

(MATTHEW 16:18-19)
YOU ARE A ROCK!

(ARAMAIC: KEPHAS) GREEK:
SIMON PETER

ONE OF JESUS' FIRST DISCIPLES
KEY LEADER IN THE EARLY JERUSALEM CHURCH (SEE ACTS 1-10)

WRITTEN FROM **ROME**
BY SILVANUS (5:12-13)

TO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN **ASIA MINOR**

HOSTILITY & HARASSMENT
2:12, 3:16, 4:16

(DISPERSED) LATER
BITHYNIA, GALATIA, CAPPADOCIA, PONTUS

1 PETER

**HOPE
IN THE
MIDST OF
SUFFERING**

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE A MISUNDERSTOOD MINORITY,
LIVING UNDER THE RULE OF A DIFFERENT **KING**.

PERSECUTION OFFERS A CHANCE TO SHOW OTHERS
THE GENEROUS **LOVE** OF JESUS.

1:1-2 GREETING

HELLO, GOD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE
CHOSEN & EXILED...

(SEE GENESIS 12-14; ISAIAH 41:8) (SEE GENESIS 23-4)

OLD TESTAMENT DESCRIPTIONS
OF **ABRAHAM & ISRAEL**

COME ALONG! WE'RE FAMILY!

GENTILES WHO NOW BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM...
(SEE 3:14, 18; 4:3-4)

1:3-12 SONG OF PRAISE

"PRAISE GOD WHO CAUSED US TO BE
BORN AGAIN INTO A LIVING HOPE." (1:3)

**NEW HOPE
NEW IDENTITY
NEW FAMILY**

SUFFERING IS A
PURIFYING FIRE
THAT CAN DEEPEN
OUR FAITH. (1:7)

1:13-2:10 A NEW FAMILY IDENTITY

OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES APPLIED TO: **GENTILE CHRISTIANS**

1:13 "GIRD YOUR LOINS"
SEE EXODUS 12:11

1:17-21 THE NEW EXODUS & PASSOVER
SEE EXODUS 12-15

1:15-16 THE HOLY PEOPLE IN THE WILDERNESS
SEE LEVITICUS 11:14

1:22-25 THE NEW COVENANT PEOPLE
ISAIAH 40, JEREMIAH 31

2:1-8 THE NEW TEMPLE
ISAIAH 28:16, PSALM 118:22

2:9-10 A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS
EXODUS 19:4-6

2:11-4:11 SUFFERING AS A WITNESS TO JESUS

2:13-17 SUBMIT TO ROMAN RULE

2:18-3:7 CHRISTIAN SLAVES: WIVES & HUSBANDS

THE PROBLEM:
HOUSEHOLDS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT & WORSHIP THE PATRIARCHS' GODS

THE RESPONSE:
CHRISTIANS ARE LIBERATED TO LOVE THEIR ENEMIES

3:8-4:11 THEIR FUTURE VINDICATION

BAPTISM
A SACRED SYMBOL SHOWING THEY ARE JOINED TO JESUS

PERSECUTED & MURDERED

VINDICATED & EXALTED

4:12-5:9 SUFFERING & FUTURE HOPE

4:12-11 JESUS' PROMISE

REJOICE WHEN PEOPLE PERSECUTE YOU BECAUSE OF ME. (SEE MATTHEW 5:11-12)

5:1-5 LEADERS TO CARE FOR THE CHURCH

5:6-7 THE REAL ENEMY: **SPIRITUAL EVIL**

"RESIST EVIL WITH FIRM FAITHFULNESS."
(5:9)

5:10-14 CLOSING

MAY GOD STRENGTHEN YOU!

GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH IN...

BABYLON → **ROME**

ARCHETYPE FOR CORRUPT RULERS (SEE JEREMIAH 50:31)

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE 'EXILED' FROM THEIR TRUE HOME