

# 1 & 2 Peter

## 66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

### Summary & Structure 1 Peter

# 1 PETER

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

21

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

5

TYPE

EPISTLE, GENERAL



## OVERVIEW

This epistle was written by Peter from Babylon soon after Nero's persecution of Christians. A Roman Emperor in the 60s AD, Nero hated Christianity and did terrible things to Christians. Peter here addressed the Jews and Gentiles with encouragement to stay the course with Jesus, and not deny the faith despite difficult circumstances.



WRITTEN  
64 AD



TIME PERIOD COVERED  
All Eras in the Age of  
Grace



AUTHOR  
Apostle Peter

### Key Verse in 1 Peter

*To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

1 Peter 2:21

### Background of 1 Peter

The Writer: Peter, Apostle of Jesus

Location of Writing: "In Babylon" – Likely a figurative reference to Rome.

The Recipients: Jewish and Gentile Christians scattered all over the ancient world (1 Peter 1:1-2)

The Message: Three major themes in 1 Peter are *suffering*, *grace*, and *glory*.

### Outline of 1 Peter

Greeting (1 Peter 1:1-2)

Our Salvation in Christ (1 Peter 1:3-12)

Born into a living hope

Producing joy in the midst of suffering

Served by prophets and angels

Our Duties in Christ (1 Peter 1:13 - 5:11)

In View of Our Privileges (1 Peter 1:13-2:10)

A call to holiness

A call to brotherly love

A call to growth

In View of Our Position (1 Peter 2:11-4:11)

As foreigners

As citizens

As mistreated enslaved people

As wives & husbands

As fellow Christians

As those suffering

As those waiting

In View of Our Persecution (1 Peter 4:12-5:11)

To rejoice and glorify God

To trust in the will of God

To fulfill our special roles (elders)

To humble yourselves before God

To resist the Devil

Conclusion (1 Peter 5:12-14)

# Summary & Structure 2 Peter

# 2 PETER

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

22

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

3

TYPE

EPISTLE, GENERAL



## OVERVIEW

This epistle was written by Peter again to the Jews and Gentile saints. He wanted to discourage people from listening to false prophets and teachers, but also encourage them amid persecution. Times had grown perilous for Christians, amid Nero's persecution and threats of death. Peter spoke of the time of the Lord's return, His glory and power, and the judgment yet to come.



WRITTEN  
67 AD



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Grace



AUTHOR  
Apostle Peter

## Key Verse in 2 Peter

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 3:18

## Background of 2 Peter

Date of Writing: AD 67

Purpose of Writing:

To warn churches about the dangers of false teachers.

To encourage Christians to grow in their faith.

To stress the authenticity of the Word of God and the sure return of the Lord Jesus.

## Outline of 2 Peter

Introduction (2 Peter 1:1-2)

Grow in Grace and Knowledge (2 Peter 1:3-21)

With precious gifts from God

A pattern of increase

The importance of constant reminders

Beware of False Teachers (2 Peter 2:1-22)

Their destructiveness

Their doom

Their depravity

Their deceptions

Look for the Lord's Return (2 Peter 3:1-18)

Scoffers will come

The Day of the Lord will come

How to respond

## Lessons/Applications

A healthy Christian is a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian.

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