

# Blast from the Past, Lesson for the Present

2 Peter 2:4-10,15-16

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## **Introduction: God Warns False Teachers**

### **1. God Cast out Rebellious Angels (2:4)**

Isaiah 14:12-15

Ezekiel 28:12-19

Revelation 12:3-9

### **2. God Flooded the World but Favored Noah (2:5)**

Genesis 6-8

Hebrews 11:7

### **3. God Burned Sodom and Gomorrah but Bailed Out Lot (2:6-8)**

Genesis 19

### **4. God Judged Balaam the Greedy Prophet (2:15-16)**

Numbers 22-24; Joshua 24:9-10

Num. 31:8; Joshua 13:22: death

Deut. 23:4-5, Neh. 13:1-2: Ammon & Moab

Jude 11; Rev. 2:14

## 5. God Will Punish the Wicked but Will Preserve... the Wicked? (2:9-10)

### Conclusion

The Bible is true. False teaching is false.

God is just. He will punish those who deserve it.

God is gracious. He forgives those who don't deserve it.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

You † Your Family † Your Friends † Your Community Group

1. Read the accounts of Satan's sin and being cast out along with one-third of the angels (Is. 14:12-15; Ez. 28:12-19; Rev. 12:3-9). Are angels humans? Has God made it possible for angels to be forgiven the way that human beings are forgiven? (Hint: are angels made in the image of God, as humans are?)
2. Read the account of the flood (Gen. 6-8). Identify and discuss evidence of God's graciousness in the midst of His judgment. Discuss whether Noah deserved to be saved.
3. Read the account of Lot and Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19). Was Lot really righteous? What did he do right and what did he do wrong? Again, identify and discuss evidence of God's graciousness even as He judges sin.
4. Read the account of Balaam (Num. 22-24) and then the other verses cited. Read the New Testament verses that refer to Balaam. How do the other verses help us interpret the original account? Was Balaam really that bad?
5. What is the significance of Peter and other NT writers citing the OT as true? Do you find yourself doubting the more fantastic OT accounts? Discuss your doubts. How is your faith changed by the NT writers referring to the OT?
6. How does God's history of both judgment and mercy affect you? Are you more likely to doubt God's goodness or to approach Him to gain mercy and forgiveness? Pray together, asking and thanking God for His forgiveness.