

2 Peter Series

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Living Today in Light of the Future
2 Peter 3:13-15



2nd PETER

Guard Against False Teachers

3A God refutes specific false teaching in light of the future return of Christ, 2 Peter 3:1–13

1B Peter's second reminder, 2 Peter 3:1–2

2B God refutes the false teachers' denial of the literal Second Advent, 2 Peter 3:3–13

Conclusion: Warning and Challenge

Do not fall into error, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:14–18

2 Pet. 3:14, “Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

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2 Pet. 3:16, “as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.”

2 Pet. 3:13, “Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

Jer. 23:5, “ ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Jer. 23:6, “ ‘In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE Lord OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.’ ”

Isa. 1:26, “I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city.”

Isa. 16:5, “In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness.”

**Isa. 32:1, “Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and
princes will rule with justice.”**

Isa. 32:16, “Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.”

Dan. 9:24, “Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.”

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**ἐκλογή *ekloge* fem sing acc, choice;
appointment, commissioning, appointment for a special task based on qualifications—the qualification is their imputed righteousness cf., Judg. 20:16, “700 choice men;” Matt. 24:14, “For many are invited by few are choice.” ~RD**

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βέβαιος *bebaios*

fem sing acc

“sure, firm, certain;” used of an external

confirmation. Something that is stable, steadfast.

**“How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word,
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
to You who for refuge to Jesus have fled.”**

Heb. 2:2, “For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast [βέβαιος *bebaios* ‘was confirmed’], and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,”

γίνομαι *ginomai*

3 sing aor mid indic

“to become; to come into existence, something takes place.” Here, the word spoken through angels *was confirmed*

Heb. 6:19, “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both certain and [βέβαιος *bebaios* unshakeable, reliable], and which enters the Presence behind the veil,” ~RD

Heb. 9:17, “For a testament is [βέβαιος *bebaios*] confirmed after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.” ~RD

Col. 2:7, “rooted and built up in Him and established [βέβαιος *bebaios*] in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.” ~NKJV

[other translations: *firm* (ESV), *established* (NASB95), these indicate *stability*.]

Heb. 13:9, “Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established [βέβαιος *bebaios*: strengthened, established, made stable] by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.”

2 Pet. 1:19, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed [βέβαιος, *bebaios*], which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;”

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John 10:28, “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 10:29, “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

2 Pet. 1:15, “Moreover I will be careful [I will make every effort] to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

2 Pet. 3:14, “Therefore, beloved, while you think about these future things, make every effort to be found ...”

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about something in the future**

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2 Pet. 3:12, “looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

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εὕρισκω *heuriskō*

aor pass infin

**“to find, discover (used with
a judicial sense)”**

see John 18:38; 19:4, 6;

Acts 13:28; 24:20; Gal. 2:17;

Phil. 3:9; 1 Pet. 1:7; 2:22;

Rev. 3:2

John 19:6, “Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, ‘Crucify Him, crucify Him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.’ ”

Acts 13:28, “And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.”

Acts 24:20, “Or else let those who are here themselves say if they found any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council,”

1 Pet. 1:7, “that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,”

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Rom. 5:1, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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1 Jn. 2:28, “And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” ~NKJV

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sin

μῶμος *mōmos*

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2 Pet. 3:14, “Therefore, beloved, while you think about these future things, make every effort to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;”

In contrast to the false teachers:

2 Pet. 2:13, “and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,”

1 Pet. 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

1 Tim. 6:14, “that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing,”

James 1:27, “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

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