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Dear students,

Welcome to *Intermediate Bible Class*<sup>+</sup>! We hope it helps you get excited about learning and applying God's Word!

**Here are some of the features:**

- The **Big Idea** highlights the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are within the lesson to help you interact with the topic.
- **What If?** helps you imagine how the Bible lesson might be applied to a hypothetical scenario that could occur in your everyday life.
- The **Big Question** addresses some doubts, fears, or concerns you may have about God, His Word, or life in general.
- **Next Steps** give you ways to be doing what the lesson is teaching throughout the week.
- The **Prayer Point** encourages you to commit to praying for something in the coming week.
- **Christ Focus** shows how every lesson points to Jesus.
- **Talk About It** gives you ideas on things to discuss with trusted Christian adults in your life.

# THE DESTRUCTION OF FALSE TEACHERS

Lesson 7  
April 12, 2025

Lesson Text: 2 Peter 2:1-10a

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (2 Peter 2:9).



**BIG IDEA:** God will rescue His people from those who teach lies about Him and Jesus.

**2 PET. 2:1** But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lieth under, and their damnation slumbers not.

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and stationed them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of

righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly;

7 And delivered Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 [For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds]

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

10a But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despite government.

## BIBLE LESSON

If you loaned a Christian twenty dollars, and he paid you back with fake cash, how would that make you feel?

Probably angry. Christians aren't supposed to be dishonest and lie! Today we're going to hear what happens to people—especially teachers and leaders—when they lie about important things like God's Word and His truth, and we'll find out how each one of us can be so guarded.

Like the other apostles, Peter traveled to different towns and started churches, then he sent letters back to the churches to teach them more about God. The things Peter wrote back then also applies to us right now.

In the letter in our lesson, Peter was talking about something super serious. Have you ever heard the phrase "a wolf in sheep's clothing"?

Imagine a ferocious wolf with a massive appetite for a lamb dinner. The only way he can get inside a sheep pen is to disguise himself to look like a sheep. Then he can walk right in, all white and fluffy, and he can infiltrate the sheep flock without them catching and kill some unsuspecting sheep.

Peter's letter talks about being aware of wolves like these—only he didn't use the word "wolves." He used the phrase "false teachers." The sheep are Christians, and the false teachers Peter was describing had infiltrated the churches and were leading lies among the church people, deceiving them and tricking them into doing things that went against God's Word.

do you think the Christians believed the false teachers?

False teachers were smart and persuasive. They looked like Christians and pretended to be the real deal. Like a wolf in a sheep pen, the teachers deceived the people in the churches and convinced them that God's Word was not all true and tricked Eve in the Garden of Eden. They were similar to the serpent, who

The false teachers were tricksters and manipulators doing Satan's work! Sadly, this is happening today too, just as Peter said it would. False teachers pop up all over the place—even in churches. They try to convince sincere believers to turn away from the teachings of the Bible.



What will happen to false teachers?

You can be sure that God will deal justly with anyone who messes with His beloved sheep! In fact, Peter gave these three examples of God's just punishment that happened in the past:

1. When a bunch of rebellious angels disobeyed God, He sent them to hell, earth (but saved Noah and his family).

2. God rained down fire and sulfur on the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, pulverizing everyone and everything (yet saving Lot and his family).

We know God is perfect and holy—therefore His punishment is righteous. Peter tells us false teachers will receive God's wrath and punishment on the Day of Judgment.

We also know that God is our merciful, loving Rescuer. Just as He rescued Noah and Lot from their awful situations, so He rescues us from the lies and deception of false teachers.

If I spent a little time each day looking at every detail of a dollar bill, I should be able to recognize a fake when I saw one. If we know our Bibles and spend time studying what is true, we will be able to identify a false teacher when he or she comes along.

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## WHAT IF?

Your friend has invited you to her church youth group evening, but you're not sure that what they believe is always biblical. She's a great friend, and she even came to church with you a couple of times. You've talked about the Bible a bit, and some of her beliefs don't match what it says. Should you find out more about her church, or do you think it doesn't really matter? How big would the differences have to be for you not to go?

## HOW DO I KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS A FALSE TEACHER?

It's not always obvious when someone is a false teacher, like the ones Peter described. Sometimes they will be subtle and even teach from the Bible—yet something is off. Perhaps they twist the words in the Bible or say it's unreliable. They deny things like miracles, Jesus being God, or that Jesus is the only way. We can also recognize a false teacher by behavior (Matt. 7:15-27). A doubt, read the Bible to see whether what they are saying checks out.

We can also recognize a false teacher by behavior (Gal. 5:22-23), so watch for anyone claiming to be teaching the truth but living a lie.

Always ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom—He is our Helper and Guide.

