The Chapters of 2 Peter

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SECTION OUTLINE ONE (2 PETER 1)
Peter opens his letter by exhorting his readers to grow in the knowledge of God and the Scriptures.

   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)
   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.