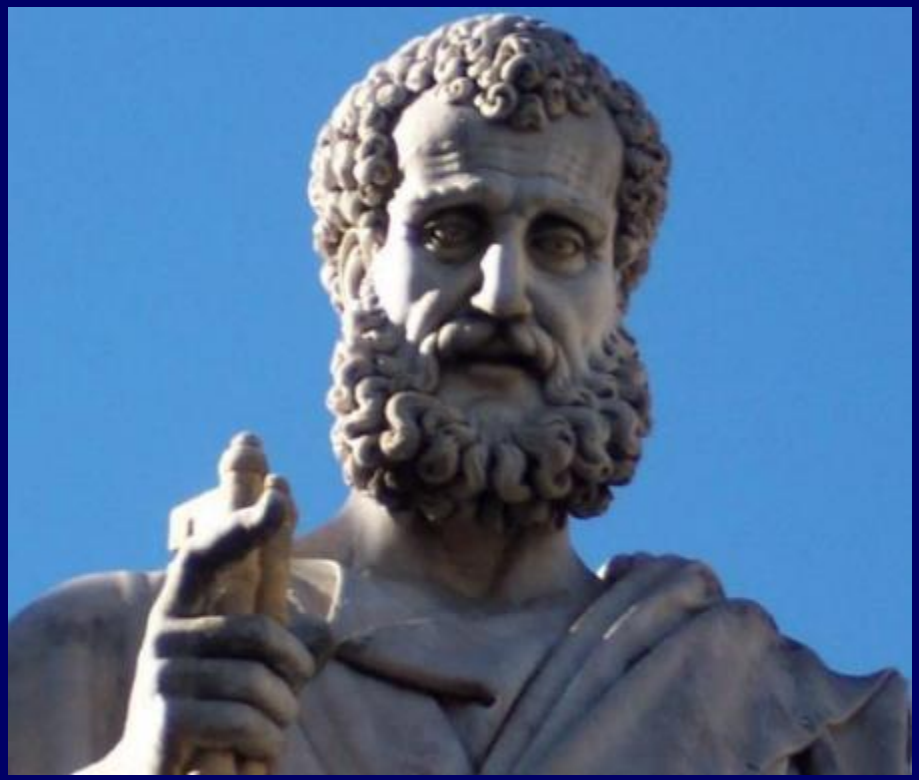
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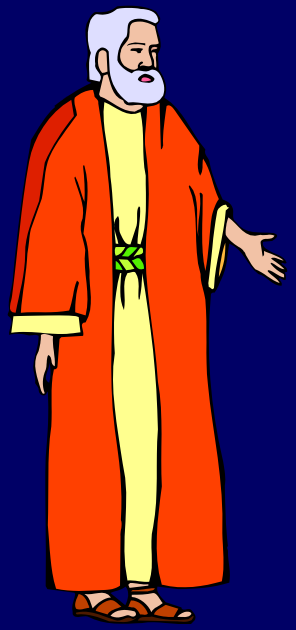
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INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

- Authorship: **Peter**
- Biography: **Gospels & Acts**
- Date: **A.D. 64**
- Recipients: **Regenerated, Asia Minor, Hebrews**
- Place of writing: **Babylon**
- Occasion for writing: **Incipient Gnosticism**
- Purpose: **Insulation from false teaching**
- Structure: **3 parts**
- Message: **Protection from false teachers**
- Unique characteristics: **Knowledge**

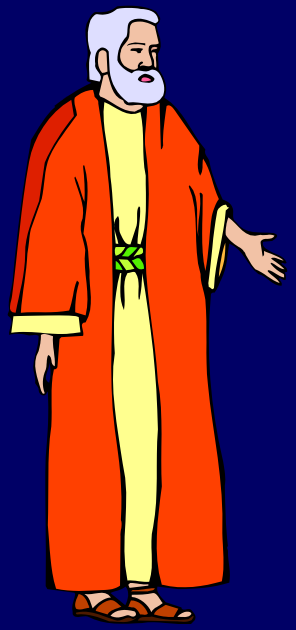


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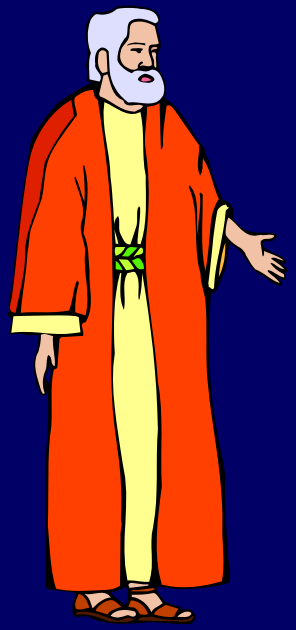
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- Call to Growth (1:3-11)
- Purpose Statement (1:12-15)
- Coming kingdom (1:16-21)

