

## ~PETER, LETTERS OF (2086)

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- Two inspired letters of the **Christian Greek Scriptures** composed by the apostle Peter, who identifies himself as the writer in the opening words of each letter.
- **Peter**, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the temporary residents scattered about in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, to the ones chosen (**1 Peter 1:1**)
- Simon **Peter**, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a faith, held in equal privilege with ours, by the righteousness of our God and the Savior Jesus Christ. (**2 Peter 1:1**)
- Beloved ones, this is now the second letter I am writing you, in which, as in my first one, I am arousing your clear thinking faculties by way of a reminder. (**2 Peter 3:1**)
- Additional internal evidence unmistakably points to Peter as the writer. He speaks of himself as an eyewitness of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ, a privilege shared only by **Peter**, James, and John.
- No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted you with the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. (**2 Peter 1:16**)
- For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when words such as these were borne to him by the magnificent glory; This is my son, my beloved, whom I myself have approved. (**2 Peter 1:17**)
- Yes, these words we heard borne from heaven while we were with him in the holy mountain. (**2 Peter 1:18**)

- Six days later Jesus took **Peter** and James and John his brother along and brought them up into a lofty mountain by themselves. (**Matthew 17:1**)
- And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone as the sun, and his outer garments became brilliant as the light. (**Matthew 17:2**)
- And, look! There appeared to them Moses and Elijah, conversing with him. (**Matthew 17:3**)
- Responsively **Peter** said to Jesus; Lord, it is fine for us to be here. If you wish, I will erect three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah. (**Matthew 17:4**)
- While he was yet speaking, look! A bright cloud overshadowed them, and, look! A voice out of the cloud, saying; This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved. Listen to him. (**Matthew 17:5**)
- At hearing this the disciples fell upon their faces and became very much afraid. (**Matthew 17:6**)
- Then Jesus came near and, touching them, said; Get up and have no fear. (**Matthew 17:7**)
- When they raised their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus himself only. (**Matthew 17:8**)
- And as they were descending from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying; Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man is raised up from the dead. (**Matthew 17:9**)
- And, as is evident from,
- Most truly I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk about where you wanted. But when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and another man will gird you and bear you where you do not wish. (**John 21:18**)
- This he said to signify by what sort of death he would glorify God. So, when he had said this, he said to him; Continue following me. (**John 21:19**)

- **Peter** alone could have said; The putting off of my tabernacle is soon to be, just as also our Lord Jesus Christ signified to me.
- Knowing as I do that the putting off of my tabernacle is soon to be, just as also our Lord Jesus Christ signified to me. (**2 Peter 1:14**)
- The difference in style between the two letters may be attributed to the fact that **Peter** used Silvanus, or Silas, for writing the first letter but apparently did not do so when writing his second letter.
- Through Silvanus, a faithful brother, as I account him, I have written you in few words, to give encouragement and an earnest witness that this is the true undeserved kindness of God, in which stand firm. (**1 Peter 5:12**)
- Both were general letters, evidently directed to Jewish and non-Jewish Christians. The first letter is specifically addressed to those in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia regions of Asia Minor.
- **Peter**, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the temporary residents scattered about in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, to the ones chosen. (**1 Peter 1:1**)
- For you were once not a people, but are now God's people; You were those who had not been shown mercy, but are now those who have been shown mercy. (**1 Peter 2:10**)
- Simon **Peter**, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a faith, held in equal privilege with ours, by the righteousness of our God and the Savior Jesus Christ. (**2 Peter 1:1**)
- Beloved ones, this is now the second letter I am writing you, in which, as in my first one, I am arousing your clear thinking faculties by way of a reminder. (**2 Peter 3:1**)
- As it was, there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, reverent men, from every nation of those under heaven. (**Acts of Apostles 2:5**)
- Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the inhabitants of Mesopotamia, and Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and the district of Asia. (**Acts of Apostles 2:9**)

- **And Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya, which is toward Cyrene, and sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes. (Acts of Apostles 2:10)**
- **The letters of Peter agree fully with other Bible books in stressing right conduct and its rewards and also in quoting from them as the authoritative Word of God. Quotations are made from;**
- **Hence Sarah began to laugh inside herself, saying; After I am worn out, shall I really have pleasure, my lord being old besides? (Genesis 18:12)**
- **As Sarah used to obey Abraham, calling him lord. And you have become her children, provided you keep on doing good and not fearing any cause for terror. (1 Peter 3:6)**
- **And now if you will strictly obey my voice and will indeed keep my covenant, then you will certainly become my special property out of all other peoples, because the whole earth belongs to me. (Exodus 19:5)**
- **And you yourselves will become to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you are to say to the sons of Israel. (Exodus 19:6)**
- **But you are, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies, of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)**
- **For I am Yehowah your God, and you must sanctify yourselves and you must prove yourselves holy, because I am holy. So you must not make your souls unclean by any swarming creature that moves upon the earth. (Leviticus 11:44)**
- **Because it is written: You must be holy, because I am holy. (1 Peter 1:16)**
- **Who is the man that is delighting in life, that is loving enough days to see what is good? (Psalms 34:12)**
- **Safeguard your tongue against what is bad, and your lips against speaking deception. (Psalms 34:13)**

- Turn away from what is bad, and do what is good, seek to find peace, and pursue it. (**Psalms 34:14**)
- The eyes of Yehowah are toward the righteous ones, and his ears are toward their cry for help. (**Psalms 34:15**)
- The face of Yehowah is against those doing what is bad, to cut off the mention of them from the very earth. (**Psalms 34:16**)
- Because it is written: You must be holy, because I am holy. (**1 Peter 1:16**)
- The stone that the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. (**Psalms 118:22**)
- For, he that would love life and see good days, let him restrain his tongue from what is bad and his lips from speaking deception. (**1 Peter 3:10**)
- But let him turn away from what is bad and do what is good, let him seek peace and pursue it. (**1 Peter 3:11**)
- For the eyes of Yehowah are upon the righteous ones, and his ears are toward their supplication, but the face of Yehowah is against those doing bad things. (**1 Peter 3:12**)
- It is to you, therefore, that he is precious, because you are believers, but to those not believing, the identical stone that the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. (**1 Peter 2:7**)
- Look! The righteous one, in the earth he will be rewarded. How much more should the wicked one and the sinner be! (**Proverbs 11:31**)
- Just like a dog returning to its vomit, the stupid one is repeating his foolishness. (**Proverbs 26:11**)
- And if the righteous man is being saved with difficulty, where will the ungodly man and the sinner make a showing? (**1 Peter 4:18**)
- The saying of the true proverb has happened to them; The dog has returned to its own vomit, and the sow that was bathed to rolling in the mire. (**2 Peter 2:22**)

- **And he must become as a sacred place, but as a stone to strike against and as a rock over which to stumble to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and as a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (Isaiah 8:14)**
- **Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am laying as a foundation in Zion a stone, a tried stone, the precious corner of a sure foundation. No one exercising faith will get panicky. (Isaiah 28:16)**
- **Listen! Someone is saying; Call out! And one said; What shall I call out? All flesh is green grass, and all their loving-kindness is like the blossom of the field. (Isaiah 40:6)**
- **The green grass has dried up, the blossom has withered, because the very spirit of Yehowah has blown upon it. Surely the people are green grass. (Isaiah 40:7)**
- **The green grass has dried up, the blossom has withered, but as for the word of our God, it will last to time indefinite. (Isaiah 40:8)**
- **The saying of the true proverb has happened to them; The dog has returned to its own vomit, and the sow that was bathed to rolling in the mire. (2 Peter 2:22)**
- **But he was being pierced for our transgression, he was being crushed for our errors. The chastisement meant for our peace was upon him, and because of his wounds there has been a healing for us. (Isaiah 53:5)**
- **And a stone of stumbling and a rock-mass of offense. These are stumbling because they are disobedient to the word. To this very end they were also appointed. (1 Peter 2:8)**
- **For it is contained in Scripture: Look! I am laying in Zion a stone, chosen, a foundation cornerstone, precious, and no one exercising faith in it will by any means come to disappointment. (1 Peter 2:6)**
- **For all flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like a blossom of grass, the grass becomes withered, and the flower falls off. (1 Peter 1:24)**

