

OUTLINE FOR STUDY OF II PETER CHAPTER TWO

"CHALLENGES TO THE TRUTH"

I. FALSE TEACHERS SPEAK EVIL OF THE WAY OF TRUTH. (1-3)

- Description of false teachers. (1-3)
 - They are "among you".
 - They bring in destructive teaching.
 - They speak evil of the way of truth.
 - They use people to their own profit.

II. PROOF THAT GOD MEANS WHAT HE SAYS. (4-9)

- Sinful angels not spared. (4)
- Ungodly of Noah's day not spared. (5)
- Sodom & Gomorrah were not spared but Lot was delivered. (6-9)

III. THE INFLUENCE OF FALSE TEACHERS. (10-22)

- THEIR NATURE. (10-14)
 - Worldly minded.
 - Self-willed.
 - Void of understanding in their evil speaking.
- THEIR MOTIVATION. (15-17)
 - Love ways of unrighteousness. (15-16)
 - Example of Balaam from Old Testament.
 - Other examples of their worldliness. (17)
- THEIR APPEAL AND FALSE ARGUMENT. (18-19)
 - Appeal to vanity and lusts of the flesh. (18)
 - They promise liberty (or freedom) yet are captive to sin. (19)
- THEIR SUCCESS. (20-22)
 - Lead God's people astray. (20)
 - Explanation and examples of the path of the fallen child of God. (21-22)
- THEIR FATE. (9)
 - To be punished on judgment day.

IV. CONCLUSION.

- Be always alert for false teachers. (II Timothy 4:1ff)
- False teachers are real and can do real damage to the church and to my soul and yours.
- Satan is at work through false teachers.
- The greatest defense against false teachers is a good offense.