

Second Epistles of Peter to Stir up the Christian Mind

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NOTE: The following exegetical Bible study is almost word for word from II Peter 2-3 in the New King James Version (NKJV).

Preface: Destructive Doctrines

2 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.

NOTE: Anyone like Jeff, Greear, and the other Scofield mites in present control of the SBC denies the very Lord Jesus Christ as they claim that He made a mistake in coming to preach the gospel of the present kingdom. As we contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints in the first century such men must be called out, and no words can be too brutal for them. No one, absolutely no one even the pastor of the FBC Dallas or the President of the SBC has the right to so tamper and misuse the Word and words of God in their fashion. They should and must be called out.

I. The Scofield mites are perhaps the largest and most destructive body with destructive heresies among us today, who deny Christ by their claims that He falsely and by mistake came “preaching the gospel of the kingdom” (Mark 1:14)

In an online well written article on the kind of kingdom Jesus preached, New Creations writes: (<https://newcreations.org/jesus-preached-the-kingdom-of-god/>)

“God’s Kingdom is Here Now

But just in case you’re tempted to think that the Kingdom of God is something that is off in the future or only exists in eternity, Jesus told people that the Kingdom of God was already at hand in his time. For example:

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, “ The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. – [Mark 1:14-15](#)

John the Baptist preached that people should repent because the Kingdom of God was at hand (Matt. 3:1-2). Jesus preached that same message from the very beginning of his own ministry (Matt. 4:17)

Apparently it was pretty important to Jesus for us to understand how things work differently in the Kingdom of God than in our world. Yet for the most part as believers we seem to have lost sight of those differences. Today there is remarkably little difference between how things are done in the church and how they are done by nonbelievers.

But Jeff and other DTS graduates of the Scofield mite variety say, “No, Jesus made a mistake (can you imagine anyone saying such heresy), the kingdom is that preached by the Pharisees, that only is right, that Jesus will restore the kingdom to Israel on the earth for one thousand years (a millennium they say in the use of another word like rapture not found once in the Bible).

² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction ^{1a}does not slumber.

II. Along with such doctrines of devils out of DTS graduates like Dr. Jeffress comes automatically “seducing spirits” In fact a good Bible case could be made that the seducing spirits come in the heart and lives before the doctrines of devils about false rapture, millennium kingdom, and dispensationalism.

Men like Jeff are popular and of large pulpits which causes many Southern Baptist to follow him as an example for success in the ministry, and fail to consider that he would only be there because of many teachers from DTS were first long-established members of the FBC of Dallas. Also like Senator Cruz, Jeff is a world class debater, selected by the President as an adviser on the Evangelical faith. And it is at this very point we see some of the covetousness of Jeff and FBC of Dallas. First of all before getting millions in virus aid from the government, Jeff was and is among those ministers of covetousness that is a millionaire. It seems impossible to be a millionaire without striving to be a millionaire, so the inherent covetousness of the ministry of Jeff and FBC Dallas, is now built on the sin of covetousness.

Dr. Jeffress is already personally a millionaire, a DTS graduate, and amazingly in some ways a Scofield mite. What a departure in that pulpit from the good ole days of the beloved George W. Truett! Did you know that Scofield mites such as Jeff believe that Jesus made a mistake as He came preaching the gospel of the kingdom, which makes them and all other mites of that category ineligible to preach the Gospel of the same kind, but to preach the gospel of another kind. Baptists should not put up with DTS, and insist they form their own denominations and take Jeff with them.

Reuters writes of the millions of aid the FBC Dallas received:

Televangelists, megachurches tied to Trump approved for millions in pandemic aid

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-ppp-religious/televangelists-dallas-megachurch-that-hosted-pence-approved-for-millions-in-pandemic-aid-idUSKBN2480CB?fbclid=IwAR3P_t95hy_f66HnIVpRjVwbkIJltiQOGikzwU0IZqs9orC_PFVK7Xw1PPM }

And Reuters continues: *“Among those approved for loans through the massive government relief program were a Dallas megachurch whose pastor has been an outspoken ally of the president; a Florida church tied to Trump spiritual adviser and “prosperity gospel” leader Paula White; and a Christian-focused nonprofit where Jay Sekulow, the lawyer who defended the president during his impeachment, is chief counsel.”*

Also:

“Vice President Mike Pence spoke at a rally last month at the First Baptist Church of Dallas, whose pastor, Robert Jeffress, has been on Trump’s evangelical advisory board. The church was approved for a \$2-5 million loan, the data showed.”

NOTE: Besides a violation of the Baptist Distinctive of the Separation of Church and State, this speaks of covetousness that so much government money would go to a wealthy Baptist church in Dallas when so many other Americans of much less means are hurting. Once again, the SBC should insist that DTS and such graduates of DTS form their own denomination and take Jeff and FBC Dallas with them.