- **But the saying of Yehowah endures forever. Well, this is the saying, this which has been declared to you as Good News. (1 Peter 1:25)**
- **He himself bore our sins in his own body upon the stake, in order, that we might be done with sins and live to righteousness. And by his stripes you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)**
- **Scriptural prophecy is shown to be the product of God's spirit.**
- **For you know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture springs from any private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20)**
- **For prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)**
- **All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)**
- **God's promise concerning new heavens and a new earth is repeated.**
- **But there are new heavens and a new earth that we are awaiting according to his promise, and in these righteousness is to dwell. (2 Peter 3:13)**
- **For here I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and the former things will not be called to mind, neither will they come up into the heart. (Isaiah 65:17)**
- **For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making are standing before me, is the utterance of Yehowah, so the offspring of you people and the name of you people will keep standing. (Isaiah 66:22)**
- **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more. (Revelation 21:1)**
- **The parallels between;**

- **Certainly if God did not hold back from punishing the angels that sinned, but, by throwing them into Tartarus, delivered them to pits of dense darkness to be reserved for judgment. (2 Peter 2:4)**
- **And he did not hold back from punishing an ancient world, but kept Noah, a preacher of righteousness, safe with seven others when he brought a deluge upon a world of ungodly people. (2 Peter 2:5)**
- **And by reducing the cities Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them, setting a pattern for ungodly persons of things to come. (2 Peter 2:6)**
- **And he delivered righteous Lot, who was greatly distressed by the indulgence of the law-defying people in loose conduct. (2 Peter 2:7)**
- **For that righteous man by what he saw and heard while dwelling among them from day to day was tormenting his righteous soul by reason of their lawless deeds. (2 Peter 2:8)**
- **Yehowah knows how to deliver people of godly devotion out of trial, but to reserve unrighteous people for the day of judgment to be cut off. (2 Peter 2:9)**
- **Especially, however, those who go on after flesh with the desire to defile it and who look down on lordship. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble at glorious ones but speak abusively. (2 Peter 2:10)**
- **Whereas angels, although they are greater in strength and power, do not bring against them an accusation in abusive terms, not doing so out of respect for Yehowah. (2 Peter 2:11)**
- **But these men, like unreasoning animals born naturally to be caught and destroyed, will, in the things of which they are ignorant and speak abusively, even suffer destruction in their own course of destruction. (2 Peter 2:12)**
- **Wronging themselves as a reward for wrongdoing. They consider luxurious living in the daytime a pleasure. They are spots and blemishes, indulging with unrestrained delight in their deceptive teachings while feasting together with you. (2 Peter 2:13)**



- **They have eyes full of adultery and unable to desist from sin, and they entice unsteady souls. They have a heart trained in covetousness. They are accursed children. (2 Peter 2:14)**
- **Abandoning the straight path, they have been misled. They have followed the path of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the reward of wrongdoing. (2 Peter 2:15)**
- **But got a reproof for his own violation of what was right. A voiceless beast of burden, making utterance with the voice of a man, hindered the prophets mad course. (2 Peter 2:16)**
- **These are fountains without water, and mists driven by a violent storm, and for them the blackness of darkness has been reserved. (2 Peter 2:17)**
- **For they utter swelling expressions of no profit, and by the desires of the flesh and by loose habits they entice those who are just escaping from people who conduct themselves in error. (2 Peter 2:18)**
- **For you know this first, that in the last days there will come ridiculers with their ridicule, proceeding according to their own desires. (2 Peter 3:3)**
- **I desire to remind you, despite your knowing all things once for all time, that Yehowah, although he saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed those not showing faith. (Jude 1:5)**
- **And the angels that did not keep their original position but forsook their own proper dwelling place he has reserved with eternal bonds under dense darkness for the judgment of the great day. (Jude 1:6)**
- **So too Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities about them, after they in the same manner as the foregoing ones had committed fornication excessively and gone out after flesh for unnatural use, are placed before us as a warning example by undergoing the judicial punishment of everlasting fire. (Jude 1:7)**
- **In like manner, notwithstanding, these men, too, indulging in dreams, are defiling the flesh and disregarding lordship and speaking abusively of glorious ones. (Jude 1:8)**

- **But when Michael the archangel had a difference with the Devil and was disputing about Moses body, he did not dare to bring a judgment against him in abusive terms, but said; May Yehowah rebuke you. (Jude 1:9)**
- **Yet these men are speaking abusively of all the things they really do not know, but all the things that they do understand naturally like the unreasoning animals, in these things they go on corrupting themselves. (Jude 1:10)**
- **Too bad for them, because they have gone in the path of Cain, and have rushed into the erroneous course of Balaam for reward, and have perished in the rebellious talk of Korah! (Jude 1:11)**
- **These are the rocks hidden below water in your love feasts while they feast with you, shepherds that feed themselves without fear, waterless clouds carried this way and that by winds, trees in late autumn, but fruitless, having died twice, having been uprooted. (Jude 1:12)**
- **Wild waves of the sea that foam up their own causes for shame, stars with no set course, for which the blackness of darkness stands reserved forever. (Jude 1:13)**
- **As for you, beloved ones, call to mind the sayings that have been previously spoken by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:17)**
- **How they used to say to you; In the last time there will be ridiculers, proceeding according to their own desires for ungodly things. (Jude 1:18)**
- **Evidently indicate that the disciple Jude accepted Peter's second letter as inspired. Noteworthy, too, is the fact that the letters of the apostle Paul are classified by Peter with the rest of the Scriptures.**
- **Furthermore, consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given him also wrote you. (2 Peter 3:15)**
- **Speaking about these things as he does also in all his letters. In them, however, are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unsteady are twisting, as they do also the rest of**

the Scriptures, to their own destruction. (2 Peter 3:16)

### · Time Of Writing

- From the tone of the letters, it appears that they were written prior to the outbreak of Nero's persecution in 64 C.E. The fact that Mark was with Peter would seem to place the time of composition of the first letter between 62 and 64 C.E.
- She who is in Babylon, a chosen one like you, sends you her greetings, and so does Mark my son. (1 Peter 5:13)
- Earlier, during the apostle Paul's first imprisonment at Rome circa 59-61 C.E, Mark was there, and when Paul was imprisoned for a second time at Rome circa 65 C.E, he requested that Timothy and Mark join him.
- Aristarchus my fellow captive sends you his greetings, and so does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you received commands to welcome him if ever he comes to you. (Colossians 4:10)
- Luke alone is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministering. (2 Timothy 4:11)
- Likely Peter wrote his second letter not long after his first, or about 64 C.E.

