

1 & 2 Peter Series

Part 4: 2 Peter 2:2 – 12

Warning of False Prophets from Withincontinued.

God's Judgments for Evil & Good - Rescues the Righteous & Evil Qualities Exposed.

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to **destruction, and there are many** who enter through it. 14 For the gate is **small and the way is narrow that leads to life**, and there are **few** who find it.

2 Peter 2:1 But false prophets also arose **among** the people, just as there will also be false teachers **among** you, who will secretly introduce **destructive heresies**, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift **destruction** upon themselves. **2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;**

John 14:21 *He who has My commandments AND **keeps them** **is the one who loves Me**; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."*

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3 and in their greed they will **exploit you with false words**; their **judgment** from long ago is not idle, and their **destruction is not asleep**.

4 **For IF** God did not spare angels **when they sinned**, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

The "If" is a 1st class conditional clause. 1. Condition is obviously true

5 **and did not** spare the ancient world, but preserved **Noah, a preacher of righteousness**, with seven others, when **He brought a flood** upon the world of the ungodly;

6 **and IF** He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to **destruction** by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter;

7 **and IF** He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men

8 (**for** by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),

Here is the “apodosis” the conclusion:

9 **“Then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.”**

The 2 categories depicted here:

*1. those **godly** whom The Lord rescues from temptation (via Jesus Christ's exalted position as our Great High Priest)*

*2. then **the unrighteous** who He keeps under punishment for the day of judgment (so lets leave the judgment up to Him shall we).*

10 and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and **despise authority**. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties,

11 whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

Jude 1:8 Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and **reject authority, and revile angelic -majesties**.

Zechariah 3:1-7 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before **the angel of the Lord**, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

2 The Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing **before the angel.**

4 **He spoke** and said to those who were standing before him, saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes."

5 Then I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the Lord was standing by.

6 **And the angel of the Lord** admonished Joshua, **saying,.....**

7 "**Thus says the Lord of hosts, If you will walk in My ways and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and **I will grant you** free access among these who are standing here.**

Hebrews 1:14 *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?*

Prayer

Song: **The Lord Knows - 2 Peter 2:9**