

New Testament Survey
1 PETER

Author: Peter (1:1; similarities in language between Acts 2 & 10 and 1 Peter)

Date: A.D. 64-65 (Just prior to or at the outbreak of the persecution under Nero)

Theme: Preparation for Persecution

Persecution is a challenge to faith. Peter wrote to prepare believers for a coming persecution so that they would be able to understand the divine perspective and endure.

Misc. Tradition holds that Peter died in Rome in A.D. 68 by being crucified upside. His mention of Mark (5:13) who was with Paul during his first Roman imprisonment (Col. 4:10) indicated Peter was in Rome at or shortly after that time. His reference to writing from “Babylon” (5:13) is probably a figurative usage meaning Rome. There is no tradition that Peter went to Babylon, which had few inhabitants at that time.

People to Know: Peter, Silvanus, Mark

Brief Outline

I. Introduction 1:1-2

II. God’s Grace and Salvation. [1:3-2:10]

III. God’s Grace and Submission. [2:11-3:12]

IV. God’s Grace and Suffering. [3:13-4:19]

V. God’s Grace and the Saints. [5]

Key Chapters & Verses: (Bold required for Elders)

1:3. . . . *“Blessed be God... caused us to be born again...”*

1:14-16. Call to holy living - *You shall be Holy, for I am Holy*

1:18-19. Not redeemed with perishable things - silver, gold - but with the precious blood of Christ

2:2. . . . *“... putting aside all malice/ guile/hypocrisy/ envy/ slander,... long for pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.”*

2:11-12. abstain from fleshly lusts . . . Keep your behavior excellent . . .

2:13-17. submit to authority . . .

2:24. . . . *“and He Himself bore our sins in His body...”*

3:1-7... submissive wives . . . and understanding husbands

3:15. . . . *“but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always ready to make a defense . . .”*

3:18 . . . *“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust . . .”*

3:21. . . Baptism saves you. . . thru Christ’s resurrection

4:5-7... *“but they shall give an account to Him who is ready to judge. . .”*

5:1-4... Shepherd’s heart: voluntary, eager, an example

5:5-7... *“... God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble . . .”*

5:8-9... warning about the devil - resist him, be firm in your faith

Detailed Outline - 1 Peter

I. Introduction 1:1-2

II. God's Grace and Salvation. 1:3-2:10

A. Plan of Salvation 1:3-12

1. Hope for the Future (3-5)

a. Born Again (3)

b. Obtain an Inheritance (4-5)

2. Trials for the Present (6-9)

3. Anticipation in the Past (10-12)

a. The Prophets' Inquiry (10-11)

b. The Prophets' Revelation (12)

B. Products of Salvation 1:13-25

1. Holiness (13-21)

a. As Obedient Children (13-14)

b. Like the Holy One (15-16)

c. With Reverence (17)

d. The Means of Redemption (18-21)

2. Love (22-25)

C. Purpose of Salvation (Praise to God) 2:1-10

1. "Desire the Pure Milk of the Word" (2:1-3)

2. "Offer Up Spiritual Sacrifices" (2:4-10)

a. A Spiritual House (4-8)

b. The People of God (9-10)

3. “Abstain from Fleshly Lusts” (2:11-12)

III. God’s Grace and Submission. 2:13-3:12

A. Submission in the World 2:13-25

1. To Authority (13-17)

a. Human Institutions (13-15)

b. Use of Freedom (16-17)

2. To Masters (18-20)

3. Christ’s Example (21-25)

a. His Suffering (21-23)

b. His Sin Bearing (22-25)

B. Submission at Home. 3:1-7

1. Wives (1-6)

a. Purpose (1-2)

b. External Demonstration (3)

c. Inward Demonstration (4)

d. Historical Examples (5-6)

2. Husbands (7)

C. Submission in the Church. 3:8-12

IV. God’s Grace and Suffering. 3:13-4:19

A. Suffering for Righteousness 3:13-22

1. Encouragement to Sanctification (13-17)

a. Overcoming Fear (13-15)

b. Keeping a Good Conscience (16-17)

2. Christ’s Example (18-20)

a. His Actions (18)

b. His Proclamation (19-20)

c. His Salvation (21-22)

B. Suffering With Christ's Attitude. 4:1-11

1. Having His Purpose (1-2)

2. Not Living Like the Gentiles (3-6)

a. Their Sins (3-4)

b. Their Judgement (5-6)