### · Written From Babylon

- According to Peter's own testimony, he composed his first letter while at Babylon.
- She who is in Babylon, a chosen one like you, sends you her greetings, and so does Mark my son. (1 Peter 5:13)
- Possibly also from there he wrote his second letter. Available evidence clearly shows that Babylon refers to the city on the Euphrates and not to Rome, as some have claimed. Having been entrusted with the Good News for those who are circumcised, Peter could be expected to serve in a center of Judaism, such as Babylon.
- For He who gave Peter powers necessary for an apostleship to those who are circumcised gave powers also to me for those who

- are of the nations. (**Galatians 2:8**)
- Yes, when they came to know the undeserved kindness that was given me, James and Cephas and John, the ones who seemed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of sharing together, that we should go to the nations, but they to those who are circumcised. (**Galatians 2:9**)
  - There was a large Jewish population in Babylon. The **Encyclopaedia Judaica** [Jerusalem, 1971, Vol. 15, col. 755], when discussing production of the **Babylonian Talmud**, refers to **Judaism's great academies of Babylon during the Common Era**.
  - Since Peter wrote to the temporary residents scattered about in literal Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.
  - **Peter**, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the temporary residents scattered about in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, to the ones chosen. (**1 Peter 1:1**)
  - It logically follows that the source of the letter, Babylon, was the literal place by that name. Never does the Bible indicate that Babylon specifically refers to Rome, nor does it state that Peter was ever in Rome.
  - The first to claim that **Peter** was martyred at Rome is Dionysius, bishop of Corinth in the latter half of the second century. Earlier, Clement of Rome, though mentioning Paul and **Peter** together, makes Paul's preaching in both the East **and** the West a distinguishing feature of that apostle, implying that **Peter** was never in the West.
  - As the vicious persecution of Christians by the Roman government under Nero had seemingly not yet begun, there would have been no reason for **Peter** to veil the identity of Rome by the use of another name. When Paul wrote to the Romans, sending greetings by name to many in Rome, he omitted **Peter**.
  - Had Peter been a leading overseer there, this would have been an unlikely omission. Also, **Peter's** name is not included among those sending greetings in Paul's letters written from Rome Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 2 Timothy, Philemon, Hebrews.

## · First Peter

- **The Christians to whom the apostle Peter addressed his first letter were experiencing severe trials.**
- **In this fact you are greatly rejoicing, though for a little while at present, if it must be, you have been grieved by various trials. (1 Peter 1:6)**
- **Additionally, the end of all things had drawn close evidently the end of the Jewish system of things foretold by Jesus.**
- **As he was going out of the temple one of his disciples said to him; Teacher, see! What sort of stones and what sort of buildings! (Mark 13:1)**
- **However, Jesus said to him; Do you behold these great buildings? By no means will a stone be left here upon a stone and not be thrown down. (Mark 13:2)**
- **And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives with the temple in view, Peter and James and John and Andrew began to ask him privately. (Mark 13:3)**
- **Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are destined to come to a conclusion? (Mark 13:4)**
- **For you became imitators, brothers, of the congregations of God that are in Judea in union with Christ Jesus, because you also began suffering at the hands of your own countrymen the same things as they also are suffering at the hands of the Jews. (1 Thessalonians 2:14)**
- **Who killed even the Lord Jesus and the prophets and persecuted us. Furthermore, they are not pleasing God, but are against the interests of all men. (1 Thessalonians 2:15)**
- **As they try to hinder us from speaking to people of the nations that these might be saved, with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins. But his wrath has at length come upon them. (1 Thessalonians 2:16)**
- **Otherwise, he would have to suffer often from the founding of the world. But now he has manifested himself once for all time at the conclusion of the systems of things to put sin away**

- through the sacrifice of himself. ([Hebrews 9:26](#))
- **It was, therefore, a time for them to be vigilant with a view to prayers.**
  - **But the end of all things has drawn close. Be sound in mind, therefore, and be vigilant with a view to prayers. ([1 Peter 4:7](#))**
  - **And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter; Could you men not so much as watch one hour with me? ([Matthew 26:40](#))**
  - **Keep on the watch and pray continually, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit, of course, is eager, but the flesh is weak. ([Matthew 26:41](#))**
  - **Again, for the second time, he went off and prayed, saying; My Father, if it is not possible for this to pass away except I drink it, let your will take place. ([Matthew 26:42](#))**
  - **And he came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ([Matthew 26:43](#))**
  - **So leaving them, he again went off and prayed for the third time, saying once more the same word. ([Matthew 26:44](#))**
  - **Then he came to the disciples and said to them; At such a time as this you are sleeping and taking your rest! Look! The hour has drawn near for the Son of man to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. ([Matthew 26:45](#))**
  - **They also needed encouragement to endure faithfully, the very encouragement provided by the apostle.**
  - **Repeatedly, **Peter** reminded fellow Christians of the blessings they enjoyed. Because of God's mercy, they had received a new birth to a living hope, giving them reason for rejoicing.**
  - **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for according to his great mercy he gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. ([1 Peter 1:3](#))**
  - **To an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance. It is**

reserved in the heavens for you. (1 Peter 1:4)

- Who are being safeguarded by God's power through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last period of time. (1 Peter 1:5)
- In this fact you are greatly rejoicing, though for a little while at present, if it must be, you have been grieved by various trials. (1 Peter 1:6)
- In order, that the tested quality of your faith, of much greater value than gold that perishes despite its being proved by fire, may be found a cause for praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:7)
- Though you never saw him, you love him. Though you are not looking upon him at present, yet you exercise faith in him and are greatly rejoicing with an unspeakable and glorified joy. (1 Peter 1:8)
- As you receive the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:9)
- They had been bought with Christ's precious blood.
- For you know that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were delivered from your fruitless form of conduct received by tradition from your forefathers. (1 Peter 1:18)
- But it was with precious blood, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb, even Christ's. (1 Peter 1:19)
- Through the baptismal arrangement, they had received a good conscience and would continue to enjoy such by living in harmony with what their water baptism symbolized.
- That which corresponds to this is also now saving you, namely, baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the request made to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:21)
- In fact, for this purpose the Good News was declared also to the dead, that they might be judged as to the flesh from the

**standpoint of men but might live as to the spirit from the standpoint of God. (1 Peter 4:6)**

- **As living stones, they were being built on Christ Jesus to become a spiritual house or temple. They were a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession.**
- **Coming to him as to a living stone, rejected, it is true, by men, but chosen, precious, with God. (1 Peter 2:4)**
- **You yourselves also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house for the purpose of a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5)**
- **For it is contained in Scripture: Look! I am laying in Zion a stone, chosen, a foundation cornerstone, precious, and no one exercising faith in it will by any means come to disappointment. (1 Peter 2:6)**
- **It is to you, therefore, that he is precious, because you are believers, but to those not believing, the identical stone that the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. (1 Peter 2:7)**
- **And a stone of stumbling and a rock-mass of offense. These are stumbling because they are disobedient to the word. To this very end they were also appointed. (1 Peter 2:8)**
- **But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)**
- **For you were once not a people, but are now God's people; You were those who had not been shown mercy, but are now those who have been shown mercy. (1 Peter 2:10)**
- **In view of what God and his Son had done in their behalf, Christians, as Peter showed, had reason to endure sufferings and to maintain fine conduct. They were to expect sufferings, for even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones.**
- **For it is better to suffer because you are doing good, if the will of**



**God wishes it, than because you are doing evil. (1 Peter 3:17)**

- **Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)**
- **Sharing in the sufferings of Christ was in itself a reason for rejoicing, as it would result in being overjoyed at the revelation of Christ's glory. To be reproached for the name of Christ constituted an evidence that a person had God's spirit.**
- **Beloved ones, do not be puzzled at the burning among you, which is happening to you for a trial, as though a strange thing were befalling you. (1 Peter 4:12)**
- **On the contrary, go on rejoicing forasmuch as you are sharers in the sufferings of the Christ, that you may rejoice and be overjoyed also during the revelation of his glory. (1 Peter 4:13)**
- **If you are being reproached for the name of Christ, you are happy, because the spirit of glory, even the spirit of God, is resting upon you. (1 Peter 4:14)**
- **The trials themselves resulted in faith of tested quality, which was needed for salvation.**
- **In this fact you are greatly rejoicing, though for a little while at present, if it must be, you have been grieved by various trials. (1 Peter 1:6)**
- **In order, that the tested quality of your faith, of much greater value than gold that perishes despite its being proved by fire, may be found a cause for praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:7)**
- **Though you never saw him, you love him. Though you are not looking upon him at present, yet you exercise faith in him and are greatly rejoicing with an unspeakable and glorified joy. (1 Peter 1:8)**
- **As you receive the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:9)**

