

# 2 PETER 2 vs 1

Peter is writing his last words to the faithful chosen generation of believers, a royal priesthood of believers, a holy nation of believers... a unique people -- chosen by God our Father in heaven. Peter was an eye-witness of the majesty of God; and is writing to those in Christ Jesus scattered throughout the world. He just told us when he was on the holy mountain, and God had to tell him to shut up and listen to His son.

Peter's warning to the faithful,

**<sup>1</sup> But there came false prophets, also among the people, even as there will be false teachers** / in

Greek: pseudo prophetes and didaskalos; only Peter

used this word in the NT. The Greek word for **false** is: **pseudo**, it means: a **liar**; intending to deceive!

The Lord Jesus warned His students... that **false prophets**, **false witnesses**, and **false christs** will arise; and Matthew, Mark and Luke faithfully recorded His words.

Paul who pours the foundation for the Gentiles, adds **false brethren**, and **false apostles** will also arise.

John, who lived longer than the others, warned: **many false prophets**, **many antichrists** had already gone out into the world. In the last days John tells us... a faithless religious whore is coming... somehow related to a final roman govt... who works mightily... with a **false prophet**... at the end time of the Gentiles.

Peter says...

**also among the people, there will be false, lying teachers who privately bring in destructive heresies,** / who secretly and craftily introduce, preaching their own message... or just lighting candles: but they do not keep the powerful words of what Jesus taught, and what He endured, ringing in our ears? No!. 6 times in this little letter... Peter tells us these false teachers are destructive; **well, they have arrived!**

The challenge in every generation is: to get back to what was first delivered and taught to the saints.

And you know today... there are various opinion on what ought to be taught. Jesus said, **Keep My words**; watch to protect My words. You know, if we do that, I'm sure our Father in heaven will watch to protect us.

There is a choice to be made; there has always been a choice... a very serious choice. In Joshua 24... we read, Choose this day whom you will serve. Joshua said; as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!

Jesus, the night He was betrayed, 12 times said: Keep My words, in other words, **Guard My words** with your life -- at all cost! That should end the discussion.



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**these false teachers will come... even denying the Lord who bought them** / who purchased them out of the market place; who redeemed them with His valuable blood. Peter knew that word, he denied the Lord 3 times the night Jesus was betrayed. So Paul knows what this verse is talking about..

**and false teachers bring upon themselves speedy destruction** / and upon all who follow them.

<sup>2</sup> **And most will follow their destructive ways** / these false, lying teachers' destructive ways.

**through blaspheming** / the word is: blasphemeo; not just through cursing, the accusers of Jesus help us understand this word: who said, **only God can forgive sins**; and will these false lying teachers claim they forgive your sin and mine?

**through blaspheming the way of truth** / Jesus said the night He was betrayed: I Am the Way and the Truth. These are the same words. These false teachers will blaspheme... not only the Way that is true;; but also by what they falsely teach, they blaspheme... the One who is the True Way!

<sup>3</sup> **And through greediness, with fake words** / they use artificial, molded words -- it's the willowy, phony language spoken throughout the world; even, in most assemblies now days... **always with a smile: It's so nice to see you!**

And they...

**make merchandise of you** / emporuomai... which is the word: emporium -- the market place. These false teachers are the kind of people who always hear a cash register ring when they look at us. They don't look at a congregation... they don't look at individuals... whose souls belong to the living God. They look at us as dollar signs -- ching, ching!

**whose judgment from long ago does not delay** / to be understood 1 of 2 ways: their sitting in judgment over others; or the Lord God's judgment... as He sits in judgment over them.

Their judgment long ago has already proved irrelevant; while the One who shows long suffering and patient restraint, isn't a pushover; one day He will come and settle the score.

**and their destruction doesn't sleep** / John Wycliffe's Bible says it best... in old English, the way we demeth, we will be con-demeth. To cut and criticize others is not our job Let God be God!

<sup>4</sup> **For if God did not spare the angels who sinned** / those rebellious 1/3<sup>rd</sup> off the citizens of heaven who stepped over the line; who missed the mark... and fell,

**but threw them in tartaroo** / only mentioned here in the Bible; the part of hell where the worst of fallen angels are locked up still to this day, never seeing the light of day since their fall.

