

II Peter

(5) False Teachers

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them – bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Peter 2:1, NIV

From false prophets to false teachers...2:1-3

What is Peter's first observation from Israel's past? 2:1a see Jer.28 (note verse 1)

There were false prophets among Israel; there will be false teachers among you.

How were the false prophets among Israel described? Zeph.1:4-6; note verse 5.

They professed to be true to the Lord but they bowed down to Milcom. Corrupt within.

How does Jesus describe them? Mt.7:15-21

Watch out! They appear like My sheep but really are wolves! "Right" words, but-

What other description does Jesus give? Mt.13:24-29, 36-42

Tares (look like wheat) in His field. Growing together, close, takes very careful exam.

What important truth is revealed about these 'false believers'? Mt.13:38; 7:21-23

Never saved, but claimed Jesus as theirs. Lying words. No heart relationship w/Christ.

What is Peter's second observation about false teachers? 2:1b; Jude 4

They secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying (strongly resisting) Christ.

What's the result for them? 2:1b, 2:3; Mt.7:21-23

Their condemnation/destruction/judgment is sure/swift. Mt.23:13-29, woe, woe, woe.

Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping. 2 Peter 2:2-3, NIV

Will these false teachers have any "success"? 2:2; Mt.7:13-14

Yes, from the world's eyes. Many are led astray and will bring the truth into disrepute.

How do they pull this off? 2:3a And who's one of their target audiences? 2:3

They exploit YOU with false words, made up stories. Note the greed factor involved.

What is another NT term for these false teachers? IJn.2:18

They are identified as antichrists (not The Antichrist) for they are against Christ.

What is often the 'fruit' by which they are known? IJn.2:19 see Rom.1:22

They went out from us. That is they left the true believers. Professing to be wise!

What sober warning did Paul give to the Ephesian elders? Acts 20:25-31

Be on guard for yourselves/flock. Wolves from among your own selves (elders!).