- **Moreover, by faithfully enduring, they would continue to experience God's care. He would make them firm and strong.**
- **Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. (1 Peter 5:6)**
- **While you throw all your anxiety upon him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)**
- **Keep your senses, be watchful. Your adversary, the Devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking to devour someone. (1 Peter 5:8)**
- **But take your stand against him, solid in the faith, knowing that the same things in the way of sufferings are being accomplished in the entire association of your brothers in the world. (1 Peter 5:9)**
- **But, after you have suffered a little while, the God of all undeserved kindness, who called you to his everlasting glory in union with Christ, will himself finish your training, he will make you firm, he will make you strong. (1 Peter 5:10)**
- **However, as Peter emphasized, Christians were never to suffer because of being lawbreakers.**
- **However, let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a busybody in other peoples matters. (1 Peter 4:15)**
- **But if he suffers as a Christian, let him not feel shame, but let him keep on glorifying God in this name. (1 Peter 4:16)**
- **For it is the appointed time for the judgment to start with the house of God. Now if it starts first with us, what will the end be of those who are not obedient to the Good News of God? (1 Peter 4:17)**
- **And if the righteous man is being saved with difficulty, where will the ungodly man and the sinner make a showing? (1 Peter 4:18)**
- **So, then, also let those who are suffering in harmony with the will of God keep on commending their souls to a faithful Creator while they are doing good. (1 Peter 4:19)**

- **Theirs was to be exemplary conduct, which would serve to silence ignorant talk against them.**
- **Maintain your conduct fine among the nations, that, in the thing in which they are speaking against you as evildoers, they may as a result of your fine works of which they are eyewitnesses glorify God in the day for his inspection. (1 Peter 2:12)**
- **For so the will of God is, that by doing good you may muzzle the ignorant talk of the unreasonable men. (1 Peter 2:15)**
- **Be as free people, and yet holding your freedom, not as a blind for badness, but as slaves of God. (1 Peter 2:16)**
- **This involved every aspect of a Christian's life his relationship to governmental authority, to masters, to family members, and to Christian brothers.**
- **For the Lord's sake subject yourselves to every human creation, whether to a king as being superior. (1 Peter 2:13)**
- **Not paying back injury for injury or reviling for reviling, but, to the contrary, bestowing a blessing, because you were called to this course, so that you might inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:9)**
- **It called for right use of the organs of speech, holding a good conscience**
- **For, he that would love life and see good days, let him restrain his tongue from what is bad and his lips from speaking deception. (1 Peter 3:10)**
- **But let him turn away from what is bad and do what is good, let him seek peace and pursue it. (1 Peter 3:11)**
- **For the eyes of Yehowah are upon the righteous ones, and his ears are toward their supplication, but the face of Yehowah is against those doing bad things. (1 Peter 3:12)**
- **Indeed, who is the man that will harm you if you become zealous for what is good? (1 Peter 3:13)**
- **But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you**

- are happy. However, the object of their fear do not you fear, neither become agitated. (**1 Peter 3:14**)
- **But sanctify the Christ as Lord in your hearts, always ready to make a defense before everyone that demands of you a reason for the hope in you, but doing so together with a mild temper and deep respect. (1 Peter 3:15)**
  - **Hold a good conscience, so that in the particular in which you are spoken against they may get ashamed who are speaking slightly of your good conduct in connection with Christ. (1 Peter 3:16)**
  - **For it is better to suffer because you are doing good, if the will of God wishes it, than because you are doing evil. (1 Peter 3:17)**
  - **Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)**
  - **In this state also he went his way and preached to the spirits in prison. (1 Peter 3:19)**
  - **Who had once been disobedient when the patience of God was waiting in Noah's days, while the ark was being constructed, in which a few people, that is, eight souls, were carried safely through the water. (1 Peter 3:20)**
  - **That which corresponds to this is also now saving you, namely, baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the request made to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:21)**
  - **He is at God's right hand, for he went his way to heaven, and angels and authorities and powers were made subject to him. (1 Peter 3:22)**
  - **And remaining free from the defiling practices of the nations.**
  - **Therefore since Christ suffered in the flesh, you too arm yourselves with the same mental disposition, because the person that has suffered in the flesh has desisted from sins. (1 Peter 4:1)**

- **To the end that he may live the remainder of his time in the flesh, no more for the desires of men, but for God's will. (1 Peter 4:2)**
- **For the time that has passed by is sufficient for you to have worked out the will of the nations when you proceeded in deeds of loose conduct, lusts, excesses with wine, revelries, drinking matches, and illegal idolatries. (1 Peter 4:3)**
- **Inside the congregation, older men serving as shepherds were not to lord it over the sheep, but were to do their work willingly and eagerly. The younger men were to be in subjection to the older men.**
- **Therefore, to the older men among you I give this exhortation, for I too am an older man with them and a witness of the sufferings of the Christ, a sharer even of the glory that is to be revealed. (1 Peter 5:1)**
- **Shepherd the flock of God in your care, not under compulsion, but willingly, neither for love of dishonest gain, but eagerly. (1 Peter 5:2)**
- **Neither as lording it over those who are God's inheritance, but becoming examples to the flock. (1 Peter 5:3)**
- **And when the chief shepherd has been made manifest, you will receive the unfadable crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:4)**
- **In like manner, you younger men, be in subjection to the older men. But all of you gird yourselves with lowliness of mind toward one another, because God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. (1 Peter 5:5)**
- **All Christians were to be hospitable, seek to build one another up, have intense love for one another, and gird themselves with lowliness of mind.**
- **But the end of all things has drawn close. Be sound in mind, therefore, and be vigilant with a view to prayers. (1 Peter 4:7)**
- **Above all things, have intense love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. (1 Peter 4:8)**
- **Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)**

- **In proportion as each one has received a gift, use it in ministering to one another as fine stewards of God's undeserved kindness expressed in various ways. (1 Peter 4:10)**
- **If anyone speaks, let him speak as it were the sacred pronouncements of God, if anyone ministers, let him minister as dependent on the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. The glory and the might are his forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:11)**
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## •• **Second Peter**

- **The purpose of Peter's second letter was to assist Christians to make their calling and choosing sure and to avoid being led astray by false teachers and ungodly men within the congregation itself.**
- **For this reason, brothers, all the more do your utmost to make the calling and choosing of you sure for yourselves, for if you keep on doing these things you will by no means ever fail. (2 Peter 1:10)**
- **In fact, thus there will be richly supplied to you the entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:11)**
- **Hence, beloved ones, since you are awaiting these things, do your utmost to be found finally by him spotless and unblemished and in peace. (2 Peter 3:14)**
- **Furthermore, consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given him also wrote you. (2 Peter 3:15)**
- **Speaking about these things as he does also in all his letters. In them, however, are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unsteady are twisting, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. (2 Peter 3:16)**

- **You, therefore, beloved ones, having this advance knowledge, be on your guard that you may not be led away with them by the error of the law-defying people and fall from your own steadfastness. (2 Peter 3:17)**
- **No, but go on growing in the undeserved kindness and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. (2 Peter 3:18)**
- **Christians are urged to have faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godly devotion, brotherly affection, and love**
- **Yes, for this very reason, by your contributing in response all earnest effort, supply to your faith virtue, to your virtue knowledge. (2 Peter 1:5)**
- **To your knowledge self-control, to your self-control endurance, to your endurance godly devotion. (2 Peter 1:6)**
- **To your godly devotion brotherly affection, to your brotherly affection love. (2 Peter 1:7)**
- **For if these things exist in you and overflow, they will prevent you from being either inactive or unfruitful regarding the accurate knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:8)**
- **For if these things are not present in anyone, he is blind, shutting his eyes to the light, and has become forgetful of his cleansing from his sins of long ago. (2 Peter 1:9)**
- **For this reason, brothers, all the more do your utmost to make the calling and choosing of you sure for yourselves, for if you keep on doing these things you will by no means ever fail. (2 Peter 1:10)**
- **In fact, thus there will be richly supplied to you the entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:11)**
- **And they are admonished to pay attention to the inspired prophetic word.**
- **No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted you with the power and presence of our Lord Jesus**

**Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. (2 Peter 1:16)**

- **For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when words such as these were borne to him by the magnificent glory; This is my son, my beloved, whom I myself have approved. (2 Peter 1:17)**
- **Yes, these words we heard borne from heaven while we were with him in the holy mountain. (2 Peter 1:18)**
- **Consequently we have the prophetic word made more sure, and you are doing well in paying attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and a daystar rises, in your hearts. (2 Peter 1:19)**
- **For you know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture springs from any private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20)**
- **For prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)**
- **Examples of past executions of Yehowah's judgments against ungodly persons are cited to show that those abandoning the path of righteousness will not escape God's wrath.**
- **However, there also came to be false prophets among the people, as there will also be false teachers among you. These very ones will quietly bring in destructive sects and will disown even the owner that bought them, bringing speedy destruction upon themselves. (2 Peter 2:1)**
- **Furthermore, many will follow their acts of loose conduct, and on account of these the way of the truth will be spoken of abusively. (2 Peter 2:2)**
- **Also, with covetousness they will exploit you with counterfeit words. But as for them, the judgment from of old is not moving slowly, and the destruction of them is not slumbering. (2 Peter 2:3)**
- **Certainly if God did not hold back from punishing the angels that sinned, but, by throwing them into Tartarus, delivered them to**



pits of dense darkness to be reserved for judgment. (2 Peter 2:4)

- **And he did not hold back from punishing an ancient world, but kept Noah, a preacher of righteousness, safe with seven others when he brought a deluge upon a world of ungodly people. (2 Peter 2:5)**
- **And by reducing the cities Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them, setting a pattern for ungodly persons of things to come. (2 Peter 2:6)**
- **And he delivered righteous Lot, who was greatly distressed by the indulgence of the law-defying people in loose conduct. (2 Peter 2:7)**
- **For that righteous man by what he saw and heard while dwelling among them from day to day was tormenting his righteous soul by reason of their lawless deeds. (2 Peter 2:8)**
- **Yehowah knows how to deliver people of godly devotion out of trial, but to reserve unrighteous people for the day of judgment to be cut off. (2 Peter 2:9)**
- **Especially, however, those who go on after flesh with the desire to defile it and who look down on lordship. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble at glorious ones but speak abusively. (2 Peter 2:10)**
- **Whereas angels, although they are greater in strength and power, do not bring against them an accusation in abusive terms, not doing so out of respect for Yehowah. (2 Peter 2:11)**
- **But these men, like unreasoning animals born naturally to be caught and destroyed, will, in the things of which they are ignorant and speak abusively, even suffer destruction in their own course of destruction. (2 Peter 2:12)**
- **Wronging themselves as a reward for wrongdoing. They consider luxurious living in the daytime a pleasure. They are spots and blemishes, indulging with unrestrained delight in their deceptive teachings while feasting together with you. (2 Peter 2:13)**
- **They have eyes full of adultery and unable to desist from sin, and they entice unsteady souls. They have a heart trained in**

covetousness. They are accursed children. (2 Peter 2:14)

- Abandoning the straight path, they have been misled. They have followed the path of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the reward of wrongdoing. (2 Peter 2:15)
- But got a reproof for his own violation of what was right. A voiceless beast of burden, making utterance with the voice of a man, hindered the prophets mad course. (2 Peter 2:16)
- These are fountains without water, and mists driven by a violent storm, and for them the blackness of darkness has been reserved. (2 Peter 2:17)
- For they utter swelling expressions of no profit, and by the desires of the flesh and by loose habits they entice those who are just escaping from people who conduct themselves in error. (2 Peter 2:18)
- While they are promising them freedom, they themselves are existing as slaves of corruption. For whoever is overcome by another is enslaved by this one. (2 Peter 2:19)
- Certainly if, after having escaped from the defilements of the world by an accurate knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they get involved again with these very things and are overcome, the final conditions have become worse for them than the first. (2 Peter 2:20)
- For it would have been better for them not to have accurately known the path of righteousness than after knowing it accurately to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them. (2 Peter 2:21)
- The saying of the true proverb has happened to them; The dog has returned to its own vomit, and the sow that was bathed to rolling in the mire. (2 Peter 2:22)
- Despite what ridiculers might say in the last days, the coming of Yehowah's day, a day for the execution of ungodly men, is just as certain as what befell the world of Noah's day.

- **Also, God's promise of new heavens and a new earth is sure and should inspire diligent efforts to be found unblemished from God's standpoint.**
- **Beloved ones, this is now the second letter I am writing you, in which, as in my first one, I am arousing your clear thinking faculties by way of a reminder. (2 Peter 3:1)**
- **That you should remember the sayings previously spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles. (2 Peter 3:2)**
- **For you know this first, that in the last days there will come ridiculers with their ridicule, proceeding according to their own desires. (2 Peter 3:3)**
- **And saying; Where is this promised presence of his? Why, from the day our forefathers fell asleep in death, all things are continuing exactly as from creations beginning. (2 Peter 3:4)**
- **For, according to their wish, this fact escapes their notice, that there were heavens from of old and an earth standing compactly out of water and in the midst of water by the word of God. (2 Peter 3:5)**
- **And by those means the world of that time suffered destruction when it was deluged with water. (2 Peter 3:6)**
- **But by the same word the heavens and the earth that are now are stored up for fire and are being reserved to the day of judgment and of destruction of the ungodly men. (2 Peter 3:7)**
- **However, let this one fact not be escaping your notice, beloved ones, that one day is with Yehowah as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. (2 Peter 3:8)**
- **Yehowah is not slow respecting his promise, as some people consider slowness, but he is patient with you because he does not desire any to be destroyed but desires all to attain to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)**
- **Yet Yehowah's day will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a hissing noise, but the elements being intensely hot will be dissolved, and earth and the works in it will be**

discovered. (2 Peter 3:10)

- Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion. (2 Peter 3:11)
- Awaiting and keeping close in mind the presence of the day of Yehowah, through which the heavens being on fire will be dissolved and the elements being intensely hot will melt! (2 Peter 3:12)
- But there are new heavens and a new earth that we are awaiting according to his promise, and in these righteousness is to dwell. (2 Peter 3:13)
- Hence, beloved ones, since you are awaiting these things, do your utmost to be found finally by him spotless and unblemished and in peace. (2 Peter 3:14)
- Furthermore, consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given him also wrote you. (2 Peter 3:15)
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- You, therefore, beloved ones, having this advance knowledge, be on your guard that you may not be led away with them by the error of the law-defying people and fall from your own steadfastness. (2 Peter 3:17)
- No, but go on growing in the undeserved kindness and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. (2 Peter 3:18)

### .. Highlights Of First Peter

- A letter encouraging Christians to be vigilant and to endure faithfully despite trials.
- Written in Babylon by the apostle Peter using Silvanus as a secretary, about 62-64 C.E.

