

## False Teachers and Their Destruction - 2 Peter 2:1-22

**Topics:** Abandon, Angels, Backslide, Blasphemy, Choices, Complacency, Desires, Enemies, Faithfulness, Forsake, Freedom, God, Hardheartedness, Hell, Heresy, Jesus Christ, Judgment, Law, Lust, Morality, Punishment, Rebellion, Rejection, Repentance, Righteousness, Sin, Slavery, World

### Open It

1. What is your favorite proverb or wise saying (for example, “Haste makes waste”)?
- \* 2. What activities or pursuits are popular today?
3. In what ways do people today abuse their freedom?

### Explore It

4. What did Peter warn his readers that false prophets would attempt to do? (2:1)
5. What did Peter say would happen when people followed false prophets? (2:2)
6. What did God do to the angels who had sinned? (2:4)
7. Whom did Peter say God protected? (2:5)
8. What did God use as an example of what will happen to the ungodly? (2:6)
- \* 9. What effect did living among immoral people have upon Lot? (2:7-8)
10. How did Peter say the Lord would deal with the godly and the unrighteous? (2:9)
11. What kind of people are unafraid to slander celestial beings? (2:10-15)
12. How did God rebuke Balaam? (2:16)
13. What did Peter say was reserved for people who rebel against God? (2:17)
- \* 14. How did the evil people of whom Peter wrote affect others? (2:18)
15. What did such sinful men promise? (2:19)
16. To what were sinful people slaves? (2:19)
- \* 17. How did Peter say a person could escape the corruption of the world? (2:20)
18. In what way would it have been better for ungodly people to have never heard of God? Why? (2:21)
19. What proverbs did Peter apply to the blatantly ungodly? (2:22)

### Get It

- \* 20. What effect does living and working among sinful people have upon you?
- \* 21. How do you deal with the influence of immoral or rebellious people around you?
22. What false prophets attempt to influence the church today?
23. Why is it important to know how God has dealt with unrighteous people in the past, including angels?
24. When and why have you felt like Lot—distressed by the filthy lives of lawless people?
25. Why and how could someone who has known Christ return to the unrighteousness from which he or she had been rescued?
26. When are you tempted to return to some sinful activity or attitude? Why?
27. What lustful desires entice people today?
28. When and how does slavery sometimes appear to be a promise of freedom?
29. To what sorts of desires can we become unknowingly enslaved?
30. Why might it be important for us to know what Peter wrote about angels?
31. What false teachings do you need to expose as untrue?

### Apply It

32. Beginning today, from what sinful desire will you ask God to help you escape?
33. What steps will you take today to ensure that you don’t allow your exercise of freedom to result in your enslavement to sin?

\* 34. How will you deal with the effect of living in a sinful world today?