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**“ BEWARE OF THE COUNTERFEIT “**

LESSON 3

2 PETER 2 VS 3-6,9B

SO FAR IN ORDER TO WARN US ABOUT THE FALSE TEACHERS PETER TALKS ABOUT :

### **I. THE FALSE TEACHERS DESCRIBED**

A. **DECEPTIVE**   B. **DENIAL**   C. **SENSUALITY**   D. **GREED**

IN VERSE 4, 5, 6, 9B OF NOW PETER TALKS ABOUT :

**II. THE FALSE TEACHERS DESTROYED** - ( 2 PET 2 VS 3-6,9B ) PETER SAW NO HOPE FOR THE APOSTATES, THEIR DOOM WAS SEALED. HIS ATTITUDE WAS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE TOLERANT RELIGIOUS PEOPLE TODAY WHO SAY “ ***WELL, THEY MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH US, BUT THERE ARE MANY ROADS TO HEAVEN.*** “ PETER MADE IT CLEAR THAT THESE FALSE TEACHERS HAD “ ***FORSAKEN THE RIGHT WAY*** “ ( 2 PETER 2 VS 15 ), WHICH SIMPLY MEANS THEY WERE GOING THE WRONG WAY! THEIR JUDGEMENT WAS SURE, EVEN THOUGH IT HAD NOT COME YET. THE TRIAL WAS OVER, BUT THE SENTENCE HAD NOT YET BEEN EXECUTED. IT WOULD NOT LINGER NOR SLUMBER, PETER AFFIRMED; IT WOULD COME IN DUE TIME.

NOTE: SCRIPTURE DECLARES THAT GOD HAS NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF THE WICKED ( EZE 33 VS 11) HOWEVER HE MUST :

A. **JUDGE WICKEDNESS** - WHY ?

B. **HIS HOLINESS REQUIRES IT** ( 2 THESS 1 VS 7-9 )

IN THIS SECTION, PETER PROVED THAT JUDGEMENT FINALLY DOES COME, NO MATTER HOW SECURE THE SINNER MIGHT FEEL. PETER USES THREE EXAMPLES TO VERIFY THIS TRUTH:

**1. FALLEN ANGELS** - VS 4 ... READ (ISA 14 VS 12-15) DESCRIBES THE FALL OF LUCIFER, THE HIGHEST OF THE ANGELS. ALSO SOME BELIEVE THAT( EZ 28 VS 11-19) ALSO DEALS WITH THIS TOPIC. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT LUCIFER WAS GODS DEPUTY, IN CHARGE OF THE ANGELIC HOST, BUT HIS PRIDE MADE HIM GRASP AT THE VERY THRONE OF GOD. REV PORTRAYS THAT PERHAPS A 1/3 OF THE ANGELS FELL WITH LUCIFER WHO BECAME SATAN THE ADVERSARY OF GOD.

**QUESTION 1** – WHAT WAS THE SIN OF THE ANGELS OF VERSE 4 ?

**THESE ANGELS DID KEEP THEIR PROPER DOMAIN - THEY ENTERED MEN WHO PROMISCUOUSLY COHABITED WITH WOMEN ( GEN 6 VS 1-3 )**

**QUESTION 2** – WHERE ARE THESE ANGELS NOW ?

**ASSISTING SATAN** ( EPH 6 VS 10-12 ) ( 1 PETER 5 VS 8 )

**CAST INTO HELL** ( 2 PETER 2 VS 4 )

WHAT DOES PETER MEAN BY THE WORD TARTARUS ?

**GREEK MYTHOLOGY WORD THAT MEANS A PLACE LOWER THAN HADES( LOWEST HELL, DEEPEST PIT, AND THE MOST TERRIBLE PLACE OF TORTURE AND ETERNAL SUFFERING ) RESERVED FOR THE MOST WICKED :**

1. **HUMANS**                      2 . **gods**                      3. DEMONS

**NOTE :** IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO DEBATE THE HIDDEN MYSTERIES OF ANGELS IN THIS VERSE IN ORDER TO GET THE MAIN MESSAGE THE FACT IS :

GOD JUDGES REBELLION AND WILL NOT SPARE THOSE WHO REJECT HIS WILL. IF GOD JUDGED THE ANGELS , WHO ARE IN MANY RESPECTS HIGHER THAN MEN, THEN CERTAINLY HE WILL JUDGE REBELLIOUS MEN.

**2. THE OLD WORLD** - VS 5 ... GEN 6 VS 3 SAY THAT GOD WAITED 120 YEARS BEFORE HE SENT THE FLOOD . ALL DURING THAT TIME NOAH MINISTERED RIGHTEOUSNESS. (ROMANS 1 VS 18) GIVES US A PICTURE OF THE WORLD BEFORE THE FLOOD. GENTILE CIVILIZATION HAD BECOME SO CORRUPT THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR GOD TO WIPE THE EARTH CLEAN, HOWEVER HE SAVED :

**8 PEOPLE – NOAH AND HIS FAMILY**    WHY ?

**BECAUSE THEY HAD FAITH IN GOD**    ( HEB 11 VS 7 )

**NOTE :** NOBODY BELIEVED NOAHS MESSAGE! ( LUKE 17 VS 26-27) THE PEOPLE OF NOAHS DAY USED THE SAME ARGUMENT IN (2 PETER 3 VS 3)TO PROVE THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL NOT COME.

**COMPARISON OF OUR WORLD WITH NOAHS WORLD**

1. **POPULATION MULTIPLYING** (GEN 6 VS 1 )
2. **WORLD FILLED WITH WICKEDNESS** ( GEN 6 VS 5 )
3. **WORLD FILLED WITH VIOLENCE** ( GEN 6 VS 11,13 )
4. **TRUE BELIEVERS WERE THE MINORITY**

BUT THE FLOOD CAME – AND THE ENTIRE POPULATION WAS DESTROYED !

**3. SODOM AND GOMORRAH** - ( VS 6, 9B ) THE RECORD IS GIVEN IN ( GEN 18-19), GODS OPINION OF THE PEOPLE IN THE CITIES IS FOUND IN ( GEN 13 VS 13 ). THE QUESTION IS WHAT WAS THE SIN IN THESE CITIES:

1. **UNGODLY**
2. **FORNICATION** ( JUDE 7 )
3. **FILTHY BEHAVIOR** ( 2 PETER 2 VS 7-8 )
4. **UNLAWFUL DEEDS** ( 2 PETER 2 VS 7-8 )
5. **CONTRARY TO NATURE** ( ROM 1 VS 24- 27 )
6. **UNATURAL SEX** -
7. **HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR** – CONDEMNED IN SCRIPTURE ( LEV 18 VS 22, ROM 1 VS 24 -27, I COR 6 VS9 )

NOTE : INSPITE OF ABRAHAMS INTERCESSORY PRAYER ( GEN 18 VS 22 ) SODOM PERISHED IN FIRE AND BRIMSTONE. AGAIN RIGHT UP UNTIL THE VERY MINUTE THE PEOPLE WERE CONFIDENT THAT EVERYTHING WAS SAFE BUT THE FIRE FELL !

#### **LETS LOOK AT THE CONTRAST BETWEEN FALSE TEACHERS AND CHILDREN OF GOD**

1. **WE HAVE AN INHERITANCE RESERVED FOR US** ( 1 PETER 1 VS 4 )
2. **JESUS IS PREPARING A HOME FOR US IN HEAVEN** ( JOHN 14 VS 1-6 )
3. **WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR JUDGEMENT BUT FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD**