

I PETER
HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVING
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

BACKGROUND OF I PETER

- Written by the Apostle Peter!

With Silas (Silvanus), 5:12

- From “Babylon” (“code” for Rome?), 5:13.
- Date: ~ 63-64 A.D., during the reign of Nero, but possibly before the fire in Rome, summer of 64 A.D., which ignited intense Roman persecution of Christians.

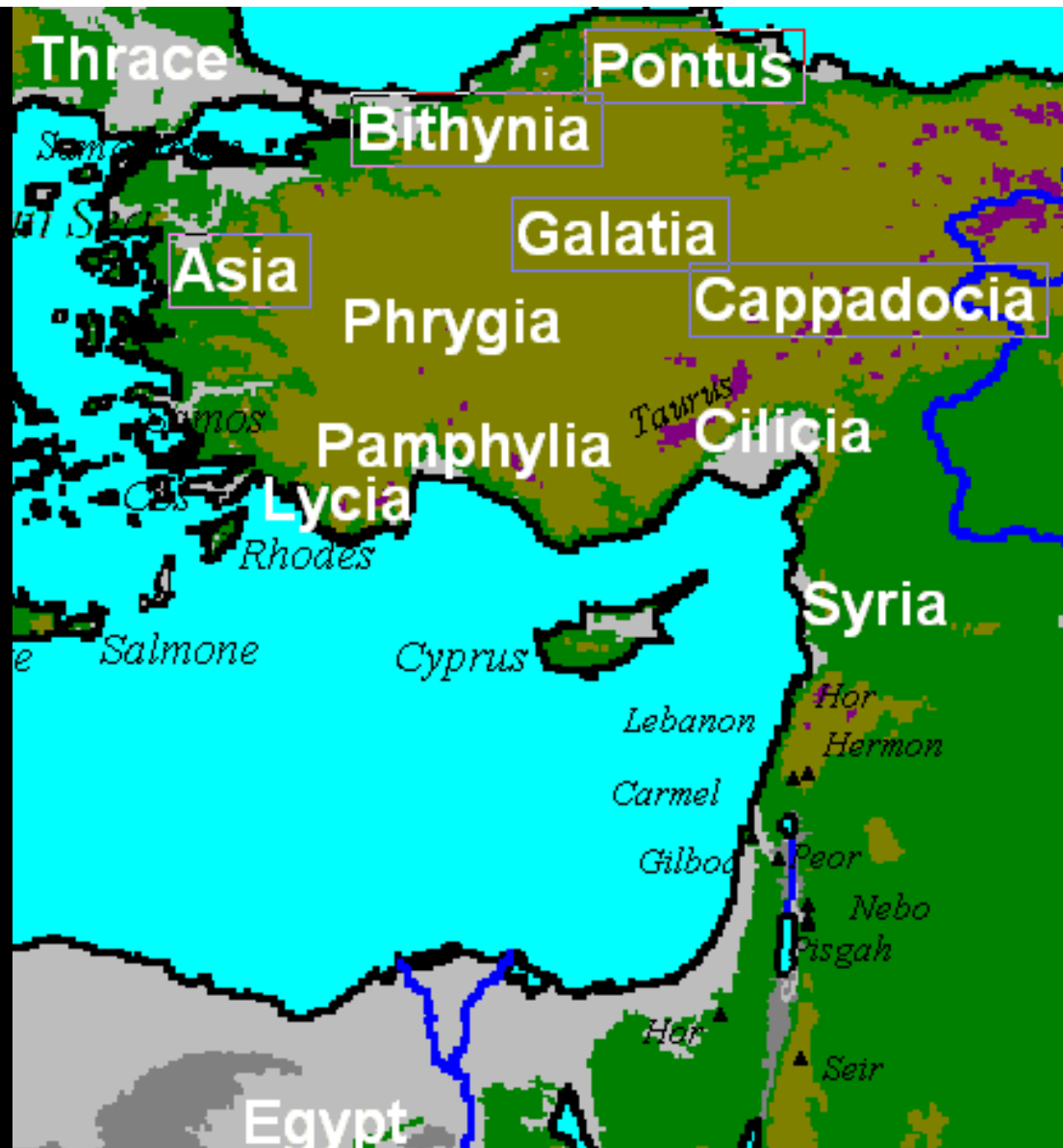
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- The Recipients...

“elect sojourners of the diaspora”

“**Diaspora**” was a technical term that was used to describe Jews who were scattered throughout the known world outside of Palestine!

Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia



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- Holiness (sanctification): 1:2, 15-16; 2:5, 9; 3:5, 15.
- Hope: 1:3, 13,21; 3:5, 15
- Conduct: 1:15, 18; 2:12; 3:1, 2, 16.
- Persecution and suffering: 1:6; 2:12, 20; 3:9, 14, 16, 17; 4:12-14, 16, 19; 5:9-10

Similarities between 1st Century Asia Minor and 21st Century USA:

- Christians are a minority!
- The Christian Worldview is in the minority!
- Christianity is in “disfavor.”
- Christians are being persecuted for their faith!

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ.

“Apostle” \Leftrightarrow “Sent One” Implying...

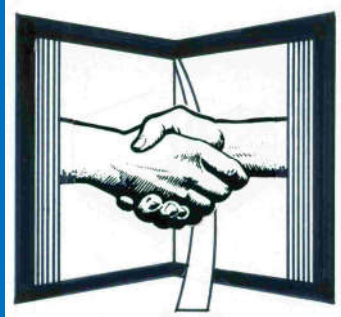
1. A Sender
2. A “Sendee” ...one who is sent.
3. A message or mission.

“New Testament Apostles” received direct,
Divine revelation from God!

We are not apostles...
but we ARE Ambassadors for Christ!
Which similarly implies...

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So we can “identify” with Peter, the writer, the
Apostle of Jesus Christ



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