

The Second General Epistle of  
**PETER**

**2 PETER 1**

*Furnishing character traits in your faith; Peter reminds us of the authority of his words*

**CHAPTER 1**

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those having been allotted like precious faith with us in the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in *the* knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 As his divine power has given to us all things as to life and godliness, through the knowledge of the one calling us to glory and manliness, Note Php 4:8

4 Through which he has given to us exceeding great and precious promises, that through these you might be sharers of the divine nature, having escaped the decay in the world *that is* in passion.

5 And in this same thing, bringing alongside with earnest speed, fully furnish in your faith manliness, and in manliness knowledge; Note Php 4:8

6 And in knowledge, self-control, and in self-control, cheerful endurance, and in cheerful endurance, godliness,

7 And in godliness, brotherly love, and in brotherly love, divine love,

8 Because if these things exist in you, and abound, they constitute you that you will absolutely not be idle and absolutely not unfruitful into the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ;

9 Because the one alongside of whom these things do not exist is blind, having shut his eyes, and has taken forgetfulness that he was cleansed from his past sins.

10 Therefore rather, brothers, make earnest speed to make your calling and being chosen sure, because doing these things, you will absolutely not ever stumble,

11 Because in this way an entrance will be fully furnished to you richly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

12 Therefore I absolutely will not be negligent to remind you always concerning these things, although you see them, and are steadfast in the present truth.

13 And I govern it righteous, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to fully wake you in reminding you,

14 Seeing that shortly I am to lay aside my tabernacle, just as our Lord Jesus Christ made plain to me. Joh 21:18

15 And also I will use earnest speed to make you always have these things in remembrance after my exodus,

16 Because we have absolutely not followed wisely *devised* myths, *when we* made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to be at our side, but were eyewitnesses of his glorious splendor;

**2 PETER 2** *Peter's experience in the mount; Holy Spirit given prophecy; false teachers; sure judgment*

17 Because taking from Father God the honor and glory, there was borne so great a voice to him from the appropriate greatness, This is my Son, my Beloved, in whom I am well pleased. Mat 3:17; 17:5

18 And we heard this voice being borne out of heaven, being with him in the holy mountain.

19 And we have the steadfast prophetic word, toward which you do beautifully well to hold your mind, as to a lamp shining in a dirty place, until *the* day breaks, and the morning star arises in your hearts.

20 Knowing this first, that every prophecy of *the* Scripture is absolutely not of its own unloosing,<sup>20</sup>

21 Because prophecy was absolutely not ever borne along by the will of man<sup>21</sup>, but holy men of God spoke being borne along by the Holy Spirit.

**CHAPTER 2**

1 And there were false prophets also among the people, as also there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Absolute Ruler who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

<sup>20</sup> **1:20 unloosing**, *epilulis*, literally unloosing, meaning the loosing of its meaning to our understanding.

<sup>21</sup> **1:21 prophecy was absolutely not ever borne along by the will of man**. This is a clear statement to me that there is absolutely not one thought or word in the Bible that is the product of human culture or human opinion or human error, but that absolutely every word in the Bible was breathed out by the all-knowing all-wise Holy Spirit of God.

2 And many shall follow their lack of moral restraint, through whom the way of truth shall be blasphemed.

3 And in covetousness with words molded *for the occasion* they will trade on you, whose judgment absolutely will not delay for a long while, and their destruction absolutely will not fall asleep,

4 Because if God absolutely did not spare sinning *heavenly* messengers, but thrust them down to the deepest abyss of hell,<sup>4</sup> and gave them over into chains of gloom to be kept for judgment,

5 And absolutely did not spare the ancient world, but kept Noah the eighth,<sup>5</sup> a preacher of righteousness, bringing the flood upon the world of the ungodly,

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorra into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, placing them as an example to those who afterward would live ungodly,

7 And delivered righteous Lot, worked down by the lack of moral restraint in the behavior of the lawless -

8 Because that righteous one being housed among them, in seeing and hearing, *his* righteous soul was tortured day after day with their unlawful deeds -

<sup>4</sup> **2:4 thrust them down to the deepest abyss of hell**, *Tartaros*, the Greek name for the Hebrew *Gehenna*, hell.

