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The Chapters of 2 Peter

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2 Peter

SECTION OUTLINE ONE (2 PETER 1)

Peter opens his letter by exhorting his readers to grow in the knowledge of God and the Scriptures.

I. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD (1:1-4): Peter writes concerning our Christian faith.

A. The preciousness (1:1-2): Great value is attached to our faith.

B. The power (1:3): God has given us everything we need for living a holy life.

C. The promises (1:4)

1. Protection (1:4a): We will be delivered from the corruption of this world.

2. Participation (1:4b): We will actually share in the Lord's divine nature.

II. THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE VIRTUES OF GOD (1:5-11): We are to add these virtues to our faith.

A. The command (1:5-9)

1. Positive (1:5-8): These virtues are goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, kindness, and love.

2. Negative (1:9): If these are not added, we will become spiritually blind.

B. The certainty (1:10-11): By doing this, we validate our own salvation.

III. THE REVELATION TO THE APOSTLE OF GOD (1:12-15)

A. What God has revealed to Peter (1:12-14): The apostle knows he will die a martyr's death for Christ.

B. What Peter requires from us (1:15): He wants us to remember the great spiritual truths in his epistles.

IV. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE SON OF GOD (1:16-18): Here Peter reviews that marvelous event.

A. The glorious sight (1:16): He was an eyewitness of Christ's splendor.

B. The glorious sound (1:17-18): He heard the Father giving full approval of his beloved Son.

V. THE INSPIRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD (1:19-21)

A. Its accomplishments (1:19): God's Word shines as a light in dark places.

B. Its author (1:20-21)

1. It did not come from the biblical writers (1:20-21a).

2. It did come the biblical writers by the power of the Holy Spirit (1:21b).

SECTION OUTLINE TWO (2 PETER 2)

Peter writes about false religious teachers.

I. THE CORRUPTION OF THESE FALSE TEACHERS (2:1, 3a, 4-10, 12, 13b-17b, 22)

A. Their identity (2:1a, 2, 4-9, 15-16)

1. Prophets and teachers (2:1a, 2)

2. Fallen angels (2:4)

3. The pre-Flood world (2:5)

4. Sodom and Gomorrah (2:6-9)

5. Balaam (2:15-16)

B. Their iniquity (2:1b-1c, 3a, 10, 12, 13b-14, 17a-17b, 22)

1. The symbols for these men (2:12b, 13b, 17a-17b, 22)

- a. Brute beasts (2:12b)
 - b. Stains upon Christianity (2:13b)
 - c. Dried-up springs of water (2:17a)
 - d. Unstable, storm-driven clouds (2:17b)
 - e. Dogs returning to their vomit (2:22a)
 - f. Hogs wallowing in the mud (2:22b)
2. The sin of these men (2:1b-1c, 3a, 10, 12a, 14, 18)
- a. Propagating destructive heresies (2:1b)
 - b. Denying Christ (2:1c)
 - c. Materialism (2:3a, 14c)
 - d. Lust and adultery (2:10a, 14a)
 - e. Pride and arrogance (2:10b)
 - f. Scoffing at the "glorious ones" (2:10c)
 - g. Blasphemy (2:12a)
 - h. Seducing the unstable (2:14b, 18b)
 - i. Boasting (2:18a)
 - j. Hypocritical lying (2:19-21)

II. THE CONDEMNATION OF THESE FALSE TEACHERS (2:1b, 1d, 3b, 11, 12c, 13a, 17c)

- A. They will be judged not by angels** (2:11).
- B. They will experience a swift and terrible end** (2:1d).
- C. They will be caught and destroyed like wild beasts** (2:12c).
- D. They will be destroyed** (2:3b).
- E. They will reap all that they have sowed** (2:13a).
- F. They will be consigned to the blackest darkness** (2:17c).

SECTION OUTLINE THREE (2 PETER 3)

Peter describes three "worlds."

I. THE ANCIENT WORLD (3:5b-6): This world was destroyed by the great Flood in the days of Noah.

II. THE PRESENT WORLD (3:1-5a, 7-12, 14-18)

- A. The documents** (3:1-2): Peter has written both his epistles admonishing his readers to remember the great truths.
 - 1. The truths spoken by the Old Testament prophets (3:1-2a)
 - 2. The truths spoken by the New Testament apostles (3:2c)
 - 3. The truths spoken by the Savior himself (3:2b)
- B. The derision** (3:3-5a): Peter warns that scoffers will appear during the last days.
 - 1. They will falsify the facts concerning the future fire judgment (3:3-4): They will say, "Jesus promised to come back, did he? Then where is he?"
 - 2. They will deliberately forget the facts concerning the past flood judgment (3:5a).
- C. The destruction** (3:7, 10, 12b)
 - 1. The fact of this destruction (3:7): The same God who once sent the flood will one day send fire.
 - 2. The fury of this destruction (3:10, 12b): It will utterly consume both earthly and heavenly elements.
- D. The delay** (3:8-9)
 - 1. The timelessness of God (3:8): A day to him is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as a day.
 - 2. The tenderness of God (3:9): He is patient, not wanting anyone to perish.
- E. The dedication** (3:11-12a, 14-18): In light of all this, two biblical writers admonish believers to live godly and holy lives.
 - 1. Peter's exhortation (3:11-12a, 14, 17-18): Grow in favor with the Lord.
 - 2. Paul's exhortation (3:15-16): The Lord is waiting to return so that more people will have time to be saved.

III. THE NEW WORLD (3:13): This future earth will become the home of universal righteousness.