

2 Peter - