

II Peter 2 - THE THREAT OF FALSE PROPHETS

I. There will be false teachers – and God will _____ them.

- 1) False teachers come into the church in gradual and subtle ways. v. 1
If it doesn't match up with the _____, it's NOT FROM GOD!!!!
- 2) False teaching is always _____ - v. 2 "Many will follow"
- 3) As false teaching gains any hearing in the church, people lose their appetite for the _____ of God's Word, and non-believers scoff at truth even more. - v. 2
The longer you stay away from the Word, the more susceptible you are to false teachers.

4) Most false teaching has its root in _____ and offers a message that appeals to self - v. 3,14,18

5) They despise authority - v. 10-12

6) They promise something special for those who will follow them. - v. 17ff

7) They follow the way of Balaam - v. 15,17 (Numbers 22 – 25)

** covetous and

** influencing people to leave God's _____.

Numbers 31:16 – "(they) followed Balaam's advice and enticed the Israelites to be unfaithful to the Lord...."

Rev. 2:14,15 "Balaam taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality"

The destruction coming on false teachers

1. It is yet to come - v. 3b

We tend to think that because judgment hasn't come on us, we're in the clear.

2. The destruction that had come on false teachers throughout history – v. 4-9

II. We can be Godly in the last days – and God will _____ us!

v. 9 – "the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials!"

Our deliverance begins where ch. 1 ends - by remembering the "more sure word of the prophets." The best defense against the threat from false teachers is staying close to the _____!

Warning: v. 20-22. Yes, you can walk away from your faith.

Stick to the Bible!

