

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

- I. INTRODUCTION: The Apostle Peter's Greetings (2 Peter 1-4).**
- II. THEIR PRESENT NEED (2 Peter 1:5-21).**
 - A. Their need to add to their faith (1:5-11).**
 - B. The Apostle Peter's great concern for them (1:12- 21).**
- III. WARNINGS FROM THE PAST (2:1-22).**
 - A. False teachers past and present (2:1-3).** As true doctrine produces holy living, so false doctrine produces a sinful lifestyle. This is a very important point in this epistle. Corrupt living is always the fruit of false doctrine.
 - B. Old Testament examples of God's judgment against sin (2:4-16).** Peter wanted his readers to understand that in all of the following examples false doctrine was involved.
 - 1. The angels who sinned (2:4). Cf. Jude 6; Gen. 3:1-5; 6:1-4; Matt. 8:28-29.
 - 2. The flood in the days of Noah (2:5). Cf. Gen. 6:5-8:22; Matt. 24:38
 - 3. Sodom and Gomorrah (2:6-14). Cf. Gen. 18:16-19:38.
 - 4. Balaam (2:15-16). Cf. Num. 22-24; 31:8; Rev. 2:14.
 - C. The hypocrisy of false teachers (2:17-22).** They promise blessing but produce corruption. They promise liberty, but produce bondage to sin.
- IV. ASSURANCE REGARDING THE FUTURE (2 Peter 3:1-16).**
- V. CONCLUSION (2 Peter 3:17-18).**