

Books 61 & 65:2 Peter & Jude

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. - *2 Peter 2:1*

- At the time of this letter, Peter senses that his death is near.
- This is the last written word that we have from the apostle.
- It was very likely written from a prison cell in Rome, as was 2 Timothy, the last letter we have from the apostle Paul.

- A few years earlier Peter wrote to the Jewish Christians scattered throughout Asia Minor.
- That letter addresses the outward threats of persecution and suffering.
- This letter, written to all believers, addresses the inward threats of complacency and false doctrine.

- Jude, along with James, was one of the brothers of Jesus Christ (or half-brothers, to be more accurate).
- We're including his short letter along with 2 Peter because his subject matter is so similar.
- He also deals with the threat of false teaching and false teachers.

- Today the danger of false teaching is, if anything, worse than it was in the days of Peter and Jude.
- Anyone who desires to learn more about recognizing false teachers or false doctrine should find these two books are extremely valuable.

- They are also helpful to any and every Christian, inasmuch as they call us back to a simple, godly life.
- They both encourage us to commit ourselves to loving God and living a life that pleases Him.

Studying 2 Peter & Jude

- As we read through both books look for similarities between 2 Peter and Jude.
 - Similar concerns
 - Similar counsel or encouragement
 - Similar verses
- Try to come up with a sentence or title that summarizes the content of these two books put together.