- **Christians should act in a manner worthy of their wonderful hope.**
- **The ones chosen have been given a living hope, an incorruptible inheritance in heaven.**
- **Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the temporary residents scattered about in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, to the ones chosen**
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- **According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, with sanctification by the spirit, for the purpose of their being obedient and sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ. May undeserved kindness and peace be increased to you.**
- **According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, with sanctification by the spirit, for the purpose of their being obedient and sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ. May undeserved kindness and peace be increased to you. (1 Peter 1:2)**
- **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for according to his great mercy he gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**
- **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for according to his great mercy he gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)**
- **To an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance. It is reserved in the heavens for you. (1 Peter 1:4)**
- **Who are being safeguarded by God's power through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last period of time.**
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- **They have faith in Jesus Christ for the salvation of their souls something that the prophets of old and even the angels were intensely interested in.**
- **Though you never saw him, you love him. Though you are not looking upon him at present, yet you exercise faith in him and are greatly rejoicing with an unspeakable and glorified joy.**
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- **As you receive the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:9)**
- **Concerning this very salvation a diligent inquiry and a careful search were made by the prophets who prophesied about the undeserved kindness meant for you.**
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- **They kept on investigating what particular season or what sort of season the spirit in them was indicating concerning Christ when it was bearing witness beforehand about the sufferings for Christ and about the glories to follow these.**
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- **It was revealed to them that, not to themselves, but to you, they were ministering the things that have now been announced to you through those who have declared the Good News to you with Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven. Into these very things angels are desiring to peer.**
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- **Hence brace up your minds for activity, keep your senses completely, set your hope upon the undeserved kindness that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:13)**
- **As obedient children, quit being fashioned according to the desires you formerly had in your ignorance. (1 Peter 1:14)**
- **But, in accord with the Holy One who called you, do you also become holy yourselves in all your conduct. (1 Peter 1:15)**
- **Because it is written: You must be holy, because I am holy. (1 Peter 1:16)**
- **Furthermore, if you are calling upon the Father who judges impartially according to each one's work, conduct yourselves with fear during the time of your alien residence. (1 Peter 1:17)**
- **For you know that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were delivered from your fruitless form of conduct received by tradition from your forefathers. (1 Peter 1:18)**
- **But it was with precious blood, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb, even Christ's. (1 Peter 1:19)**
- **True, he was foreknown before the founding of the world, but he was made manifest at the end of the times for the sake of you. (1 Peter 1:20)**
- **Who through him are believers in God, the one who raised him up from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope might be in God. (1 Peter 1:21)**
- **Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth with unhypocritical brotherly affection as the result, love one another intensely from the heart. (1 Peter 1:22)**
- **For you have been given a new birth, not by corruptible, but by incorruptible reproductive seed, through the word of the living and enduring God. (1 Peter 1:23)**

- **For all flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like a blossom of grass, the grass becomes withered, and the flower falls off. (1 Peter 1:24)**
- **But the saying of Yehowah endures forever. Well, this is the saying; This which has been declared to you as Good News. (1 Peter 1:25)**
- **They must form a longing for the milk of the word in order to grow to salvation**
- **Accordingly, put away all badness and all deceitfulness and hypocrisy and envies and all sorts of backbiting. (1 Peter 2:1)**
- **And, as newborn infants, form a longing for the unadulterated milk belonging to the word, that through it you may grow to salvation. (1 Peter 2:2)**
- **Provided you have tasted that the Lord is kind. (1 Peter 2:3)**
- **They are a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, built on the foundation of Christ, they must therefore offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.**
- **Coming to him as to a living stone, rejected, it is true, by men, but chosen, precious, with God. (1 Peter 2:4)**
- **You yourselves also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house for the purpose of a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5)**
- **For it is contained in Scripture; Look! I am laying in Zion a stone, chosen, a foundation cornerstone, precious, and no one exercising faith in it will by any means come to disappointment. (1 Peter 2:6)**
- **It is to you, therefore, that he is precious, because you are believers, but to those not believing, the identical stone that the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. (1 Peter 2:7)**
- **And a stone of stumbling and a rock-mass of offense. These are**



stumbling because they are disobedient to the word. To this very end they were also appointed. (1 Peter 2:8)

- **As a people for special possession, they declare abroad the excellencies of their God and conduct themselves in a manner that honors him.**
- **But you are, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies, of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)**
- **For you were once not a people, but are now God's people; You were those who had not been shown mercy, but are now those who have been shown mercy. (1 Peter 2:10)**
- **Beloved, I exhort you as aliens and temporary residents to keep abstaining from fleshly desires, which are the very ones that carry on a conflict against the soul. (1 Peter 2:11)**
- **Maintain your conduct fine among the nations, that, in the thing in which they are speaking against you as evildoers, they may as a result of your fine works of which they are eyewitnesses glorify God in the day for his inspection. (1 Peter 2:12)**
- **Relationships with fellow human's should be based on godly principles.**
- **Be submissive to human rulers, love the brothers, fear God.**
- **For the Lords sake subject yourselves to every human creation: whether to a king as being superior. (1 Peter 2:13)**
- **Or to governor's as being sent by him to inflict punishment on evildoers but to praise doers of good. (1 Peter 2:14)**
- **For so the will of God is, that by doing good you may muzzle the ignorant talk of the unreasonable men. (1 Peter 2:15)**
- **Be as free people, and yet holding your freedom, not as a blind for badness, but as slaves of God. (1 Peter 2:16)**
- **Honor men of all sorts, have love for the whole association of brothers, be in fear of God, have honor for the king. (1 Peter**

**2:17)**

- **House servants must be in subjection to their masters even when these are unreasonable; Jesus set a good example of patient endurance of evil.**
- **Let house servants be in subjection to their owners with all due fear, not only to the good and reasonable, but also to those hard to please. (1 Peter 2:18)**
- **For if someone, because of conscience toward God, bears up under grievous things and suffers unjustly, this is an agreeable thing. (1 Peter 2:19)**
- **For what merit is there in it if, when you are sinning and being slapped, you endure it? But if, when you are doing good and you suffer, you endure it, this is a thing agreeable with God. (1 Peter 2:20)**
- **In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely. (1 Peter 2:21)**
- **He committed no sin, nor was deception found in his mouth. (1 Peter 2:22)**
- **When he was being reviled, he did not go reviling in return. When he was suffering, he did not go threatening, but kept on committing himself to the one who judges righteously. (1 Peter 2:23)**
- **He himself bore our sins in his own body upon the stake, in order, that we might be done with sins and live to righteousness. And by his stripes you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)**
- **For you were like sheep, going astray, but now you have returned to the shepherd and overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:25)**
- **Wives should be subject to their husbands, if the husband is an unbeliever, the wives fine conduct might win him over.**
- **In like manner, you wives, be in subjection to your own husbands, in order, that, if any are not obedient to the word, they**

may be won without a word through the conduct of their wives.  
(1 Peter 3:1)

- Because of having been eyewitnesses of your chaste conduct together with deep respect. (1 Peter 3:2)
- And do not let your adornment be that of the external braiding of the hair and of the putting on of gold ornaments or the wearing of outer garments. (1 Peter 3:3)
- But let it be the secret person of the heart in the incorruptible apparel of the quiet and mild spirit, which is of great value in the eyes of God. (1 Peter 3:4)
- For so, too, formerly the holy women who were hoping in God used to adorn themselves, subjecting themselves to their own husbands. (1 Peter 3:5)
- As Sarah used to obey Abraham, calling him lord. And you have become her children, provided you keep on doing good and not fearing any cause for terror. (1 Peter 3:6)
- **Husbands are to assign honor to their wives as to a weaker vessel.**
- You husbands, continue dwelling in like manner with them according to knowledge, assigning them honor as to a weaker vessel, the feminine one, since you are also heirs with them of the undeserved favor of life, in order for your prayers not to be hindered. (1 Peter 3:7)
- **All Christians should show fellow feeling toward others, not repaying injury for injury, but pursuing peace.**
- Finally, all of you be like-minded, showing fellow feeling, having brotherly affection, tenderly compassionate, humble in mind. (1 Peter 3:8)
- Not paying back injury for injury or reviling for reviling, but, to the contrary, bestowing a blessing, because you were called to this course, so that you might inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:9)
- For, he that would love life and see good days, let him restrain his tongue from what is bad and his lips from speaking

deception. (1 Peter 3:10)

