

The second letter of **Peter**

^{1:1}Simon Peter, a servant and sent one of Jesus the Anointed One, to those who through the *equitable* justice of our God and Savior Jesus the Anointed One are equally honored with us *because of* having obtained faith:

^{1:2}May grace and peace be increased to you through the full knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ^{1:3}since his divine power has provided us with everything that is necessary for *the development of his life within us* and the holiness *which it produces*, through fully knowing him who calls us to his own glory and virtuous character.

^{1:4}With this objective, he has presented to us these tremendous and precious promises through which we can be becoming co-participants of the {his} divine nature, escaping from the *moral* decay that operates in the world through carnal cravings.

^{1:5}And for this very reason *you should be* becoming ever more diligent to add to your faith *God's* virtuous character; and to virtuous character, increased understanding; ^{1:6}and to understanding, self-control; and to self-control, patience; and to patience, holiness; ^{1:7}and to holiness, brotherly affection; and to brotherly affection, *God's* perfect love.

^{1:8}For if these things are yours and are super abundant *in your life*, you will be neither idle nor unfruitful *as a result of* fully knowing our Lord Jesus the Anointed One. ^{1:9}For he who lacks these things is blind, not seeing into the distant *future*, having forgotten the cleansing from his earlier sins.

^{1:10}Therefore, brethren, be diligent to make your calling – even your having been divinely chosen – well established. For if you do these things, you will never fall short

of it. ^{1:11}In this way, an entrance into the age-lasting [millennial] kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Anointed One will be made abundantly available to you.

^{1:12}Therefore, I will not neglect to continually remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the present truth. ^{1:13}For I think it is right as long as I am in this *earthly* "tent" to stir you up by reminding you, ^{1:14}knowing that the putting off of my "tent" is coming soon, even as our Lord Jesus the Anointed One has shown me. ^{1:15}Therefore, I will be diligent so that after my decease you will always be able to remember these things.

^{1:16}For we did not follow cleverly invented fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus the Anointed One but we were eyewitnesses of his glorious splendor.

^{1:17}For he received from God the Father honor and radiant brightness. *It was during that event* that a voice came to him from the Majestic Glory *saying*, "This is my Son, the Beloved, in whom I take pleasure." ^{1:18}And we *ourselves* heard this voice which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

^{1:19}And we *also* have the sure word of prophecy [the scriptures] to which you should pay attention, as if to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

^{1:20}*We should* understand this first of all: that no prophecy of scripture came from personal inspiration. ^{1:21}For no prophecy ever came by the choice of man but selected men spoke for God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 2

^{2:1}But there also arose false prophets among the people, just as among you too there will be false teachers who will craftily take others captive *as their own followers*, bringing ruin. *These* even refuse the authority of the One who bought them, *thus* bringing abrupt destruction upon themselves.

^{2:2}And many will follow their destructive ways and because of this, people will speak badly about the way of the truth. ^{2:3}And in their greediness for money, using care-

fully crafted words, they will use you for their personal gain. Their judgment, even though delayed, has not been cancelled and their destruction will not be postponed.

^{2:4}For since God did not spare the angels when they sinned but chained them up in the darkness of Tartarus [probably Hades] to be reserved for judgment ^{2:5}and did not spare the ancient world but preserved Noah, a proclaimer of righteousness, along with seven others when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly, *neither will he spare those of you who walk in sin.*

^{2:6}Furthermore, *he* reduced the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes, judging them with a catastrophe, *thus* making them an example for those who would live sinfully, ^{2:7}but rescued righteous Lot who was very distressed by the unrestrained, lustful behavior of the wicked. ^{2:8}(For the soul of that righteous man was tormented daily by seeing and hearing their sinful acts *while he* lived among them).

^{2:9}By all this we see that the Lord knows how to rescue the godly out of trials and to reserve the sinful for punishment on the day of judgment.

