2 Peter

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Introductory Matters

- Authorship
- Date
- Recipients
- Place of writing
- Occasion for writing
- Purpose
- Structure
- Message
- Unique characteristics

Authorship

- 1:1

- 1:13-14; John 21:18-19

- 1:15-18; Matt 17:1-13

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST PETRINE AUTHORSHIP

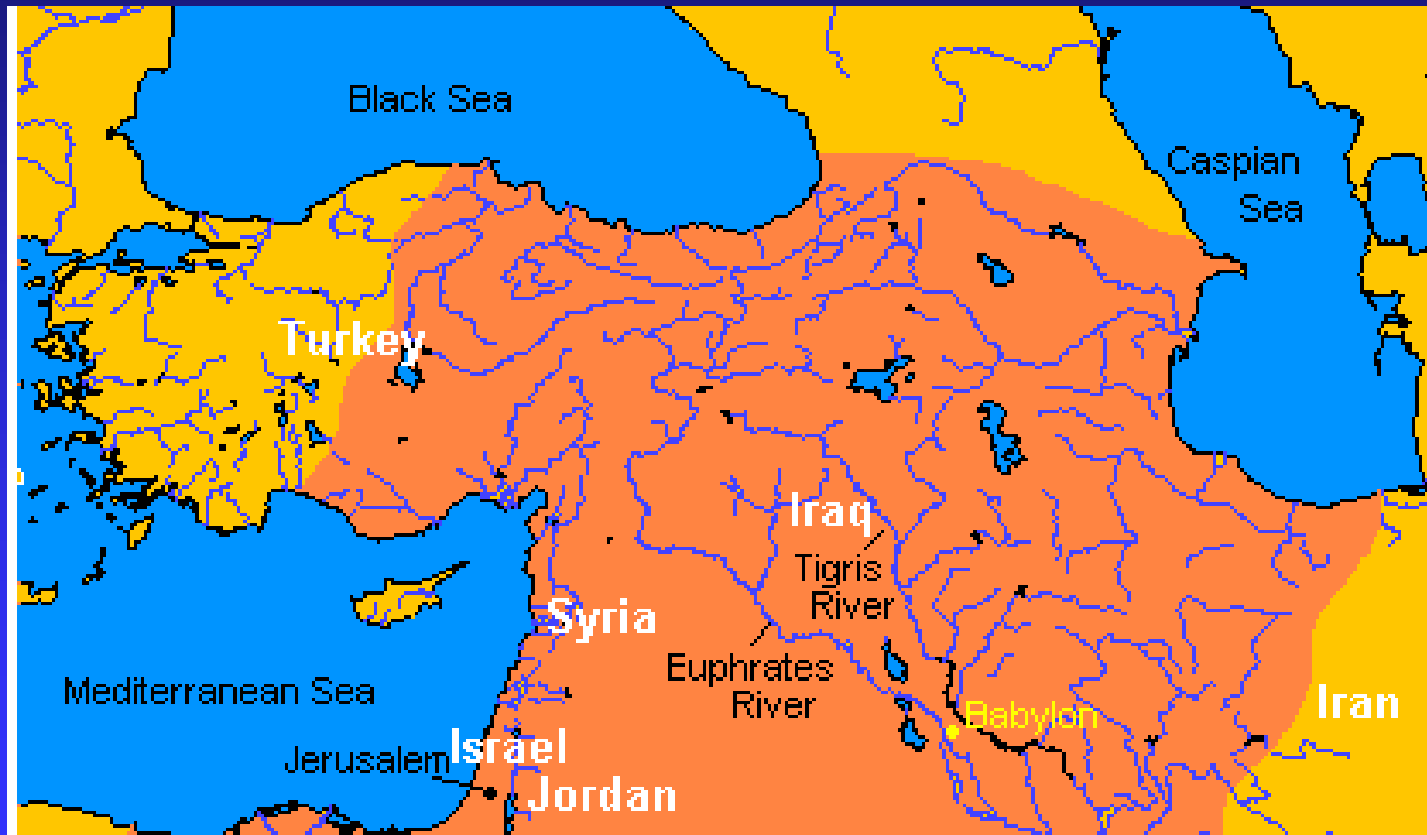| CRITICISM	ANSWER
Weak External Evidence (Not Cited by Church Fathers Until 3rd Century	Alternative reasons; Jude
Linguistic Differences Btw. 1 & 2 Peter	Used a Secretary for 1 Peter (5:12)
Different Ideas Btw. 1 & 2 Peter	Different Purposes Btw. 1 & 2 Peter
Lived After Paul (2 Pet 3:15-16)	"All" Means "Known" Pauline Documents
Passing of the fathers (2 Pet 3:4)	Fathers = patriarchs (Rom 9:5)