<sup>5</sup> **2:5 Noah the eighth**, meaning that Noah made the eighth soul along with the other seven of his family who were saved in contrast to the multitudes who were destroyed in the flood.

9 The Lord sees *how* to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to keep the unrighteous for the day of judgment to be punished;

10 And most of all those traveling about after the flesh in the passion of contamination, and despising those in lordship.<sup>10</sup> Daring, arrogant, they absolutely do not tremble at blaspheming glories.

11 Where *heavenly* messengers, being greater in strength and power, absolutely do not bring blaspheming judgment against them before the Lord.

12 And these, as irrational physical living creatures, born to be taken and ruined, blaspheme in the things of which they are ignorant, and will be ruined in their own ruin,

13 And being about to be paid the wages of unrighteousness, governing it *to be* sensual pleasure to exist luxuriously in the day. They are blemishes and disgraces, reveling themselves in their own delusions, feasting together with you,

14 Having eyes full of an adulteress, and not ceasing from sin, entrapping unstable souls, having a heart exercised with covetousness, cursed children,

15 Forsaking the straight way, they went astray, following the way of Balaam, the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,

16 And had rebuke for his lawlessness, the mute donkey speaking in man's voice stopped the insanity of the prophet.

17 These are fountains without water, clouds pushed by a violent storm of wind and rain, for whom the gloom of darkness is kept forever,

18 Because speaking overloaded emptiness, in the passions of the flesh through lack of moral restraint, they indeed entrap those escaping from those conducting themselves around in going astray,

19 Promising them liberty, they themselves exist *as* servants of decay, because by whom anyone is made worse, to this one he is brought into servitude,

20 Because if having escaped the pollutions of the world in full knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and by these being again entangled they are made worse, the latter end has become worse with them than the first. Mat 12:45; Luk 11:26; Note Heb 6:2

21 Because it was better for them not to have recognized the way of righteousness, than recognizing *it*, to turn out of the holy commandment given over to them.

22 And the true proverb has happened to them, *The* dog has reverted upon his own vomit, and the washed sow to *her* wallow in *the* mud. Pro 26:11

<sup>10</sup> **2:10 those in lordship**, *kuriotes*, literally lordship, and referring to those in properly constituted authority.

### CHAPTER 3

1 Beloved, I now write this second letter to you, in which I wake up the exercise of your minds, judged under the sunlight, in reminding *you*,

2 To be reminded of the spoken words told *you* before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior to us the apostles,

3 Knowing this first, that there will come upon the last days scoffers, traveling *about* according to their own passions,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming to be at our side, because since the fathers fell asleep all things remain as from the beginning of the creation?

5 Because this is hidden from them by their willing *it so*, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing together out of the water and through the water,

6 Through which the world *that* then was, being deluged with water, was destroyed,

7 And the present heavens and the earth having been treasured up by the same word, are being kept for fire for *the* day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 And do not let this one thing be hidden from you, beloved, that one day with the Lord *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord will absolutely not delay the promise, as some govern *it to be* delay, but is patient to us, not willing *for* any to be destroyed, but that all may have space for repentance.

10 And *the* day of *the* Lord will arrive as a thief in *the* night, in which the heavens will pass away with a crash, and the elements being set on fire will be loosed, the earth also and the works in it will be burned down.

11 Therefore, all these things being loosed, what kind is it necessary for you to be in all holy behavior and godliness,

12 Watching for and making earnest speed *toward* the coming of the day of God to be at our side, through which the heavens being on fire will be loosed, and *the* elements being on fire will liquefy?

13 And we, according to his promise, watch for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness is housed.

14 Therefore, beloved, watching for these things, exercise earnest speed, *be* unblemished and unblameable to be found by him in peace.

15 And govern the patience of our Lord *to be* salvation, just as also our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given to him wrote to you,<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> 3:15-16 our beloved brother Paul ...wrote to you. These words clearly indicate that Paul wrote Hebrews.

*Paul wrote some things (to the Hebrews) hard to understand; grow in grace* **2 PETER 3**

16 As also in all *his* letters, speaking in them concerning these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the unlearned and unsteadfast twist, as also the remaining Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 You therefore, beloved, knowing beforehand, keep yourselves, lest also being led away with the going astray of the lawless you fall out of your own steadfastness.

18 And grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To him *be* the glory both now and to *the* day of eternity. Amen.

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