

## **The Hope that is in You**

### **Lesson 10**

#### **False Teachers – 2 Peter 2-3**

In chapter one, Peter stressed the importance of building yourself up spiritually. In chapter 2 he gave the reason it is so important to be mature in the faith with a strong warning against false teachers who subtly present a message that distracts from the gospel the church originally believed in. Peter's denunciation of false teachers in chapter 2 and 3 reminds us of Jesus pronouncing the woes on the hypocritical Jewish religious leaders in Matthew 23.

#### Read 2 Peter 2

1. Historically, were there false prophets in Israel (Jeremiah 23:11-27, Ezekiel 13:1-9)? Were there false teachers among Peter's churches in the first century (2 Peter 2:1-3)?
2. What are the three characteristics that Peter attributes to the false teachers in v 1-3? What is their primary motivation in v 3?
3. What precedent has been set for divine retribution in the past according to 2 Peter 2:4-9? How certain is it then that God's promise of future judgment will happen (v 9)?
4. What are the consequences of false teaching (2 Peter 2:4-9)?
5. Describe the conduct of false teachers (2 Peter 2:10-19).

