



Bible Books Chapter by Chapter Series

SECOND PETER

2nd Peter 3:18 “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

Course Text: Second Peter

It seems like Second Peter was written for us today. Certainly we are surrounded by many false teachers who claim to be Christian but teach falsehood instead. Huge churches are built on greed, and large congregations support pastors who seem to be interested in nothing but their own lusts. This little book has only 61 verses in its 3 chapters so we are going to spend some time reading about Peter, who wrote the letter, before we read the letter itself. If you just want to study the book itself skip ahead to lesson 4 on 2nd Peter Chapter 1.

2nd Peter says a great deal about false teachers. They will come from among us. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies. Though they are destined for destruction, many will follow them and be exploited. They will be sensual, greedy, ungodly, unprincipled, unrighteous, despise authority, corrupt, self-willed, bold, without sensible fear, like unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct, ignorant, party all day long, enjoy lying while smiling at you, try to seduce married people, forsake the right way, enjoy ill gotten gain, and be the slaves of corruption. They will entice unstable souls having gone astray themselves, speaking arrogant words of vanity. All that being said, I think the most important thing to notice is that they will come from among us. We need to be on our guard.

I think 2nd Peter is about living a holy life, being on guard against false teachers, and being ready for the return of Jesus Christ. I think the most practical thing I learned from 2nd Peter is that the best protection from false doctrine is studying the Bible for yourself.

Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst)
3. Pray (The idea is to leave our troubles with God so we can give Him our full attention.)
4. Read the lesson's chapter aloud from the Bible (or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the “fill in the blank” questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is Scripture based.)
6. On the final “Think & Pray” question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak .**
7. Discuss your Think & Pray answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is good to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission first.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called “For Further Thought”

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LESSON 1 - Peter in the Gospel of Matthew

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[M1] Matthew 4:18 What kind of work did Simon Peter do? _____

[M2] Matthew 8:14-15 What did Jesus do about Peter's sick mother? _____

[M3] Matthew 10:2 Who was the first apostle? _____

[M4] Matthew 14:22-28 Who demanded identification from Jesus? _____

[M5] Matthew 14:29 Did Peter walk on water? _____

[M6] Matthew 14:30-33 What did Peter do when he began to sink? _____

[M7] Matthew 26:30-35 How many times did Jesus say Peter would deny Him? _____

[M8] Matthew 26:69 Where was Peter? _____

[M9] Matthew 26:70 What else did Peter say besides deny Him?

[M10] Matthew 26:71-72 What else did Peter say besides deny Him? _____

[M11] Matthew 26:73-74 What else did Peter say besides deny Him? _____

[M12] Matthew 26:75 What did Peter do after the rooster crowed? _____

[M13] Matthew 26:69-75 How many times did Peter deny Jesus? _____

[M14] Matthew 16:13-23 Jesus calls Peter four different things in this passage – [A] Simon son of John (or Barjona which is Hebrew for “son of John”), [B] rock, [C] stumbling block (sometimes translated hindrance, obstacle or offense) and [D] Satan. What does this tell us about Peter, and his relationship with Jesus? (See also John 1:40-42)

Think & Pray _____

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Peter.. contestant on All Gospel Fear Factor
Water-Walking **Mt. 14:23-31**

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LESSON 1 - Peter in the Gospel of Matthew

- [M1] Matthew 4:18 What kind of work did Simon Peter do? Fisherman
[M2] Matthew 8:14-15 What did Jesus do about Peter's sick mother? Healed her
[M3] Matthew 10:2 Who was the first apostle? Simon Peter
[M4] Matthew 14:22-28 Who demanded identification from Jesus? Peter Mt 14:28
[M5] Matthew 14:29 Did Peter walk on water? Yes, at first
[M6] Matthew 14:30-33 What did Peter do when he began to sink? Asked the Lord for help Mt 14:30
[M7] Matthew 26:30-35 How many times did Jesus say Peter would deny Him? Three Mt 26:34
[M8] Matthew 26:69 Where was Peter? Outside in the courtyard
[M9] Matthew 26:70 What else did Peter say besides deny Him?

