

Feeding Your Soul

Chapter Overview

2 Peter
Ch. 3

- 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 the chapter title and paragraph summaries in the boxes provided;

Chapter Title:

2 Peter 3:1-2

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

Summary

Repeated Words

2 Peter 3:3-7

3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. 7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Summary

Repeated Words

2 Peter 3:8-9

8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Summary

Repeated Words

2 Peter 3:10

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Summary

Repeated Words

PARAGRAPH SUMMARIES CONT.

2 Peter 3:11-13

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening 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! 13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Summary

Repeated Words

2 Peter 3:14-18

14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Summary

Repeated Words

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