

2 Peter

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

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| <p>1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:</p> <p>2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,</p> <p>3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:</p> <p>4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.</p> <p>5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;</p> <p>6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;</p> <p>7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.</p> <p>8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.</p> <p>10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to</p> | <p>1:1 From Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained the same precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.</p> <p>2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,</p> <p>3 whose divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of God that has called us to glory and virtue.</p> <p>4 God has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that by these you might share in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through wrong desires.</p> <p>5 And besides this, with all diligence add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge,</p> <p>6 and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness,</p> <p>7 and to godliness brotherly and sisterly kindness, and to such kindness Christly love.</p> <p>8 For if these things are in you in abundance, they make you so that you will neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>9 But the persons who lack these things are blind, and cannot see far off, and have forgotten that they were purged from their old sins.</p> <p>10 Therefore, fellow believers, diligently make your calling and election sure; for if you do these things,</p> |

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| <p>make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.</p> | <p>you will never fall, 11 and you will be fully welcomed into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 12 Therefore it is right for me to remind you of these things, although you know them and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it right as long as I am in this world, to stir you up by reminding you, 14 knowing that shortly I must put off my mortal body as our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me. 15 Moreover, I will endeavor to enable you after my passing to always remember these things. 16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honor and glory when a voice came to him from the excellent glory, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice, which came from heaven, when we were with Jesus Christ on the holy mountain.¹ 19 We also have the sure word of prophecy to which you do well to take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place until the day dawns, and the day star arises in your hearts. 20 Know this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture has a private interpretation. 21 For prophecy did not come in former times by the will of people, but holy prophets of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit). ` ` `</p> |
| <p>2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. ` 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.</p> | <p>2:1 But there were false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you who cleverly will bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord who redeemed them through his own self-sacrifice, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their immoral ways, causing the way of truth to be criticized and denied. 3 And through greed they will make a profit from</p> |

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass

telling you false stories. Judgment is coming upon them soon, and their damnation is sure.

4 For God did not spare even the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to await judgment.

5 And God did not spare the old world, but saved only Noah the eighth person (in the line of descent from Adam) and a preacher of righteousness, and God brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.²

6 And God turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes, condemning them and making them an example to those who afterward might live ungodly lives.³

7 And God saved Lot, a righteous man who was sickened by the filthy ways of the wicked.⁴

8 For that righteous man, dwelling among them was tormented in his righteous spirit by what he saw and heard from day to day of their unlawful deeds.

9 The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to identify the unjust on the day of judgment to be punished,

10 chiefly those who walk after the flesh engaging in wrongful desires and despise God's rule. They are arrogant and self-willed, and are not afraid to speak evil of the glorious ones above.

11 Yet angels, which are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these false teachers, like brute beasts made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption.

13 They will receive the reward of unrighteousness, like those who consider it a pleasure to engage in wild parties in the daytime. They are a shame and a disgrace, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast and worship with you.

14 They have eyes focused on adultery, and cannot cease from sin, misleading unstable souls; their hearts know nothing but greed; they are cursed children,

15 who have forsaken the right way and have gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor (Beor) who loved the wages of unrighteousness.⁵

16 But he was rebuked for his iniquity; his mute

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| <p>speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.</p> <p>17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.</p> <p>18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.</p> <p>19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.</p> <p>20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.</p> <p>21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.</p> <p>22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.</p> | <p>donkey, speaking with a man's voice, reproveth the foolishness of the prophet.</p> <p>17 These false teachers are wells without water, clouds that are driven about by a tempest and are trapped in the mist of darkness forever.</p> <p>18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they seduce through the wrongful desires of the flesh and tempt back into sin those who had escaped from error.</p> <p>19 While they promise people liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption, for by what persons are overcome, by the same they are brought into bondage.</p> <p>20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in its wickedness and overcome, their latter end is worse than their beginning.</p> <p>21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn back from the holy commandments delivered to them.</p> <p>22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, "The dog has returned to its own vomit,"⁶ and "the sow that was washed has turned back to her wallowing in the mud."⁷</p> |
| <p>3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:</p> <p>2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:</p> <p>3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,</p> <p>4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.</p> <p>5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:</p> <p>6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:</p> <p>7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by</p> | <p>3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write to you; in both of which I intend to re-awaken your pure minds through remembrance.</p> <p>2 I do this so that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandments of our Lord and Savior through the apostles.</p> <p>3 Know this first, that in the last days scoffers, walking after their own false desires, will come,</p> <p>4 saying, "What happened to the promise of his coming? For since the days of our ancestors, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."</p> <p>5 They are willingly ignorant that by the word of God the heavens were created, and the earth was formed out of the water and in the water.⁸</p> <p>6 And the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.⁹</p> <p>7 But the heavens and earth which are now, by the</p> |

the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

same word are destined for the fire on the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly persons.

8 But, beloved, do not be ignorant of this one thing, that one day with the Lord is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.¹⁰

9 God is not slow concerning God's promise, but is continually forgiving toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of God will come like a thief in the night; then the heavens will pass away with a great sound, and the elements will melt with great heat. And the earth and all the works of people will be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all earthly things will be dissolved, what kind of persons ought you to be in your holy life and godliness,

12 as you look forward to the coming of the day of God when the heavens, being on fire, will be dissolved, and the elements will melt with great heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to God's promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, seeing that you expect that to happen, be diligent so that you may be found by God in peace, without sin and blameless.

15 And recognize that the longsuffering of God is salvation, even as our beloved brother Paul, also according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you.

16 Paul speaks of all these things in his letters, in which are some things hard to be understood, which those who are unlearned and unstable twist and change, as they also do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 Therefore, beloved, seeing you already knew all this, beware lest you, being led away also by the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But, grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him is glory both now and forever. Amen.¹¹

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- ¹ (1:17, 18) Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35
 - ² (2:5) Genesis 6:1-7:24
 - ³ (2:6) Genesis 19:24, 25
 - ⁴ (2:7) Genesis 19:1-16
 - ⁵ (2:15, 16) Numbers 22:4-35
 - ⁶ (2:22) Proverbs 26:11
 - ⁷ (2:22) The source of this quotation is not in the Bible.
 - ⁸ (3:5) Genesis 1:6-9
 - ⁹ (3:6) Genesis 7:11-24
 - ¹⁰ (3:8) Psalms 90:4
 - ¹¹ (3:18) Isaiah 65:17