Claimed to not know what she was talking about

- [M10] Matthew 26:71-72 What else did Peter say besides deny Him? He said an oath
[M11] Matthew 26:73-74 What else did Peter say besides deny Him? He cursed and swore
[M12] Matthew 26:75 What did Peter do after the rooster crowed? Wept bitterly
[M13] Matthew 26:69-75 How many times did Peter deny Jesus? Three Mt 26:70, 72 & 74

[M14] PETER'S NAMES: Simon Barjona (or Simon, son of John) is the name his parents gave him. Simon was his given name which was from the Hebrew name Simeon. This was one of the sons of Jacob and it was Hebrew for "heard." Gen 29:33 explains that he was named that because God answered Leah's (Simeon's mother) prayer. Barjona was his surname, or as close to a surname as they had back then. The words "Peter" and "rock" in verse 18 are the same word in the Greek. Peter is the masculine form and rock is the feminine form. Peter referred to Simon Peter, Peter being his new surname, and rock referred to the founding of the church of Jesus Christ. "Stumbling block," "hindrance," "trap," or "offense" (depending on what version you are using) is the Greek word "skandalon" which is where we get our word scandal. It literally meant the key part of any trap, the part that made it work. The reason the Greek word is translated so many different ways is because there is no English word or term that means the same thing. ("trip wire" maybe?) Satan of course is the name of the leader of God's enemies.

All this tells us that Peter and Jesus were close friends. Who else would you call by the name his mother gave him, tell him you were putting all your hopes on him, tell him he was a big bother and your worst enemy all in the space of five minutes? Clearly the last two are hyperbole, that is to say, just a figurative way to say, "I'm angry with you for saying exactly the wrong thing at exactly the wrong time."

For further thought:

(m15) In Matthew 17:24 what do you suppose made the tax collector approach Peter instead of Jesus?

(m16) Why do you guess Peter asked that question in Matthew 18:21?

(m17) Why do you suppose Peter asked that question in Matthew 19:27?

(m18) What do you admire about Peter and what do you find less than admirable?

(m19) Compare Matthew 26:31 to Zechariah 13:7. What did you learn?

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LESSON 2 - Peter in the Gospel of John

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[J1] John 1:40-43 Who gave Simon the name Peter? _____

[J2] John 6:66-69 What kind of words did Peter say that Jesus had? _____

[J3] John 13:5-9 Who washed Peter's feet? _____

[J4] John 18:1-13 Who cut off Malchus' ear? _____

[J5] John 20:1-10 What did Peter find in Jesus' tomb? _____

[J6] John 21:1-3 How many fish did they catch? _____

[J7] John 21:4-6 When He told them to fish off the right side of the boat, what did they do?

[J8] John 21:7-8 When John told Peter it was the Lord, what did Peter do?

[J9] John 21:9-11 Did Jesus already have some fish? _____

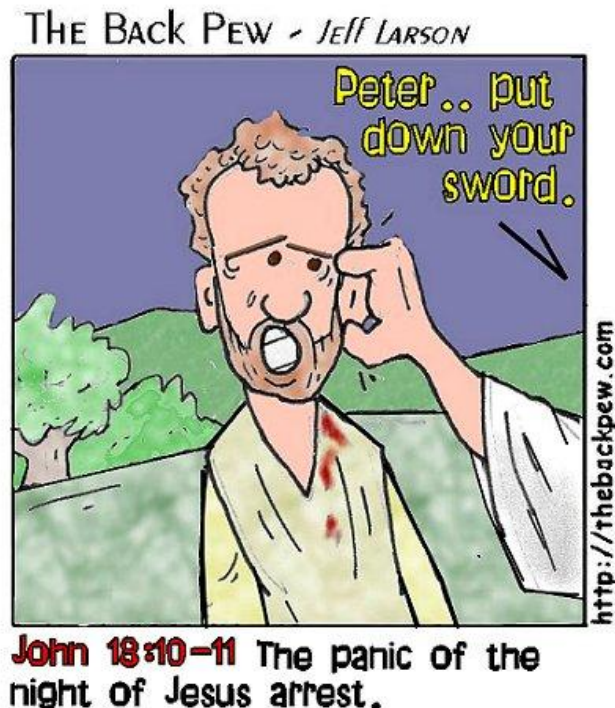
[J10] John 21:12-14 Did the disciples recognize Jesus? _____

[J11] John 21:15-17 How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? _____

[J12] John 21:18-23 What was this prophecy about? _____

[J13] John 21:14-18 Why did Jesus ask Peter the same question three times?

