

## Sentence Structure of 2 Peter 2

**2:1** Nevertheless, false prophets definitely arose in the midst of the people,  
just as also there will be false teachers in your midst,  
who will introduce destructive ideas (αίρέσεις ἀπωλείας) and will disregard the Master who bought them,  
while bringing imminent destruction upon themselves.

**2:2** Indeed, many will follow their licentiousness (αὐτῶν ταῖς ἀσελγείαις),  
and because of them, the way of truth will be treated disrespectfully (βλασφημηθήσεται).

**2:3** And with greed they will sell you man-made statements.

Condemnation for them is not lingering for a long time,  
and their destruction is not nodding off to sleep.

**2:4** For if (εἰ) God did not refrain from dealing with *angeloi* who sinned,  
but instead,  
having cast them into Tartarus,

He delivered them to chains of gloom where they are being kept for judgment,

**2:5** and [if] He did not refrain from dealing with the ancient world,  
but nevertheless preserved Noah, a proclaimer of righteousness, with seven others,  
when He brought a flood upon the world of the disrespectful (ἀσεβῶν),

**2:6** and [if] He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by turning them into ashes,

having appointed them an example for future disrespectful people (μελλόντων ἀσεβέ[σ]τιν),

**2:7** and [if] He rescued righteous Lot,  
who was being worn down by the way of life (ἀναστροφῆς) of lawless men in the midst of their licentiousness (ἐν ἀσελγείᾳ),

**2:8** (for, by what he saw and what he heard, this righteous man, while dwelling among them, felt his righteous existence tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),

**2:9** then the Lord knows how  
to rescue the respectful (εὐσεβεῖς) from temptation, and  
to keep for the day of judgment the unrighteous (ἀδίκους) who will be punished,

**2:10** certainly those

who proceed in their lives behind the leading of the flesh in its passion for uncleanness  
and who care nothing for authority.

They are reckless, self-willed people.

They do not tremble when they treat disrespectfully (βλασφημοῦντες) glorious things (δόξας),

**2:11** whereas *angeloi*,

even though they are greater in strength and power,

do not bring a defaming judgment against them before the Lord.

**2:12** But these,

like irrational animals,

who have been born in accordance with the natural order of things for the  
purpose of being captured and destroyed (φθορᾶν),

because they treat disrespectfully (βλασφημοῦντες) things of which they have no good  
intellectual grasp,

will indeed be destroyed (φθαρήσονται) in the midst of their corruption,

**2:13** justifiably receiving the wage that comes from wrongdoing (ἀδικίας).

[1] They consider it a daily luxury to satisfy their pleasures.

[2] Stains and blemishes they revel in their aesthetic deceptions while feasting together with you,

2:14 [3] having eyes full of adultery and are never ceasing from sin,  
 [4] enticing unestablished persons,  
 [5] having a heart that has been trained in greed.  
 [6] Children of the curse,

2:15 [7] abandoning the straight path, they wander about aimlessly,  
 following the path of Balaam of Bosor  
 who loved the reward of wrongdoing (ἀδικίας).

2:16 (Indeed, he received a rebuke for his own lawless act. A dumb donkey halted the insanity of the prophet when it spoke with the voice of a man.)

2:17 [8] These are waterless springs  
 [9] and dark clouds in the sky,  
 driven by a huge storm,  
 for whom the gloom of darkness has been preserved.

2:18 Indeed,  
 while talking about boastful things that serve no good purpose,  
 they lure,  
 in the midst of strong desires of the flesh,  
 in the midst of actions that completely lack moral self-restraint (ἀσελγείαις),  
 those who barely escape from them who conduct themselves in error.

2:19 Even as they promise them freedom, they are slaves of destruction (τῆς φθορᾶς),  
 because by that which a person is conquered (ἡττηται), to this he has been enslaved.

2:20 Thus,  
 if,

after having escaped from the shameful deeds of the world by means of knowledge  
 of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Messiah,  
 they have become overcome (ἡττῶνται) by them,  
 getting entangled in these things again,  
 then the last things have become worse for them than the first.

2:21 It would be better for them not to have known the way of *dikaioSunay* (δικαιοσύνης)  
 than,  
 having known it,  
 to turn away from the holy instruction which had been delivered to them.

2:22 The point of the true proverb has happened to them,

A dog returns to its own vomit <Proverbs 26:11>, and

A pig, after washing herself, returns to wallowing in the mud.