

2 Peter Series

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Sodom: Righteous Among the Pagans

2 Peter 2:5–7



2nd PETER

Guard Against False Teachers

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with someone
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**ἁμαρτάνω
hamartanō
aor act part
masc plur gen
to sin; miss the
mark of God’s
righteousness**

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**ζόφος *zophos* masc sing gen
gloom, deep darkness**

2 Pet. 2:17, “These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”

Jude 6, “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;”

Jude 13, “raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”

SHEOL, HADES

Luke 16:19–25

**ABRAHAM'S
BOSOM**

“PARADISE”

**Old Testament
Believers**

**To third heaven
2 Cor. 12:1–4**

**Impassable
Barrier**

TORMENTS

Unbelievers
from all
dispensations

TARTARUS

“chains of darkness”

ABYSS

1. **2 Peter 2:5**, “**and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;”**

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**3 sing aor mid indic
to spare, to refrain
from something; in
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leniently. (Same as
in 2 Pet. 2:4)**

1 Peter 3:20, “who once were disobedient, when [*hote*, ‘*when, while*’] the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.”

BDAG: ① marker of a point of time that coincides with another point of time.

Jude 6, “And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,”

ἀρχή, *arche* “domain, or sphere of influence or power” “first in order”

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**οἰκητήριον *oikētērion*
“habitation or dwelling
place”**

**Jude 7, “just as Sodom and Gomorrah
and the cities around **them** [fem. pl.],
since **they** [the cities] in the same way as
these [masc. pl. angels] indulged in
gross immorality and went after strange
flesh, are exhibited as an example in
undergoing the punishment of eternal
fire.”**

2 Pet. 2:4, “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;**

2 Pet. 2:5, “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**;**

2 Pet. 2:6, “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;**

2 Pet. 2:7, “and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

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2. Righteous here is imputed righteousness, which with spiritual growth develops into a capacity to live in an experientially righteous way. But experiential righteousness is based on the possession of imputed righteousness.

Genesis 7:1, “Then the LORD said to Noah, ‘Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time.’ ”

3. Righteousness is according to faith, not works.

Hebrews 11:7, “By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”

Ezek. 14:14, “ ‘Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,’ says the Lord GOD.”

Ezek. 14:20, “ ‘even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.’ ”

4. Abraham is the pattern for imputed righteousness in the Old Testament.

Gen. 15:6, “And he *believed* in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

1-ןא *ʾaman-1* hif perfect 3 masc sing to trust

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ῥύομαι *rhuomai*

**3 sing aor mid indic
to deliver; rescue,
deliver, preserve, save**

**καταπονέω; *kataponeō*,
to wear down with toil,
exhaust with labor;
hence, to afflict or
oppress with evils; to
make trouble for; to
treat roughly**

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ἀσέλγεια *asélgeia*; licentious, brutal. Lasciviousness, license, debauchery, sexual excess, absence of restraint, insatiable desire for pleasure.

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ἄθεσμος *áthesmos* alpha privative plus the noun from *thesmos*, meaning a foundation, thus a law, or custom. With the negative, “without a foundation,” lawless, licentious, unprincipled, amoral. Its synonym in the Scripture is evil, wicked, or those inherently bad, *kakos*.

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**βασανίζω *basanizō* 3 sing imperf act indic
to torment, torture**

Jude 7, “as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

2 Corinthians 6:14, “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?”

2 Corinthians 6:15, “And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?”

Isaiah 5:20, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”

Micah 5:2, “You who hate good and love evil, who tear off their skin from them and their flesh from their bones,”