

Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> 2010  
The Second of Peter  
Part Five – Study Questions

1). Mt 7:13 *"Enter by the narrow gate* Jude 1:3 ¶ *contend earnestly for the faith*  
2Pe 1:5 ¶ *But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your*  
*faith.....* Heb 4:11 ¶ *Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest*

a). What do all these exhortations require of us if we are to achieve that which we are exhorted to do?

b). Although it is not actually specified here, what is the implied warning that goes with these exhortations?

c). What would our complacency, lethargy and lukewarmness be with regards to?

d). Why does this make us more susceptible to the message of the false teachers? And what would be the result of following their message?

2). Jude 1:5 *But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.*

a). Explain how what we see here with regards to Israel can be seen as apostasy?

- b). Who, apart from Israel itself, played a significant part in this?
- c). What action did Israel take following the realization of their sin?
- d). What was the consequence of their repentance?
- e). What do we find in the Book of Hebrews concerning this and what might we learn from it?

3). *2Pe 2:4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell [Tartarus] and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;*

- a). What is the companion scripture to this in Jude?
- b). Who are these angels? What did they do? And why can their actions be classified as apostasy?
- c). Who also experienced judgment as a result of the actions of these angels?

4). *2Pe 2:6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;*

- a). What is the companion scripture to this in Jude?

b). What happened to cause the cities of the plain to be condemned to destruction?

c). Why did God destroy the cities of the plain?

d). ‘Those who afterward would live ungodly’ – does this refer to disobedient Christians in a general sense or to something more specific? How would we know?

e). In both the flood and the destruction of the cities of the plain what was it that had preceded these judgments?

5). Lu 17:26 *"And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot:*

a). What does this scripture teach us with regards to Israel and the earthly realm of the Kingdom?

6). What can we know about the actions of fallen angels with regards to the Heavenly realm of the Kingdom and those who would be adopted as firstborn sons from the Matthew 13 Parables?

a). What always is the purpose for this angelic activity?

b). What scripture in the epistles is consistent with what we find in Matthew 13?

c). How is the activity of the fallen angels with respect to the Church in the spiritual realm the same as their dealing with Israel in the physical realm?

7). Ga 4:19 ¶ *My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,*

Col 3:9 *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*

Ro 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

a). What do we learn from these scriptures?

b). What do each of these depend upon to bring them to completion?

c). What would be the consequences if the ‘word’ we were receiving was corrupted because it was a doctrine of demons?

d). How would those Christians who receive and accept the doctrines of demons be exactly the same as the inhabitants of the ancient world and the inhabitants of the cities of the plain?

8). 2Ti 4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;*

a). How could we equate the content of this verse with going after ‘strange flesh’ in the days of Lot?

b). How could we equate this with sexual immorality?

c) How does God view this?

9). 2Pe 2:9 *then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,*

a). What do we learn from this scripture?

10). Ru 2:12 *"The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."*

2Co 11:2 *For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*

a). What do these two scriptures teach us with respect to all this?