Date (A.D. 64)

- **After**
  - ◆ 1 Peter (2 Pet 3:1)
  - ◆ Paul wrote some of his letters (2 Pet 3:15-16)
- **Before**
  - ◆ A.D. 70 (destruction of Jerusalem)
  - ◆ A.D. 68 (Paul's death)
  - ◆ A.D. 67 (Peter's martyrdom)
  - ◆ A.D. 64 (Neronian persecution)
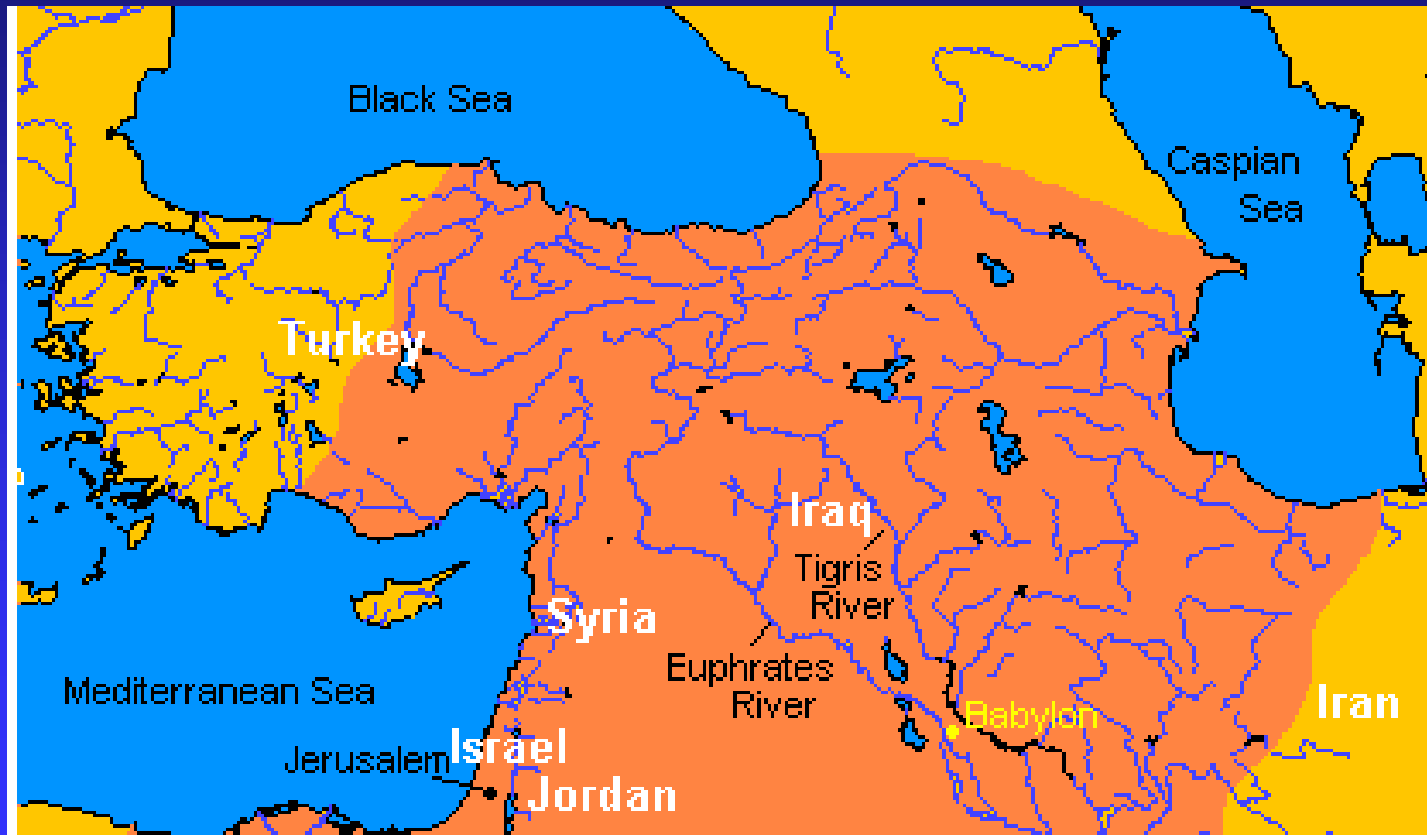
Map of Near East

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Place of Writing (1 Pet 5:13)

- 1 Peter 1:1 is literal

- Gal 4:25; Rev 11:8

- Gal 2:7-8

- Rome mentioned elsewhere in Scripture

Map of Near East

FALSE TEACHERS are coming!

