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2 Peter

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C1 Vss 1-21 Unlike his first letter Peter moves right to what he desires to express. God has given believers all they need. Promises is a theme as he behind this letter.

He calls believers to live as promise heirs. He wants them to live in a way that that will make every believer useful. Notice he uses terms such as holy living, knowledge and self control. These all mean nothing without brotherly love. Peter regularly uses the eternal reward to encourage believers. It is almost as if he expects persecution and they must focus like Jesus beyond the cross. This is the martyrs mindset. Stephen looked up (). Believers must look up! Every believer needs to do this now (1-11).

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Peter reveals that his time on earth is nearing the end. This letter is a reminder letter. He gives his written eye witness testimony. Peter day within his testimony how important tibia for the believers to here the prophets. More specifically, study and pray over what they wrote. They are resting the words of God and not the prophet personal proclamations (12-21).

C2 vss1-22. He uses the experience of the Old Testament Scripture to show how relevant they are to contemporary circumstances. As there were false prophets then there will always be false prophets.

Peter reveals many will follow them including their immoral conduct. They make up clever lies and patterns. As you know this writer often shares about judging. Here Peter is judging. He provides information for believers to identify false teachers. He demonstrates an excellent example of how to use Old Testament Scripture.

He shows Noah being faithful and how God deals with the ungodly. He begins with the angelic world showing that even angels who sin were thrown into hell. Then he follows with those who rejected Noah. They die in their disobedience. He shows the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah being destroyed. He beautifully captures Lott as being tortured in his spirit by what he witnessed, and how God delivered Lott. Peter reasons, "God knows how to deliver His (1-9).

Peter throws in another continuing theme. God is particularly harsh on those with twisted sexual desires and who oppose authorities. These age direct attacks against false teacher who are demagogues using the persecution to manipulate many who also indulge in sex sin. It reasons when false teachers cannot observe simple truths, they are going to also commit the most vile sins.

Peter calls them a disgrace among the believers. This is often missed among Bible readers. Clearly it speaks about unbelievers, the majority of all Scripture is devoted toward the conduct of believers. They live under a curse. Peter shows how deeply stained that are in every way (10-16).

Peter gives a revelation that is also caught by the writer of Hebrews (Hebrews those once enlightened). And finds its origin in the words of a Jesus. When a life is cleaned of demons, they return and find the house clean. They are worse than before they departed the first time (). Peter says those who enjoyed the fellowship and who do these immoral things are worse than when ever. It would have been better of they never knew Him (17-22).

C3 Vss 1-18 Peter reemphasizes what the prophets have said. As he speaks of the end times, the earth is stored up for fire as he views the landscape of humanity. It is Peter who reveals clearly, God has no time in the sense that humans do. Ages, epochs and millenniums are like a day.

It is not simply being coy. It is completely accurate. This is why being ready after two thousand yeasts is so important. Peter shows God as being patient because He wants to

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save as many as possible. Peter describes a fire so hot that all earthly elements will disintegrate. Note Peter does not say this in a passing fashion. He continues with the topic of how all the elements are going to burn including the heavens. His objective is that believers are found blameless.

Peter refers to what Paul has written. He affirms what Paul had stated. He admits that Paul is sometimes difficult to understand, but also recognizes that Paul's words are misrepresented as with Scripture by false prophets. Peter's departing words are a warning to false teachers.

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