3. Keeping Eternity in View (7-11)

C. Suffering for the Right Reasons 4:12-19

1. Sharing in the Sufferings of Christ (12-14)

2. Suffering for Sin (13)

3. Suffering for Correction (14-18)

4. Suffering According to the Will of God (19)

V. God's Grace and the Saints. 5:1-14

A. Shepherds 5:1-4

1. Their Duties (1-3)

2. Their Reward (4)

B. Saints 5:5-10

1. Call to Humility (5-6)

2. Call to Peace (7)

3. Call to Resist the Adversary (8-9)

4. Call to Hope (10-11)

C. Greetings & Benediction 5:12-14

New Testament Survey
2 PETER

Author: Peter (1:1; 3:1 - Though it is one of the most disputed books in the N.T. due to its slow recognition by the early church and literary differences between 1 & 2 Peter. However, 1 Peter was written through Silvanus while 2 Peter is by his own hand).

Date: A.D. 66-67 (This is written after 1 Peter and before Paul wrote 2 Timothy or it would be expected that Paul would have mentioned him if Peter was still alive).

Theme: Peter's plea to grow in maturity in order to combat false teachers in view of the coming Day of the Lord.

Brief Outline

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| I. Call to Maturity. | (1) Holiness |
| II. Combating False Teachers. | (2) Heresy |
| III. Coming of the Day of the Lord. | (3) Hope |

Key Chapters & Verses: (Bold required for Elders)

- 1. Sufficiency of Scripture, Call to Maturity, Foundation of Belief
- 1:3-4...** "seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness,... in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."
- 1:20-21** "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."
- 2. Description & Future Destruction of False Teachers
- 3:3-7...** Mockers and their willing ignorance of the Genesis Flood
- 3:8-9...** "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."
- 3:10-15.** The coming Day of the Lord

Detailed Outline - 2 Peter

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| I. Call to Maturity. | (1) Holiness |
| A. Salutation. 1:1-2 | |
| B. Growth in Christ. 1:3-11 | |
| 1. Sufficient Provision (3-4) | |
| a. God's Power (3) | |
| b. God's Promises (4) | |
| 2. Sufficient Effort (5-11) | |

- a. Qualities of Godliness (5-7)
- b. Benefits of Godly Character (8-11)
 - i. Fruit (8-9)
 - ii. Stability (10)
 - iii. Entrance (11)

C. Ground of belief. 1:12-21

- 1. Peter's Reminder (12-15)
- 2. Eyewitness Testimony (16-18)
- 3. Prophetic Word (19-21)
 - a. Its Value (19)
 - b. Its Interpretation (20)
 - c. Its Origin (21)

II. Combating False Teachers. **(2) Heresy**

- A. Danger False Teachers. 2:1-3
 - 1. Destructive Heresies (1)
 - 2. Truth Maligned (2)
 - 3. Exploit Followers (3)
- B. Destruction of False Teachers. 2:4-9
 - 1. Judgement of Angels (4)
 - 2. Judgement of Ancient World (5)
 - 3. Judgement of Sodom & Gomorrah (6)
 - 4. Rescue of the Righteous 7-9)
 - a. Lot (7-8)
 - b. The Godly (9)

C. Description of False Teachers. 2:10-22

1. Corrupt & Arrogant (10-11)
2. Like Unreasoning Animals (12-14)
3. Like Balaam (15-16)
4. Empty Promises (17-19)
5. Apostates (20-22)

III. Coming of the Day of the Lord. **(3) Hope**

A. Mockery in the Last Days. 3:1-7

1. A Reminder (1-2)
2. Their Mocking (3-4)
3. Their Ignorance (5-7)
 - a. The Creation (5)
 - a. The Genesis Flood (6)
 - b. The Coming Judgement (7)

B. Manifestation of the Day of the Lord. 3:8-13

1. The Lord's Patience (8-9)
2. The Lord's Coming (10-13)
 - a. It's Arrival (10)
 - b. The Reasonable Response (11)
 - c. The Coming Destruction (12)
 - d. The Coming Restoration (13)

C. Maturity in view of the Day of the Lord. 3:14-18

1. The Call to Holiness (14-15)
2. The Warning Against Error (16-17)
3. The Call to Grow & Benediction (18)