

I Peter

(1) Introduction

The who, what, where, when, and why...

First, *who* writes this epistle? IPet.1:1; Jn.1:35-42; Gal.2:1-10

Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ. He was the Apostle to the Jews, like Paul to Gentiles.

What is the stated purpose for Peter writing this letter? IPet.5:12

Facing persecution, to exhort and testify of the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

Where was Peter when he wrote this letter? IPet.5:13; ref. Rev.17-18

He wrote from 'Babylon'. Very likely a cryptic reference to Rome. Persecution rising.

When and why was this letter written?

Probably late AD 63 to early AD 65. Nero's severe persecution was beginning.

About Peter's ministry...

What was Peter's life/occupation before he met Jesus? Lu.5:1-11; Mk.1:29-34

He ran a successful fishing business. He was married and had a spacious home.

What do we know about Peter's educational background? **Acts 4:13**; see ICor.1:26-31

He had no formal Jewish training (unlearned/ignorant) but chosen/taught by Christ!

What do we often remember about Peter? Mt.26:31-35

He was a leader, somewhat impulsive, denied Christ 3 times. But, he loved the Lord.

How did Peter carry out his ministry? Lu.22:32; Jn.21:15-17; IPet.5:1-4; **5:12**

It was one of strengthening/tending the flock. He was an encourager/witness, 5:12.

Who assisted Peter in this letter? IPet.5:12; see Acts15:36-41; IPet.5:13; IITim.4:11

Silas helped. He originally went w/Paul after John Mark issue. Real people!

To whom is the letter written...I Peter 1:1

What specific group of people does Peter address according to 1:1a? 2:11 (note: Asia Minor)

Those aliens/strangers, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia/Bithynia

What does 'alien/stranger' mean? Phil.3:20-21; Jn.17:13-16; Heb.11:8-16

We're just a passing through! Citizens of another kingdom. Not derelict here, but...

What about the term 'scattered'? What does that refer to? see James 1:1; Jn.7:35

'to sow through foreign lands'. Sometimes of Israel (OT), but now to God's people.

But, is Peter writing to Jews only? 4:1-4; 2:9-10

Absolutely not! Converted Jews and Gentiles. Now we are THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

Besides being aliens/strangers/scattered, what else was shared? 1:6-7; 4:13-14; 5:10

They were being persecuted, suffering for Christ. And much more was coming!

What do we all need to understand about trials? James 1:2

They come in a myriad of different colors! That which tests our faith. Get ready!