^{2:10}This is especially so for those who walk following the flesh, giving themselves over to their cravings for what is sexually impure, who reject the lordship of the Anointed One over them. These do not observe God's limits, are arrogant, and are not even afraid to insult the glorious ones. [Probably the fallen angles. See Jude 1:8,9]. ^{2:11}In contrast to this, angels, though greater in might and power than such carnal men, do not bring slanderous accusations against them [the fallen angels] before the Lord.

^{2:12}But these men, like wild animals without the ability to reason which are made to be captured and destroyed, shout reproachfully against those beings about whom they are actually ignorant. But they will be destroyed in their depravity, ^{2:13}receiving the "reward" of their evil ways.

These are men and women who are always the first to indulge themselves, daily seeking for all kinds of carnal pleasures. They are stains and blemishes when they eat together with you, taking pleasure in their delusions.

^{2:17}These are like springs without water and clouds

driven by a storm for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved for the [kingdom] age {singular, Gk}.

^{2:18}Using exaggerated, empty *words*, they seduce into sexual sin those who have just barely escaped from a life of error by *appealing to* their fleshly cravings. ^{2:19}These talk about “liberty” but really they are slaves of *carnal* passion, for when someone is dominated by something, he is really a slave to it.

^{2:20}For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus the Anointed One, they are again entangled in them and overcome, their last condition has become worse than the first.

^{2:21}For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment *which was* given to them. ^{2:22}It has happened to them according to the true proverb: “The dog returns to his own vomit and the pig that is washed to wallowing in the mud.”

CHAPTER 3

^{3:1}Beloved, this is now the second letter which I have written to you and in both of them I *strive to* reawaken your sincerity of purpose by reminding you ^{3:2}that you should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets and the precepts of the Lord and Savior *given* to you through the sent ones.

^{3:3}It is of primary importance to know that in the last days scoffers will come *who* follow their own fleshly desires ^{3:4}and say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For, since the time that the fathers passed away, everything has just gone on the same way *as it always has* since the beginning of creation.”

^{3:5}But there is something they haven’t wanted to see: *i.e.* that a long time ago, there were heavens and an earth, which was partly out of the water and partly covered with water, which were held together by the word of God. ^{3:6}*And*, by that same *word*, the world that then existed was destroyed by a flood of water. ^{3:7}But the present heavens

and the earth have been reserved *for destruction* by fire by the same word, waiting until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

^{3:8}But *concerning this subject* there is one thing of which you must not be unaware, beloved: *i.e.* that one day with the Lord is like one thousand years and one thousand years like one day.

^{3:9}The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some consider slowness but is very patient with respect to us, not wishing that anyone would perish but that everyone would have a chance for repentance.

^{3:10}But the day* of the Lord will come as a thief in the night during which the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will be dissolved by being set on fire, and the earth along with the works that are in it will be incinerated.

^{3:11}*In view of the fact that* these things are all going to be destroyed, what kind of persons ought you to be in *all* holy behavior and reverent respect for God, ^{3:12}looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, during which the heavens being on fire will be dissolved and the elements will melt, being burned up?

^{3:13}But according to his promise, we look expectantly for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness makes its home.

^{3:14}Therefore, beloved, *since you are* eagerly expecting these things, be diligent so that you may be found by him without defect, blameless, and in peace.

^{3:15}And consider that the great patience of our Lord is *an opportunity for more* salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, also wrote to you. ^{3:16}*This is what* he also has *written* in all *his* letters, speaking in them about these points, in which there are some things which are hard to understand *and* which the unenlightened and unstable distort to their own destruction, as *they* also *do with* the other scriptures.

*This "day" which is the "day of the Lord," is a One-thousand-year-long "day" and is also known as the "seventh day" and as the "millennium" or the "Millennial Kingdom." Many different things will happen during that extended "day."

^{3:17}You then, beloved, knowing *these facts* beforehand,

be on your guard so that you don't fall from your own faithfulness, being carried away with the deceit of those who are without *God's* restraint.

^{3:18}But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Master and Savior, Jesus the Anointed One.

To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

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