

2 Peter 2:1-22 Know Your Adversaries- Avoid False Teachers

- Recognize the characteristics and methods used by false teachers v. 1-22
 - They are deceptive in their infiltration v. 1-3
 - Same news different day—false prophets have arisen from inside the camp before v.1
 - Deut. 13:1-5; Jer. 23; Ezek. 13; Gal. 3:1,10,13; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Matt. 24:11; Eph. 2:1-3, 4:14
 - Secretly introducing heresies (ruinous damnation)
 - Even denying the Lord and His Lordship over them
 - Success rate= many will follow their sensuality v. 2
 - False teachers end up maligning the way of truth
 - They are fueled by covetousness and greed v. 3a
 - Exploiting with false words
 - Yet they will be doomed by their iniquity v. 3b-10a
 - Angels weren't spared v. 4
 - The Ancient world wasn't spared v. 5
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 - Everyone being declared ungodly by their destruction
 - Sodom and Gomorrah wasn't spared v. 6
 - Even to this day, an example as to the ultimate price of ungodliness
 - Lot was saved however v. 7-8
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 - Which only proves God will and has saved others from the ungodly and temptation v. 9
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 - Eyes full of adultery v. 14-16
 - Practicing sin, encouraging unstable souls

- Trained in covetous practices and accursed
 - Following Balaam's way \$\$\$\$
 - Who was rebuked by a talking donkey
 - Empty cisterns v. 17
 - Blown away like clouds in a storm
 - Eternal darkness awaits them
 - Devastating in impact v. 18-22
 - Speaking clever but empty works v. 18
 - They appeal to the lust of the flesh and lewdness
 - Promising freedom to those they deceive v. 19
 - They being slaves to the corruption they designed
 - Having once escaped the world they go back again v. 20-21
 - Worse off for having known the truth of Christ
 - Far better had they never heard Heb. 6:4-6
 - No surprise though!! v. 22
 - They are true to the old proverbs
 - » A dog returns to his own vomit
 - » The sow once clean returns to the mire
- See Jude 1-25; Proverbs 6:16-19; Isaiah 9:15; Matt. 8:12; Rev. 21:8, 27
 - In Matt. 23:1-36 What did Jesus do?
 - Apostasy, rejecting the truth having known it
 - 1 Cor. 10:1-12; Hebrews 3:12-18; 10:26-27; 1 John 2:18-19