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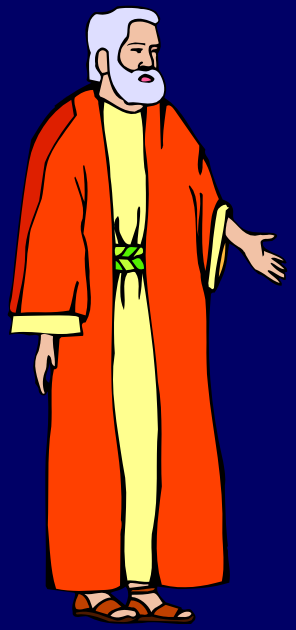
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2 PETER 2 OUTLINE

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2. Devices (2:1b-3)
3. Doom (2:4-9)
4. Depravity (2:10-16)
5. Emptiness (2:17-19)
6. Regression (2:20-22)



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V. 12-15

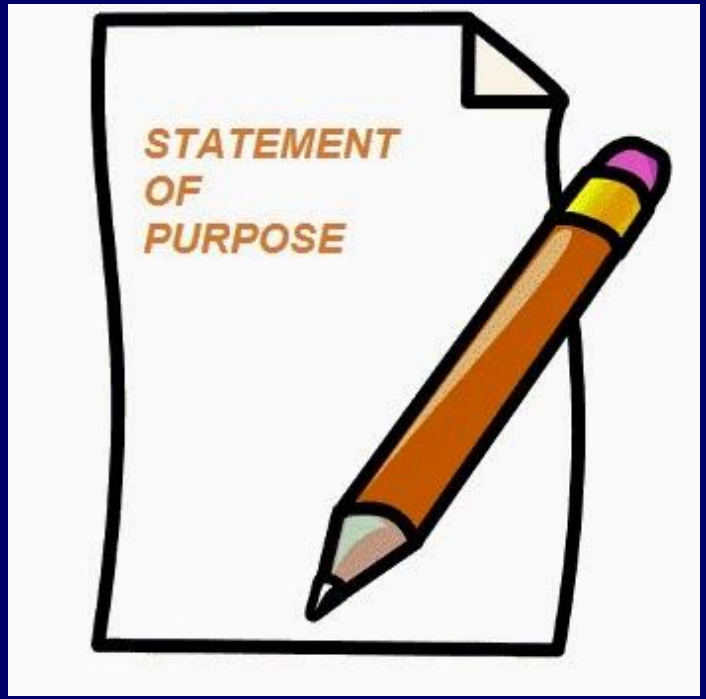


- Last Will:

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

PETER'S 2nd 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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DOCTRINE OF FALSE TEACHERS

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- **Deny 2nd Coming**
  - Scoffing
  - Future tense





Rick Warren

Purpose Driven Life, 285-86.

"When the disciples wanted to talk about prophecy, Jesus quickly switched the conversation to **evangelism**. He wanted them to concentrate on their mission in the world. He said in essence, "**The details of my return are none of your business**. What is your business is the mission I have given you. Focus on that!" If you want Jesus to come back sooner, focus on fulfilling your mission, not figuring out prophecy. **Speculating on the exact timing of Christ's return** is futile, because Jesus said, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Since Jesus said He didn't know the day or hour, why should you try to figure it out? What we do know for sure is this: Jesus will not return until everyone God wants to hear the Good News has heard it."



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Eschatology A Sin?



"*Therefore, I conclude that it is sin to divide the body of Christ—to divide the body that he prayed would be united.* Therefore for us to conclude that we must agree upon a certain view of alcohol, or a certain view of schooling, or a certain view of meat sacrificed to idols, or *a certain view of the millennium* in order to have fellowship together is, I think, not only unnecessary for the body of Christ, but *it is therefore both unwarranted and therefore condemned by scripture*. **So if you're a pastor and you're listening to me, *you understand me correctly if you think I'm saying you are in sin if you lead your congregation to have a statement of faith that requires a particular millennial view*.** I do not understand why that has to be a matter of uniformity in order to have Christian unity in a local congregation."

