

2 Peter

Destructive Doctrines (2 Peter 2:1-3)

Read: Destructive Doctrines (2:1-3)

1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

Explain: Destructive Doctrines (2:1-3)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What are the most repeated words in 2 Peter?

Their/them/themselves/they (42), you/your (28), he/his/him (22), our/us/we (21), _____ (21), Lord (15), I/me/my (12), day (9), Jesus (9), _____/knowing/known/knows (9), Christ (8), God (7), knowledge (7), righteous/righteousness (7), beloved (6), destruction/destructive (6), holy (6), own (6)

What are the most repeated words in this text?

Their/them/themselves/they (5), will (5), destruction/destructive (4), bring (2), false (2), way/ways (2), you (2)

What do the words mean?

1 But there were [second aorist middle deponent indicative; to cause to be ("gen"-erate), i.e., (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.): arise, be assembled, be(-come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought] **also false prophets** [*pseudoprophetes*; a spurious prophet, i.e., pretended foreteller or religious _____: false prophet] **among the people** [a people; people], **even as there will be** [future indicative; will be: shall (should) be (have), (shall) come (to pass), what would follow] **false teachers** [*pseudodidaskalos*; a

spurious teacher, i.e., propagator of erroneous Christian _____: false teacher] **among you, who will secretly bring in** [future active indicative; to lead in aside, i.e., introduce surreptitiously: privily bring in] **destructive** [*apoleia*; ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal): damnable(-nation), destruction, die, perdition, pernicious ways, waste] **heresies** [properly, a choice, i.e., (specially) a party or (abstractly) disunion: heresy (which is the Greek word itself), _____], **even denying** [present middle or passive deponent participle (_____ denying); to contradict, i.e., disavow, reject, abnegate: deny, refuse] **the Lord** [*despotes*; an absolute ruler ("despot"): Lord, master] **who bought them** [aorist active participle; properly, to go to market, i.e., (by implication) to purchase; specially, to redeem: buy, redeem], **and bring** [present active participle (_____ bring); to superinduce, i.e., inflict (an evil), charge (a crime): bring upon] **on themselves swift** [curt, i.e., impending: shortly, swift] **destruction** [*apoleia*]. **2 And many** [*polys*; (singular) much (in any respect) or (plural) many; neuter (singular) as adverbial, largely; neuter (plural) as adverb or noun often, mostly, largely: abundant, altogether, _____, far (passed, spent), (be of a great (age, deal, -ly, while), long, many, much, oft(-en (-times))), plenteous, sore, straightly] **will follow** [future active indicative; to follow out, i.e., (figuratively) to imitate, obey, yield to: follow] **their destructive ways** [*apoleia*], **because of** [*dia*] **whom the way** [a road; by implication, a progress (the route, act or distance); figuratively, a mode or means: journey, (high-)way] **of truth** [truth: true, truth, verity] **will be blasphemed** [future passive indicative; to vilify; specially, to speak impiously: (speak) blaspheme(-er, -mously, -my), defame, rail on, revile, speak evil]. **3 By covetousness** [avarice, i.e., (by implication) fraudulency, extortion: covetous(-ness) practices, greediness] **they will exploit** [future middle deponent indicative; to travel in (a country as a peddler), i.e., (by implication) to trade: buy and sell, make _____] **you with deceptive** [molded, i.e., (by implication) artificial or (figuratively) fictitious (false): feigned] **words** [*logos*; something said (including the thought); by implication, a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specially, (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e., Christ): account, cause, communication, doctrine, fame, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, reckon, remove, say(-ing), shew, speech, talk, thing, none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work]; **for a long time** [long ago, for a long while: of a long time, of old] **their judgment** [*krima*; a decision (the function or the effect, for or against ("crime")): avenge, condemned, condemnation, damnation, go to law, judgment] **has not been idle** [present active indicative; to be idle, i.e., (figuratively) to delay: linger], **and their destruction** [*apoleia*] **does not slumber** [present active indicative; to _____, i.e., (by implication) to fall asleep; figuratively, to delay: slumber].

Apply (What is the point?)

1. False teachers will be _____ with us
2. False teachers will be _____ with us
3. God will not _____ sin

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. _____ around truth
2. Unify around _____
3. Live like presence and popularity are not evidence of _____

Next week: Doom of False Teachers (2:4-11)

4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell 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; **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; **7** and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked **8** (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)— **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, **10** and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, **11** whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**2 Peter 2:4-11**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member