

彼得後書

6. Final Judgment 終審

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Discussion

- Name your top news of the week

False teachers is given

- But there were also **false prophets** among the people, just as there **will be false teachers** among you. (NIV 2:1a)
 - 從前在人民中，曾有假先知出來；照樣，將來在你們中間，也必有假教師出現。(CNV)
- 擅自奉我的名，說我沒有吩咐他說的話… (Deut 18:20a CNV)
- Story of Christ is fabricated (Legend/Myth) (1:16)
- Prophecy messages (some) are not from God (1:19)
- Peter makes two charges against these teachers

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 - 他們偷偷把使人滅亡的異端引進來 (CNV)
- Heresies 異端 (Greek: *Hairesis*)
- Generally mean “party, sect” in NT time
 - Sadducees (Acts 5:17)
 - Pharisees (Acts 15:5, 26:5)
 - Christians - Nazarene sect 拿撒勒派 (Acts 24:5, 14)
- Deviation from orthodox teaching in later time

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- NRSV translated - destructive opinions
 - Opinions - ways of thinking
- Destructive - 使人滅亡
 - Bring damage to church
 - How?
- Secretly introduce - 偷偷引進來

指控 2 – Deny the Lord

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bringing swift destruction on themselves (2:1c NIV)
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 - Deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord (Jude 4b NIV)
 - 否認獨一的主宰我們的主耶穌基督 (CNV)
- The Sovereign Lord 他們的主 (Greek: *despotēs*)
 - English word – despot 鐵腕統治者
 - A ruler holds absolute power
 - Usual word for slave ownership
 - Absolute right to process
- Bought – Jesus paid the price to “buy out”

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- How were these teachers “denying” the Lord?
 - Practices
 - Immoral - 放縱情慾 (Jude 4 CNV), 淫行 (2 Peter 2:2 CNV)
 - Teachings
 - Deny 否定 deity of Jesus, reliability of Bible (1:16-21)
- Incompatible with acknowledge Jesus as Lord

Motivation 動機

- In their **greed** these teachers will **exploit you** with
fabricated stories (2:3a NIV)
 - 他們因為有貪心，就用捏造的話，想在你們身上圖利 (CNV)
- Motivated by greed
- Wandering teachers at the time
 - Professional
 - “Master” any doctrine that would earn a living 搵食
- “Exploit” believers for personal interests
 - To use a person/thing for gain
 - A business word
- Through fabricated stories - echo 1:16

Final Destiny 最後的命運

- Their **condemnation** has long been hanging over them, and their **destruction** has not been sleeping. (2:3b NIV)
 - 懲罰他們的，自古以來就沒有鬆懈；毀滅他們的，也不會打盹。(CNV)
- Judgment is at the doorstep...
- 3 biblical examples (2:4-10a)
 - The fallen angels (2:4)
 - The great flood (2:5)
 - The two cities (2:6-8)

The Fallen Angels

- For if **God did not spare angels** when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment (2:4 NIV)
 - 神沒有姑息犯罪的天使，反而把他們丟入地獄，囚禁在幽暗的坑裡，等候審判。(CNV)
 - 不守本分、擅離崗位的天使,上帝也將他們永遠鎖在幽暗裡,等候最後審判 (Jude 6)
 - Referred to Genesis 6:1-4
- Fallen angel married human
 - 神的眾子看見人的女子美麗，就隨意挑選，娶作妻子。(Gen 6:2 CNV)
 - Crossing species barrier
- 人類敗壞、神後悔… (Gen 6:5-12a)

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- Casted into “total darkness” – 1 Enoch 6 and 7
 - Second temple literature (539BC-70AD)
- 丟入地獄 – sent them to *Tartarus* (Greek underworld)
 - Greek mythology where rebellious gods were sent
 - Expecting final judgment
- No-one sinned would be exempted
 - Not even angels
- Judgment may be delayed, but real
 - 55-75 yrs??? to the flood

The Deluge

- If he **did not spare the ancient world** when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others (2:5 NIV)
 - 神也沒有姑息上古的世界，反而使洪水臨到那不敬虔的世人，只保存了傳義道的挪亞一家八口。(CNV)
- Results of 人類敗壞
- Society of corrupted v.s. Noah was a righteous man
 - 反而使洪水臨到那不敬虔的世人
 - 只保存了傳義道的挪亞一家八口
- Noah the Preacher?
- God made provision to escape

Sodom and Gomorrah

- If he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them **an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly**; and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless (2:6-7 NIV)
 - 神判定了所多瑪、蛾摩拉二城的罪，把它們傾覆，燒成灰燼，作為後世不敬虔的人的鑒戒；只救了那因惡人的淫行而常受委屈的義人羅得 (CNV)
- An example to the ungodly...
- God rescued Lot ... a righteous man?
 - 因為這義人住在他們中間，天天看見和聽見他們不法的事，他正直的心就感到傷痛。(2:8 CNV)

Divine Judgment is Unavoidable

- Peter's answer on delayed judgment
- The Fallen Angels
 - No one is exempt from Judgment
 - Judgment, could be delayed
- The Deluge
 - God's judgment can be escaped
- The Two Cities
 - God remembers those live in an ungodly world
- If this is so, then the **Lord knows how to rescue** the godly from trials and **to hold the unrighteous for punishment** on the day of judgment (2:9 NIV)
 - 主知道怎樣搭救敬虔的人脫離試探，又把不義的人留下來，等候在審判的日子受刑罰 (CNV)

God is in Control

- 他改變時間、季節；他廢王、立王；他賜智慧給智慧人，賜知識給聰明人。(Dan 2:21 CNV)