

'false prophets bring in destructive heresies...many...follow their sensuality' (2:1-2).

Peter refers to false teachers who were infiltrating the church.

Their method: 'they ***secretly introduce destructive heresies***' – smuggling in Satanic verses and deliberately ignoring what God reveals in preference to their own ideas.

Their motives:

Money: 'In their ***greed*** these teachers will exploit you' (2:3) 'experts in greed' (2:14)

Power: '***exploit you*** with fabricated stories' (2:3)

Sex: '***depraved*** conduct' (2:2) '***follow the corrupt desire of the flesh***' (2:10); '***carouse*** in broad daylight...***revelling*** in their pleasures' (2:1); 'eyes full of ***adultery....seduce the unstable***' (2:14) '***appeal to lustful desires of the flesh***' (2:18)... 'slaves of ***depravity.***' (2:19)

Their mindset:

2:1 'They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them.' **2:10** 'This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and **despise authority.** **2:11** 'they heap abuse on celestial beings'

Jesus embodies absolute and universal authority.

'You have heard it said.....but I say.' (Matthew 5:21-22)

'All authority has been given to me.' (Matthew 28:18)

Biblical authority is **extrinsic (outside) and intrinsic (inward).**

John 4:42

'We no longer believe just because of ***what you said*** = **outside proclamation.**

now we have heard for ourselves***and we know*** = **inward confirmation.**

False teachers

'deny the sovereign Lord who bought them' - '***despise authority***' (of the apostles)

(Matt 10:40; Acts 2:40) '***heap abuse on celestial beings***' - God, angels, realms (Rev 13:5-6).

They will secretly introduce destructive heresies...bringing swift destruction on themselves' (2:1)

'Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble!...woe to the person through whom they come!' (Matt 18:6-7)...who follow corrupt desires and despise authority (2:11).

Accept biblical authority in life and doctrine (1 Tim 4:16).

Examine truth claims against the Scriptures (1 John 4:1).

Has your bible become a Vible?

Reading favorite verses or bible bits to match our mood or synch with society lead to deception.