Justin Taylor, "Dever: 'You Are in Sin If You Lead Your Congregation to Have a Statement of Faith that Requires a Particular Millennial View,'" online: https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/dever-you-are-in-sin-if-you-lead-your/, July 14 2009, accessed May 28, 2019.

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MOTIVE OF FALSE TEACHERS
V.3-4

- **Deny 2nd Coming**
  - Lust & denial of judgment
  - Uniformitarianism / naturalism



DOMINOES IN A ROW



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Genesis 1:1-3

“[1] In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [2] The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. [3] **Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light**.”



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REASONS AGAINST A LOCAL FLOOD

- Size of the ark (450 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, 45 ft. deep)?
- Analogy to global Second Advent (Matt 24:37-39; Rev 1:7; 2 Pet 3:5-7)
- Animals and birds on the ark?



Genesis 7:19-23

"They rose greatly on the earth, and **all** the high mountains under the **entire** heaven were covered…**Every** living thing that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, **all** the creatures that swarm over the earth, and **all** mankind. **Everything** on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. **Every** living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. **Only** Noah was left, and those with him in the ark."



H.C. Leupold

Exposition of Genesis (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1942), vol. 1, p. 301-302.

"… '**all** the high mountains under **all** the heavens.' One of these expressions alone would almost necessitate the impression that the author intends to convey the idea of the absolute universality of the Flood…Yet since 'all' is known to be used in a relative sense, the writer removes all ambiguity by adding the phrase 'under all the heavens.' A double 'all' (*kol*) cannot allow for so relative a sense. It almost constitutes a Hebrew superlative. So we believe that the text disposes of the question of the universality of the flood. By way of objection to this interpretation, those who believe in a limited flood…urge the fact that *kol* is used in a relative sense, as is clearly the case in passages such as Genesis 41:57; Exodus 9:25, 10:15; Deuteronomy 2:25; and 1 Kings 10:24. However, we still insist that this fact could overthrow a single *kol*, never a double *kol*, as our verse has it."

BELIEVER OR UNBELIEVER?

Writer	Local Flood	Global Flood
Philo		X
Josephus		X
Justin Martyr		X
Theophilus of Antioch		X
Tertullian		X
Gregory of Nazianus		X
John Chrysostom		X
Augustine of Hippo		X

SOURCE: Jonathan Sarfati, *Refuting Compromise* (Green Forest, AR: Master Books), 244.

John Calvin

Genesis, 1554 (Edinburgh, UK: Banner of Truth, 1984), p. 272, emphasis mine.



"*And the flood was forty days, etc*. Moses conspicuously insists on this fact, in order to show that the ***<u>whole world</u>*** was immersed in the waters."

Romans 1:18–20

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because **that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them**. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been **clearly seen**, being **understood through what has been made**, so that they are without excuse.



UNIFORMITARIANISM IS NOT BIBLICISM

	ERA	SCRIPTURE	DISTINCTIVES
1.	CREATION	Genesis 1-2	No death
2.	FALL	Genesis 3-6	Death, painful pregnancy & toil, long life spans, no human government
3.	FLOOD	Genesis 7-10	Shorter life spans, human government, one language, no nations
4.	**BABEL**	Genesis 11-present	No global government, multiple languages, nations, ethnicities
5.	ANTICHRIST	Rapture to 2nd Advent	Global government, restrainer removed
6.	KINGDOM	Rev. 20:1-10	Long life spans, kingdom conditions, reality of death, renovated earth
7.	ETERNAL STATE	Rev. 21-22	No death, new earth

