

An Ominous Appraisal

II Peter 2:15-22

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“The last state has become worse for them than the first.” Who is this directed to?

1. A. Quickly review what this book is all about and who the author is.
II Peter 1:1-3, 13-15, 3:17-18
- B. As we get back into this book and chapter 2, as difficult as it is, what can we say about scripture? Open in prayer and pray this scripture would drive us to Jesus and that we would abhor sin and falsehood.
Romans 15:4, II Peter 1:19-21
2. A. Who is chapter 2 describing? Count the times you see the word “they/them.”
II Peter 2:15-22
- B. What is THE deception and THE characteristic of false teachers in chapter 2?
II Peter 2:1
- C. What does apostasy/apostate mean?
II Peter 2:20-22
3. A. Apostasy is from two words; to stand away from or to move from what you once held. The worst deceivers seem to once stand among the saints. There are two ways to apostatize; doctrinally and morally. Take a moment and think on this, in light of what you know churches allow or endorse and the doctrine they hold to, or rather do not hold to.
- B. What does scripture say about apostasy and false teachers?
Matthew 18:3-9
- C. What is God’s verdict on apostasy?
Matthew 26:23-24, Luke 22:21-22, II Peter 2:21

4. A. Who do false teachers prey on?
II Peter 2:14, 18
 - B. What is the problem and the solution?
James 1:13-16, I Corinthians 10:11-12
 - C. Untaught and unstable; remember last week how we ended with a question.
How much time are you logging in the truth?
II Peter 3:16
5. A. Read II Peter 2:15. What does it mean, “way of Balaam?”
Numbers 22:1-29, 25:1-2, 31:16, Jude 11, Revelation 2:14
 - B. Balaam’s teaching was idolatry and immorality and when he could not overtly curse Israel, he taught the king of Moab to deceive and seduce Israel through a distorted picture of God. Distortion of God always leads to a distortion of sexuality. How does this relate to society’s view of God and morality?
 - C. Does a false view of God and the accompanying immorality ever satisfy?
Where can we find true satisfaction?
II Peter 2:17-19, John 4:13-14, 8:34, Revelation 22:1-2
6. A. How does this chapter of warning close?
II Peter 2:20-22
 - B. Who is this describing?
 - C. Guard against misusing this text. Does God ever call His own, those who have truly believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and been saved, dogs or pigs?
John 3:3, 10:27, II Corinthians 5:17, Revelation 22:15