

# THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

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

## 2 PETER CHAPTER 2:4-9

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## “WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW” – PART 3

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

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

False Doctrine, False Salvation, False Christianity, False Disciples

### 2 Peter 2:4-9

:4 For if (since) God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into (held by imprisonment) chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; :5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; :6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly (like they did); :7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked :8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) - :9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

In a Bold and Unflinching Style,  
Peter shocks the reader of the of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

He links the rebellion of the angels to the rebellion of mankind.  
He draws comparisons – then gives warning !!!

## “WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW”

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| 1.) Is that our enemy is not human   | vs. 4  |
| 1a.) They are spirit beings          | vs. 4a |
| 1b.) They are from the other realm   | vs. 4b |
| 1c.) They are being held in contempt | vs. 4c |

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| 2.) Is that our mission is urgent | vs. 5 |
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**The Very Heart of the God of the Bible is  
Salvation, Redemption, Deliverance for Man**

( all that is good and well for you and your eternal existence with Him )

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**Perhaps in no more vivid a portion of Scripture,  
Is this Desire of God to Reveal Himself to Mankind Evident....**

Isaiah 6:1-9a

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips: your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." 9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people:

**And this has its New Testament Counterpart...**

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

What are the proofs of a real, heaven bound Christ-Follower?

**It is not only the presence of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit  
in one's observable life,  
but it's also the absence of the Works of the Flesh, in that same life,**

Galatians 5:19-23 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. 22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

# IS THAT OUR MISSION IS URGENT WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW

2a.) The mission pronounces judgment

vs. 5a

2 Peter 2:5a

and (God) (#1) did not spare the ancient world, (#2) but saved Noah, one of eight people...

the **NIV renderings** the Greek **“Noah and (the) seven others.**  
“Noah, being the eighth person.” The others were Mrs. Noah, their three sons  
(Shem, Ham, and Japheth), and their three wives.

Genesis 6:9

This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was (1) a just man, (2) perfect in his generations.  
Noah (3) walked with God.

- just            heb. saddiq blameless, correct motives and actions, to conduct yourself righteously.
- walked        **halak heb.** to journey onward. moving toward, to not look back. (the meaning is what Jesus had said; **“No man putting his hand to the plow and looking back is not fit for the Kingdom of God”**)
- perfect        heb. tamim; intact, sound, complete or without defect, untainted, original, (vintage), pure in the sense of being original. Implying that Noah was special because he was not contaminated. (spec. DNA was clean)

Genesis 6:13-22

And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. 21 And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.” :22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

# IS THAT OUR MISSION IS URGENT WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW

2b.) The mission extends mercy

vs. 5b

a preacher of righteousness,

preacher grk: ke'rux; from the greek word ke'russo; to tell, to herald forth. to shout, extend, promote, to cry. (from the middle ages = town Crier.)

## **In Ancient Greek and Roman Culture.**

*Town Criers were integral to their position in ancient mythology. For example Hermes was the messenger of Zeus, and the Herald of the gods. The first "Town Criers" likely were the Spartan Runners in the early Greek Empire (4th to 5th Century BC). Later, as the Roman Conquest spread throughout Europe, the position of the Crier or Herald increased in importance to the point that they were authorized to conduct negotiations or to verbalize the demands of the realm or an edict or treaty until it was later made a position of the official court. Spartan runners (heralds) would be used to announce the severing of relationships between the powers, which was an official proclamation of war. The herald would also be used to bear proposals of truce or armistice. Even though the position was official and that it was weighty in what was proclaimed by the Crier, his was a dangerous occupation - if news recipients didn't like the message that was being delivered, the herald was most beheaded for being verbatim!*

**"Don't shoot me, I'm only the messenger."**

Matthew 10:16

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves.  
Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

## **Implied Intent and Implication:**

"That you, my followers, being like Me in this dark world – become a beacon of salvation light to those who hear and believe. However, you cannot be the one without being the other AND the other is being a source of conviction and judgement, a messenger of damnation to those who refuse to hear."

## **Philippians 2:15-16**

that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, **16 holding fast / forth** the word of life,

John 3:14-21

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not

believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 This is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved (agape, to love perfectly with an absolute devotion towards or for) darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil (knows what is evil and does it anyway) hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## Why Would Peter want us to Know about this Connection.

Peter here links his audience to events that had happened 4,000 years earlier and the Holy Spirit, the Author of the Bible links us to those ancient events today 6,000 years removed. Why?

If the Bible says that the days leading up to Jesus’ Second Coming are going to be nasty and depraved and perverted days “as it was in the days of Noah,” and that Judgment is guaranteed - - how will the wicked ever know that their time is running out?

## IS THAT OUR MISSION IS URGENT WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW

2c.) The mission ends complete

vs. 5c

bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

## These Few Words at the End of This Verse Arrest Us.

That Noah’s Faithful Witness to His World in his Day,  
was his generation’s only hope – BUT they were utterly destroyed.

## Our Christian Lives Here and Now Must

create a profound division between light and darkness. Between good and evil.  
Between the living and the dead.

How I am living my life is either sending a message of urgency about heaven and hell and souls or it’s a message that is lazy and complacent.

Jude 1:22 NLT

And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. 23 Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

## Am I being driven by a power of urgency regarding the lost people in my family / world ?

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

( For we are to God the fragrance of Christ )

#1 among those who are being saved and #2 among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

## Bringing In, Ushering In The Flood.

Is My Life's Witness, My Lifestyle –  
“Bringing in the Flood on The World of the Ungodly?”

Luke 17:26

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Jeremiah 7:23-28

But this is what I commanded them, saying, “Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’ 24 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. 25 Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them. 26 Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers... ..:27 “Therefore you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not obey you. You shall also call to them, but they will not answer you. :28 “So you shall say to them, ‘This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

## End of Study

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