



1 Peter 1 Introduction, Verses 1-2

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Lesson 1: Background 1 Peter

Author: Peter (Greek), Cephas (Aramaic) means rock or stone, name given to Simon (Greek), Simeon (Aramaic) by Jesus: John 1:35-42

Date: A.D. 62-65, during Nero's reign, Rome burned in July, A.D. 64

Recipients: Believers in five Roman provinces in Asia Minor (present day northern Turkey)

By Silvanus: Silas, courier and perhaps secretary: 1 Peter 5:12;
Companion of Paul: Acts 15:22, 40; 16:19-17:15

Location: from Babylon (1 Peter 5:13), likely a code name for Rome

Purpose: Encourage believers to live holy lives evidencing the grace of Jesus Christ while suffering persecution; 1 Peter 5:10; 12b

To do: Look up the related links mentioned in the notes. Discuss each with your group, or reflect on them yourself.

Assignment: Read John 16:33; 2 Tim. 1:8-14; 3:10-16 and 1 John 4:4. Consider how faithfulness and suffering are connected for followers of Christ. Pray and ask the Lord to prepare you for whatever hardship and hostility He may allow in your life.