

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

2 PETER

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To warn Christians about false teachers and to exhort them to grow in their faith and in their knowledge of Jesus.

Author

Peter

Date

Written around AD 67, possibly from Rome, three years after 1 Peter.

Audience

To the church at large and believers everywhere

Setting

Peter writes what is on his heart and reminds his readers of the unchanging truth of the Gospel.

Special Features

Peter is: (a) announcing that he is near the end of his earthly life, (b) reminding his followers of what he has taught them, (c) commanding his followers how to live, and (d) predicting what will happen in the future. Filled with famous proverbs, concise statements, vivid poetry, and imagery, 2 Peter ends with an eschatological discourse.



Key Verses

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.” (1:3-4 NIV)

“According to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” (3:13 ESV)

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.” (3:18b NLT)

Key People

Peter, Paul

Key Place

The church at large