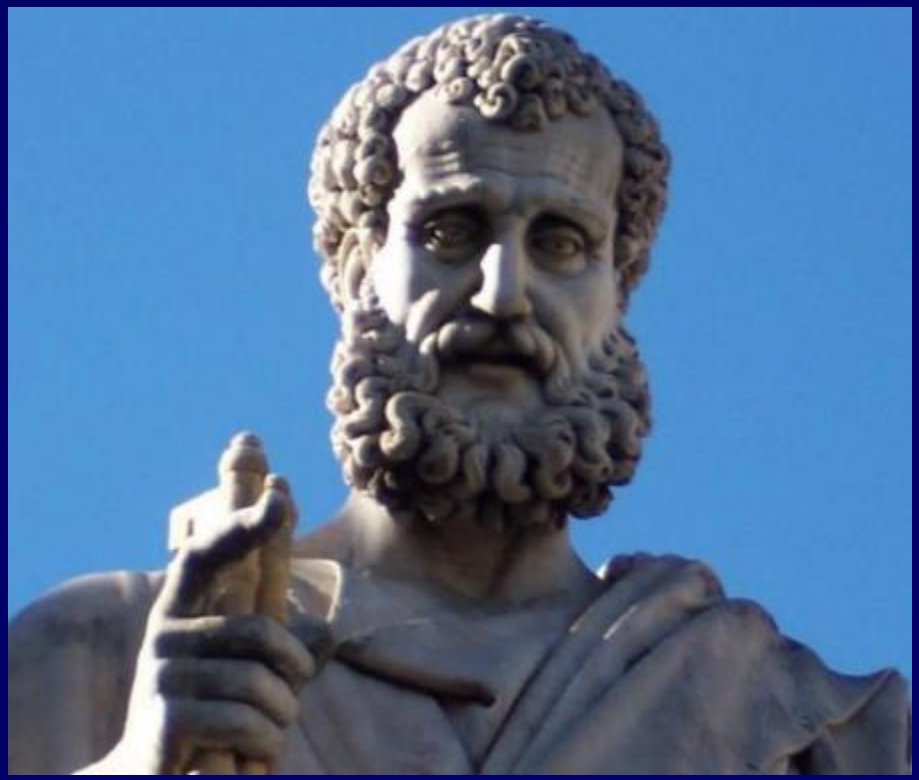
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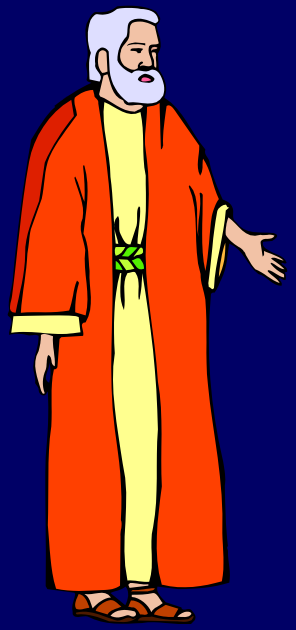
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INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

- Authorship: **Peter**
- Biography: **Gospels & Acts**
- Date: **A.D. 64**
- Recipients: **Regenerated, Asia Minor, Hebrews**
- Place of writing: **Babylon**
- Occasion for writing: **Incipient Gnosticism**
- Purpose: **Insulation from false teaching**
- Structure: **3 parts**
- Message: **Protection from false teachers**
- Unique characteristics: **Knowledge**

