

## II Peter – Chapter Two

v.1,2 – There were false prophets before and there will be false teachers who will teach heretical doctrines. They will use the bible, and church speak, but will twist the truth of God using phrases like “new revelation.” Beware! They will bring themselves to destruction. God will judge them. (Remember: false teachers in the church pose as ministers of the gospel) As a result, unbelievers develop contempt for Christianity.

v.3 – False teachers are greedy, satisfying themselves both sexually and financially, exploiting the people. Understand, though, that judgment is alive and awake.

v.4-8 – Here are four examples of God not sparing judgment : 1) cast down angels that sinned, chaining them in darkness until their judgment 2) spared not the word but sent the flood, saving only Noah and his family, eight persons 3) condemned Sodom and Gomorrah, burning it down to ashes, while preserving Lot, a righteous man.

v. 9 – The Lord knows how to deliver the righteous out of temptation while reserving the unjust for the day of judgment to be punished.

v.10-14 – These verses describe the kinds of lives, thoughts, actions of many false teachers: lustful, rebellious toward governments, self-willed, speak evil of (just doing whatever they want to do), (angels who are more powerful than they do not bring railing accusation against them before the Lord. Looking for opportunities of adultery and such. Just brute beasts.

v. 15,16 – Going the way of Balaam who was hired by King of the Moabites to curse Israel. Donkey spoke to him in the voice of a man while he was on his way.

v.17 – 19 – They are wells without water (people have come to them to have their thirst quenched only to be disappointed) Clouds which look as if they are filled with rain are carried away with the wind; they speak false deceptive words, encourage wantonness (Do whatever feels good). They promise freedom and liberty but they themselves are slaves of corruption.

v.20-22 – These are those who turned to the church, turned toward these teachers, who began a new life, who, by the deceptive teachings, found encouragement to live a life of indulgence, now sanctioned by the church. So they end up much worse than they were before. The big problem is that they really were not born again. We must be born again by the Spirit of God, have our nature changed. Our desire to live in a way that pleases the Lord God.