- But let him turn away from what is bad and do what is good, let him seek peace and pursue it. (1 Peter 3:11)
- For the eyes of Yehowah are upon the righteous ones, and his ears are toward their supplication, but the face of Yehowah is against those doing bad things. (1 Peter 3:12)
- **The end of all things has drawn close, so Christians should be sound in mind and vigilant with a view to prayers, should have intense love for one another and use their gifts to honor God.**
- But the end of all things has drawn close. Be sound in mind, therefore, and be vigilant with a view to prayers. (1 Peter 4:7)
- Above all things, have intense love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. (1 Peter 4:8)
- Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)
- In proportion as each one has received a gift, use it in ministering to one another as fine stewards of God's undeserved kindness expressed in various ways. (1 Peter 4:10)
- If anyone speaks, let him speak as it were the sacred pronouncements of God, if anyone ministers, let him minister as dependent on the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. The glory and the might are his forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:11)
- **Elders should be eager to shepherd the flock of God, young men must remain in subjection to older men, all should manifest lowliness of mind**
- Therefore, to the older men among you I give this exhortation, for I too am an older man with them and a witness of the sufferings of the Christ, a sharer even of the glory that is to be revealed. (1 Peter 5:1)
- Shepherd the flock of God in your care, not under compulsion, but willingly, neither for love of dishonest gain, but eagerly. (1 Peter 5:2)

- **Neither as lording it over those who are God's inheritance, but becoming examples to the flock. (1 Peter 5:3)**
- **And when the chief shepherd has been made manifest, you will receive the unfadable crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:4)**
- **In like manner, you younger men, be in subjection to the older men. But all of you gird yourselves with lowliness of mind toward one another, because God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. (1 Peter 5:5)**
- **Faithful endurance of suffering results in blessings.**
- **Christians can rejoice even under grievous trials, since the quality of their faith will be made manifest.**
- **In this fact you are greatly rejoicing, though for a little while at present, if it must be, you have been grieved by various trials. (1 Peter 1:6)**
- **In order, that the tested quality of your faith, of much greater value than gold that perishes despite its being proved by fire, may be found a cause for praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:7)**
- **They should not suffer because of wrongdoing, if they suffer for righteousness sake, they should glorify God and not feel shame, it is a time of judgment.**
- **Indeed, who is the man that will harm you if you become zealous for what is good? (1 Peter 3:13)**
- **But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are happy. However, the object of their fear do not you fear, neither become agitated. (1 Peter 3:14)**
- **But sanctify the Christ as Lord in your hearts, always ready to make a defense before everyone that demands of you a reason for the hope in you, but doing so together with a mild temper and deep respect. (1 Peter 3:15)**
- **Hold a good conscience, so that in the particular in which you are spoken against they may get ashamed who are speaking slightly of your good conduct in connection with Christ. (1**

**Peter 3:16)**

- **For it is better to suffer because you are doing good, if the will of God wishes it, than because you are doing evil. (1 Peter 3:17)**
- **It is a time of judgment.**
- **However, let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a busybody in other peoples matters. (1 Peter 4:15)**
- **But if he suffers as a Christian, let him not feel shame, but let him keep on glorifying God in this name. (1 Peter 4:16)**
- **For it is the appointed time for the judgment to start with the house of God. Now if it starts first with us, what will the end be of those who are not obedient to the Good News of God? (1 Peter 4:17)**
- **And if the righteous man is being saved with difficulty, where will the ungodly man and the sinner make a showing? (1 Peter 4:18)**
- **So, then, also let those who are suffering in harmony with the will of God keep on commending their souls to a faithful Creator while they are doing good. (1 Peter 4:19)**
- **Christ suffered and died in the flesh to lead us to God, hence, we no longer live according to fleshly desires even if fleshly people abuse us because we are different.**
- **Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)**
- **In fact, for this purpose the Good News was declared also to the dead, that they might be judged as to the flesh from the standpoint of men but might live as to the spirit from the standpoint of God. (1 Peter 4:6)**
- **If a Christian endures trials faithfully, he will share in great rejoicing at Jesus revelation as well as be assured that he has God's spirit right now.**

- **Beloved ones, do not be puzzled at the burning among you, which is happening to you for a trial, as though a strange thing were befalling you. (1 Peter 4:12)**
- **On the contrary, go on rejoicing forasmuch as you are sharers in the sufferings of the Christ, that you may rejoice and be overjoyed also during the revelation of his glory. (1 Peter 4:13)**
- **If you are being reproached for the name of Christ, you are happy, because the spirit of glory, even the spirit of God, is resting upon you. (1 Peter 4:14)**
- **Let each one humble himself under God's hand and throw his anxiety upon Him, let him take his stand against Satan, with confidence that God himself will make His servants strong**
- **Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. (1 Peter 5:6)**
- **While you throw all your anxiety upon him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)**
- **Keep your senses, be watchful. Your adversary, the Devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking to devour someone. (1 Peter 5:8)**
- **But take your stand against him, solid in the faith, knowing that the same things in the way of sufferings are being accomplished in the entire association of your brothers in the world. (1 Peter 5:9)**
- **But, after you have suffered a little while, the God of all undeserved kindness, who called you to his everlasting glory in union with Christ, will himself finish your training, he will make you firm, he will make you strong. (1 Peter 5:10)**

### ·· **Highlights Of Second Peter**

- **A letter encouraging Christians to exert themselves and to cling to the prophetic word, it contains powerful warnings against apostasy.**
- **Written perhaps from Babylon about 64 C.E.**

- **Christians must exert themselves and trust in the prophetic word.**
- **God has freely given all things that concern life and godly devotion, in response Christians must exert themselves to develop faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godly devotion, brotherly affection, and love qualities that will make them active and fruitful.**
- **Simon **Peter**, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a faith, held in equal privilege with ours, by the righteousness of our God and the Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:1)**
- **May undeserved kindness and peace be increased to you by an accurate knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (2 Peter 1:2)**
- **Forasmuch as his divine power has given us freely all the things that concern life and godly devotion, through the accurate knowledge of the one who called us through glory and virtue. (2 Peter 1:3)**
- **Through these things he has freely given us the precious and very grand promises, that through these you may become sharers in divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Peter 1:4)**
- **Yes, for this very reason, by your contributing in response all earnest effort, supply to your faith virtue, to your virtue knowledge. (2 Peter 1:5)**
- **To your knowledge self-control, to your self-control endurance, to your endurance godly devotion. (2 Peter 1:6)**
- **To your godly devotion brotherly affection, to your brotherly affection love. (2 Peter 1:7)**
- **For if these things exist in you and overflow, they will prevent you from being either inactive or unfruitful regarding the accurate knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:8)**
- **For if these things are not present in anyone, he is blind, shutting his eyes to the light, and has become forgetful of his cleansing from his sins of long ago. (2 Peter 1:9)**



- **For this reason, brothers, all the more do your utmost to make the calling and choosing of you sure for yourselves, for if you keep on doing these things you will by no means ever fail. (2 Peter 1:10)**
- **In fact, thus there will be richly supplied to you the entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:11)**
- **For this reason I shall be disposed always to remind you of these things, although you know them and are firmly set in the truth that is present in you. (2 Peter 1:12)**
- **But I consider it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to rouse you up by way of reminding you. (2 Peter 1:13)**
- **Knowing as I do that the putting off of my tabernacle is soon to be, just as also our Lord Jesus Christ signified to me. (2 Peter 1:14)**
- **So I will do my utmost also at every time that, after my departure, you may be able to make mention of these things for yourselves. (2 Peter 1:15)**
- **Christians must pay attention to the divinely inspired prophetic word, when Peter saw Jesus transfigured and heard God speak in the mountain, the prophetic word was made more sure.**
- **No, it was not by following artfully contrived false stories that we acquainted you with the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was by having become eyewitnesses of his magnificence. (2 Peter 1:16)**
- **For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when words such as these were borne to him by the magnificent glory; This is my son, my beloved, whom I myself have approved. (2 Peter 1:17)**
- **Yes, these words we heard borne from heaven while we were with him in the holy mountain. (2 Peter 1:18)**
- **Consequently we have the prophetic word made more sure, and you are doing well in paying attention to it as to a lamp shining**

