

II Peter

(6) Identifying False Teachers

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 2:3, NIV

Identity and examples of false teachers...IIPet.2:3-12

What is Peter's positive declaration re these false teachers? 2:3

God is not ignoring their lies. He will destroy them. He's not sleeping. It's sure.

Most powerful: What is his first example by way of reminder? 2:4; Jude 6-7; Lu.8:31

God did not spare even angels, sent them to hell, held for judgment. 'Out of bounds'

Most numbers: What is his next reminder? 2:5

God did not spare the whole world! But protected Noah +7 others through the flood.

Most wicked: What is his next reminder? 2:6

God destroyed Sodom & Gomorrah. Burned up as an example of what is coming/ungodly

And yet, in this destruction/judgment, what did God do? 2:7-8; Gen.19:21; IThess.5:9-11

He rescued Lot, a righteous man. Note that Lot was removed before judgment.

So what is the point that Peter makes re Noah, Lot, and judgment? 2:9; Mal.3:16-4:3

The Lord knows how to rescue the Godly and simultaneously judge the wicked.

And what (2) things does he emphasize about these false teachers in verse 10? 2:10a

Judgment is especially sure for those who (1) indulge corrupt desires (2) despise authority

*Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.
2 Peter 2:10-11, NASU*

What does 'daring and self willed' indicate about these false teachers? 2:10b; Jude 8

Lit. 'the daring ones', audacious, presumptuous, and arrogant, self pleasing.

How is this 'arrogance' seen? 2:10b-11; Jude 9-10

They despise authority, are not afraid to slander celestial beings (likely demons, 2:11).

What might this *slandering accusations* look like? 2:11-12a; Jude 9-10

The arrogant 'rebuking', 'binding', of Satan/demons. Take a lesson from Michael.

What does reviling (NAS), blaspheme (NIV) mean? 2:12;

Gr.=blasphemeo; to speak impiously (lack of reverence or proper respect).

What is the end result of this blaspheming? 2:12

They speak of things they don't understand; like instinct driven beasts they will perish.