

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The First Epistle of Peter

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- Who wrote it?
 - The apostle Peter is the writer of this epistle with some assistance from Silvanus (Silas, 5:12).

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- ◉ Date of writing:

- Around A.D. 65.

- ◉ Surrounding Circumstances:

- Peter is writing to Christians who are “aliens scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia” (1:1). The world is becoming increasingly hostile to them now that the Romans, as well as the Jews, are persecuting the church.

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◎ Location of Events:

- Either Rome or Babylon. 1 Peter 5:13 mentions “Babylon”, but scholars are divided as to whether this refers literally to Babylon in Mesopotamia or symbolically to Rome.

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Overview of the Acts of the Apostles



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II. The Submission of the Believer (2:13-3:12)

- Submission to Government (2:13-17)
- Submission to Business (2:18-25)
- Submission in Marriage (3:1-8)
- Submission to All of Life (3:9-12)

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III. The Suffering of the Believer (3:13-5:14)

- Conduct in Suffering (3:13-17)
- Christ's Example of Suffering (3:18-4:6)
- Commands in Suffering (4:7-19)
- Minister in Suffering (5:1-9)
- Benediction (5:10-14)

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Suffering for the sake of Jesus is noble and good.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **Peter:** an apostle of Jesus; the first man to proclaim Jesus Messiah
- **those under authority:** ought to submit in humility, knowing it is temporary
- **wives:** should submit to their husband and influence unbelievers with their purity
- **husbands:** should respect their wives as co-heirs of the gift of life
- **the elders:** should be shepherds of God's flock

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Verse to Remember

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

(1 Peter 2:9)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Peter was married and his wife sometimes traveled with him. (1 Corinthians 9:5)
- According to tradition, Peter was crucified upside down in Rome prior to Nero's death in A.D. 68.
- 1 Peter contains the word “suffering” and its equivalents, some 20 times.
 - The sufferings of Christ are mentioned in every chapter of 1 Peter.

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- What is my take away?
 - As Christians we must be able to endure hardness as good soldiers while always remembering our distinct place in the family of God.

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◉ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in 2 Peter this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.