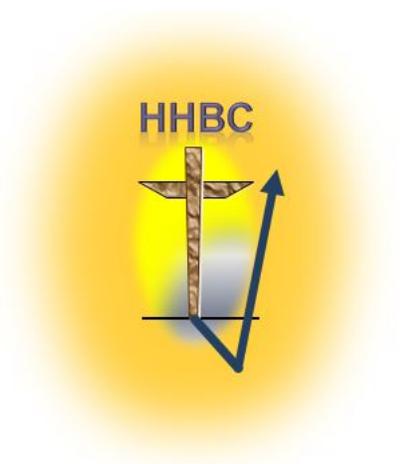


# II Peter 2: 4-9

## The Consequences of False Teaching & Resulting Judgments





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### A Look at the Overall Context of verses 2:4-9:

#### Chap. 1:

16 **For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.** 17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased”— 18 **and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.** 19 **So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.** 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one’s own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

#### Chap. 2:

1 **But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.** 2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; ***their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.***



# Summary of I Peter 1:16 – 2:3 & Tie-in to today's passage:

- *Our testimony (Peter, James, John): is True, it is scripture*
- *Our Word / account / gospel is confirmed by God Himself*
- *We both saw the glorified Christ and heard from God ourselves this to be true*
- *All scripture is true, starting with the Law & Prophets (represented by Moses and Elijah attendance)*
- *The current day/time/age is dark, but our words of scripture and past prophecy lights the way; it reveals the Person and work of Christ and His things, specifically His coming judgment;*
- *False teachers and prophets are both here and are active, denying Christ and His redemptive sacrifice on the cross, buying us out of the slave market of sin, death;*
- *God will NOT let this stand indefinitely; ALL will be judged*



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### A Look at the JUDGMENTS in view:

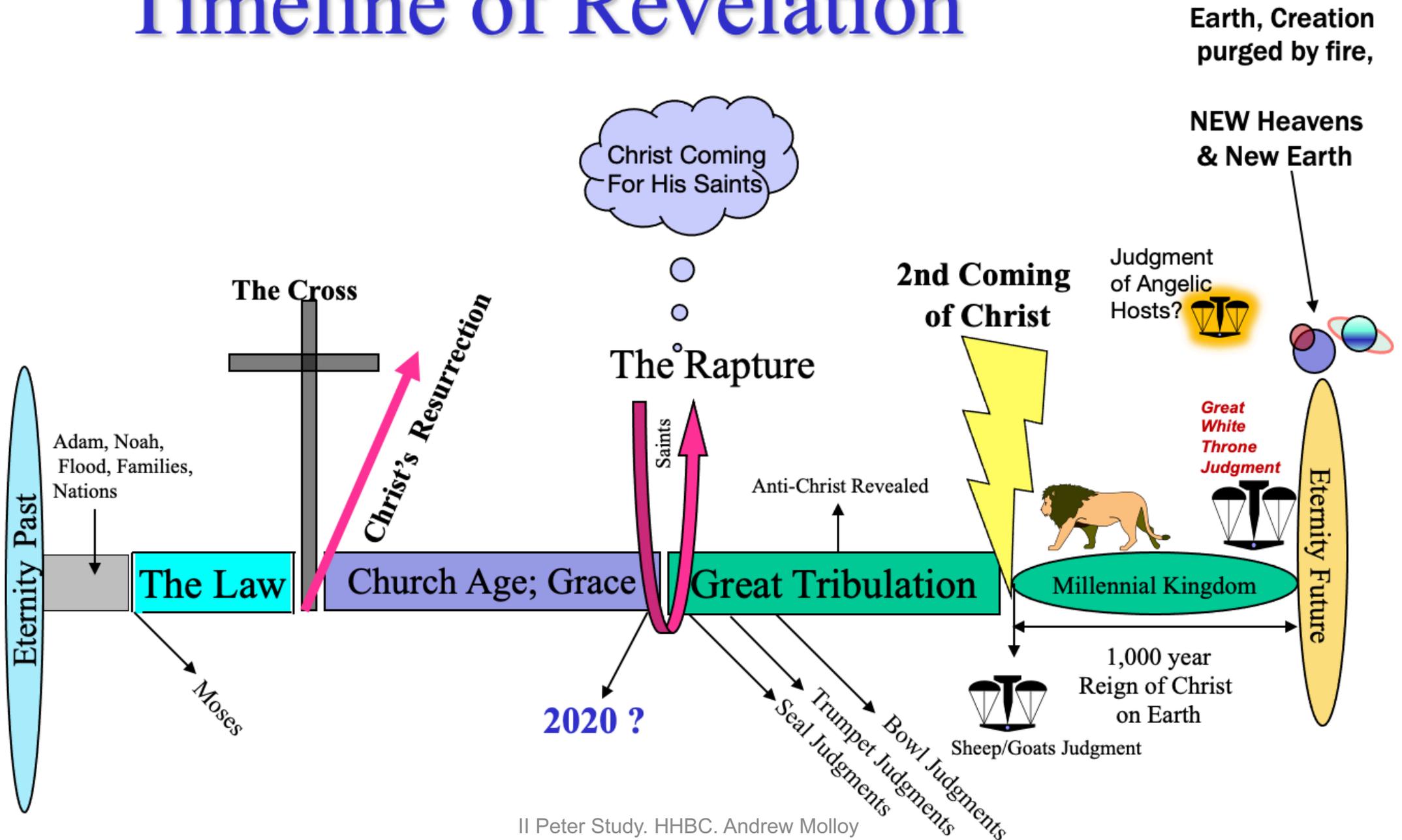
- JUDGMENT I: Judgment of Angels: confined to Tartarus (vs. 4)
- JUDGMENT II: The Worldwide Flood in Noah's time (vs. 5)
- JUDGMENT III: Sodom & Gomorrah (vs. 6)
- JUDGMENT IV: The punishment of the unrighteous in the future (Day of the Lord). (vs. 9)

