

(1) But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

(2) And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the Way of Truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

(4) For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; ---

If He did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with 7 others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ---

If by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes He condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ---

And if He rescued Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); ---

(9) THEN the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

Think on these things:

1) How likely is it that Christian churches will have (false) prophets who introduce destructive (and divisive) teachings (v. 1)? How can an individual Christian not be deceived (2 Timothy 2:14-16)? Explain “heresy” in your own words.

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2) V. 1 states that these individuals will even “deny” Jesus, their Redeemer (“who bought them”). Is there a consequence to this action? See also Matthew 10:33 and 2 Timothy 2:12. Interesting that this action comes from a preacher/teacher...!

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3) How will destruction come upon them?

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4) A. (vs. 2-3) Many will follow their \_\_\_\_\_ . (most often, sexual sins)

B. Because of them, the Way of Truth will be \_\_\_\_\_ .

C. In their greed, they will \_\_\_\_\_ with false words.

5) Who was condemned in verse 4? \_\_\_\_\_ (See Genesis 6:1-4 and Jude 6)

6) Who was condemned in verse 5? \_\_\_\_\_ (See Genesis 6:5-8 and 7:1-5)

7) Who was condemned in verse 6? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(See Genesis 18:20-21 and 19:23-29)

8) Genesis 19:1-22 is the story of Lot's rescue from Sodom. How is Lot described in 2 Peter 2 (v. 7)?  
What was the impact of "citizen lifestyles" on Lot personally (vs. 7b-8)?

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9) What is the "conclusion" of Peter's citing the 4 examples above (v. 9)? Please state both the positive and the negative.

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10) Are you comforted by the positive conclusion in Q9? Besides Noah and Lot, can you think of any other Bible people who lived out much of their lives among ungodly people, and did it well?!

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11) Holding the 'unrighteous under punishment' is "especially" for people who indulge in their "lust  
for \_\_\_\_\_" and who " \_\_\_\_\_."

People and situations I want to pray for this week: