

13—Rescue of the Godly

Aliens & Strangers (2 Peter)

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2 Peter 2:1-10

2 But there were also **false prophets** among the people,
just as there will be **false teachers** among you.

pseudoprophétes

pseudodidásklos

They will **secretly introduce** destructive **heresies**,
even **denying** the Lord
who **bought** them
—bringing swift **destruction** on themselves.

pareiságo

haíresis

arnéomai

agorázo

apóleia

2 Many will follow their **depraved conduct**
and will bring the way of truth into **disrepute**.

asélgeia

blaspheméo

3 In their **greed**
these teachers will **exploit** you
with **fabricated** stories.

pleonexía

emporeúomai

plastós

Their **condemnation** has long been hanging over them,
and their **destruction** has not been sleeping.

kríma

apóleia

4 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**;

hamartáno

Tartarús

seirá, zóphos

krísis

Plato, Gorgias, 524a (380 BC)

*Now in the time of Cronos there was a law concerning mankind, and it holds to this very day amongst the gods, that every man who has passed a just and holy life departs after his decease (523a) to the Isles of the Blest, and dwells in all happiness apart from ill; but whoever has lived unjustly and impiously goes to the dungeon of requital and penance which, you know, they call **Tartarus**. (523b) Now I, knowing all this before you, have appointed sons of my own to be judges; (523e) These, when their life is ended, shall give judgement in the meadow at the dividing of the road, whence are the two ways leading, one to the Isles of the Blest, and the other to **Tartarus**. (524a)*

Enoch 10:6-10 (200 BC)

Again the Lord said to Raphael, **Bind** Azazyel hand and foot; cast him into **darkness**; and opening the desert which is in **Dudael**, cast him in there. 7 Throw upon him hurled and pointed stones, covering him with **darkness**; 8 There shall he remain for ever; cover his face, that he may not see the light. 9 And in the great **day of judgment** let him be cast into the fire.

5 if he did not spare the ancient world	<i>pheídomai</i>
when he brought the flood	<i>kataklysmós</i>
on its ungodly people ,	<i>abesés</i>
but protected Noah,	<i>phuláссо</i>
a preacher of righteousness ,	<i>dikaíosúne</i>
and seven others;	

(See Genesis 6-8)

6 if he condemned the cities	<i>katakríno</i>
of Sodom and Gomorrah	
by burning them to ashes ,	<i>tephróo</i>
and made them an example	<i>hupódeigma</i>
of what is going to happen to the ungodly ;	<i>abesés</i>
7 and if he rescued Lot,	<i>rhoúmai</i>
a righteous man,	<i>díkaíos</i>
who was distressed	<i>kataponéo</i>
by the depraved conduct of the lawless	<i>asélgeia; athésmos</i>
8 (for that righteous man,	<i>díkaíos</i>
living among them day after day,	
was tormented in his righteous soul	<i>díkaíos</i>
by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)	<i>ánomos</i>
— 9 if this is so,	
then the Lord knows how	
to rescue the godly	<i>rhoúmai; eusebés</i>
from trials	<i>peirasmós</i>
and to hold the unrighteous	<i>ádikos</i>
for punishment	<i>kolázo</i>
on the day of judgment .	<i>krísis</i>

(See Genesis 19:1-29)