Heresies of Gnostics:

- **Salvation via special knowledge "*gnosis*"**

- **License (indulgence)**

Occasion for Writing

- Incipient Gnosticism
  - Dualism
    - Christology
      - Incarnation (2 Pet 2:1)
      - Second Advent (2 Pet 3:5)
    - License (2 Pet 2:4-18)
  - Secret knowledge
    - Scripture (2 Pet 1:20)
    - Pride (2 Pet 2:10-11)

Purpose

To build up his readers in the faith so that they will be insulated from the coming false teachers

Differences Between 1 and 2 Peter

1 Peter	2 Peter
External opposition	Internal opposition
Persecution	False teaching
Suffering	Error
Hope	Knowledge
Encourage	Expose
Comfort	Caution
Holiness	Maturity
Pain with a purpose	Poison in the pew
Christ exemplified suffering	Christ's return

Wilkinson and Boa pg. 480 and Nelson's Complete
Book of Charts pg. 466.

Structure

- 2 Peter 1-Call to maturity

- 2 Peter 2-Characteristics of false teachers

- 2 Peter 3-Doctrine of the false teachers

Message

Protection from the negative influence of the coming false teaches is accomplished through exhortation toward maturity and exposing the characteristics and doctrines of these coming false teachers
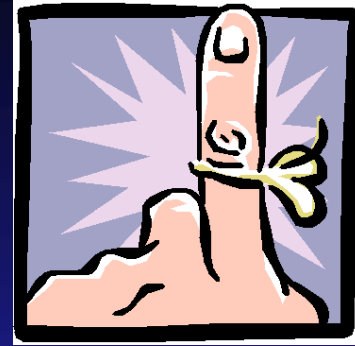
Unique Characteristics

- Knowledge
- Bibliology (1:19-21; 3:2; 15-16)
- Destruction of the present world (2 Pet 3:10ff)
- Polemical
- Peter's last will and testament (2 Pet 1:14-15)
- Similarities with Jude
- Remembrance

Remembrance

- Has forgotten that he has been cleansed (1:9)
- I will always remind you of these things (1:12)
- It is right to refresh your memory (1:13)
- You will always be able to remember these things (1:15)
- I have written both of them as reminders (3:1)
- Do not forget (3:8)
- Bear in mind (3:15)

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2 PETER

Chapter 1

- Introduction (1:1-2)
- Call to Growth(1:3-11)
- Purpose Statement (1:12-15)
- Coming kingdom (1:16-21)

Introduction (1:1-2)

- Writer (1:1a)

- Recipients (1:1a)

- Greeting (1:2)

Provisions for Growth (1:3-4)

- Power (1:3a)

- Knowledge (1:3b)

- Promises (1:4a)

- Participation in the divine nature (1:4b)

PORTRAIT OF GROWTH
1:5-7

LOVE

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

GODLINESS

PERSERVERENCE

SELF CONTROL

KNOWLEDGE

GOODNESS

FAITH

BENEFITS OF GROWTH
1:8-11

- **Productivity (1:8)**
- **Harmony with identity (1:9)**
- **Sureness of election (1:10a)**
- **Stability (1:10b)**
- **Eternal Reward (1:11)**

PURPOSE STATEMENT
V. 12-15

■ **Last Will:**

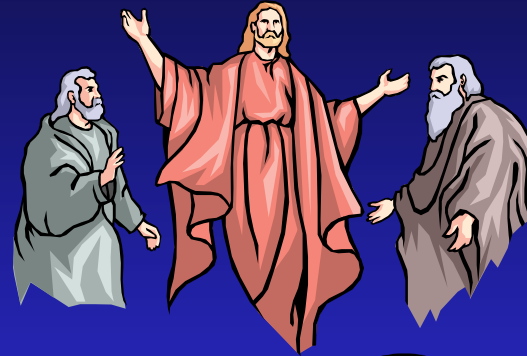**To Remind You of Previously Revealed Truth to Prepare You for Coming False Teachers**