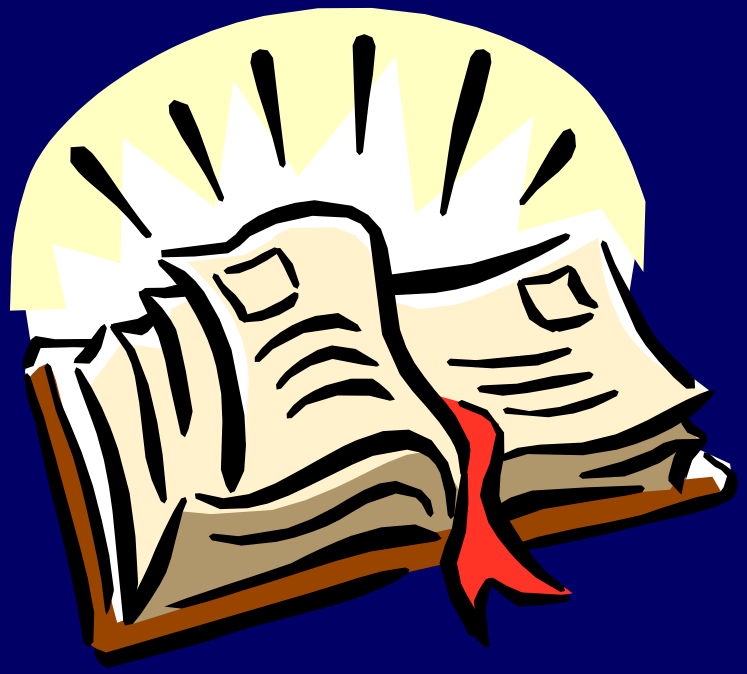
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SCRIPTURE
V. 8



- God's timing is not the same as ours

Romans 8:29–30

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Where's sanctification?

Jude 14–15

14 It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord **came** with many thousands of His holy ones, 15 to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”



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GOD'S CHARACTER
V. 9

- Delay ≠ no 2nd Coming
- Delay = patience



Genesis 6:1-4

“[1] Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, [2] that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. [3] Then the Lord said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be **one hundred and twenty years**.’ [4] The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”



1 Peter 3:19-20

“19 in which also He went and made proclamation the spirits *now* in prison, 20 who once were disobedient, when the **patience** of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.”







Lewis Sperry Chafer

vol. 7, *Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

"This vital newness of mind is a part of believing, after all, and therefore it may be and is used as a ***synonym*** for believing at times (cf. Acts 17:30; 20:21; 26:20; Rom. 2:4; 2Tim. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9). Repentance nevertheless cannot be added to believing as a condition of salvation, because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31)."

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GOD'S PROMISE

V. 10



- Despite delay,
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TRUE GLOBAL WARMING
IS COMING TO PLANET EARTH!
2 Peter 3:10
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. (NASB)

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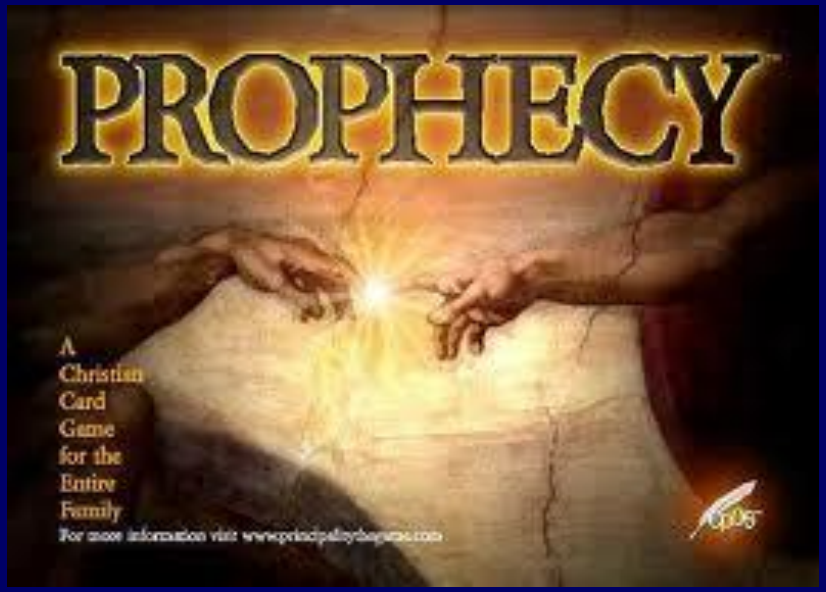
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BIBLICAL PROPHECY: IMPORTANCE

- 27% of Scripture was prophetic at the time it was written
- 2 Pet 1:19





J. Dwight Pentecost

Prophecy For Today, Page 20

"A short time ago, I took occasion to go through the New Testament to mark each reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and to observe the use made of that teaching about His coming. I was struck a new with the fact that almost without exception, when the coming of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament, it is followed by an exhortation to godliness and holy living."

2 Peter 1:19-21

“19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure,
to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp
shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and
the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know
this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a
matter of one’s own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy
was ever made by an act of human will, but
men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”



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

APPLICATION
V. 11-15

- Holy Living (11b, 14)
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- Hope (13)
- Patience (15)



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