

December 25/Day 359

2 Peter 1

Verse 1

- Who authored this letter? What is said about him?
- To whom is it written?

Verses 2-11

- What does the divine power of Jesus grant to us?
- The true knowledge mentioned here is not knowledge by having heard, it's knowledge by having been there to experience it yourself.
- By what did He grant to us His promises? How are His promises described?
- From what do partakers escape?
- Verse 5 should make you ask, *for what reason?*
- Observe the godly characteristics here. These are cyclical, meaning, we grow in them on bigger levels as we mature in the Lord.
- What does verse 8 say it means if we are growing in these? Then, what does it mean if we're not?
- What does this passage say about practicing these things? How is this different the patterns of life verses we've already seen in Scripture?
- What will be supplied to those who practice such things?

Verses 12-15

- What does Peter consider right? Why?

Verses 16-18

- We who? With whom was Peter originally affiliated?
- Would being an eyewitness have anything to do with that true knowledge mentioned before?
- To what specific event was he an eyewitness?

Verses 19-21

- What does he say about the interpretation of Scripture, specifically prophecy?

2 Peter 2

Verses 1-3

- Who rose up among the people?
- Where else will these people be? Remember, he's speaking to a group of believers, a church.
- What will they introduce? How?
- Whom do they deny by doing this?
- What will they bring upon themselves?
- According to verse 3, why are they doing this?

Verses 4-11

- Can you think of any angels God didn't spare when they sinned?
- Whom else did He not spare?
- Whom did He spare and why? (The key word is found in verses 5, 7, and 8)
- Whom does the Lord rescue from temptation?
- What does He do with the unrighteous?
- What two words end verse 10, in regard to those under punishment? Whose authority would this mean then?
- What else describes these unrighteous men?

Verses 12-16

- These unrighteous men, who follow the way of Balaam, what are they like?

Verses 17-22

- What good is a spring without water? Can it provide refreshment?
- What do these men do with their words? Remember, they are called unrighteous men and false teachers.
- Scripture never refers to a believer as a dog or a swine.

2 Peter 3

Verses 1-2

- What does Peter tell us about this letter?
- Has he mentioned stirring them up previously? For what reason is he trying to stir them up?

Verses 3-7

- Who will come? When? What will they be doing?
- What will these men be asking?
- What escapes their notice?

Verses 8-9

- What should they be careful to not escape their notice?
- Some use verse 8 to justify evolution. It is not saying one day is a thousand years long, it says it is “like” a thousand years to us in that time was made for man, not God. God transcends time. It’s saying He’s patient.
- What is His patience toward us?
- Repentance is a change of mind resulting in a change of direction.

Verse 10

- What will the day of the Lord (judgment) come like?
- What will happen?

Verses 11-13

- What sort of people ought believers to be?
- Is this something we try harder to be within ourselves, or is our ability to conduct ourselves this way an indication we have the Spirit of God within us?
- What will happen to the world we know?

Verses 14-18

- We are to regard the patience of God as what?
- Who does Peter mention in this passage? What does he say about him? Do you think this is why many believe Paul wrote Hebrews?
- In regard to the day of the Lord (judgment), what do the untaught and unstable do?
- What do they do with the rest of the Scriptures as well?
- Why should believers be on guard?
- How does Peter conclude his second letter to these believers?

Jude

Verses 1-2

- Who wrote this tiny letter? What is said of him?
- To whom does he write?
- “Kept” means guarded.

Verses 3-4

- What did he intend to write about? What did he feel a necessity to write about? Why?
- What are these people like and what will happen to them?
- “Licentiousness” means license. It’s a picture of doing as you please.

Verses 5-7

- Do you remember from Hebrews that disobedience is the same as unbelief?
- What does the Lord do to those who do not believe?
- We are nearing the end of the Scriptures. God is love and God is just. Can you reconcile how God, in love, can destroy unbelievers? Remember, there is no such thing as love apart from justice.
- What examples are given?

Verses 8-13

- Which men? Remember context.
- What do these men do?
- What do they revile?
- What way have they gone? Do you remember from Genesis how we are told he turned and walked away from God? Which others are mentioned? Do you remember their stories?
- What are these men like?

Verses 14-16

- Who prophesied about these men?
- Describe what they are like from verse 16? Remember, they are among the believers. How could this behavior affect an assembly?

Verses 17-23

- What would the recipients of this letter do well to remember?
- What will the last days be like?
- What will these men be like?
- On whom should they have mercy? How are these men different from the ones they should avoid?

Verses 24-25

- How does Jude conclude his letter?

See you tomorrow.