



## **1 Peter: The Enemies of the Kingdom**

### **Introduction**

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”  
(Matthew 16:24).

### **I. Purpose**

### **II. Date & Audience**

### **III. Structure & Outline**

#### **Chapter 1:1-2: God’s Elect, Strangers in the World**

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion... (1:1)

#### **Chapter 1:3–2:10: The High Privilege and Calling of Being Elect Strangers**

But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” (1:15-16)

#### **Chapter 2:11–4:11: A Lifestyle Different From, Yet Attractive to the World**

Be subject for the Lord’s sake... (2:13)

#### **Chapter 4:12–5:14: Responding to Suffering**

Do not be surprised... but rejoice insofar as you share in Christ’s sufferings... (4:12-13)

**The Goal of 1 Peter:** “Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you say evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.” (2:12)

## IV. Major Themes

- A. Holiness and suffering
- B. Christ’s suffering and ours
- C. Future vindication
- D. Right responses to suffering
  - 1. Witness
  - 2. Love
  - 3. Submit

## Conclusion

“Prepare your minds for action ... Arm yourselves with the same way (as Christ) ... Be sober-minded; be watchful ... entust [yourself] to [your] faithful Creator while doing good ... Stand firm.” (1:13, 4:1, 4:19, 5:8, 5:12).

## 2 Peter & Jude

“Take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.” 2 Pet. 3:17

“Contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.” – Jude 3

## Introduction

- 2 Peter 2:1, Jude v.4: “Among you”

**Purpose:** To warn Christians against false teaching and to encourage them to persevere in the true faith.

## Authorship, Audience & Context

- 2 Peter 1:1, 1:16, 2:1
- Jude 1, 4

## Key Similarities

2 Peter	Jude
1:12	5
2:4	6
2:10-12	8-10
2:15-16	11
2:17	12-13
3:2	17

## Main Themes of 2 Peter and Jude

### 1. The Certainty of your Call

- Salvation is God's work – Jude 1, 2 Pet. 1:3-4
- Make your calling and election sure – 2 Pet. 1:5-11
- Examine the fruit of your life – 2 Pet. 1:5-7
- Depend on the mercy of Jesus – Jude 21

### 2. The Certainty of God's Truth

- Remember the apostles' words – Jude 17-18
- Trust the Old Testament Scripture – 2 Pet. 1:19-21
- Trust the writings of Paul – 2 Pet. 3:15-16

- Recall God's Word – 2 Pet. 3:2
3. The Certainty of Bad Fruit from False Teaching
- Flawed doctrine – 2 Pet. 3:4, Jude 4 – “Antinomianism”
  - Godless lifestyle:
    - Rejecting authority – 2 Pet. 2:10
    - Embracing immorality – 2 Pet. 2:13-14
    - Serving only themselves – Jude 12, 16
  - Our response: Contend for the faith – Jude 3, 2 Pet. 3:17
4. The Certainty of God's Judgement
- Judgment to punish ungodliness – Jude 14-15
  - The folly of denying God's judgment – 2 Pet. 3:8-9
  - The unexpectedness of the day of the Lord – 2 Pet. 3:10
  - Living in light of God's coming judgment:
    - Pursue holiness – 2 Pet. 3:11-12
    - Look forward – 2 Pet. 3:14
5. Conclusion: He is able to keep us from stumbling (Jude 24-25)

## **Outline of 2 Peter**

1. Exhortation to Make Your Calling Sure (1:1-15)  
    (“Make every effort to add to your faith,” 1:5)
2. Confidence in Christ's Second Coming (1:16-21)  
    (“Until the day dawns,” 1:19)
3. False Teachers: Their Deeds and Destiny (2:1-22)  
    (Center section of letter)

4. Comfort from Christ's Second Coming (3:1-13)

("The day of the Lord will come like a thief," 3:10)

5. Exhortation to Grow as the Day Approaches (3:14-18)

("Make every effort to be found spotless," 3:14)

## Outline of Jude

I. Greeting (1-2)

II. Exhortation to Contend for the Faith (3-4)

III. Center of book: False Teachers: Their Deeds and Destiny (5-16)

IV. Exhortation to Be Built Up in the Faith (17-23)

V. Doxology (24-25)

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