

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

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AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To offer encouragement to suffering Christians

Author

Peter

Date

Written c. AD 62-64, possibly from Rome.

Audience

To Jewish Christians who had been driven out of Jerusalem and scattered throughout Asia Minor as well as Christians everywhere.

Setting

It was a time of great persecution for all Christians throughout the Roman Empire under Nero.

Special Features

First Peter is exuberant in tone and exalted in language. Virtually every paragraph contains vivid imagery and a skillful use of figurative language. The tone of the book is urgent and intense, as signaled by the presence of more than 30 imperative verbs (an average of one command in every three verses). The content and style are thus elevated and elevating.



Key Verses

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” (1:3-4 ESV)

“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” (3:9 NIV84)

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.” (5:7 NLT)

Key People

Peter, Silas, Mark

Key Places

Jerusalem, Rome, the regions of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia Minor and Bithynia