III. Doom of False Teachers.

⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to ^[b]hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day

by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds) – ⁹ then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰ and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of ¹¹ dignitaries, whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

IV. Depravity of False Teachers

¹² But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, ¹³ and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, *as* those who count it pleasure to ¹⁴ carouse in the daytime. *They are* spots and blemishes, ¹⁵ carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, having eyes full of ¹⁶ adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, *and are* accursed children. ¹⁷ They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁸ but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

¹⁹ These are wells without water, ²⁰ clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness ²¹ forever.

Some SBC members are waking up to the Scofield mites like the present President of the SBC.

“Southern Baptist Trustee: JD Greear is “Apostate”.

[July 7, 2020](#) [Seth Dunn](#) [jd greear](#), SBTS

[Tom Rush](#) is an alumnus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a current trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In a recent Facebook thread about [JD Greear](#) and his position the church's relationship with homosexuals, Rush did not mince words about the spiritual status of the SBC President:

“This guy is an apostate.”

(https://pulpitandpen.org/2020/07/07/southern-baptist-trustee-jd-greear-is-apostate/?fbclid=IwAR3x5Qq-JES4VPhHCnEB3jKHkNFgnzs5kwv7yQTD Rz nJNVtqvDNrW5EZ_GM }

And this in the famous Pulpit and Pen of the SBC.

V. Deceptions of False Teachers

¹⁸ For when they speak great swelling *words* of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who ^lhave actually escaped from those who live in error. ¹⁹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of ^lcorruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into ^lbondage. ²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. ²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. ²² But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

VI. God's Promise Is Not Slack

1. Today's pocket news tells the story of Lewis Fry Richardson and his prediction of the end in a third world war.

Cloudy With a Chance of War

His weather forecasts changed the world. Could his predictions of war?

[Nautilus](#) by David Berreby

"Prof" was the English physicist and mathematician Lewis Fry Richardson, for whom doing science came as naturally as breathing. "It was just the way he looked at the world," recalls his great-nephew, Lord Julian Hunt. "He was always questioning. Everything was an experiment." Even at the age of 4, recounts his biographer Oliver Ashford in *Prophet or Professor? Life and Work of Lewis Fry Richardson*, the young Lewis had been prone to empiricism: Told that putting money in the bank would "make it grow," he'd buried some coins in a bank of dirt. (Results: Negative.) In 1912, the now-grown Richardson had reacted to news of the Titanic's sinking by setting out in a rowboat with a horn and an umbrella to test how ships might use directed blasts of noise to detect icebergs in fog. (Onlookers might have shaken their heads, but Richardson later won a patent for the fruit of that day's work.) Nothing – not fellow scientists' incomprehension, the distractions of teaching, or even an artillery bombardment – could dissuade him when, as he once put it, "a beautiful theory held me in its thrall."

Bottom line on Lewis Fry besides applying differential equations and difference equations to weather forecasts was his predictions of big wars: "Anyone might observe that extremely big wars were much more rare than "deadly quarrels" that killed only a few people. But the power law relationship suggested that the giant wars were just as predictable as the smaller ones. Like

giant earthquakes (which also obey a power law), giant wars were not appalling surprises, arising out of unique circumstances. They appeared to be roughly predictable.”

Well, they definitely are predictable by the Word of God as given to Peter to give to us!

3 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), ² that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of ¹Jesus, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, ³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and ⁸perdition of ungodly men.

⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward ¹us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

VII. The Day of the Lord

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be ¹¹burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Let us, according to the Apostle Peter and the Word of God, not only look intensely for the Second Coming that comes after the promised Day of the LORD and Lord, but seek in what means we can by prayer and works to HASTEN that coming day.

VIII. What Manner of Persons Should your Christian Mind Lead You to Be: Be Steadfast.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; ¹⁵ and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation – as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, ¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of

these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

From Israel today:

"Dear readers,

It's a real Catch-22.

On the one hand, Israel views warming relations with a number of Arab states as a positive achievement.

On the other, some of those states, in particular Saudi Arabia, remain repressive regimes where citizens are denied basic civil rights.

Israel wants to acknowledge and even celebrate the march toward normalization with its neighbors, without condoning the behavior of those neighbors.

It's a tricky situation.

And of course Israel's being criticized by some in the International community because of it.

But this is another demonstration of the world's hypocrisy.

While they moan and groan over repressive policies in Saudi Arabia, the international community continues to overlook the same and worse within the Palestinian Authority.

But, as we all know, God is not mocked, and will have His way.

*Blessings from Jerusalem,
Ryan Jones
English Editor*