2 Peter 2 • Characteristics of False Prophets & Teachers

1. (v.1-3) General characteristics of false prophets/teachers:
   a. They introduce destructive heresies. (v.1)
   b. They deny the Master. (v.1)
   c. They are sensual rather than spiritual. (v.2)
   d. They malign the truth. (v.2)
   e. They are greedy and exploitative. (v.3)

2. (v.4-16) Specific behaviors of false prophets/teachers:
   a. They are "daring" meaning that they are reckless (v. 10)
   b. They are "self-willed" (NT equivalent of OT "iniquity"; v. 10)
   c. "...revile angelic majesties" and seem to have no qualms about doing so (v. 10)
   d. Do not exercise good reasoning (v. 12)
   e. Do things without knowledge (v. 12)
   f. Revel in the daytime and count it as pleasure (v. 13)
   g. They are deceived (v. 13)
   h. They carouse with believers (v. 13)
   i. They commit adultery, either openly or with their eyes (v. 14)
   j. They never cease from sin (v. 14)
   k. They gravitate toward unstable people (v. 14)
   l. They have hearts shaped by years and years of greed (v. 14)
   m. They forsake the right way and follow the way of Balaam (v. 15)

3. (v.17-22) The sum of their spiritual condition: They are again entangled in the defilements of the world, in a worse state than before they initially knew Christ.