Think & Pray _____



----- ANSWERS -----

LESSON 2 - Peter in the Gospel of John

- [J1] John 1:40-43 Who gave Simon the name Peter? Jesus Jn 1:42
- [J2] John 6:66-69 What kind of words did Peter say that Jesus had? words of eternal life Jn 6:68
- [J3] John 13:5-9 Who washed Peter's feet? Jesus
- [J4] John 18:1-13 Who cut off Malchus' ear? Peter Jn 18:10
- [J5] John 20:1-10 What did Peter find in Jesus' tomb? Empty grave clothes Jn 20:6-7
- [J6] John 21:1-3 How many fish did they catch?
None. This is how they earned a living, it wasn't just for fun
- [J7] John 21:4-6 When He told them to fish off the right side of the boat, what did they do?
Fished off the right side
- [J8] John 21:7-8 When John told Peter it was the Lord, what did Peter do?
Got dressed and threw himself in the sea.
- [J9] John 21:9-11 Did Jesus already have some fish? Yes
- [J10] John 21:12-14 Did the disciples recognize Jesus? Yes
- [J11] John 21:15-17 How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? Three
- [J12] John 21:18-23 What was this prophecy about? Peter's death
- [J13] John 21:14-18 Why did Jesus ask Peter the same question three times?

[J13] LOVE³ The Bible doesn't say why Jesus asked Peter three times, but many people who have studied it conclude that Jesus was trying to get a different answer, which He finally did. It is not obvious in English but there are two different words for love being used here – *agape* = love shown in actions, and *phileo* = a feeling of great affection. Briefly:

Do you *agape* me? Yes, I *phileo* you. Feed My sheep.

Do you *agape* me? Yes, I *phileo* you. Feed My sheep.

Do you *agape* me? Yes, I *agape* you. Feed My sheep.

Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ? What are you doing about it?

For further thought:

- (j14) Some people relate the three questions in John 21:15-17 with the three denials in Matthew 26:30-35 & 69-75. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- (j15) Thinking about John 21:1-8: How do you have a conversation at 100 yards?
- (j16) In John 21:4 they did not know Him, but in John 21:12 they did know Him. Was this because they had gotten close enough to see Him or because of the way He fed them, similar to the way the disciples on the road to Emmaus recognized Him in Luke 24:35?
- (j17) Thinking about John 21:7: How did John recognize Him? Why did Peter need John to tell him Who He was?
- (j18) Why do you suppose John included the detail of how many fish were caught in John 21:11?
- (j19) Thinking about John 21:4-6: If they did not know Who He was, why did they follow His advice about where to cast their nets?
- (j20) Thinking about John 21:9-10: If Jesus already had fish, why did He tell them to bring theirs?

LESSON 3 - Peter in Acts

It is recommended that you read Acts chapters 1-5, 9-12 & 15 in their entirety.

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[A1] Acts 1:15-17 Who took leadership of the disciples? _____

[A2] Acts 1:18-20 Which Old Testament book did Peter quote? _____

[A3] Acts 1:21-25 Who besides Matthias was considered for Apostleship? _____

[A4] Acts 2:12-15 How did Peter defend the disciples against the accusation of drunkenness? _____

[A5] Acts 2:16-21 Which Old Testament book did Peter quote? _____

[A6] Acts 2:22-24 What was impossible? _____

[A7] Acts 2:25-28 Which Old Testament writer did Peter quote? _____

[A8] Acts 2:29-31 Whose tomb still existed at this time? _____

[A9] Acts 2:32-35 To what could the audience testify? _____

[A10] Acts 2:36 What two things had God made Jesus? _____

[A11] Acts 3:17-21 What are the results of repentance and turning to God? _____

[A12] Acts 3:22-23 Which Old Testament writer did Peter quote? _____

[A13] Acts 3:24-26 By whose descendants would all the families of the earth be blessed? _____

