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Young Adults  
2nd Peter 2:4-22

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## Chapter 2:4-22

**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;  
**7** and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked  
**8** (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)—  
**9** *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,  
**10** and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,  
**11** whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.  
**12** But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption,  
**13** *and* will receive the wages of unrighteousness, *as* those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. *They are* spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,  
**14** having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, *and are* accursed children.  
**15** They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;  
**16** but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.  
**17** These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

## Observations

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

The **names** of the ungodly people and wicked cities mentioned.

Using a different color highlighter highlight the **names** of the righteous and godly people that Peter mentions.

The words **deliver** & **delivered**.

**18** For when they speak great swelling *words* of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

**19** While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

**20** For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

**21** For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

**22** But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”

## Study Notes:

1) Compare vs. 4 with Revelation 9 and Jude vs. 5-11. Who do you think the angels are that Peter describes?

2) What characteristics of wicked and ungodly people does Peter list?

3) In your opinion is the world today much different today than the wicked people and cities that Peter describes? Provide examples to support your opinion.

4) In vs. 8 the apostle calls Lot, “that righteous man”. However, when reading the account of Lot’s life in Genesis you might not come to the same conclusion! What does vs. 8 tell you about God’s perspective of people?

5) What do false teachers promise to those who follow them? What are Peter's warnings regarding those promises?

6) Read verses 20-22: do you think that Peter has Christians in view? Explain your answer.

**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 the **Assemblies of Yahweh** and list below the doctrines that they deny or reject.