

## Petrine Epistles

### Key Facts

- Author: Peter the apostle
- Date: early to mid 60s
- Provenance: Rome
- Destinations: Present day Turkey

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- Occasion:
  - 1 Peter: persecution of the church
  - 2 Peter: false teaching in the church
- Purpose:
  - 1 Peter: Encourage Christians to stay on course
  - 2 Peter: Combat false teaching

### 1 Peter

- Authorship - generally no major issue, except:
  - i. Does Peter know Greek well enough?
  - ii. Is there persecution during Peter's lifetime? - by the state or other forms of persecution that is localised?
  - iii. Could reference to "Babylon" 5:13 and "elder" in 5:1 post-70?

### 1 Peter

- Authorship - generally no major issue, except:
  - iv. Is Peter dependent on Paul, especially Romans and Ephesians?
  - v. What about the destination in Asia Minor where it could not be evangelised till later? - See Acts 2, Edict of Claudius, Paul's missionary journeys makes Asia Minor possible

### 1 Peter: Destination

- Northern and West of Asia Minor (Turkey)
- Jews? diaspora in 1:1.
- Possibly Jews and Gentiles - see 1:18; 4:3 (unlikely for Peter to refer to Judaism this way)

## 1 Peter: Occasion

- Persecution:
  - 1:16 - various trials
  - 2:19 - unjust suffering
  - 3:16; 4:4 - slandered/accused
  - 4:12 - fiery ordeal
  - 4:13 - sufferings of the Messiah
  - 4:19 - suffering according to God's will

## 1 Peter: Themes

### 1) Christian suffering and the end time

- suffering and eternal destiny (1:1; 1:3; 1:13, 20-21)
- Christ serves as example (2:21-25; 4:1-2)

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### 2) Identity of the people of God

1. reminiscent of OT Israel --> continuity of Church and OT people of God (2:9)

1. Isa 43:20; Deut 7:6; 10:15 - Chosen race
2. Ex 19:6; 23:22 - Royal priesthood, holy nation, a people for his possession
3. Isa 42:12; 43:21 - to proclaim his praises
4. Hos 1:10; 2:23 - once not a people, now God's people

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### 2) Identity of the people of God

2. believers are pilgrims --> diaspora (1:1-2); aliens and temporary residents (1:17; 2:11)

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### 3) Submission to Authorities

- 2:13-3:7

## 2 Peter

- Authorship seriously challenged
- Greek in 2 Peter is poor compared to 1 Peter
- Close parallel to Jude
- Stylistic differences between 1 Peter and 2 Peter

## 2 Peter

- Date: most likely towards the end of Peter's life (1:14-15)

## 2 Peter

- Provenance: no mention in the letter, but likely Rome

## 2 Peter

- Destination: not mentioned.
- 2 Pet 3:1 - clues it could be same destination as 1 Peter

## 2 Peter: Themes

- Christian virtues (1:3-21)

## 2 Peter: Themes

- 2 Peter 1: Remember, remember - your salvation
- 2 Peter 2: Beware, beware - false teachers
- 2 Peter 3: Behold, behold - Christ's coming again