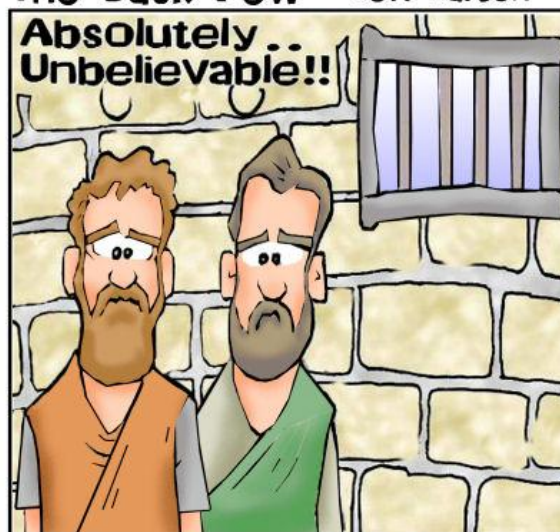
[A14] Acts 4:8-10 Who raised Jesus Christ from the dead? _____

[A15] Acts 4:11-12 How many different ways are there to get saved? _____

[A16] What do you see different about Peter in Acts and Peter in the Gospels? (Hint: John 20:9)

Think & Pray _____

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Peter and John imprisoned, Acts 4:1-3 Their Crime? Inciting a 'Revival' without a permit.

LESSON 3 - Peter in Acts

- [A1] Acts 1:15-17 Who took leadership of the disciples? Peter
- [A2] Acts 1:18-20 Which Old Testament book did Peter quote? Psalms
- [A3] Acts 1:21-25 Who besides Matthias was considered for Apostleship?
Joseph aka Barsabbas aka Justus Ac 1:23
- [A4] Acts 2:12-15 How did Peter defend the disciples against the accusation of drunkenness?
It was too early in the day to be drunk.
- [A5] Acts 2:16-21 Which Old Testament book did Peter quote? Joel
- [A6] Acts 2:22-24 What was impossible? For death to hold Jesus Christ in its power
- [A7] Acts 2:25-28 Which Old Testament writer did Peter quote? David
- [A8] Acts 2:29-31 Whose tomb still existed at this time? King David's
- [A9] Acts 2:32-35 To what could the audience testify? That God raised Jesus from the dead
- [A10] Acts 2:36 What two things had God made Jesus? Lord and Christ
- [A11] Acts 3:17-21 What are the results of repentance and turning to God? Sins are wiped away
- [A12] Acts 3:22-23 Which Old Testament writer did Peter quote? Moses
- [A13] Acts 3:24-26 By whose descendants would all the families of the earth be blessed? Abraham
- [A14] Acts 4:8-10 Who raised Jesus Christ from the dead? God
- [A15] Acts 4:11-12 How many different ways are there to get saved? One

[A16] A CHANGED MAN I see two major changes in the Apostle Peter. First, Peter became bold. He went from cravenly denying he even knew Jesus to declaring Him to be Lord and Christ. Peter did this publically and before the Jewish leadership, regardless of the possible consequences. Second, Peter finally understood the Old Testament was a book about Jesus. Peter quoted it often and used it to justify what he did and said. Perhaps there are more differences as well.

For further thought:

- (a17) What are the major differences between what you were like before you met Jesus Christ and now?
- (a18) Compare Acts 4:11 with Psalm 118:22. What did you learn? Now compare both of them with Matthew 21:42, Ephesians 2:20 and 1 Peter 2:7. What is the significance of the cornerstone?
- (a19) What title do you think would fit Peter's sermon in Acts 2:14-36?
- (a20) If someone were to ask you what Peter's discourse in Acts 3:11-26 was about, what would you say?
- (a21) It is recommended that you read and discuss Acts chapters 5, 9-12 & 15 with regard to what they reveal about the Apostle Peter.

