

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.

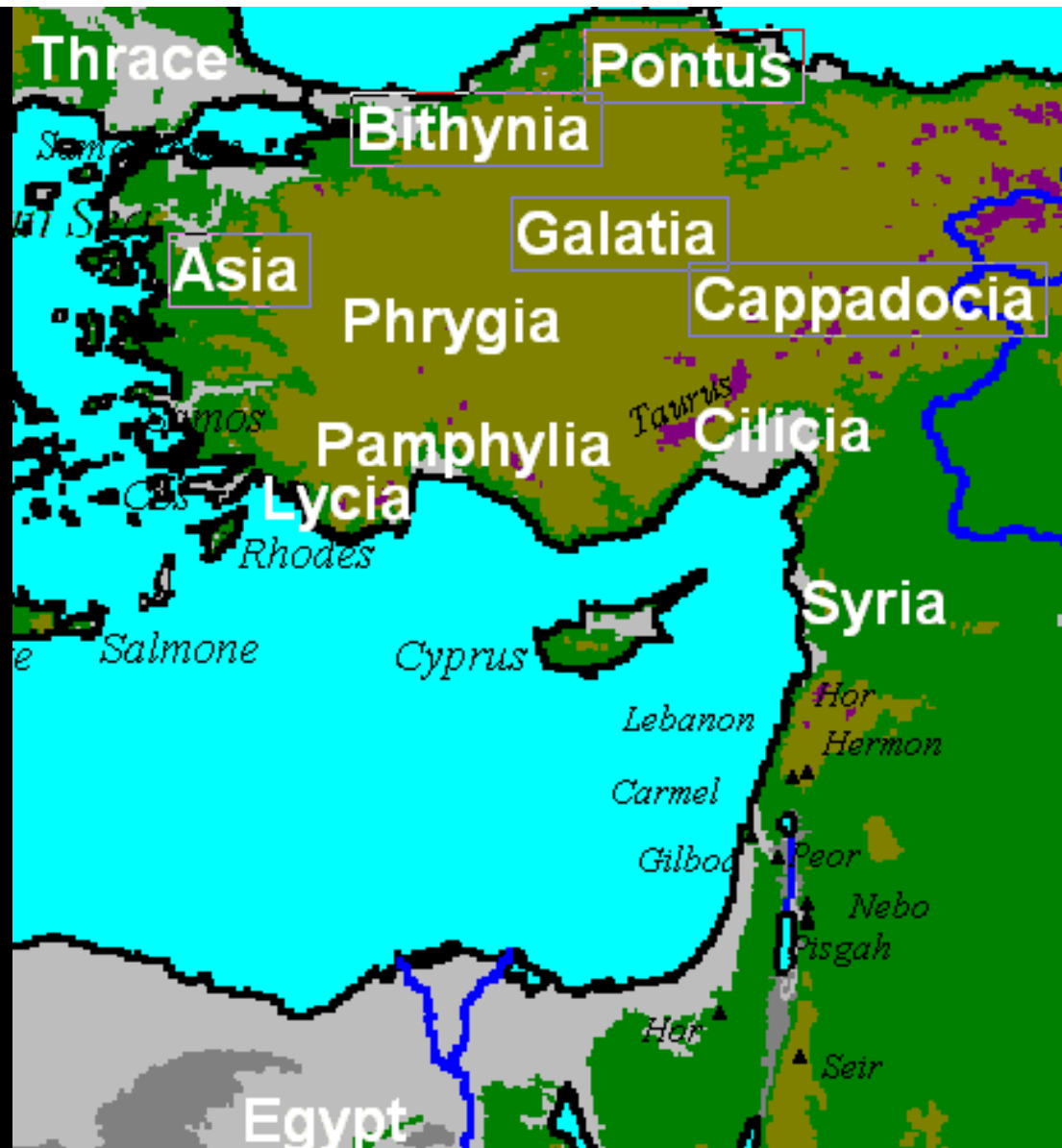
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- The Recipients...

“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



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

- **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 1<sup>st</sup> Century Asia Minor and 21<sup>st</sup> 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...

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

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



# Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect sojourners

## ELECT:

- John 6:37, 39,44
- Acts 13:48
- I Corinthians 1:26-29; 2:14
- Ephesians 1:3-4
- I Thessalonians 1:4-5
- II Thessalonians 2:13-14
- II Timothy 2:8-10.

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to the elect sojourners

**ELECT:**

We were chosen by God, for salvation, before the  
foundation of the world!

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
to the elect sojourners

## SOJOURNERS:

- I Peter 2:11
- Hebrews 11:13
- Philippians 3:20
- II Timothy 3:12
- I John 2:15-17

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
to the elect sojourners

SOJOURNERS:

We don't "belong" to this world...our citizenship is in heaven, from which we are eagerly awaiting our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Until He comes, we should keep ourselves  
"unstained" by the world!

Titus 2:11-14; James 1:27.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
to the elect strangers of the Diaspora  
of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,  
according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,  
in the sanctification of the Spirit,  
unto the obedience  
and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

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(who are saved)

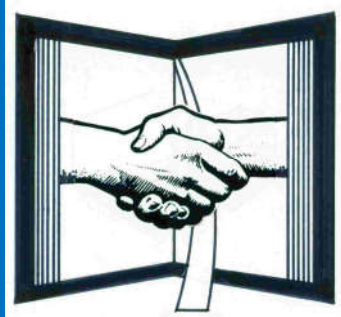
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When Peter is writing to these fellow-believers, who are suffering persecution and trials, he wants to make sure that they are grounded in the secure salvation they have through the Triune God!

- Chosen and foreknown by God the Father, for salvation, before the foundation of the world!
- Sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ!
- Sanctified by the Holy Spirit!

What a thrill and encouragement for us  
to know that we also have been...

- Chosen and foreknown by God the Father, for salvation, before the foundation of the world!
- Sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ!
- Sanctified by the Holy Spirit!



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