (natural setting), He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as **(like) Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these**, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh,

((((are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.))))

- * **Strange GRK 2087 heteros (het'-er-os);**
Different Flesh, Foreign or Altered Flesh

What Was Their Sin?

Jude1:6-7a

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The Nature of Their Sin

Genesis 6:1-5

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

³ And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." ⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. ⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Demons are The Departed Souls (hyper-souls) of a half-breed race of Fallen Angel & Female Human. That perished at the flood (or by David's sling shot)

Jesus Simply Say's... Angels don't get married in Heaven

Mark 12:25

"For when they (human's)
rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage,
but are like the angels in heaven. (not married)

Verse 4d

*to be **reserved** for judgment;*

The Bible speak about names written down in heaven in the "Book of Life"
Then there is the Lambs book of life...

But Hell has its database too...

The Second Example of Their Coming Condemnation

#2 - The Ancient World: *What Was The Nature of Their Sin?*

Verse 5

and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

What Was Their Sin?

Rebellion, Characterized by The Times

The Judgment of Noah's Day

(Spiritual apathy toward God)

Matthew 24:37-39

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.
³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Hey Noah, It's a joke - right?

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

Genesis 6:5

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only **evil continually**.

Genesis 6:13

And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with **violence** through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

The Third Example of Their Coming Condemnation

#3 - The Cities of Sodom & Gomorrah: *What Was The Nature of Their Sin?*

Verse 6

and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

What Was Their Sin?

Sexual Immorality, Characterized by The Times

as recorded in genesis 18-19

Genesis 13:13 NIV

Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.

Romans 1:24-27

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving within themselves the penalty of their error which was due. (Internal disease)

Amazing Discoveries

Verse 6b

...into ashes

In our most recent trip to Israel, *we visited the southern portion of the wilderness of Judea, near the Dead Sea. As you ascend Mount Masada you can look back toward the Dead Sea and you will see two large regions that are completely different in color and texture. The earth there is completely sterile and made up of cinder ash but there is no volcanic evidence anywhere... it is believed to be the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah*

Luke 17:29

"but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

2.) Deliverance From False Prophet & Doctrine

vv. 7-9

The Danger of Living Near The World

Verse 7-9

*and delivered righteous Lot, who was **oppressed** by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, **tormented** his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—*

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Oppressed

GRK 2669 – kataponeō (kat-ap-on-eh'-o)

LADEN AND BURDENED WITH a LOAD

* **Tormented** GRK 928 – *basanizō* (bas-an-id'-zo)
to tear at yourself. to rip at the flesh

Verse 8

*(for that righteous man, **dwelling among them**, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)--*

He exposed himself to the evils of Sodom & Gomorrah

The War Between The Man

THE TWO NATURES AT ODDS

(((Lot & His Family - a bunch a losers in my book)))

We're Guilty of This...

Tolerating the World's Lawless Deeds

on television - at the theater - on the street - at fun

Romans 1:29-32 NIV

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,
³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹ they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but (there are those who) also approve of those things they practice.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." ¹⁷ Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." ¹⁸ "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship.
² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The Promise: The Lord Knows How To Deliver His Own

Verse 9

the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

Verse 5a

but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

There are always "Exceptions" to Judgment
~~~~~ Repentance from Sin ~~~~~

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; **but God is faithful**, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

**He Knows How:**

- To rescue those bound in cults - He'll get the ones that are His
- To comfort those tormented by evil - He'll strengthen your arms
- To encourage those who are seeking after his face

**God's Grace is Beyond What You and I Can Imagine**

**Note the Two Examples of Encouragement**

# Noah and Lot

*The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations*

The Rapture of the Church is Coming People  
(Then judgment will begin... yah right)

...and then there will be an explosion of false doctrine and demonically energized teachers and prophets like the world has never seen before

## **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**

And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,<sup>12</sup> that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

## What We Can Learn From This?

That the Teaching (Doctrine) Ministry is All Important

### **1 Timothy 4:13**

give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

That The Responsibility to Listen is Ours as Hearers

### **Romans 2:13 & James 1:22**

(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified... <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

That Doing What We Know to Be Biblically Right is an Absolute, a Nonnegotiable

### **John 14:15**

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

## To Us All, Jesus Gave The Warning:

**Luke 8:18a**

"Therefore take heed how you hear.

**Do You Hear His Voice - Listen Carefully !!!**

**John 10:16**

"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

**John 10:27-29**

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.