1 Peter

God's
Elected
Exiles



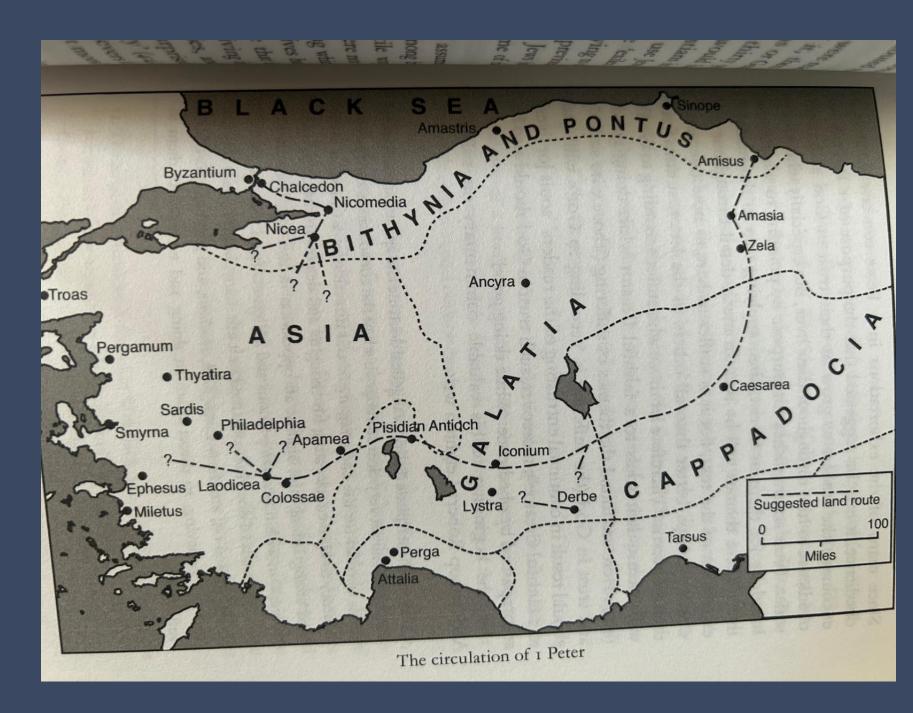
1 Peter

Author: The apostle Peter

A "General Epistle" to Christians generally

Audience of 1 Peter

The **Dispersion in** Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and **Bithynia**



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Date of writing: 62-63 AD

A "pastoral letter." 1 Peter 5:1-4

1 Peter Principal Themes

1. A call to holy living in Christ.

"holy" 8 times

"righteous" 8 times

2. The Christian response to suffering and persecution.

Theme Passage: 1 Peter 4:19 "So, then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator to do good."

Things To Look For in 1 Peter

- 1. The glory of God.
- 2. The sovereignty of God.
- 3. The suffering of Christ.
- 4. Our suffering.
- 5. The call to holy living.

This is our outline!

So...

If you have either had to deal with significant persecution, or another form of suffering and challenge to your faith.

Or

If you have had a struggle with sin and with the continued call to holiness in your Christian life.

Then, 1 Peter is the book for you.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Who am I?

I am an elect exile. A scattered, elect, exile.

Scattered. "of the dispersion"... A reference to the Jews, but applied to all the Children of Abraham.

Exiles...

parapidemos other-walkers exiles, sojourners, temporary residents.

1 Peter 1:17 paroikious (other-homed, exiles)

1 Peter 2:11 paraoikos and parapidemous

Hebrews 11:13 foreigners (xenoi) and sojourners (parapideimous)

Exiles, Sojourners

We are different. We do not fit in.

Phil 3:20 Our citizenship is in heaven.

Our constitution? Matthew 5-7

Our bill of rights? 1 Cor 9

Jesus: "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36

Elect Exiles

elektos
Chosen by God's
foreknowledge

By His Holy Spirit



Chosen! Elect!

Chosen for what?

Chosen for sanctification—to be made holy and for obedience.

Deification, transformation,



Elected For What?

Grudem: For "a life lived in daily obedience and forgiveness."

For "a life lived in accordance with God's will and continually cleanse from sin by the blood of Jesus."

How does it feel to be chosen by God?

Summary

We are elect exiles

Exiles, sojourners, aliens, parapideimous. Our kingdom is not of this world. Do you live that way?

Elect, chosen by God's foreknowledge for sanctification and obedience to Him.