LESSON 4 - Second Peter Chapter 1

Read Second Peter Chapter 1 and answer these questions:

[1A] 2nd Peter 1:1-2 What kind of faith is Peter talking about? _____

[1B] 2nd Peter 1:2-3 What has been given to us through knowledge of Him? _____

[1C] 2nd Peter 1:4 He has promised that we might become what? _____

[1D] 2nd Peter 1:5-7 List the 9 qualities Peter is talking about: _____

[1E] 2nd Peter 1:8 What is the result of having these qualities? _____

[1F] 2nd Peter 1:9 Whoever lacks the good qualities listed before has forgotten what?

[1G] 2nd Peter 1:10-11 What will be abundantly supplied to you? _____

[1H] 2nd Peter 1:12-13 Did Peter think his reader's were unaware of what he was telling them?

[1I] 2nd Peter 1:14-15 What does Peter think is going to happen to him soon? _____

[1J] 2nd Peter 1:16 What kind of tales did Peter avoid using? _____

[1K] 2nd Peter 1:17-18 Where did Peter hear God calling Jesus His beloved Son? _____

[1L] 2nd Peter 1:19 Where is the morning star going to rise? _____

[1M] 2nd Peter 1:20-21 What is the source of prophecy in the Scripture? _____

[1N] 2nd Peter 1:14-16 What does this passage mean? So what?

Think & Pray _____

CHARACTER BUILDER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

- 2 PETER 1:5-7 NIV

----- ANSWERS -----

LESSON 4 - Second Peter Chapter 1

[1A] 2nd Peter 1:1-2 What kind of faith is Peter talking about?

The same kind as ours, faith in the righteousness of Jesus Christ

[1B] 2nd Peter 1:2-3 What has been given to us through knowledge of Him?

Everything to do with life and godliness

[1C] 2nd Peter 1:4 He has promised that we might become what? Partakers of the divine nature

[1D] 2nd Peter 1:5-7 List the 9 qualities Peter is talking about. diligence, faith, moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love

[1E] 2nd Peter 1:8 What is the result of having these qualities? Usefulness and fruitfulness

[1F] 2nd Peter 1:9 Whoever lacks the good qualities listed before has forgotten what?

His cleansing from former sins

[1G] 2nd Peter 1:10-11 What will be abundantly supplied to you? Entrance into the kingdom

[1H] 2nd Peter 1:12-13 Did Peter think his reader's were unaware of what he was telling them?

No, he was reminding them of what they already knew. For us it might be new information, but for the original recipients it was a reminder and an encouragement.

[1I] 2nd Peter 1:14-15 What does Peter think is going to happen to him soon? Death

[1J] 2nd Peter 1:16 What kind of tales did Peter avoid using? Cleverly devised tales

[1K] 2nd Peter 1:17-18 Where did Peter hear God calling Jesus His beloved Son?

The holy mountain (See Matthew 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9)

[1L] 2nd Peter 1:19 Where is the morning star going to rise? In our hearts

[1M] 2nd Peter 1:20-21 What is the source of prophecy in the Scripture? Holy Spirit, God

[1N] TESTIMONY In my opinion, 2nd Peter 1:14-16 means Peter is assuring his reader's that he is telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. A lot hinges on the testimony of the Apostles. Peter was about to die, and he kept telling the same story of Jesus Christ. Why would he lie when his death was imminent? Indeed, he was not the only one. All the apostles were executed for their faith except John, who died of old age imprisoned on a small island. All they would have to have done to save their life is to say that Jesus Christ was dead and they could have lived. They were not under any kind of peer pressure. They were scattered apart and alone at the time of their deaths, for the most part. They maintained their testimony because they believed it to be true, and they were the ones in the best position to know whether it was true or not. In that sense, our faith depends on their deaths.

For further thought:

(1o) How believable would the Gospel be if the Apostles had all died of old age after a life of comfort and ease? What implications does this have for our testimony as Christians?

(1p) Compare 2 Peter 1:16-18 with Matthew 17:1-9. Peter had a pretty good tale to tell being a witness of the Transfiguration. What is your most startling testimony of the power and majesty of God?

(1q) How are you doing with respect to the nine qualities listed by Peter in 2 Peter 1:5-7? Are you useful and fruitful as it suggests in verse 8? How do you know?

