

## Books of the Bible: 1 and 2 Peter

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The apostle Peter wrote 1 and 2 Peter. His audience was probably Gentiles living in what today is eastern Turkey. It was possibly written in early 60s.

Peter warns his readers about the many dangers to their faith. Three will be addressed here:

### 1. Suffering

*"To God's elect...scattered."* 1 Peter 1:1-5

*"For a little while you may have to suffer grief of all kinds of trials."*

Christians were being persecuted more by Rome when Peter wrote.

Peter's encouragement:

*"Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in."* 1 Peter 2:21

### 2. Self:

*"Rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind."* 2 Peter 2:13

Paul's encouragement:

*"Be holy as I am holy"* 1 Peter 1:16

### 3. Satan:

*"The devil prowls around looking for someone to devour."* 1 Peter 5:6-9

Paul's encouragement:

*"Be alert and of sober mind Resist the devil, standing firm in the faith."* 1 Peter 5:6-9