

## The Second Epistle of Peter

### *Beware of False Teachers*

2 Peter 2:1-3

Part 15

#### **I. The Anticipation of these False Teachers. v.1a**

1. *False prophets in the former days.*

Cf. Dt.13:1-5; 1 Kings 18:22; Jer.6:14; 14:11-15; 23:15-17; Ez.12:21-28; 28:15

2. *False teachers in the last days.*

Cf. Matt.7:15; 24:4,5; Acts 20:29,30; 1 Jn.4:1; 2 Cor.11:13; Rev.2,3

#### **II. The Patriarch of these False Teachers.**

Cf. John 8:44; 2 Cor.4:3,4; 10:3,4; 11:13,14; Eph.6:12

#### **III. The Implications of these False Teachers.**

1. *If there are false teachers there must be those who are true teachers.*

Cf. 1:16-20; 1 Tim.2:1

2. *If there are true teachers there must be a body of truth.*

Cf. Jn.6:35; 8:12; 10:11; 14:6; 15:5; 17:3,17; 18:37; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim.2:5

#### **IV. The Character and Methods of these False Teachers. v.1,2**

1. *They are cunning and dangerous. vv.1,13*

Cf. Matt.7:15; Jude 4

2. *They are covetous. vv.3,14*

Cf. Matt.23:14

3. *They are ungodly and promote carnal sensuality. vv.13,14; 3:3*

“It is not strange to see that the most dangerous heretics have many followers, every error being a friend of lust.” Alexander Nesbitt

#### **V. The Purpose of Peter in Relationship to these False Teachers.**

1. *To expose the wolves.*

2. *To protect the sheep.*