#### A BREAKOUT OF JUDGMENT IV: Could include all or some the following:

- 'Seal' Judgments of the Tribulation (Rev. 6 & 8)
- 'Trumpet' Judgments of the Tribulation (Rev. 8,9,11)
- 'Bowl' Judgments of the Tribulation (Rev. 16)
- Sheep/Goats Judgment (Mat. 25)
- Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20)

**JUDGMENT I: Judgment of Angels:** is this the event in I Cor. 6:3?

# Timeline of Revelation





## II Peter 1: 19

**19** So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

A look back on Verse 19 in light of coming judgments:

- REVIEW: from Roger's class a few weeks back- who is the morning star?
- Christ! **"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star. Rev 22:16**
- Arising in our hearts: II Cor. 4:6 **".... the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of glory of God in the face of Christ."**
- What follows the Bright Morning Star?
- A: The sun! (seems to be every morning)
- Who is the 'sun of righteousness' in prophetic scripture?
- Christ!
- He is the Sun of Righteousness



## Christ: The Sun of Righteousness & The Judging Bridegroom:

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the firmament shows His handiwork.

2 Day unto day utters speech,  
And night unto night reveals knowledge.

3 *There is* no speech nor language  
*Where* their voice is not heard.

4 Their line has gone out through all the  
earth, And their words to the end of the  
world.

In them He has set a tabernacle for the  
sun,

**5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out  
of his chamber,**

*And* rejoices like a strong man to run its  
race.

6 Its rising *is* from one end of heaven,  
And its circuit to the other end;  
And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**Ps. 19**

“For behold, the day is coming,  
burning like a furnace; and all  
the arrogant and every  
evildoer will be chaff; and the  
day that is coming will set  
them ablaze,” says the LORD  
of hosts, “so that it will leave  
them neither root nor branch.”

2 “But for you who fear My  
name, **the sun of  
righteousness will rise with  
healing in its wings;** and you  
will go forth and skip about like  
calves from the stall. 3 You will  
tread down the wicked, for  
they will be ashes under the  
soles of your feet on the day  
which I am preparing,” says  
the LORD of hosts.

**Malachi 4**

**“Then the kingdom of heaven will be  
comparable to ten virgins,** who took their  
lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.  
2 Five of them were foolish, and five were  
prudent. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps,  
they took no oil with them, 4 but the prudent took  
oil in flasks along with their lamps. 5 Now while  
**the bridegroom (Christ) was delaying,  
they all got drowsy and began to  
sleep.** 6 But at midnight there was a shout,  
‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him.*’  
7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their  
lamps. 8 The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us  
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’  
9 But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not  
be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the  
dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.’ 10 And  
while they were going away to make the  
purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who  
were ready went in with him to the wedding  
feast; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other  
virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up  
for us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I  
do not know you.’ 13 **Be on the alert then,  
for you do not know the day nor the  
hour.**

**Mat. 25: 1-13**



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## I. The Doctrine of Hell, Sheol, Hades:

- Note: the 1<sup>st</sup> class conditional clause: 'If' **A** or 'Since' **A** this is True; 'Then' it follows logically that **B** must be true. This is a SIX verse conditional clause. . .
- 'Hell' = ***tartaroō*** or Tartaros- Used only 1x: in this verse; the holding place of fallen angels waiting for their appointed judgment in the Millennial Kingdom. After being held here, they are finally cast into the Lake of Fire with Satan for eternity.
- Contrast *Tartaros* with ***Sheol/or Hades***: Sheol (OT use) and Hades (NT use) is the holding place for the unsaved dead. It is a place. The grave is physical evidence of it. 'Grave-dom' is a good term. The dead in Hades are conscious souls awaiting the Great White Throne. The rich man in Lazarus story (Luke 16) was/is here

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## I. The Doctrine of Sheol Hades:

- Finally: The Lake of Fire = **Gehenna** is final destiny of the wicked angels and Satan, and the resurrected dead (body/soul/spirit) after the Great White Throne judgment.
- A physical place; not just a state of mind. It is eternal. Purpose: **retribution**, not punishment (discipline or amendment of behavior is not in view) in the Lake of Fire.
- Described as: Torment, Everlasting Fire; ‘where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched; the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; bottomless pit; outer darkness; place of weeping & gnashing of teeth; fire unquenchable; furnace of fire; blackness of darkness [Mat. 8,13 & 25; Mk 9; Rev 9 & 21; Luk 3; Jude 1:13]
- Question: Has the Lord created & prepared The Lake of Fire **now** for future use? SEE ADDENDUM . . .

