

Bible Study Notes and Questions on the Second Letter of Peter

Overview: This letter was written by Peter shortly before his death in about 67AD (1:14-15). He wrote this letter to remind believers to be grounded in the knowledge of the saving truth in Jesus Christ; and to warn them of the counterfeit teaching at that time.

Chapter 1: Peter exhorted the believers to grow in the knowledge of God reminding them of things they already knew. Believers must strengthen their faith to make their calling sure. Peter had been an eyewitness of Christ's glory and had stressed that the prophetic word in scripture had come from God.

Chapter 2: Peter warned believers of false prophets and teachers that had led many astray. He has exposed their heretical teaching and morality. There are examples of God having delivered righteous men and the wicked being punished.

Chapter 3: Peter reminded believers of what had already been spoken by the holy prophets and of the apostles. God will keep his promises regardless of scoffers who had rejected the word of God. There is the absolute certainty of Jesus Christ returning to earth and the future of a new heaven and a new earth to look forward to. Peter exhorted the believers to holy living.

Questions on Chapter One

- Q.1)** How did Peter introduce this letter and to which people has Peter addressed? See 1:1-2.
Q.2) What has Peter shown that God has given to us in 1:3-4?
Q.3) Show the seven qualities we are to develop in order to grow as believers in Jesus Christ. See 1:5-7.
Q.4) What is the result of adding to our faith? See 1:8-11.
Q.5) What dangers can believers fall in to if they fail to persevere in growing spiritually? Read carefully 1:8-9 & 3:17.
Q.6) Why did Peter want to remind the readers of things in this letter in 1:12-15?
Q.7) How did Peter prove he was an eyewitness of the Lord Jesus Christ? See 1:16-18 and also **Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36.**
Q.8) Show that all scripture was given by God in 1:19-21. See **2Timothy 3:14-17.**
Q.9) Read again 1:16-21 and show the infallible proofs of Christianity.

Questions on Chapter Two

- Q.1)** What is known of the character of the false prophets and false teachers? Read 2:1-3; 10b-22 and also **Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Matthew 7:15-20; Acts 20:28-30; Jude 4-19.**
Q.2) What did the false prophets and teachers teach? See again 2:1-3, 10b-22; 3:3-5; 3:16 and also **Jude 4-19.**
Q.3) Who are these angels that sinned and what will be their future? See 2:4 and also **Genesis 6:1-4; Matthew 25:41; 1Peter 3:18-20; Jude 6; Revelation 20:2-3,10,14.**
Q.4) Show how God has dealt with the righteous and unrighteous people as seen in the examples in 2:4-10b.
Q.5) Is there evidence to show that these false prophets and false teachers were never believers in the first place? See 2:1-3; 2:12-19; **Matthew 7:15-20; 24:5, 23-26; Mark 13:6, 21-23; Luke 21:8.**
Q.6) How did the false prophets and false teachers lead people astray to follow them? See 2:1-3; 2:14-19.
Q.7) Read carefully 2:19-22. Do these verses refer to the spiritual state of believers as a result of being led astray or to people who were never true believers?

Questions on Chapter Three

- Q.1)** What did Peter want believers to think as shown in **3:1-2**?
- Q.2)** What is understood by the scoffers/mockers and how did Peter refute them? See **3:3-7**.
- Q.3)** Why has God appeared to delay the second coming of Jesus Christ? See **3:3-10** and also **Ezekiel 18:23, 32; 33:11**.
- Q.4)** What does Peter reveal of the future of the present world in **3:7-13**?
- Q.5)** What is meant by the day of the Lord according to Peter's letter in **3:10-12**? It is helpful to study the following references: **Isaiah 2:12; 13:6,9; Ezekiel 13:5; 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1,11,31; Amos 5:18-19; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7,14-18; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:5; Acts 2:20; 1Thessalonians 5:2; 2Thessalonians 2:2; Revelation 6:16-17**.
- Q.6)** How are we to live in view of this world coming to an end? See **3:11, 14, 17-18**.
- Q.7)** What is understood by the day of God in **3:12**?
- Q.8)** Is it true to say there will be an entirely new heavens and a new earth compared to the one we have at present? See **3:13** and also **Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; Revelation 21:1-27; 22:1-5**.
- Q.9)** Show Peter's attitude to the letters of Paul in **3:15-16**.

Miscellaneous Questions

- Q.1)** What do we know of who God is in this letter?
- Q.2)** Show the prophecies in this letter. Which prophecies are yet to be fulfilled? See **1:11-13; 2:1-22; 3:3-7; 3:10-14**.
- Q.3)** Read carefully **1:2-3, 8; 2:20; 3:17-18** and show the essential antidote in dealing with error and deception. See **John 7:16-17; Acts 20:27-31; 2Timothy 2:15; 1John 4:1-6; Jude 3-4**.
- Q.4)** Look carefully at **2:15-16** which refers to Balaam. There is evidence that he had heard clearly from God. Why did Balaam fail to serve the Lord faithfully? It is helpful to read **Numbers Chapters 22-25** and also **Numbers 31:8; Deuteronomy 23:3-5; Joshua 13:22; 24:9-10; Nehemiah 13:1-2; Micah 6:5; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14**.
- Q.5)** Read through this letter and show in what ways God has shown his divine intervention in the course of history. Do you have confidence that God will intervene in the future?
- Q.6)** Show the important themes that Peter has stressed in this letter.

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