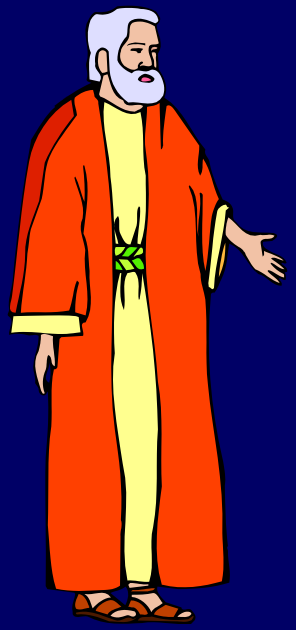


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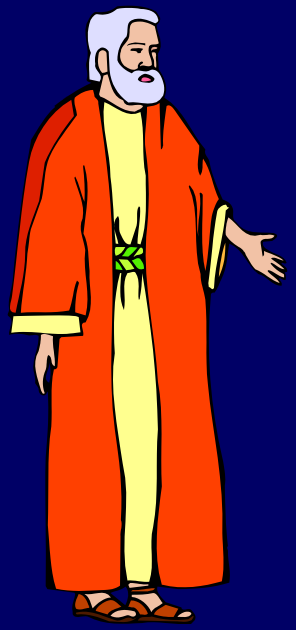
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- Call to Growth (1:3-11)
- Purpose Statement (1:12-15)
- Coming kingdom (1:16-21)

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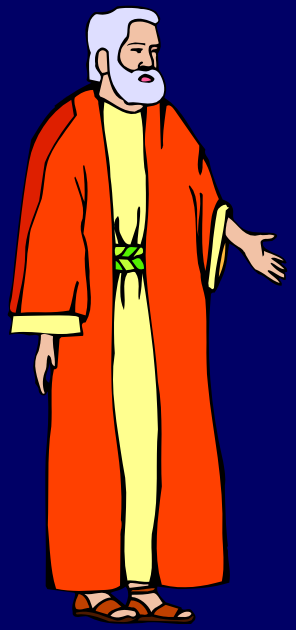
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2. Devices (2:1b-3)
3. Doom (2:4-9)
4. Depravity (2:10-16)
5. Emptiness (2:17-19)
6. Regression (2:20-22)



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2 Peter 3:3-15



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  - Scoffing
  - Future tense



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  - Lust & denial of judgment
  - Uniformitarianism/ naturalism



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PETER'S REBUTTAL
V.5-10



<u>Arguments from</u>:

- History (5-7)
- Scripture (8)
- God's character (9)
- Divine promise (10)

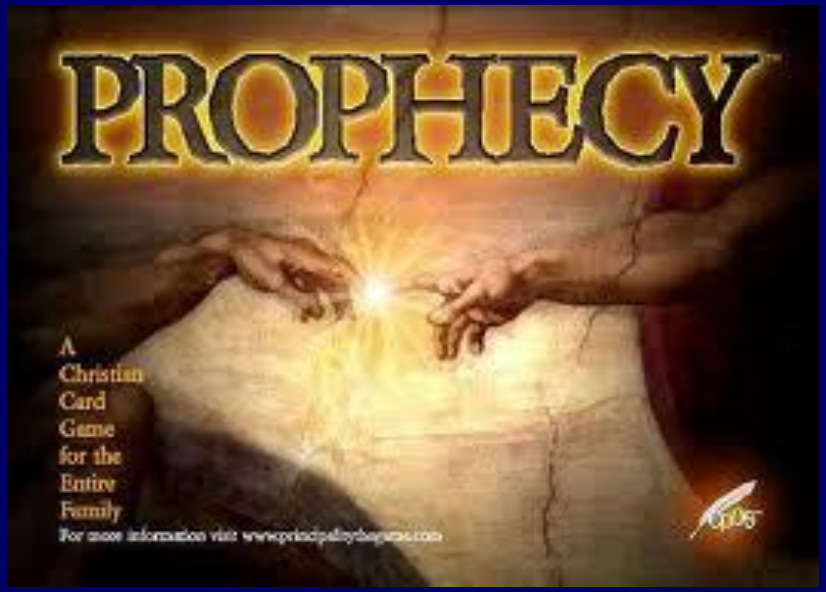
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BIBLICAL PROPHECY: IMPORTANCE

- 27% of Scripture was prophetic at the time it was written
- 2 Pet 1:19





J. Dwight Pentecost

Prophecy For Today, Page 20

"A short time ago, I took occasion to go through the New Testament to mark each reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and to observe the use made of that teaching about His coming. I was struck a new with the fact that almost without exception, when the coming of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament, it is followed by an exhortation to godliness and holy living."

