

DIVINE JUDGMENT ON FALSE TEACHERS

(2 Peter 2:3b-10a)

- I. PROMISE of Judgment (2 Pet. 2:3b)
 - A. Their JUDGMENT is “from LONG AGO”
 - B. Their JUSTICE is “not ASLEEP”

- II. PRECEDENT for Judgment (2 Pet. 2:4-8)
 - A. The HEIGHT of God’s wrath: His PUNISHMENT of angels
 - 1. This is a PARTICULAR group of angels who SINNED (cf. 1 Pet. 3:19-20; Jude 1:6-7)
 - 2. Their RANK did not EXEMPT them from judgment
 - 3. They are currently IMPRISONED awaiting FINAL JUDGMENT
 - B. The BREADTH of God’s wrath: His DESTRUCTION of “the ancient world”
 - 1. This is the UNGODLY WORLD SYSTEM from Adam to Noah
 - 2. Their NUMBER did not PREVENT their judgment
 - 3. God demonstrated GRACE in preserving EIGHT individuals
 - C. The DEPTH of God’s wrath: His RUIN of Sodom and Gomorrah

1. These were cities characterized by WANTON HOMOSEXUALITY (Genesis 19)
2. Their DEPRAVITY did not SHIELD them from judgment
 - a. God reduced them to ASHES
 - b. They have become a perpetual WARNING to the UNGODLY
3. God demonstrated GRACE in preserving LOT
 - a. He is thrice described as "RIGHTEOUS"
 - b. His soul was TORTURED daily by the WICKEDNESS around him

III. PATTERN of Judgment (2 Pet. 3:9-10a)

A. In GENERAL, concerning two CATEGORIES

1. "The Lord knows how to RESCUE the GODLY"
2. "The Lord knows how...to KEEP the UNRIGHTEOUS"
 - a. Currently BEING PUNISHED
 - b. Awaiting FINAL JUDGMENT

B. In PARTICULAR, concerning FALSE TEACHERS

1. For indulging the CORRUPT desires of the FLESH
2. For persistent REBELLION against AUTHORITY