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PETER'S AUTHORITY
V.16-18

- **Superior to Gnostics' Esoteric Knowledge**

- **Eyewitness to Christ's Transfiguration**

INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE
V. 20-21

- **Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit**
  - *"phero" = to carry*
    - *Acts 27:15,17*

- **Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers**
  - *Which is their own imagination*
    - *Jer. 23:16*

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE
V. 19

- **More sure than eyewitness testimony**

- **World is in the Dark, Scripture is the Light**

- **Morning Star = Jesus**
  Rev. 2:28; 22:16

2 PETER

Characteristics of
false teachers

(2 Peter 2)

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2 Peter 2 Outline

- Predicted arrival (2:1a)
- Devices (2:1b-3)
- Doom (2:4-9)
- Depravity (2:10-16)
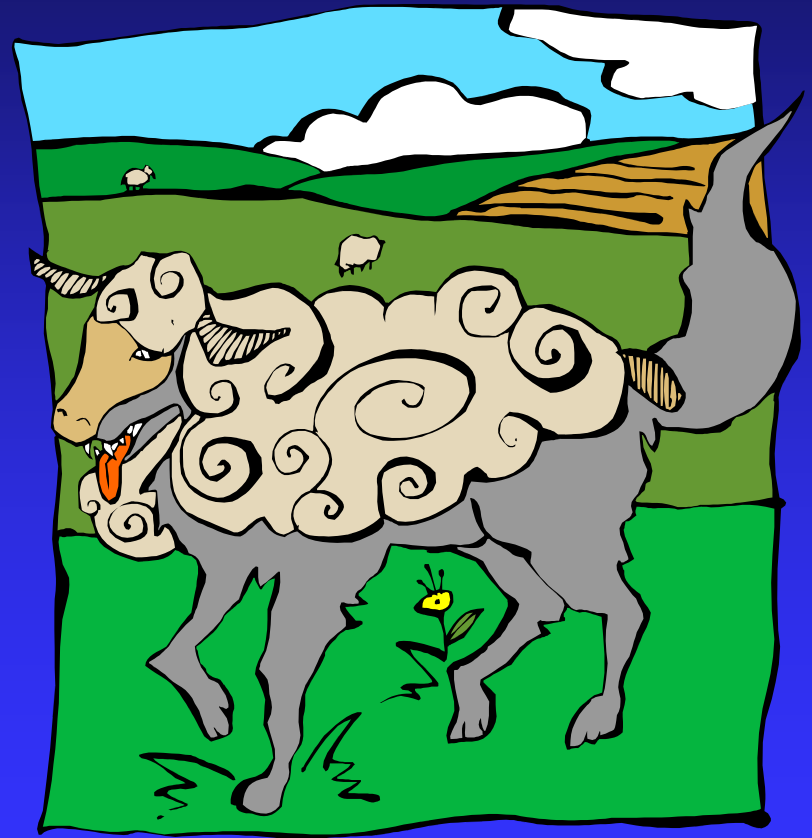- Emptiness (2:17-19)
- Regression (2:20-22)