2 Peter 1:19-21

“19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure,
to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp
shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and
the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know
this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a
matter of one’s own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy
was ever made by an act of human will, but
men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”



AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

V. 19



- More sure than eyewitness testimony
- World is in the Dark, Scripture is the Light
- Morning Star = Jesus

Rev. 2:28; 22:16

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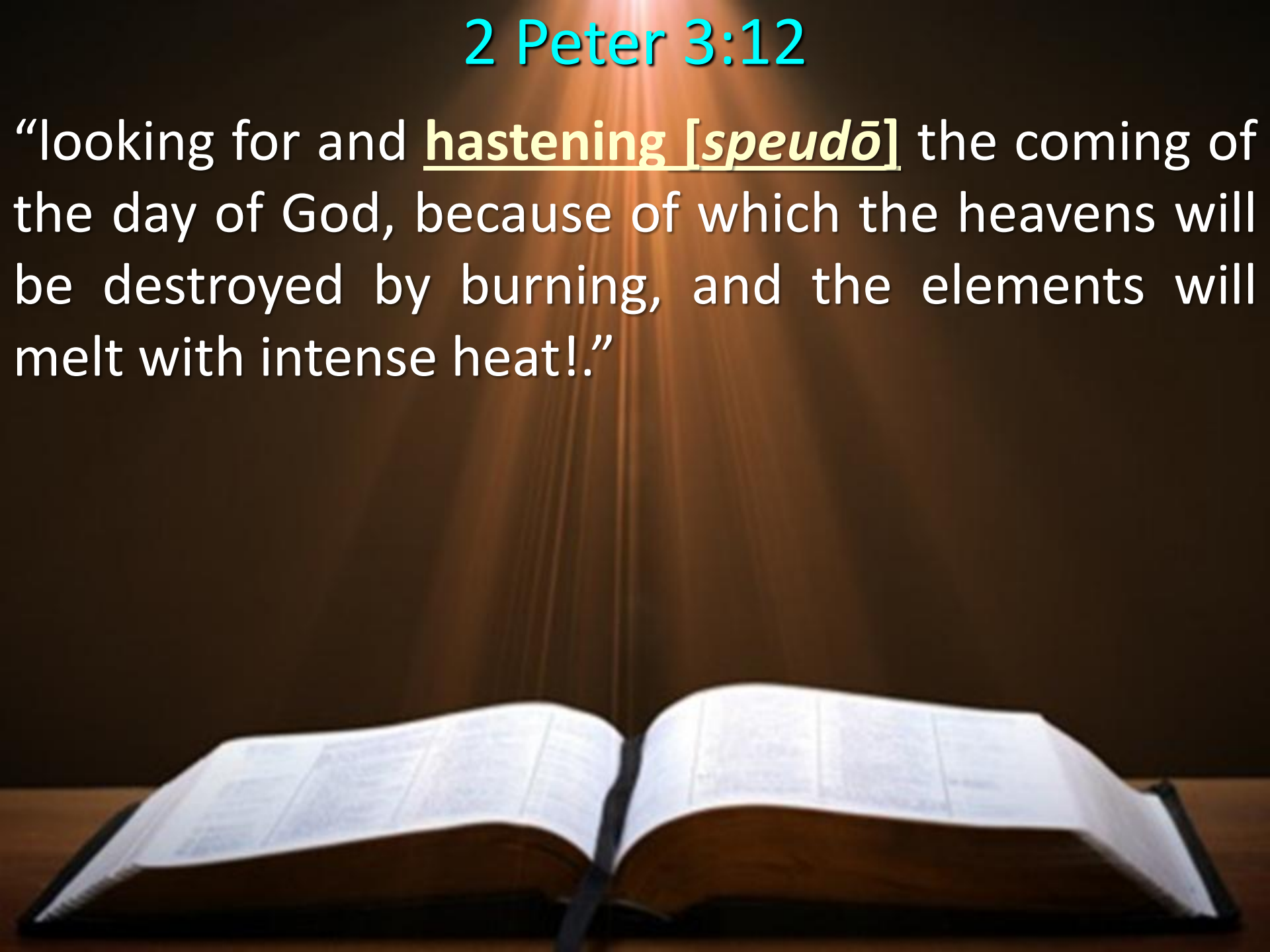
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2 Peter 3:12

“looking for and **hastening [*speudō*]** the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!.”



