

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DIASPORA OR DISPERSION THROUGHOUT
THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

2-PETER CHAPTER 2:1-3

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Eyes On. Ears On.”

The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

2 Peter 2:1-3

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

Remembering Church, The Original Scriptures
did not come bound and wrapped in a beautiful Bible
like the one you have today in your hand.

These Original, Individual Manuscripts served
as the bases for duplicated copies that were sent out to the churches that were
being founded across the Roman Empire.

Colossians 1:6

which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit,
as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

John Echo's This in His Gospel

John 21:25

And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written
one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books
that would be written. Amen.

And so for some 30 year after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ,
The Book of Acts gives an Accounting of His continued work through
His people by the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
(Does The Holy Spirit of God Dwell in You?)

So, with the opening of this chapter (2 Peter 2) Peter makes a reasonable assumption – that assumption is that you’ve just heard him speak or you’ve just finished reading a powerful and undeniable fail-safe of instruction at the closing

1 Peter 1:19-21

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

I personally believe that the all-sovereign God who was able to create the heavens and the earth and to give birth to biblical prophecy and keep it – is equally able to sustain His word all the way through until the end...

Hebrews 1:1 -2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

In Fact, Didn't Jesus say the same:

Revelation 3:7-8

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, “These things says He who is holy, He who is true, ‘He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens’”: 8 “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

And so Peter begins his concluding arguments to the church-at-large, the general assembly that would face spiritual enemies...

A Combat Faith will be needed.

Eyes On – Ears On

1.) Watch out and Listen for false ministries

vs. 1

The Motivation & The General Subject of the chapter is declared in **verse 1**, and it's going to reveal 3 key points to us surviving these days:

First: that it was to be expected that there will be false teachers wherever Christians are found - - as there were false prophets among God's in ancient times

Second: that these False Prophet/Teachers would introduce destructive errors, and the results would be effective as they would (will) be leading many people astray.

Third: that they would be, will be, punished for being satanic wolves among the flock. The chapter is divinely engineered to equip us and to give us a defense against these realities.

Watch Out And Listen For False Ministries

Eyes On – Ears On

1a.) Because they are here

vs. 1a

Verse 1a

But there **were** {also} **false prophets among the people**,
{even as} **there will be false teachers** among you,

Forgive me but this sounds & feels like a tv drama

Like one of those "Crime Scene" Investigative Programs.

There is a sense of eeriness to it as though something dangerous is looming in the shadows

This is a Strange Promise here In The Bible

Acts 20:26-31a

Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after themselves. 31a Therefore watch!

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every **spirit**, but test the **spirits**, whether they are of God; because **many false prophets** have gone out into the world. **2** By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, **3** and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

**Watch Out And Listen For False Ministries
Eyes On – Ears On**

1b.) Because they are active

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

who will **secretly** bring in **destructive heresies**,

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his **craftiness**, **so your minds may be corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ. **4** For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

Secretly grk: meaning to: enter in by stealth. To cloak or be a veiled manner. To secretly and without early-detection, weave **what Albert Barnes says are “Plausible arts and Pretenses.”** They would not at first make an open avowal of their subversive doctrines, but would slowly, over time, (introduce them “cloaked” in and around the truth) be in accordance with truth,

**An example of a friend of mine who went to Fuller.
They personally, covertly maintain opinions which undermine the
truth of the Bible and Its authority.**

The Greek word here for “Bring in or Bringing in” means to “*lead in by or alongside of you or along the side of others*”; { to bring error in veiled alongside you and or veiled alongside others that are with you –

Particulates / Contaminates / Virus / Diseases

Genesis 3:1,4-6a

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the (ears) woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”.... :4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”... :6 So when the woman saw...

Satan is speaking to you. **He** and his **team**,
they are always speaking to us.
(and temptations are what **they** use to get us)

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world (system) (*why not or why would I?*) or the **things** (*offerings of*) in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him (*cannot fit. does not fit*). 16 For **all** that is in the world—(#1) the lust of the **flesh**, (#2) the lust of the **eyes**, and (#3) the **pride** of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust (#1,#2,#3) of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Combating the **Purpose** of the Attack
that comes from false prophets and teachers who support
our false notions, beliefs and thoughts.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 ESV

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy (demonically sourced poisons) strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Destructive group Choices

destructive heresies grk: ἀπόπειρα *apoleia*; destructive “choices” or pressure to pick or choose. The false teacher will demand that you make a choice, “me or him, us or them”. That which leads to perdition(1), perishing(1), waste(1), wasted(1). (Implied is by splitting up a fellowship of believers. Those who cause divisions. Discord.

False Teachers use the same words we use but not the same dictionary.” Dr. Warren Wiersbe

What Is Being Called Christianity Today, Is Of Grave Concern To Me.

1 John 2:18-19

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

End of Study

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