

22. 2 PETER

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Chapter 1

1:1 Shim'on Peter, a slave and ambassador
of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
to those who have been granted equally precious trust with us
in the justification of our Elohim
and of our deliverer, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

Shim'on means one who hears.
Peter means a stone.

1:2 Favor and well being be multiplied to you
in the full discernment of **YAHWEH**
and of **YAHUSHUA**, our Master,

1:3 since His divine power has granted to us
everything concerning life and devotion
by means of the full discernment of Him Who has called us
for the sake of honor and excellence.

1:4 Through this we have been granted
exceedingly great and valuable promises
that through these you might become sharers
of the divine nature,
having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world
because of selfish longings.

There are several things in this verse to note. First is the promises. They include all that was promised to Abraham and his offspring.
Next is the divine nature. This is 'The Holy Spirit' in traditional understandings, but it is the indwelling presence of YAHWEH, and constitutes the 'new nature' of a believer.
Third is the corruption, which means defilement. For a Hebrew person anyone or any thing that was defiled was forbidden to enter into the presence of YAHWEH.
And fourth is the 'selfish longings'. Selfishness is the root of every offense (sin). It is the desire to put what you want ahead of what YAHWEH wants in your life.

1:5 Now also for this very reason,
having added every speed
supply moral virtue to your trust,
and to virtue *add* knowledge,

1:6 and to knowledge *add* self control,
and to self control *add* perseverance,
and to perseverance *add* devotion to **YAHWEH**,
1:7 and to devotion to **YAHWEH** *add* brotherly affection,
and to brotherly affection *add* love.

1:8 Indeed, if these things are coming into existence in you
and are increasing they establish you
as neither useless nor unfruitful
in the full knowledge of our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

1:9 Indeed, he who is not coming close to these things
is blind, being near-sighted,
having forgotten that he has already
been cleansed from his offenses.

"Sin" is an offense against YAHWEH. It is the willful failure to follow His instructions.

1:10 Therefore, brothers, be even more quick
to make your calling and election certain.
Indeed, if you are doing these things
you will never ever stumble.

1:11 Indeed, in this manner

an entrance will be abundantly supplied to you
into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Deliverer,
YAHUSHUA, The Messiah.

1:12 Consequently, I will not be negligent
to always quietly remind you concerning these things,
although you understand them
and are established in the truth at hand.

1:13 Indeed, I think it is right
as long as I am in this tabernacle
to arouse you by reminding you,

1:14 knowing that very soon I will lay aside my tabernacle,
just as our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah
has made plain to me.

In the Old Covenant we see the Tabernacle as the temporary dwelling place of YAHWEH here on the earth. What's significant in Peter's reference lies in the fact that as believers in The Messiah we have become "the dwelling place of YAHWEH (via His indwelling nature) on earth".

1:15 Moreover, I will be quick to ensure
that you always have, after my departure,
a working reminder of these things.

1:16 Indeed, we have not followed cunningly devised myths
in making known to you the miraculous power
and coming near of our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
but were eyewitnesses of His magnificence.

1:17 Indeed, He received from **YAHWEH**, The Father,
honor and splendor,
having been delivered to Him by so great a voice,
from the Majestic Splendor:

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
(Matt. 17.5)

1:18 We even heard this voice
which was delivered to Him out of The Heaven,
being with Him on the set apart mountain.

1:19 And we possess a stable prophetic message
which you do well to pay attention to
like a lamp that shines in a dark place
until the day dawns and The Morning Star
arises in your hearts

1:20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture
is of any personal explanation.

The reference is to one's own explanation, or interpretation. It's not up to you to decide what is said. It is up to you to learn what YAHWEH means by what is provided. His explanation is the only one that matters in relation to prophecy of any kind.

1:21 Indeed, prophecy has never been brought forth
by the will of man.
On the contrary, The Set Apart Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
brought forth *what was* spoken by **YAHWEH** to human beings.

The Greek is not fully clear. What's given appears to be close to the intent of the passage, given the context.

Chapter 2

2:1 Now false prophets also came into existence
among the people
even as there will be false teachers among you
who will secretly bring in choices of destruction,
even denying the very same absolute ruler
who has redeemed them,

inflicting upon themselves impending destruction.

despotes – absolute ruler. This reference is to YAHWEH, not to YAHUSHUA.

Kurios is the normal term translated as Master, and is typically used of YAHUSHUA.

Ultimately, it's YAHWEH who has provided for our redemption, even though YAHUSHUA was the direct means by which this was accomplished.

And YAHWEH is the absolute ruler, to Whom even YAHUSHUA will one day surrender everything.

2:2 And many will follow their destructive ways,
by which The Way of Truth will be blasphemed.

The Way of Truth is the Way of YAHWEH. Early believers were identified as being part of "The Way" - YAHWEH's Way. Blasphemy is not a commonly used term today. It means to speak ill or irreverently of another; disrespectful.

2:3 And by means of avarice,
by means of deceptive words they will exploit you.
For a long time their judgment has not been idle,
and their destruction does not slumber.

2:4 Indeed, if **YAHWEH** did not spare
the *heavenly* messengers who offended,
but instead has incarcerated them in eternal torture,
having delivered them into chains of gloom
to be guarded until judgment,
2:5 and did not spare the ancient world,
but on the other hand, protected eight with Noah,
an announcer of justification,
inflicting a deluge upon the world of the irreverent,
2:6 and incinerated to ashes the cities of Sodom and Amorha,
sentencing them to destruction,
making them an exhibit for a warning
to those who afterward would become irreverent

Sodom means fettered.
Amorha means bondage.