## NEXT STEPS

As you've heard today, it's super important for us to know the truth. As you've already have one, find a plan to read through the Bible, perhaps Bibles. If you don't already have one, find a plan to read through the Bible, perhaps starting with the New Testament. The more you read the truth, the better you'll be at detecting lies!

## PRAYER POINT

## CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus will return to judge all those who have lied and misled God's people.

## TALK ABOUT IT

Ask a trusted Christian adult how we can know whether a teacher is trustworthy or not.

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UNIT 1:

## God's Wrath on Sin



## Lesson Text: Ezekiel 22:17-31

"As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the Lord have poured out my fury upon you" (Ezekiel 22:22).



**BIG IDEA:** Israel's leaders led the people away from God's law, bringing His wrath.

**EZEK. 22:17** And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

**18** Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they *are* brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are *even* the dross of silver.

**19** Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

**20** *As* they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt *it*; so will I gather *you* in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave *you there*, and melt you.

**21** Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

**22** As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

**23** And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

**24** Son of man, say unto her, Thou *art* the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

**25** *There is* a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls;

they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

**26** Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

**27** Her princes in the midst thereof *are* like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

**28** And her prophets have daubed them with untempered *mortar*; seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

**29** The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

**30** And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

**31** Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

## BIBLE LESSON

We get in trouble when we disobey our parents. Sometimes our parents warn us and give us a second chance. At other times, there are significant consequences.

The Bible teaches that disobedience has consequences! While the Lord is long-suffering, He is not “forever-suffering.” Our Father is too good to allow His people to continue in sin. Israel was going to face severe consequences for their disobedience.

God compared Israel's ungodliness to the dross of silver. Dross is impure, worthless stuff mixed in with silver. Israel had become corrupt because it no longer reflected God's greatness and glory. The people were all dross, not silver!

The Lord had enough of their disobedience. He announced He would use the city of Jerusalem as the furnace to judge them (Ezek. 22:18-22). Many Israelites believed God would never turn over the city of David to their enemies. They ignored Ezekiel and continued to trust in a place rather than in the Keeper of Israel (Ps. 121:5).

### What do people trust in for safety today?

Israel's misplaced trust would spell their doom. They would finally understand that the Lord poured out His fury on their godlessness (Ezek. 22:22).

The basis of the Lord's judgment was the wrongdoing of three groups of people—the priests, the princes, and the prophets (vss. 26-28). All three groups should have been serving Israel but instead took advantage of others for selfish gain.

They forgot that the Lord has a particular concern for widows, the poor, the needy, and strangers, who were often abused their lack of money, family, or status in society.

### How would you know if you loved money more than God?

These leaders were all guilty of putting money ahead of righteousness. The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil (1 Tim. 6:10). When God's people lose their love for God, they also lose their love for others. Loving God and loving others are connected!

God mentioned the prophets twice. They devoured the wealth of the weakest (Ezek. 22:25) and failed to fulfill their office. They should have rebuked the princes and priests. Instead, they supported them. They didn't solve the problem; they just hid it. They covered up wickedness by saying, “Thus saith the Lord,” when the Lord never said any such thing (vs. 28)!

### Who are some people who have influenced you for good?

It should not be surprising that God's people followed the example of their leaders (vs. 29). Leaders are important and influence others for good or for evil. Christians need to listen to the Holy Spirit to reveal if the actions of their leaders are sinful or good; it is not always obvious at first.

God looked for a reason to turn away His wrath. However, Israel's iniquities were so widespread that God could not find anyone who stood against the nation's ungodliness (vss. 29-30). Therefore, the Lord would pour out His fury upon them (vs. 31).

## WHAT IF?

You just made a new Christian friend at school or church. You spend a lot of time together and come to enjoy each other's friendship. One day, while you are at his home, he turns on a TV program you know doesn't honor the Lord. His parents are OK with it. However, you realize that if your parents found out, they would be upset that you watched it. But you don't want to offend him and lose the friendship. What are some ways you could handle this difficult situation?

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## WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN WE KNOW THAT WE SINNED?

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will be times when we do something that we know is wrong. When that happens, the Holy Spirit keeps bugging us because He lives in us and does not want us to feel peace when we sin.

We know we should go back and make it right. We can make a million excuses. We can refuse to make it right because the others were also wrong.

However, when we know we are wrong, we must admit it. If we confess our sins, God will forgive (1 John 1:9). Also, we must make it right with those we have sinned against. You don't want to be stubborn until the Lord deals with you (see 1 Cor. 11:31-32).

## NEXT STEPS

Ask God to soften your heart to hear Him speaking through the Scriptures. Carefully listen to the words of others because they sometimes see things we miss, and God often uses others to help us. End your day by asking God to show any sins you failed to see.

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## PRAYER POINT

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## CHRIST FOCUS



Jesus showed righteous anger against those who hindered worship at God's temple (John 2:13-16).



## TALK ABOUT IT

Ask a trusted Christian adult how he or she has seen God discipline Christians.