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**and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment** / guarded unto the Day of judgment; not a reservation I would care to make with the Lord God;

<sup>5</sup> **And did not spared the old world** / since God did not save the ancient world,

**and brought the flood upon the senseless world** / in Greek: **asebeia**; it's often translated: **ungodly**: those without a sense of worship; and who are senseless towards the things of God. They are not passively senseless about the things of God; they live according to their own erroneous, superstitious conceits and opinions... about Him who only is Holy.

Henry Drummond said about being fruitful in spirit -- loving... joyful... peaceful... long-suffering... with goodness... and kindness... showing mercy and grace... and all the other expressions of the Spirit -- **without Christ**... is not an improbability; **but an impossibility!**

In other words, producing a fruitful spirit... which, by the way... is not the vocabulary of good science: producing a fruitful... joyful... loving spirit... is irrelevant to the best of modern society; and to the worst, those educated elites who say, Life is meaningless. Okay! For them... I guess it is. **And then, when you dismiss their meaningless comment... they are offended! Why?!** They are hypocrites; they want it both ways. They can't live 2 seconds without a sense of meaning. If life is meaningless... we could never find that out. If life is meaningless... give me your pocketbook... you won't miss it. It's meaningless!

We live in a generation of dumb-asses! over-populated with morons and fools... who created their senseless, hypocritical mess. And they come to us for advice. I have none; no second-best advice for them. God will deal with them. Just don't follow them.

Psalm 1 is good advice: when you see them coming... **don't stand in their way. Step aside.**

Even, John the Baptist wondered, **Who warned you to flee from the wrath that is coming?** Apparently, it wasn't him! The world is overpopulated with senseless, **asebeia**... fools. I recognize I work with a generation of young and old! And now in education, they ask us to listen to the illogical, philosophic ramblings of wannabe monkeys! Pastor Scott said, It's a freak show out there! And that's true!

Since God did not spare the angels... and did not spare the old world; **but saved Noah the eighth** / but saved and guarded **Noah and the seven with him – Genesis 6-8, a preacher of righteousness, and brought the flood upon the senseless world** / though this catastrophe is overlooked by false, lying teachers now days; Peter lets us know: The Lord will take care of us, too! He knows how to do it.

<sup>6</sup> **And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemning them to destruction.** ...this verse needs help:

**And the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah...** tephroo ... katakrino ... katastrophe...

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**the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were incinerated, as an ultimate condemnation, in a catastrophe ...** Check out: **Sodom and Gomorrah**; by Ross Patterson.

**setting an example to all who intend to live senselessly** / to future no-sense individuals who intend to live senselessly... without acknowledging God. Not difficult to understand. It's interesting, in His end time prophecies, Jesus said: **As in the days of Noah, so will it be when the Son of Man returns.**

<sup>7</sup> **And delivered just Lot, vexed, by the behavior of the wicked** / apparently Lot was wearied by what he saw where he lived; but is it just me? Or do you wonder why he didn't move?

<sup>8</sup> **For that man doing right while dwelling among them; for what he saw and heard day to day with their lawless works, while toiling in his right spirit** / Peter tells the people of God, keep doing what you know is right, don't worry about the senseless.

<sup>9</sup> **The Lord knows how to deliver the good-sense ones out of tempting trials** / the *eusebes*, the good-sensed ones; when we pray to our Father in heaven, Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one,

**and to reserve / and maintain locked up, the unjust unto the Day of judgment** / in Leviticus 23, Moses tells us about the 7 great Days... specially designated to the Lord; 4 Days already are fulfilled in Christ; **3 Days remain on His calendar**; the **6<sup>th</sup> Day** is when the Lord God will come and judge the nations;

**and to reserve the senseless ones, unto the Day of judgment to be punished** / in Greek: *kolazo*; and does the Holy Spirit inspiring Peter have a sense of humor? it is sort of funny; the word is from: *kolos*; meaning **dwarf**. Said differently:

**when the unjust and senseless... are lopped off, pruned... and cut down to size!**

**on that great Day.**

Peter lets us know: The Lord is in control. He's not asleep; He knows what's going on.

