

# 2 Peter 3:17

by John Gill

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*In 2 Peter 3:17, John Gill warns believers to beware of mockers and scoffers who will arise in the last days and distort Scripture, and to guard against falling from their steadfastness.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 24:24, Galatians 1:6-7, Ephesians 4:14, Colossians 2:8, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Hebrews 2:1, James 1:6, 1 Peter 5:8, 2 Peter 3:17, 1 John 4:1

**Topics:** "Vigilance", "Steadfastness in Faith"

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## Description

John Gill emphasizes the importance of vigilance among believers in light of the warnings about mockers and false teachers in the last days. He urges the congregation to be aware of the dangers posed by those who distort the Scriptures and lead others away from the simplicity of the Gospel. Gill reassures that while true believers cannot ultimately fall from grace, they can experience a decline in their steadfastness and faith. He encourages the faithful to remain steadfast in their beliefs and to guard against the errors that threaten their spiritual integrity. The sermon serves as a reminder to stay alert and anchored in the truth of Christ's teachings.

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## Transcript

Ver. 17. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know [these things] before,.... As that there will be such mockers and scoffers in the last days, and such unlearned and unstable men that will deprave the Scriptures, and wrest them in such a miserable manner:

beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked; from the simplicity of the Gospel, along with such wicked men, that wax worse and worse, deceivers and being deceived, by giving into any of their errors which respect the grace of God, or the person and offices of Christ, or particularly his second coming; be upon the watch and guard against them, having previous notice of them, for they lie in wait to deceive: lest ye

fall from your own steadfastness; which was proper to them, and which, by the grace of God, they had, and retained, both in the faith of Christ and doctrine of the Gospel; for though the saints can never finally and totally fall into sin, or from the truth, yet they may fall from their steadfastness, both as to the exercise of the grace of faith, and as to their profession of the doctrine of faith; and to be fluctuating, hesitating, and doubting in either respect, must be very uncomfortable and dishonourable.

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