

(MATTHEW 16:18-19)
YOU ARE A ROCK!

SIMON PETER
(ARAMAIC: KEPHAS) GREEK: PETER

→ ONE OF JESUS' FIRST DISCIPLES → KEY LEADER IN THE EARLY JERUSALEM CHURCH (SEE ACTS 1-10)

WRITTEN FROM **ROME**
SILVANUS (5:12-13)

TO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN **ASIA MINOR**

DEARER (LATER)

HOSTILITY & HARASSMENT
(2:12, 3:16, 4:16)

MAP: GALATIA, PONTUS, CAPPADOCIA

1 PETER

**HOPE
IN THE
MIDST OF
SUFFERING**

- GOD'S PEOPLE ARE A MISUNDERSTOOD MINORITY, LIVING UNDER THE RULE OF A DIFFERENT **KING**
- PERSECUTION OFFERS A CHANCE TO SHOW OTHERS THE GENEROUS **LOVE** OF JESUS.

1:1-2 GREETING

HELLO, GOD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE **CHOSEN & EXILED**...
(SEE GENESIS 18:19; ISAIAH 41:8) (SEE GENESIS 23:4)

OLD TESTAMENT DESCRIPTIONS OF ABRAHAM & ISRAEL

COME ALONG! WE'RE FAMILY!

GENTILES (WHO NOW BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM...)
(SEE 3:9, 18; 4:3-4)

1:3-12 SONG OF PRAISE

"PRAISE GOD WHO CAUSED US TO BE **BORN AGAIN** INTO A LIVING HOPE." (1:3)

**NEW HOPE
NEW IDENTITY
NEW FAMILY**

SUFFERING IS A **PURIFYING FIRE** THAT CAN DEEPEN OUR FAITH. (1:7)

1:13-2:10 A NEW FAMILY IDENTITY

OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES APPLIED TO GENTILE CHRISTIANS

1:13 "GIRD YOUR LOINS" SEE EXODUS 12:11

1:17-21 **THE NEW EXODUS & PASSOVER** SEE EXODUS 12-15

1:15-16 **THE HOLY PEOPLE IN THE WILDERNESS** SEE LEVITICUS 11:14

1:22-25 **THE NEW COVENANT PEOPLE** ISAIAH 40, JEREMIAH 31

2:1-8 **THE NEW TEMPLE** ISAIAH 28:16, PSALM 118:22

2:9-10 **A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS** EXODUS 19:1-6

THE NATIONS

2:11-4:11 SUFFERING AS A WITNESS TO JESUS

2:13-17 **SUBMIT TO ROMAN RULE**

I WON'T OFFEND YOU!

2:18-3:7 **CHRISTIAN SLAVES, WIVES & HUSBANDS**

† = KING

THE PROBLEM: HOUSEHOLDS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT & WORSHIP THE PATRIARCHS' GODS

THE RESPONSE: CHRISTIANS ARE LIBERATED TO LOVE THEIR ENEMIES

WANT GOD TO BLESS YOU?

3:8-4:11 **THEIR FUTURE VINDICATION**

BAPTISM

A SACRED SYMBOL SHOWING THEY ARE JOINED TO JESUS

PERSECUTED • MURDERED

VINDICATED • EXALTED

4:12-5:9 SUFFERING & FUTURE HOPE

1:12-14 **JESUS' PROMISE**

REJOICE WHEN PEOPLE PERSECUTE YOU BECAUSE OF ME (SEE MATTHEW 5:11-12)

5:1-5 **LEADERS TO CARE FOR THE CHURCH**

5:6-9 **THE REAL ENEMY: SPIRITUAL EVIL**

"RESIST EVIL WITH FIRM FAITHFULNESS." (5:9)

5:10-14 CLOSING

MAY GOD STRENGTHEN YOU!

GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH IN...

BABYLON → **ROME**

ARCHETYPE FOR CORRUPT RULERS (SEE JEREMIAH 50-51)

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE 'EXILED' FROM THEIR TRUE HOME