

“It's Happening Again”

2 Pet. 2:1-22

Introduction

- I. It is interesting how things that once were, seemingly happen again (Eccl. 1:9-11).
 - A. Fashion trends go out of style, then come back into style.
 - B. Weather patterns.
 - C. Re-runs.
- II. The same seems to take place in spiritual matters.
 - A. Historically, Israel and Judah would go through this process.
 - B. Unfortunately, the church has to deal with the same issue.

Discussion

- I. Israel and Judah were like a revolving door.
 - A. Their histories are filled with examples of repetition.
 - B. Just take for examples the different times of disobedience, captivity, repentance and return.
 1. Assyrian Captivity (2 Kings. 17:3-6; 2 Kings 18:11-12; 2 Chr. 31:1).
 2. Babylonian Captivity (Jer. 25:1-11; Dan. 9:1-27).
- II. The church is having to deal with issues now, that were issues then (2 Pet. 2:1-22).
 - A. False teachers in general (2:1-3).
 - B. Vexation of the righteous due to wickedness (2:7-8).
 - C. Government is ridiculed [think of anarchy and lack of respect for authority] (2:10).
 - D. Ignorance abounds (2:12).
 - E. Sinfulness is rampant (2:13-14).
 - F. Forsaken God's Word (2:15-17).
 - G. The propagation of man's ideas over God's (2:18-19).
 - H. The end result for them will be the end result for so many today (2:20-22).

Conclusion

- I. How sad it really is that when man forgets the past, he is “doomed” to repeat it.
- II. If they Lord tarries His return, then one day, another generation will be probably be able to look at God's Word and realize that what happened before is happening again.