1st and 2nd Peter: An Introduction

Peter, as the lead disciple of Jesus, was a dominant force in the era after the resurrection and ascension of his Lord. His preaching and healing ministry was powerful and far reaching (see Acts 2). As such, it was important for him to record his gospel message to the people. Although scholars believe that he influenced the writing of Mark, these two epistles are the only biblical writings documented by the Apostle.

The letters were probably written from Rome at the height of Christian genocide. Presumably written in the early 60s AD, Peter focuses on the assurance that despite suffering and persecution, the Lord’s reward of Salvation is well worth the trials. Mirroring the teachings of Jesus, he passionately commands holiness and reverence as a lifestyle in Christ.

**Terms to Know**

Cornerstone

Mark

Priesthood

Repentance

Silas

Submit

Suffer

**Notes / Reminders**

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