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Young Adults  
2nd Peter 1:12-2:6

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## Chapter 1:12-25 to 2:6

**12** For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

**13** Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding *you*,

**14** knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

**15** Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

**16** For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

**17** For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

**18** And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

**19** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

**20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

**21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

## Chapter 2

**1** But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction.

**2** And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

**3** By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

**4** For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

**5** and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of* eight *people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

**6** and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

## Observations

Using a highlighter pen highlight the following in the Biblical text (make the highlight large enough to see):

The words **remind**, **reminder**, **reminded**, every time they appears in this section of scripture.

The words **destruction**, **destroyed** and **destructive** every time they appears in this section of scripture.

Using three different colors highlight each time Peter speaks of **God the Father** (one color), **Jesus** (a different color) & the **Holy Spirit** (a third color).

## Study Notes:

1) What had Jesus foretold about Peter's death? (ref. John 21)

2) Peter speaks of being an eyewitness of Jesus' majesty—what event did he have in mind?

3) In vs. 20 Peter tells us that “no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation”, what does he mean? How does Peter's instruction in vss. 19-21 speak to the debate over whether or not the Bible is the inspired word of God?

4) In our text Peter warns his readers about false prophets/teachers: what are the distinguishing marks of a false prophet/teacher? Can you name any contemporary persons who you believe are false prophets? (see also Matthew 7:15-20).

5) What do false teachers bring into the church? What are some examples today of the kinds of things that Peter says false prophets will bring into the church?

6) According to Peter what is one motivation of false prophets & teachers? Compare Peter's warnings with Paul's in 1Timothy 6:3-5.

7) Which of the essential doctrines of the Christian faith can you find supported in this section of Scripture?

**The list of essential\* Christian doctrines that emerge from the early creeds and councils includes:**

- (1) Human depravity
- (2) Christ's virgin birth
- (3) Christ's sinlessness
- (4) Christ's deity
- (5) Christ's humanity
- (6) God's unity
- (7) God's Triunity
- (8) The necessity of God's grace
- (9) The necessity of faith
- (10) Christ's atoning death
- (11) Christ's bodily resurrection
- (12) Christ's bodily ascension
- (13) Christ's present high priestly service
- (14) Christ second coming, final judgment (heaven and hell), and reign.

\*These doctrines define the historic evangelical Christian faith. To reject or deny any of these is to move from orthodoxy to heresy. Do some research on **Unitarianism** and list below the doctrines that they deny or reject.