2:7 and rescued innocent Lot,
who was worn down by the lewd behavior of the criminals,

2:8 (Indeed, that innocent one dwelling among them
tormented his just life from day to day
by seeing and hearing lawless deeds.)

2:9 *then* **YAHWEH** knows how to deliver the reverent
out of trials,

and to confine the unjust until the day of judgment
in order to be punished,

2:10 indeed, especially those who are walking
according to flesh in contaminated longings,
even despising authority, audacious, self centered,
not afraid to speak hurtful of honored ones,

2:11 whereas *heavenly* messengers
who are greater in miraculous power and strength,
do not bring a hurtful spoken condemnation
concerning them before **YAHWEH**.

2:12 But these, like instinctive irrational animals
born to be captured and destroyed,
speak harm concerning the things they do not know.
And they will be utterly destroyed
because of their own corruption.

2:13 Considering it sensual pleasure to carouse in the day
they will be receiving the wages of injustice.

They are spots and blemishes,
reveling in their own delusions while feasting with you,
2:14 having eyes full of adultery and unceasing offense,
entrapping unstable lives, having a heart trained in avarice,
accursed children,

2:15 having forsaken the straight path, being deceived,
following the path of Bi'lām, *son* of Be'or,
who loved the wages of injustice

Bi'lām means confounding the people.
Be'or means a burning.

2:16 and was rebuked for his rebellion,
a mute donkey uttering *words* with a clear sound
in a human voice
having stopped the madness of the prophet.

2:17 These are waterless fountains, clouds driven by a squall,
for whom the gloom of darkness is preserved into eternity.

2:18 Indeed, speaking insolent words of vanity
they are entrapping, through the desires of the flesh,
through lewdness, those who have actually escaped
from those remaining in error.

2:19 While promising them freedom
they themselves are slaves of corruption.

Now by whom a person is overcome,
by the same he is brought into bondage.

2:20 Indeed, if having escaped the pollutions of the world
through the recognition of The Master and Deliverer,
YAHUSHUA, The Messiah,
but having again become entangled in them and overcome,
the end is worse for them than the beginning.

2:21 Indeed, it would have been better for them to exist
not having known the way of justification,
than having known it to turn back from
the set apart instruction that had been entrusted to them.

This concept supports the idea that one can in fact
'apostasize', walk away from their faith. If you think you
"cannot lose your salvation" this Scripture should change
your mind. It clearly states this is possible.

2:22 The true adage has happened to them:

"A dog returns to his own vomit,"
(Prov. 26.11)

and,

*"a sow, having washed,
to her wallowing in the mire."*

Chapter 3

3:1 Beloved, I now write to you this second letter
in which I arouse your sincere minds by reminder

3:2 remembering the predictions of the set apart prophets,
and the instruction of us,

the ambassadors of The Master, even our Deliverer;

3:3 knowing this first,
that concerning the last days scoffers will come
pursuing their own desires

3:4 and saying,

*"Where is the promise of His coming?
For since the fathers died,
all things continue as they were
from the beginning of creation."*

(See Ezek 12.22-27 for similar ideas.)

3:5 Now this they willfully conceal,
that by the word of **YAHWEH** the skies existed long ago,
even the earth standing out of water and through water,

3:6 by which the world that at that time existed
was fully destroyed, having been deluged with water.

This passage appears to refer to the time prior to Genesis 1.1, not to the flood of Noah.

3:7 But the present skies and the earth are being preserved by the same word, being kept under guard for fire until the day of judgment and destruction of the irreverent persons.

3:8 But beloved, do not be unaware of this one thing, that with **YAHWEH** one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

3:9 **YAHWEH** is not tardy concerning His promise, as some count tardiness, but instead is patient toward us, not willing that any should be fully destroyed, but that all should enter into repentance.

reconsideration of one's actions; a change of mind.

3:10 Moreover, The Day of **YAHWEH** will arrive like a thief in the night, in which the skies will depart with a rushing sound, and the elements being set on fire will disintegrate. And the earth and the works that are in it will be completely burned up.

3:11 Therefore with all these things about to be disintegrated what manner *of persons* should you become in regard to set apart behavior and devotion to **YAHWEH**,
3:12 anticipating and urging on the coming of The Day of **YAHWEH**, because of which the skies being on fire, will be disintegrated and the elements will melt, being set on fire?

3:13 But we, according to His promise, anticipate new skies and a new earth in which justification dwells.

3:14 Therefore, beloved, be anticipating these things! Make an effort to be found by Him in peace, unblemished and blameless!

3:15 And consider the patience of our Master as deliverance, just as our beloved brother, Sha'ul, according to the wisdom given to him has also written to you
3:16 as even in all his letters, speaking in them of these things; in which some things are difficult to understand; which those who are ignorant and vacillating twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also with the rest of The Scriptures.

This is a very profound statement. Sha'ul does teach some things that are difficult to understand - unless you consider Who taught him and when. Once you understand how Sha'ul was taught by The risen and ascended Messiah his teachings become easier to comprehend. Yet there are many who distort his teachings, just like they do the rest of The Scriptures because they've never taken the time to examine them thoroughly for themselves.

3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away by the fraudulence of the lawless!

3:18 But grow in the favor and knowledge of our Master and Deliverer, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah. To Him *be* the honor both now and into the days of eternity. Amen.