Romans 11:25

"For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the **fullness of the Gentiles** has come in."



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REGARD THE GRACE OF GOD
(3:15)

- 2 Pet 3:9
- Paul as an example of God's grace
- God even used Paul to author Scripture

Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



Acts 8:3-4; 11:19

"[3] But **Saul** began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison. [4] Therefore, those who had been **scattered** went about preaching the word…[19] So then those who were **scattered** because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone."



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BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS
(3:16-17)

- Paul's writings have given false teachers an opportunity
- Rev 22:18-19
- "Fall from your own steadfastness"?

Galatians 2:7-8

“7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, **just as Peter had been to the circumcised** 8 (for He who effectually worked for Peter **in his apostleship to the circumcised** effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles).”



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Revelation 22:18-19

"[18] I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; [19] and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will **take away his part [*meros*] from the tree of life and from the holy city**, which are written in this book."





Dennis Rokser

Shall Never Perish Forever, p. 274

"**To unbelievers who would add to God's Word in this fashion, the Lord promises to 'add to him the plagues that are written in this book.'** The plagues spoken of in the book of Revelation occur during that future period of God's judgment on the earth known as the Tribulation. If anyone reading Revelation accepts the invitation of verse 17 and becomes a believer in Christ prior to the Tribulation, that person will experience the pretribulational Rapture of the saints (1 Thess. 4:13-18) rather than the plagues of the Tribulation (1 Thess. 5:1-3). **Therefore, the warning of Revelation 22:18 applies only to unbelievers**. This is not a warning to believers to stay saved or to be rewarded for their perseverance."



Dennis Rokser

Shall Never Perish Forever, p. 273

"Verses 18-19 follow with a grave warning to unbelievers who would add to or subtract from the words of this book. **Either adding to or taking away from the Word of God is characteristic of unbelievers who cannot simply accept by faith what God says in His Word**. When God speaks, the response of the believing heart is simply 'Amen.' But the unbeliever does not accept what God says at face value, and so he must change the Word to suit himself."



Dennis Rokser

Shall Never Perish Forever, p. 274

"A common characteristic of cults and religions that profess to be 'Christian' is that they invariably add other books, creeds, council decisions, or 'inspired' writings of their founder or leaders to the Bible, and they put these on a par with God's Word."

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Galatians 3:3

"Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being **perfected by the flesh**?"



Galatians 5:4

"You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace."



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Ephesians 4:11-16

“11 And He gave **some** as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as **evangelists**, and some as **pastors and teachers**, 12 for the **equipping** of the **saints** for the **work of service**, to the **building up** of the body of Christ;” 13 until we all attain to the **unity** of the faith, and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, to a **mature man**, to the measure of the **stature which** . . .



Ephesians 4:11-16

"... **belongs to the fullness of Christ**. 14 As a **result**, we are no longer to be **children**, **tossed here and there by waves** and carried about by every **wind** of doctrine, by the **trickery of men**, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but **speaking** the **truth in love**, we are to **grow up** in **all** *aspects* into Him who is the head, even . . .



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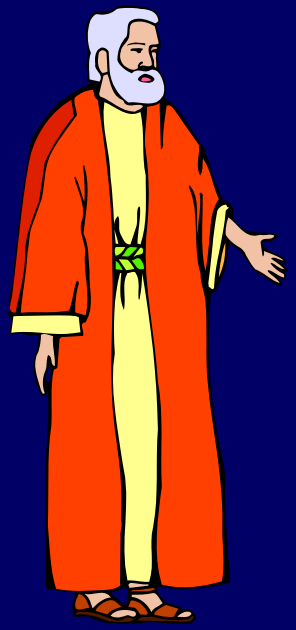
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Protection from the negative influence of the coming false teachers is accomplished through exhortation toward maturity and exposing the characteristics and doctrines of these coming false teachers

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