

2 Peter Series

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False Promises Leading to Slavery

2 Peter 2:17–21



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Guard Against False Teachers

2A God Warns Us About False Teachers, 2 Peter 2:1–22

**1B The certainty of false teachers and
their destructive heresies, 2:1a**

**2B The destructiveness of deception,
2:1b–3**

**3B The certainty of their judgment,
2:4–10a**

**4B The self-destruction of their
arrogance, 2:10b–22**

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**φυσικός *phusikos*
neut plur nom
natural, native; physical**

**ἄλογος *alogos*
neut plur nom
speechless; without
speech; irrational;
“like irrational
creatures of instinct”**

**γεννάω *gennaō* perf
pass part neut plur
nom
born, made**

**βλασφημέω *blasphēmeō*
pres act part masc plur
nom
to verbally abuse, revile,
blaspheme**

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**ἀγνοέω *agnoeō*
3 plur pres act
indic
to be ignorant;
to not know,
lack knowledge**

**φθείρω *phtheirō*
3 plur fut pass
indic to ruin,
corrupt, destroy
they will be
destroyed**

**φθορά *phthora*
fem sing dat
corruption,
decay
in their own
corruption**

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2 Pet. 2:14, “having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and *are* accursed children.

2 Pet. 2:15, “They have forsaken the right way and **[they have]** gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the **wages of unrighteousness**;

2 Pet. 2:16, “but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man’s voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

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

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ἔχω *echō*

**pres act part masc plur nom
to have.**

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**pres act part masc
plur nom**

**to entice, to lure, to
bait, beguile, see vs.
18**

**purpose “for the
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2 Pet. 2:14, “while feasting with you they have eyes full of adulteresses and unceasing sin, for the purpose of enticing unstable souls, Because they have hearts trained in covetous practices, they are accursed children.” [~RD]

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**ἡδονή *hēdonē*
fem sing acc (f)
pleasure,
delight**

**τρυφή *truphē*
fem sing acc
effeminancy, self-
indulgence**

**ἐντρυφάω *entruphaō*
pres act part masc plur nom
to revel, carouse, indulge the baser
lusts**

2 Pet. 2:15, “[Because they] abandoned the right way and they went astray, [by] following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;”

καταλείπω

kataleipō

aor act part

masc plur

nom

to abandon,

forsake

πλανάω *planaō* 3

plur aor pass indic

to wander;

deceive;

went astray

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**φθέγγομαι
phtheggomai
aor mid part neut
sing nom
to speak, utter cf.,
2:18**

**παραφρονία
paraphronia fem
sing acc insanity,
madness,
psychotic,
divorced from the
reality of God and
His creation**

Balaam illustrates three features of the false teachers:

The motive is money, prosperity, name it and claim it and God will make you rich.

Undermine the Word of God with false prophecies and words of wisdom and knowledge, spiritual gifts no longer in effect.

Appeal to the baser lusts of the sin nature, destroy them with their own immorality.

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**ὅς *hos* Relative
pronoun
def masc plur dat
“who, whom,
which, what”**

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**ζόφος *zophos* masc sing
nom deepest dark, the
blackness of the nether
world, 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude
1:6**

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Jude 12, “These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;”

Jer. 14:3, “Their nobles have sent their lads for water; They went to the cisterns and found no water. They returned with their vessels empty; They were ashamed and confounded and covered their heads.

Jer. 14:4, “Because the ground is parched, for there was no rain in the land, the plowmen were ashamed; They covered their heads.”

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pres act indic to
entice, bait the trap,
seduce**

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ματαιότης
mataiotēs Noun
fem sing gen (f)
futility;
emptiness;
purposelessness

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Part of the bait in the trap to seduce the weak are the “loud boasts of folly” ESV; “speaking out arrogant words of vanity” NASB; “high sounding but empty words” NET; “boastful, empty words” HCSB

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**ἀσέλγεια aselgeia
fem plur dat
sensuality; unbridled
lust, excess,
licentiousness,
lasciviousness,
wantonness,
outrageousness,
shamelessness,
insolence (Thayer)**

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2 Cor. 4:4, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

Eph. 2:2, “in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”

1 John 5:19, “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.”

John 12:31, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”

John 14:30, “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”