

# New Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which  
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*  
(2 Tim. 3:15)



## The Importance of Scripture

{2 Peter 2:1,2}

v.1) *“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”*

- “But...” – at this point Peter is pointing out a contrast between the truly called in chapter 1 and the false prophets of chapter 2. {1Pet. 1:21}
- “false prophets...” – these are men who prophesied falsely in the name of God and they were not called by Him. {Num. 12:6; Deut. 18:20}
- “false teachers...” – [Grk.]didaskalos (did-as'-kal-os), root word (didasko): to teach as to shape the will of the one being taught.
- “among the people...among you” – refers to these false teachers rising up in among Israel and in the midst of the church. We see that were God’s people must be on guard because this attack is an inside job. These individuals look the part but they are estranged from the Lord. {2 Tim. 3:5; Acts 20:29,30; Matt. 7:15}
- “privily...” (secretly) – the word picture from the Greek language is of a spy infiltrating into an enemy’s camp.
- They will attempt to take false doctrine and wrap it in the skin of the truth to make it more appealing to the masses.
- “damnable heresies” (heresies of destruction) – ; such as, if followed, would lead a man to perdition

v.2,) *“And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.”*