PREDICTED ARRIVAL
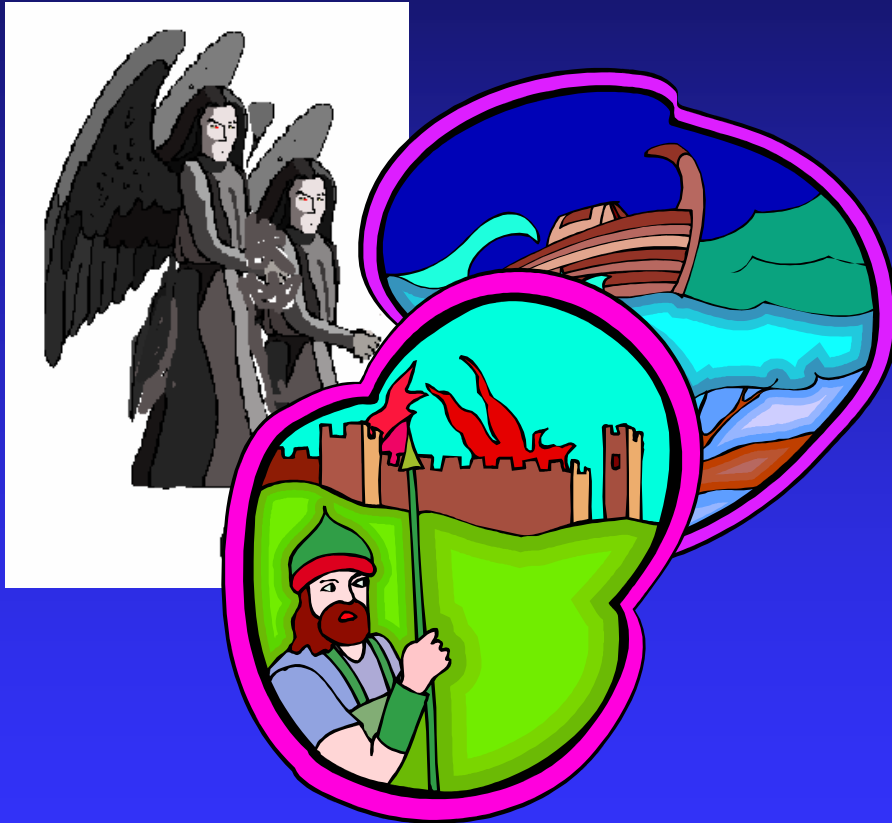## V.1A

- Prediction
  - False teachers
  - Jude 4

DEVICES

OF FALSE TEACHERS V. 1b-3

- False Teaching
- License
- Greed
- Exploit the Flock
- False words

DOOM

OF FALSE TEACHERS V.4-9

■ Judgment of God

3 Historical Examples

◆ Fallen angels

◆ Flood

◆ Sodom & Gomorrah
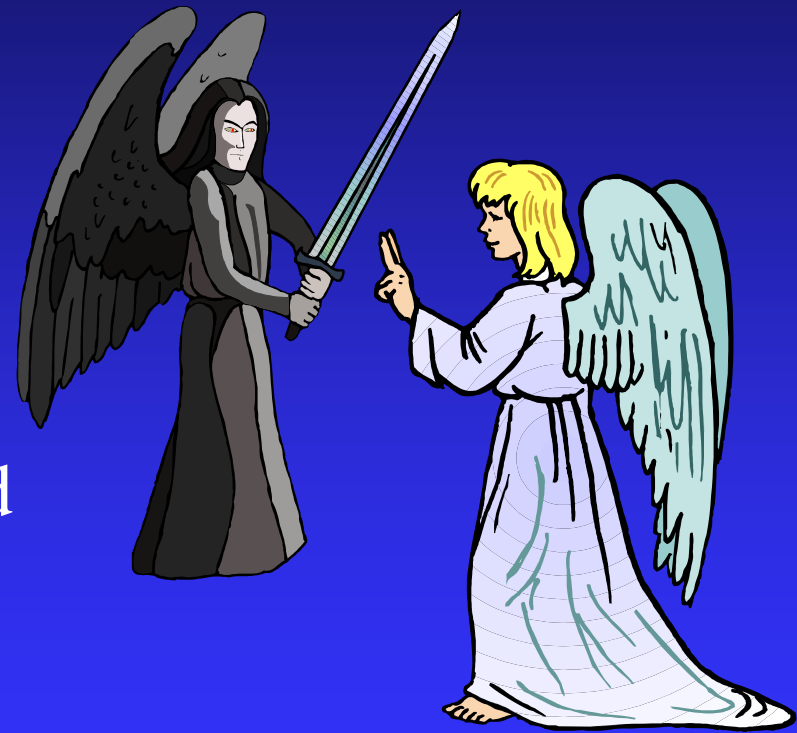
DEPRAVITY
OF FALSE TEACHERS V.10-16

- Licentious
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- Animalistic
- Shameless pleasure seekers
- Eyes full of adultery
- Entice unstable souls
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ARROGANCE
OF FALSE TEACHERS V.10b-11

- Despise Authority
  - Slander fallen angels

- Daring and Self-willed

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EMPTINESS
OF FALSE TEACHERS V. 17-19

- Offer Nothing that is Permanently Satisfying

  - Spring w/o water

  - Mist

REGRESSION
OF FALSE TEACHERS V. 20-22

- Return (20)

- Accountability to God is Greater (21)

- Two illustrations (22)

Believer or Unbeliever?