(1r) What does 2 Peter 1:20-21 mean?

(1s) If someone asked you what 2nd Peter chapter 1 was about what would you tell them?

(1t) What did you learn about 2nd Peter chapter 1 that you would like to remember?

(1u) What verse or passage from 2nd Peter chapter 1 would be best to memorize? Why?

LESSON 5 - Second Peter Chapter 2

Read Second Peter Chapter 2 and answer these questions:

[2A] 2nd Peter 2:1 What will the false teachers secretly introduce? _____

[2B] 2nd Peter 2:2 Because of those following their own sensuality what will be maligned? _____

[2C] 2nd Peter 2:3 False teachers will take advantage of many because of what? _____

[2D] 2nd Peter 2:4-5 Who was preserved by God in the ancient world? _____

[2E] 2nd Peter 2:6 What cities were destroyed as an example to the ungodly? _____

[2F] 2nd Peter 2:7-8 What oppressed righteous Lot? _____

[2G] 2nd Peter 2:9-10 Who knows how to rescue the godly from temptation? _____

[2H] 2nd Peter 2:10-11 What do angels not do? _____

[2I] 2nd Peter 2:12-13 What are the wages of doing wrong? _____

[2J] 2nd Peter 2:14-15 Eyes full of adultery never cease from what? _____

[2K] 2nd Peter 2:16-17 What did the donkey do? _____

[2L] 2nd Peter 2:18-19 The slaves of corruption promise what? _____

[2M] 2nd Peter 2:20-22 What does a pig do after is cleaned? _____

[2N] Read 2nd Peter 2:9. Explain what you think it means.

Think & Pray _____

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Family Devotions at dinner is a wonderful tradition.. BUT using random scripture readings proved risky for the Tidbow family.

----- ANSWERS -----

LESSON 5 - Second Peter Chapter 2

[2A] 2nd Peter 2:1 What will the false teachers secretly introduce? Destructive heresies

[2B] 2nd Peter 2:2 Because of those following their own sensuality what will be maligned?

The truth

[2C] 2nd Peter 2:3 False teachers will take advantage of many because of what? Greed

[2D] 2nd Peter 2:4-5 Who was preserved by God in the ancient world? Noah, and 7 others

[2E] 2nd Peter 2:6 What cities were destroyed as an example to the ungodly? Sodom & Gomorrah

[2F] 2nd Peter 2:7-8 What oppressed righteous Lot? Sensual conduct of unprincipled men

[2G] 2nd Peter 2:9-10 Who knows how to rescue the godly from temptation? the Lord

[2H] 2nd Peter 2:10-11 What do angels not do? Reville

[2I] 2nd Peter 2:12-13 What are the wages of doing wrong? Suffering wrong

[2J] 2nd Peter 2:14-15 Eyes full of adultery never cease from what? sin

[2K] 2nd Peter 2:16-17 What did the donkey do? Spoke

[2L] 2nd Peter 2:18-19 The slaves of corruption promise what?

Freedom Being slaves they can not deliver freedom to themselves let alone anyone else.

[2M] 2nd Peter 2:20-22 What does a pig do after is cleaned? Returns to wallowing in the mire

[2N] **TEMPTATION** This is for me a tremendous comfort. It means that it all depends on God, not me. Thank God. If it was up to me, it would be a total mess.

For further thought:

(2o) Thinking about 2nd Peter 2:7-8 and Genesis 19:1-14 | If Lot hated the place so much, why didn't he move, and why did he give his daughters in marriage to the local men?

(2p) Explain 2nd Peter 2:20-22.

(2q) Compare 2nd Peter 2:13 with Romans 6:23. What did you learn?

(2r) What is the difference between the "wages" in 2nd Peter 2:13 and the "wages" in 2nd Peter 2:15?

(2s) In Genesis chapters 5 through 10 (the story of Noah) the words "preach" or "preacher" do not appear anywhere. What is 2nd Peter 2:5 mean when it calls Noah a "preacher of righteousness?"

(2t) If someone asked you what 2nd Peter chapter 2 was about what would you tell them?

