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⁹The Lord knows how to deliver the good-sense ones from trials / from their testings,

and the unjust until the day of judgment... to keep: **cut down to size** / the word is: kolazomenous; it means... dwarf, to mutilate, to curtail:

¹⁰and especially those after the flesh who, in strong desire of defilement walk / those enamored by the super-thin veneer covering human existence; who journey in filth and corruption...

and despising / insulting... **authority** / much like we see in our genius new world order 21st century; won't those crafters of the new society be surprised when it runs rampant and turns on them?

presumptuous and self-willed / bold and stubborn; those who go beyond what is right and proper; who presume to themselves to do without permission,

they are not afraid as they blaspheme the glorious ones / the celestial glories,

¹¹whereas angels, though greater in power and might, do not bring against them a blasphemous accusation before the Lord / the mighty citizens of eternity have much practice in dealing with the cowardly fools and ignorant weasels of the earth.

¹²But these, like senseless brute beasts having been born, made for capture and destruction / more illogical than the animal kingdom...

brute beasts, criticizing where they are ignorant; will in their own destruction be destroyed / in their own corruption; in their rotting and breaking apart they will destroy themselves;

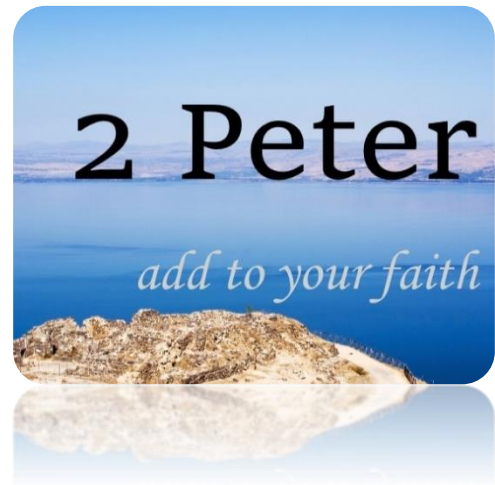
¹³and suffering wrong, will receive the reward of wrongdoing; counting it a pleasure: to party in the daytime / to them, life is one eat, drink and be merry party.

they are stains and blemishes, reveling in their own deceptions, partying with you;

¹⁴having eyes full of adultery and nonstop sin; enticing / alluring, fishing for, and aiming for more like themselves...unstable souls:

with a heart exercised / routinely trained... well practiced... **in greed:**

accursed children! That is how Peter was inspired to describe them; but he's not finished.



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¹⁵ **Forsaking / abandoning the straight, narrow way,**

they have gone astray / they pursue the crooked way,

following the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, whose wages of wrongdoing they love; / the greed of Balaam, who hires himself to do seeming religious work for personal gain.

¹⁶ **but rebuked for his own stepping over the line** / no fixed truths, in Greek: **paranomia**, stepping over the line, always moving the boundaries; and they must have forgotten the story of this jackass, so Peter reminds these shallow fools of this miraculous story... told by the Lord God preserved in His word:

but rebuked... by a speechless jackass speaking with man's voice,

restraining the prophet's madness / God used a dumb jackass, to restrict the prophet's madness; but what will restrict these reveling stains and blemishes? Not much; though they will also have an end, whether or not they like it when it is handed to them; when they are dismissed by the Lord to go away. God is not going to populate His eternity with earth's trailer trash;

Peter says...

¹⁷ **These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest** / waterless springs; so, they are worthless; a mist driven by a storm.

For them is reserved the gloom of darkness / an ominous darkness they can expect.

¹⁸ **they are arrogant, indeed vain** / earlier we learned they were a bunch of loudmouths and goofy clowns; now we discover they are only conceited, empty-headed fools;

speaking words to allure / to enflame... the sensual strong desires of the flesh,

who barely escape from those who live in error.

¹⁹ **promising them freedom, yet they themselves are slaves of corruption** / Peter says don't believe their ads; they have lots of lovely graphics and pictures and well-crafted scripts; but little reality.

for by what one is overcome / by what they are subdued, made inferior... by this he is enslaved.

²⁰ **For if, having escaped the defilements of the world** / the noxious filth, and pollution down here... **by the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ** / through knowing the powerful words **of the only One who can save: our Lord Jesus the Christ;**

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Peter says: learn His thoughts, the words He said, not just what others say He said; Peter would have us know: **Yeshua the Messiah**; **He is the Savior**. Here, Peter reminds us there is no savior to be found in Rome.

through the knowledge of: our Lord, the Boss and Savior; the Deliverer, the Liberator. JESUS / Yeshua – the name given at His birth. **Christ / the Messiah**... sent from God our Father to accomplish His will; who will one day come again in power and finish His task.

Peter said...

For if, having escaped the defilements of the world, through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and are again entangled and overcome;

to them, the last state will be worse than the first.

²¹ **For it would be better for them not to have known the right way, than know it, and turn from the holy instruction hand-delivered to them** / Moses told us God himself wrote the great Covenant of 10 commands with His own hand -- **Deuteronomy 5**. To live long and prosperous in the land. To ignore and turn from this great kindness, is to go our own way; which is not a good or wise thing to do.

²² **To them has happened according to the true proverb:**

A dog returned to its own vomit; / evidence of no insight or discrimination;

and a pig after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire / in the mud, in the filth; as Peter said earlier: like stubborn and illogical animals; but worse.

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