<u>Believer</u>

- Purchased (1)
- Knowledge of Christ (20)
- Believers can sin (1:8-10)
- Examples of Lot and Balaam (7-8, 15-16)

<u>Unbeliever</u>

- Dogs/pigs (22)
- Overcome (20)
- Other unbelievers (4-6)
- Last state worse than the first (20)
- Darkness reserved (17)

Peter's Second Purpose Statement (3:1-2)

- Back to the basics

- True source of knowledge

- Inspiration of both the prophets and apostles

RELEVANCE OF THE FUTURE

2 Peter 3:3-15

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Overview 2 Peter 3:3-15

- Heresy of the false teachers (v3-4)
- Motive of the false teachers (v3-4)
- Peter's rebuttal (v5-10)
- Application (v11-15)

DOCTRINE OF FALSE TEACHERS v.3-4

- **Deny 2nd coming**

  - Scoffing

  - Future tense

MOTIVE OF FALSE TEACHERS
V.3-4

- **Deny 2nd coming**

  - Lust & denial of judgment

  - Uniformitarianism / naturalism

PETER'S REBUTTAL

V.5-10

Arguments from:

- History
- Scripture
- God's character
- Divine promise
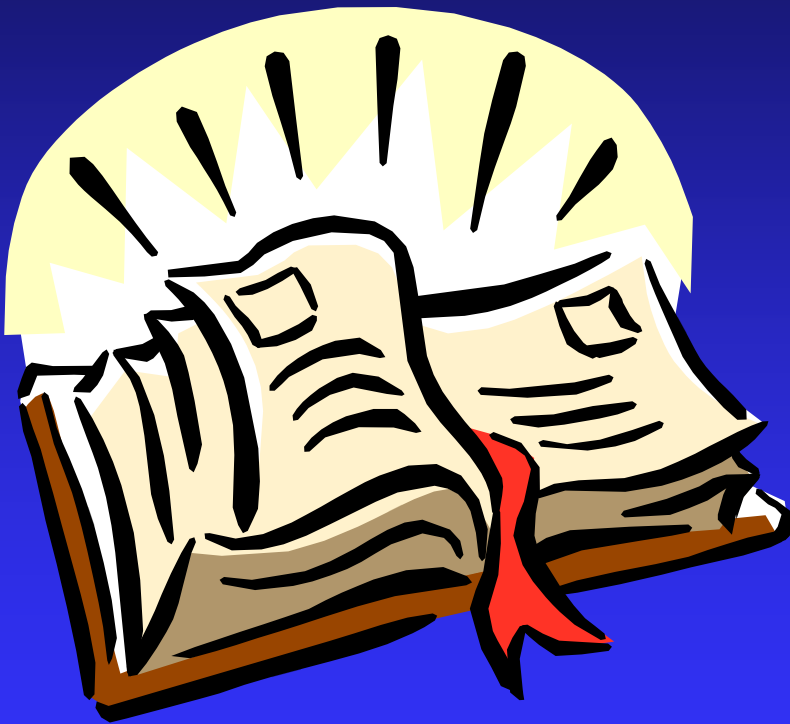
HISTORY v. 5-7

- Creation

- Flood
  - God will judge again via fire

SCRIPTURE
V. 8

- God's timing is not the same as ours

GOD'S CHARACTER
V. 9

- Delay $\neq$ no 2nd coming

- Delay = patience

GOD'S PROMISE
V. 10

- Despite delay,
  the day will come:

- Like a thief

- According to God's
  promise

APPLICATION

V. 11-15

- Holy Living

- Evangelism

- Hope

- Patience

Three Concluding Exhortations

2 Peter 3:15-18

Overview 2 Peter 3:15-18

- Regard the grace of God (v15)

- Beware of false teachers (v16-17)

- Grow in Christ (v18)

Regard the Grace of God (3:15)

- 2 Pet 3:9

- Paul as an example of God's grace

- God even used Paul to author Scripture

Beware of False Teachers (3:16-17)

- Paul's writings have given false teachers an opportunity

- Rev 22:18-19

- "Fall from your own steadfastness"?

Grow in Christ (3:18)

- Maturity inoculates the believer against false teaching (Eph 4:11-16)

- God's glory is the ultimate motivation for maturity