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## II. The Certainty of the Doctrine the Flood and Sodom & Gomorrah:

- The certainty of the judgment: both the Flood and Sodom & Gomorrah are historical fact. Peter's readers know both judgments to be true.
- We know today: the geologic evidence for the Flood. See anything that the Institute for Creation publishes; especially the May 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens providing proof for a cataclysmic origin of today's geologic features.
- Sodom & Gomorrah: Dr. Steven Collins' excavation of Tall el-Hammam (Jordan river valley) and its evidence of ancient destruction in the Bronze Age. He believes this to be Sodom.
- The Tunguska, Serbia 1908 impact of a meteor above the earth surface has all the hallmarks of the same type of destruction

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## III. Reasons for Judgment: The Flood and Sodom & Gomorrah:

- THE FLOOD: God was left with no other option than judgment: *‘Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.’* Gen 6:5  
*‘Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth’* Gen 6:11,12
- SODOM & GOMORRAH: Same lack of options here: *‘And the LORD said, “The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”* Gen 18:20-21



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## IV. Note the forbearance of God before the Deluge of the 2 Judgments:

- THE FLOOD: God decided about judgment, and then gave a 120 year period of Noah slowly building the ark for mankind to repent.
- SODOM & GOMORRAH:
  1. Christ visited Abraham and Sarah to see the cities and assess to the situation for Himself
  2. Gave attentive and serious consideration to Abraham's argument for saving the cities: '**...suppose ten are found there**' that are righteous?
  3. Then, He sent the two angels into the city to see if the angels were treated well. It did not go well....
  4. Did the existence of gross licentiousness on top of homosexuality prompt the judgement? (*Would Christ have sent down sulfur and brimstone if the townsmen would have welcomed / left the strangers alone*) ?



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## V. The Deliverance: The saving 'then' of the passage

- THE FLOOD: God saved in unbelievable fashion Noah and seven others through the deluge. Think on the miraculous ability for the ark to hold in open waters, torrential rain, fissures in the earth, possibly tectonic and volcanic activity...
- SODOM & GOMORRAH:
  1. Save No. 1: The two angels *'reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.'* Was supernatural strength used here?
  2. Save No. 2: the angels: *'struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves trying to find the doorway.'* Definitive supernatural strength applied here.
  3. Save No. 3: *But (Lot) hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the LORD was upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.*
  4. Save No. 4: Lot arrives safely at Zoar while brimstone and fire rained down on the two cities
- Certainly: The Lord is WILLING TO RESCUE; ABLE TO RESCUE. *'Eternal Father, strong to save....'*



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## Final Thoughts:

- Christ: the Morning Star came to the earth to bring the light of salvation to mankind
- He was rejected of men, and His bringing about His Kingdom was seemingly thwarted. He left the place of His rejection.
- But in this 'failure' of the earthly Kingdom, under the surface, unseen by man but known to God, He conquered death and Satan's power at the cross, and redeemed the human race.
- Behind his coming as a morning star, He soon follow the second time as the Sun of Righteousness in glorious healing (and judgmental) light- (see Mal. 4 again)
- At this time, He puts down all rulers, thrones, principalities, sends the angels and Satan the resurrected dead to eternal judgment. And finally, casts death and hades into into the Lake of Fire.
- The purpose of the pre-millennial judgments: *'gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity'* (chaff from the wheat) [the Seal, Trumpet, Bowl- then Sheep/Goats judgments]
- The purpose of the judgments at the end of the 1,000 Year Kingdom: to get *'all things that offend and do iniquity'* out of the way forever in order to usher in His final Eternal Kingdom [Angelic judgment; Great White Throne]
- ***"When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that: God may be all in all."*** I Cor. 15:18

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## The Bright Morning Star! Taken from:

... our house on Friday a.m. 11.6.20  
roughly 5:45 a.m.

.... The sun follows not far behind

Question: *did God create the  
our solar system to physically  
communicate / demonstrate  
prophetic scripture?*

Is this what ***'the heavens  
declare the glory of God'***  
means?

And the fact that this is physically  
on display every morning,  
***'uttering speech' and  
'revealing knowledge'?*** (Ps. 19)  
of Things to Come?

**\*\*\*\* See *ADDENDUM* for evidence  
of existence of the Lake(s) of  
Fire....**