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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. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. 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. For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

- 2 Peter 2:1-10a ESV

1. Hold fast to the truth, because distortions will come.

**The Portrait of a False Prophet:**

- (1) They claim authority but they have none.
- (2) They promise times of peace and prosperity when there won't be.
- (3) They say there will be no judgment when there will be.
- (4) They are marked by lack of virtue and plasticity.

2. Hold fast to the truth, because our beliefs will govern our behaviors.

3. Hold fast to the truth, because God will rescue His people and judge those who oppose him.

**Peters examples of Judgement and Salvation:**

*Examples of Judgment*

- (1) Angels
- (2) Ancient World
- (3) Ancient City

*Examples of Salvation*

- (1) Noah
- (2) Lot