

<p>A</p>	<p><u>Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> False teachers, “bold and wilful”, are not afraid to revile the angels. They, like “irrational animals”, will perish. They revel in pleasure-seeking; “have eyes full of adultery”; “ entice unsteady souls”; “forsaking the right way” like Balaam; they will enter “the deepest gloom of darkness”. They utter “loud boasts of folly” to “entice” others by promising them freedom, but “they themselves are slaves of corruption”. They turn away from Christ; their state “has become worse for them than the first”. During the last days, false teachers will question God’s promise. They have forgotten how God has created the world and destroyed it with water. The world is preserved “by the word of God” and by the same word “the heavens and earth” are “kept until the day of judgment”. “With the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day”, “God is forbearing toward you, ... wishing ... all should reach repentance”. “The day of the Lord will come like a thief ... and the elements will be dissolved with fire”. One should live a life of “holiness and godliness” as we wait for the coming of God and the new heavens and new earth. Let us be “found by [God] without spot or blemish and at peace”. Paul has also taught this; however his writings contain challenging parts that may be difficult to understand. Final exhortation. 	<p>2:11 – 3:18</p> <p>2:11-22</p> <p>3:1-10</p> <p>3:11-18</p>
<p>B</p>	<p><u>The Ugliness of False Teachers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reprimanding false teachers: “found it pleasure to revel in the daytime ... have eyes full of adultery; ... entice unsteady souls”. Until the 3rd Century, the Sacrament of the Eucharist was considered as part of the “love feasts” (Christian fellowship meals); but due to the increasing number of participants or people misusing it, this practice was terminated. “Eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin, ... entice unsteady soul” – These are no accidents but intentional and deliberate criminal acts. They “forsak[e] the right way they have gone astray”, like Balaam, deserved to be “rebuked” and will find themselves in “the deepest gloom of darkness”. 	<p>2:11-19</p> <p>1Cor 11:20-34</p> <p>Jude 12, CCSS 208</p> <p>CSB</p> <p>Num 22-24</p> <p>CCSS 171, SN1</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption” – false teachers may have misinterpreted Paul’s teachings, misleading the feeble in faith about true freedom. 	Jm 1:25
C	<p><u>People Will Question the Reliability of God’s Words On the Last Days</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the last days, “scoffers ... following their own passions” will question God’s promise. They ignore the fact that God has created the world through His word, and “by the same word” everything is preserved; just as God has sent his judgment through the flood, the judgment during the last days will come through fire. • “With the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day”, the Lord is slow to come due to His forbearance; wishing more people would repent. “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief”, during that time “the elements will be dissolved with fire”. • Modern sciences challenge the literal interpretation of creation and the flood. 	<p>3:1-10</p> <p>3:1-7, CCSS, CSB</p> <p>Col 1:16-17</p> <p>3:8-10 , Ps 90:4 CCSS CSB</p> <p>SN2</p>
D	<p><u>Living in Holiness and Godliness as We Await the Coming of the Lord</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As heavens and earth “will be kindled and dissolved”, God will judge all humanity based on their actions. While we await judgment, we must live in “holiness and godliness”. • “New heavens and new earth” is a key theme in Scripture. This wonderful future is another world; or could it be our world transformed? • “Be zealous to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace” – at that time, the holy and godly lives for which we hope allow us to come before God without blemish and at peace, because we are at peace and in right relationship with God. 	<p>3:11-16</p> <p>3:11 CCSS, CSB</p> <p>3:13, Is 65:17-25, 66:22-23, Rm 8:19-21 Rev 21:1-5 CSB, CCSS</p> <p>3:14 CCSS</p>

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