

# Feeding Your Soul

P a r a g r a p h S t u d y

2 Peter  
2:1-3  
GQ

## Observation What Do I See?

- 1 Mark up the paragraph below with colors and symbols about what you notice.

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 Many will follow

their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

### Ideas for mark-up

- God
- Jesus Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Repeated Words/Ideas/Subjects
- Commands (e.g., put aside, pray without ceasing, etc.)
- Lists (e.g., characteristics, sins, promises, etc.)
- Connecting words (e.g., for, yet, therefore, nor/or, but, so, and)
- Actions/Verbs
- Comparisons (e.g., like or as)
- Contrasts (e.g., light or dark)
- Warnings or Promises

- 2 Write what you learned about the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit.

- 3 What did you learn about what you marked up? Write any questions you have about this text.

# Interpretation What Does It Mean?

4 Compare translations highlighting any major differences in word choices.

NASB	ESV	NIV
<p>But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.</p>	<p>But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.</p>	<p>But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.</p>

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1. Chapter 2 verse 1 begins with the contrasting word but. What contrast is Peter making with his statements at the end of Chapter 1?
2. From verses 1-3, what are the characteristics of false teachers? What are the consequences of the false teachers' views?
3. In verse 1 Peter refers to the false prophets that plagued the Israelites. How were the Israelites to deal with false prophets? See Deut. 13 and 18:18-22.
4. Why do false teachers introduce their destructive heresies secretly? See also Jn. 3:20-21 and 1 Jn. 1:5-7. Who do false teachers want to keep their teachings a secret from?

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5. Peter says that the false teachers will introduce destructive heresies in which they will even deny Christ. What do the Scriptures say about someone who denies Christ? See Matt. 10:33; 2 Tim. 2:11-13; Titus 1:16; 1 Jn. 2:19, 22; Jude 4.

6. Based on what you have discovered in questions 3-6, what is the false teacher's spiritual state Peter described in these verses?

7. Look back at verse 1. Where will you find false teachers? Why is it so important to understand the false teacher's true spiritual state though they may claim to know Christ as their Savior? See also 1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Titus 1:16.

# Application What Does It Mean for Me?

12 Based on the principles you discovered in this passage, in what ways can you express love to God and to your neighbor? What truths must you personalize?

**E x a m p l e s** Are there any positive examples to follow or negative ones to avoid?

**P r o m i s e s** Are there any promises on which to meditate?

**I d e n t i t y** Are there any verses that remind me of who I am in Christ?

**C o m m a n d s** Are there any commands to follow?

**S i n s t o A v o i d** Are there any sins to avoid?

<i>Examples</i>	
<i>Promises</i>	
<i>Identity</i>	
<i>Commands</i>	
<i>Sins to Avoid</i>	

## **Implementation** What Steps Do I Need to Take?

- 13 Write at least one step you will take in order to apply what you have learned.

## **Consultation** What Truths Did Others Find in This Passage?

- 14 Write down anything you learned from a commentary you read or sermon you enjoyed.