



Terrorists in the Church: The Description, Danger and Doom of False Teachers (Part 6)

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2 Peter 2:7-9



3b . . . their judgment from long ago is not idle and their destruction is not asleep. **4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into Tartarus and delivered them to chains of darkness, reserved for judgment; **5** and did not spare the ancient world but protected Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, when He brought a flood upon the ungodly world; **6** and if by reducing the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes He condemned them to ruin, making them an example of what will happen to the ungodly; **7** and if He rescued

righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of lawless men **8** (for by what that righteous man saw and heard while living among, his righteous soul was tormented day after day with their lawless deeds), **9** then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.

– 2 Peter 2:3b-9, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

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II. The Condemnation of False Teachers (3b-9)

A. Their Judgment Declared (3b)

B. Their Judgment Described (4-9)

1. Described in Terms of the Past

a. Three Examples of God's Certain Judgment of the Unrighteous:

b. Two Examples of God's Gracious Preservation of the Righteous (5,8)

(1) Noah (5)

(a) What do we know about Noah?

. . . Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.
– Genesis 6:9b, NASB

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.
– Hebrews 11:7, NASB

(2) Lot (7-8)

(a) "Righteous Lot" (v. 5)?

(b) Noah & Lot - much common

6 When the ungodly were about to be wiped out, Wisdom saved a man who did what was right. He was able to flee from the fire that descended on the five cities. 7 A smoking wasteland is all that remains, witnessing to their wickedness. Plants there never produce fully formed fruit. A pillar of salt still stands there as a reminder of a faithless being. 8 By trying to get along without Wisdom, they didn't recognize what was good. In doing so, they left a lasting memorial of their foolishness for everyone to see. They were unable to hide the things that led to their downfall. 9 But Wisdom rescues her servants from their trials. [Wisdom of Solomon, circa 2d c. BC, 10:6-9]

c. The Elect in Christ will be Protected (9a)

(1) Verse 9: Two peoples - Two destinies

(2) "Temptations"? or "Trials"? - Word can be translated either way (*peirosmos*)

B. Their Judgment Described (4-9)

2. Described in Terms of the Future (9b)

a. The False Teachers will be Condemned

III. The Character of False Teachers (10-22)