

# Feeding Your Soul

## Chapter Overview

2 Peter  
Ch. 2

- 1 Please read through the entire chapter at least three times before answering the questions below (*reading different versions helps some people with understanding*):

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read this chapter at least three times

- 2 Remember as you approach the living Word of God begin with prayer:

**CONFESS  
YOUR SINS**  
1 Peter 2:1-2

**EXPECT TO  
BE CHANGED**  
2 Corinthians 3:18

**COMMITMENT  
TO OBEY**  
James 1:22-25

- 3 In order to understand a letter, we must understand the overall idea the author is trying to communicate to his original audience. This has to do with the overall purpose for writing the letter. Usually, one whole chapter is a complete unit of thought, and each of the chapters builds the author's purpose for writing this letter to this particular group of people. Also, if an author keeps repeating certain words or ideas, we know that this is a clue as to what the main idea of the chapter might be. Please note the repeated words that you see in the paragraph itself as well as throughout the book as a whole.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Using your green pencil to mark any repeated words or ideas you notice with corresponding symbols (for example, one word can be noted with a green star while a different word can be noted with a green squiggle below it).
- Using your black pencil, use brackets to mark any lists.
- Using your blue pencil, place a box around any connecting words (e.g., but, and, for, therefore, so, so that, because).
- Using your orange pencil, mark any similarities or comparisons (faith is like gold) or any contrasts (light vs. dark).
- Write your summaries and titles for the paragraphs in the spaces given below. Then write a chapter title (try to make it fewer than six words) in the space provided.

**4 Write a chapter title and paragraph summaries in the boxes provided.**

Chapter Title:

**2 Peter 2:1-3**

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.

Summary

Repeated Words

**2 Peter 2:4-10a**

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; 7 and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men 8 (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, 10 and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

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PARAGRAPH SUMMARIES CONT.

**2 Peter 2:10b-16**

Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, 11 whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord. 12 But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed, 13 suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you, 14 having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children; 15 forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

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**2 Peter 2:17-22**

17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved. 18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, 19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved. 20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. 21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. 22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

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- 5 Write down something you noticed or a question you have about this chapter.