- in a dark place, until day dawns and a daystar rises, in your hearts. ([2 Peter 1:19](#))
- For you know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture springs from any private interpretation. ([2 Peter 1:20](#))
  - For prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. ([2 Peter 1:21](#))
  - Guard against false teachers and other corrupt persons, Yehowah's day is coming.
  - False teachers will infiltrate the congregation, bringing in destructive sects.
  - However, there also came to be false prophets among the people, as there will also be false teachers among you. These very ones will quietly bring in destructive sects and will disown even the owner that bought them, bringing speedy destruction upon themselves. ([2 Peter 2:1](#))
  - Furthermore, many will follow their acts of loose conduct, and on account of these the way of the truth will be spoken of abusively. ([2 Peter 2:2](#))
  - Also, with covetousness they will exploit you with counterfeit words. But as for them, the judgment from of old is not moving slowly, and the destruction of them is not slumbering. ([2 Peter 2:3](#))
  - Yehowah is sure to judge these apostates, just as he judged the disobedient angels, the ungodly world in Noah's day, and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.
  - Certainly if God did not hold back from punishing the angels that sinned, but, by throwing them into Tartarus, delivered them to pits of dense darkness to be reserved for judgment. ([2 Peter 2:4](#))
  - And he did not hold back from punishing an ancient world, but kept Noah, a preacher of righteousness, safe with seven others when he brought a deluge upon a world of ungodly people. ([2 Peter 2:5](#))

- **And by reducing the cities Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them, setting a pattern for ungodly persons of things to come. (2 Peter 2:6)**
- **And he delivered righteous Lot, who was greatly distressed by the indulgence of the law-defying people in loose conduct. (2 Peter 2:7)**
- **For that righteous man by what he saw and heard while dwelling among them from day to day was tormenting his righteous soul by reason of their lawless deeds. (2 Peter 2:8)**
- **Yehowah knows how to deliver people of godly devotion out of trial, but to reserve unrighteous people for the day of judgment to be cut off. (2 Peter 2:9)**
- **Especially, however, those who go on after flesh with the desire to defile it and who look down on lordship. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble at glorious ones but speak abusively. (2 Peter 2:10)**
- **Such false teachers despise authority, stain the good name of Christians by excesses and immorality, entice the weak, and promise freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption.**
- **Especially, however, those who go on after flesh with the desire to defile it and who look down on lordship. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble at glorious ones but speak abusively. (2 Peter 2:10)**
- **Whereas angels, although they are greater in strength and power, do not bring against them an accusation in abusive terms, not doing so out of respect for Yehowah. (2 Peter 2:11)**
- **But these men, like unreasoning animals born naturally to be caught and destroyed, will, in the things of which they are ignorant and speak abusively, even suffer destruction in their own course of destruction. (2 Peter 2:12)**
- **Wronging themselves as a reward for wrongdoing. They consider luxurious living in the daytime a pleasure. They are spots and blemishes, indulging with unrestrained delight in their deceptive teachings while feasting together with you. (2 Peter 2:13)**

- **They have eyes full of adultery and unable to desist from sin, and they entice unsteady souls. They have a heart trained in covetousness. They are accursed children. (2 Peter 2:14)**
- **Abandoning the straight path, they have been misled. They have followed the path of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the reward of wrongdoing. (2 Peter 2:15)**
- **But got a reproof for his own violation of what was right. A voiceless beast of burden, making utterance with the voice of a man, hindered the prophets mad course. (2 Peter 2:16)**
- **These are fountains without water, and mists driven by a violent storm, and for them the blackness of darkness has been reserved. (2 Peter 2:17)**
- **For they utter swelling expressions of no profit, and by the desires of the flesh and by loose habits they entice those who are just escaping from people who conduct themselves in error. (2 Peter 2:18)**
- **While they are promising them freedom, they themselves are existing as slaves of corruption. For whoever is overcome by another is enslaved by this one. (2 Peter 2:19)**
- **These are worse off now than when they did not know about Jesus Christ.**
- **Certainly if, after having escaped from the defilements of the world by an accurate knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they get involved again with these very things and are overcome, the final conditions have become worse for them than the first. (2 Peter 2:20)**
- **For it would have been better for them not to have accurately known the path of righteousness than after knowing it accurately to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them. (2 Peter 2:21)**
- **The saying of the true proverb has happened to them; The dog has returned to its own vomit, and the sow that was bathed to rolling in the mire. (2 Peter 2:22)**

- **Beware of ridiculers in the last days who will mock the message about Jesus promised presence, they forget that the God who purposes to destroy this system of things already destroyed the world before the Flood.**

- **Beloved ones, this is now the second letter I am writing you, in which, as in my first one, I am arousing your clear thinking faculties by way of a reminder. (2 Peter 3:1)**

- **That you should remember the sayings previously spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles. (2 Peter 3:2)**

- **For you know this first, that in the last days there will come ridiculers with their ridicule, proceeding according to their own desires. (2 Peter 3:3)**

- **And saying; Where is this promised presence of his? Why, from the day our forefathers fell asleep in death, all things are continuing exactly as from creations beginning. (2 Peter 3:4)**

- **For, according to their wish, this fact escapes their notice, that there were heavens from of old and an earth standing compactly out of water and in the midst of water by the word of God. (2 Peter 3:5)**

- **And by those means the world of that time suffered destruction when it was deluged with water. (2 Peter 3:6)**

- **But by the same word the heavens and the earth that are now are stored up for fire and are being reserved to the day of judgment and of destruction of the ungodly men. (2 Peter 3:7)**

- **Do not confuse God's patience with slowness he is patient because he wants men to repent, nevertheless, this system of things **will** be destroyed in Yehowah's day, and a righteous new heavens and earth **will** replace it**

- **However, let this one fact not be escaping your notice, beloved ones, that one day is with Yehowah as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. (2 Peter 3:8)**

- **Yehowah is not slow respecting his promise, as some people consider slowness, but he is patient with you because he does**

- not desire any to be destroyed but desires all to attain to repentance. ([2 Peter 3:9](#))
- **Yet Yehowah's day will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a hissing noise, but the elements being intensely hot will be dissolved, and earth and the works in it will be discovered. ([2 Peter 3:10](#))**
  - **Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion. ([2 Peter 3:11](#))**
  - **Awaiting and keeping close in mind the presence of the day of Yehowah, through which the heavens being on fire will be dissolved and the elements being intensely hot will melt! ([2 Peter 3:12](#))**
  - **But there are new heavens and a new earth that we are awaiting according to his promise, and in these righteousness is to dwell. ([2 Peter 3:13](#))**
  - **Christians must do their utmost to be spotless and unblemished and in peace, then they will not be misled by false teachers but will grow in undeserved kindness and knowledge of Christ.**
  - **Hence, beloved ones, since you are awaiting these things, do your utmost to be found finally by him spotless and unblemished and in peace. ([2 Peter 3:14](#))**
  - **Furthermore, consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given him also wrote you. ([2 Peter 3:15](#))**
  - **Speaking about these things as he does also in all his letters. In them, however, are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unsteady are twisting, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. ([2 Peter 3:16](#))**
  - **You, therefore, beloved ones, having this advance knowledge, be on your guard that you may not be led away with them by the error of the law-defying people and fall from your own steadfastness. ([2 Peter 3:17](#))**
  - **No, but go on growing in the undeserved kindness and**

**knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. (2 Peter 3:18)**