

2 Peter Series

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Eyewitness Testimony

2 Peter 1:12–15



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Guard Against False Teachers

“Treason, bribery and other high crimes and misdemeanors are high crimes, other high crimes and misdemeanors must be akin to treason and bribery.”

Curtis cited the Latin phrase, [*noscitur a sociis*], I’m sorry for the mispronunciation, referring to a classic rule of interpretation that when the meaning of a word that is part of a group of words is uncertain, you should look to the other words in that group that provide interpretive context.

Latin meaning literally “*it is known from its associates.*” A word whose meaning is uncertain, questionable or doubtful can be understood and defined by its association with surrounding words and its context. This concept is frequently used in canons of construction or interpreting and understanding the meaning of the words in a legal statute, ordinance or law. [TheLaw.com *Law Dictionary & Black’s Law Dictionary* 2nd Ed.]

The late Justice Antonin Scalia gave the following current example. “If one speaks of Mickey Mantle, Rocky Marciano, Michael Jordan, and other great competitors, the last noun does not reasonably refer to Sam Walton, who was a great competitor but in business, or to Napoleon, a great competitor on the battlefield.” Applying that rule to the group of words, treason, bribery, and other high crimes and misdemeanors, the last five words should be interpreted to include only serious criminal behavior akin to treason and bribery.

2 Pet. 1:12, “Therefore, I will not neglect to remind you constantly about these things even though you have known them and have been made stable by means of the truth [*en–by means of*] that you now have [or the present truth].” ~RD

2 Pet. 1:13, “Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

2 Pet. 1:14, “knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

2 Pet. 1:15, “Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

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2 Pet. 1:13, “I consider it right, as long as I am in this bodily tent, to wake you up with a reminder,” ~HCSB

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**διεγείρω *diegeiro* pres
act infin to raise up; to
awaken; to arouse from
sleep, to stir up or
motivate them**

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2 Pet. 1:14, “knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.”

οἶδα *oida*

perf act part masc

sing nom

to know, because

I know

John 21:18, “ ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.’ ”

John 21:19, “This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, ‘Follow Me.’ ”

2 Pet. 1:15, “Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

2 Pet. 1:15, “Moreover I will be diligent to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

σπουδάζω *spoudazo*

**1 sing fut act indic to
be diligent; to be
zealous, labor over**

2 Pet. 1:16, “For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

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μεταμορφόω *metamorphoō*

aor pass indic 3 sing

to change form



NEAN

Sidon

Abila

Damascus

River

River

Litani

Pharpar

Lebaba

Tyre

Caesarea-Philippi

Lake Huleh

Ptolemais

Capernaum

Bethsaida

Cochaba

ium

Rimmon

Hippos

Canatha

Nazareth

Sea of Galilee

R.

Dionysias

Yarmuk

Abila

Gadara

Adraa (Edrei)

Legio (Megiddo)

Capitoliis

Scythopolis (Beth-shan)

Bostra

Pella

Rev. 1:14, “His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;”





Matt. 17:3, “And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.”

Luke 9:31, “who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease [departure] which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

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ἔξοδος *exodos* acc fem sing

departure, end, death, *Exodus*

Matt. 17:4, “Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles [*skene* “dwelling places”]: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ”

Matt. 16:16, “Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ ”

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Matt. 3:17, “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ ”

Psa. 2:7, “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*’ ”

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2 Sam. 7:14, “I will be his Father, and he shall be My son.”

David was anointed in 1 Sam. 16:12–13

Psa. 2:7, “I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, ‘*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*’ ”

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חֹק *ḥōq*

**ordinance,
statute, legal
document**

**יָלַד *yalad* qal* perf 1 com sing to bear,
beget; but here “declare you Sonship.”
The word should be understood as the
causative *hiphel*, “You are my Son, this day
I have declared your sonship.”**

Acts 13:33, “God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*’ ”

Rom. 1:4, “and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

Psa. 110:3, “Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.”

***This last line is meaningless.**

“from the womb of the dawn I have begotten You.”

“The verb ‘begotten’ in its literal sense refers to a child who shares the nature of the father (as opposed to words like ‘made’ and ‘created’). To describe Jesus as ‘begotten’ indicates that he has the nature of the Father, i.e., divine and eternal; and if he is eternal, then ‘begotten’ refers to nature and not a beginning. The description is figurative. This is why the Nicene Creed clarifies the point: Jesus is ‘begotten not made.’ When Scripture uses ‘begotten’ in that sense, the expression includes ‘only’ (μονογενής, ‘the only begotten’); there is only one person who shares the divine nature of the Father, and that is Jesus Christ.”

~Allen Ross, *Psalms*, 1:208, fn 28.

Isa. 42:1, “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Choice One in whom My soul delights!” ~RD

2 Pet. 1:18, “And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

2 Pet. 1:19, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;”