(2u) What did you learn about 2nd Peter chapter 2 that you would like to remember?

(2v) What verse or passage from 2nd Peter chapter 2 would be best to memorize? Why?

LESSON 6 - Second Peter Chapter 3

Read Second Peter Chapter 3 and answer these questions:

[3A] 2nd Peter 3:1 How many letters has Peter written to them? _____

[3B] 2nd Peter 3:2 Whose words are we to remember? _____

[3C] 2nd Peter 3:3-4 What will come in the last days? _____

[3D] 2nd Peter 3:5-6 Out of what was the earth formed? _____

[3E] 2nd Peter 3:7 By what are the present heavens and earth being reserved for fire, judgment and destruction? _____

[3F] 2nd Peter 3:8 What time periods are the same in God's sight? _____

[3G] 2nd Peter 3:9 Why is the Lord patient? _____

[3H] 2nd Peter 3:10-12 What is the destiny of the earth? _____

[3I] 2nd Peter 3:13 What will be new according to His promise? _____

[3J] 2nd Peter 3:14 Be diligent to be found how? _____

[3K] 2nd Peter 3:15 Where did Paul's wisdom come from? _____

[3L] 2nd Peter 3:16-18 We are to grow in the grace and knowledge of what? _____

[3M] 2nd Peter 3:11-12 What is the answer to Peter's rhetorical question here? Since we know the earth is going to be burned up suddenly sometime in the near future, what kind of people should we be?

Think & Pray _____

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



GOD IS NOT a bungling creator. This earth, the rules, and the order of life are all orchestrated by God. **Genesis 1**

----- ANSWERS -----

LESSON 6 - Second Peter Chapter 3

[3A] 2nd Peter 3:1 How many letters has Peter written to them? This is his second

[3B] 2nd Peter 3:2 Whose words are we to remember?

the holy prophets and commandments of our Lord and Savior as spoken by the apostles

[3C] 2nd Peter 3:3-4 What will come in the last days? Mockers

[3D] 2nd Peter 3:5-6 Out of what was the earth formed? Water

[3E] 2nd Peter 3:7 By what are the present heavens and earth being reserved for fire, judgment and destruction? His word

[3F] 2nd Peter 3:8 What time periods are the same in God's sight? A day and a thousand years

[3G] 2nd Peter 3:9 Why is the Lord patient? He wants everyone to have time to repent

[3H] 2nd Peter 3:10-12 What is the destiny of the earth? It will be burned up

[3I] 2nd Peter 3:13 What will be new according to His promise? heavens and earth

[3J] 2nd Peter 3:14 Be diligent to be found how? In peace, spotless and blameless

[3K] 2nd Peter 3:15 Where did Paul's wisdom come from? It was given to him

[3L] 2nd Peter 3:16-18 We are to grow in the grace and knowledge of what?

Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ

[3M] PREPARED PEOPLE In think Peter answers his own question in the verses that follow:

v. 13 We should be looking for, expecting, hoping for, a new heavens and new earth in which righteousness is living.

v. 14 We should carefully seek peace with everyone around us, maintain ourselves in purity.

v. 15 We should admire and worship the Lord for His patience realizing that is what is giving us time to reach more of the lost.

v. 16-17 We should carefully study the Bible (which includes the New Testament and Old Testament) so that we are not easily deceived by false teachers.

v. 18 We are to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

For further thought:

(3n) 2 Peter 3:16 makes Paul's writings comparable to the "rest of the Scriptures." Does this mean Peter considered Paul's writings the inspired word of God? How do you know?

(3o) 2 Peter 3:5 says "... the earth was formed out of water and by water." What does this mean?

(3p) Explain the phrase "in which righteousness dwells" in 2 Peter 3:13.

(3q) If someone asked you what 2nd Peter chapter 3 was about what would you tell them?

(3r) What did you learn about 2nd Peter chapter 3 that you would like to remember?

(3s) What verse or passage from 2nd Peter chapter 3 would be best to memorize? Why?

(3t) What did you learn in this course that you would like to remember?

(3u) If someone asked you what this course was about, what would you tell them?

(3v) What scripture from this course would be best to memorize? Why?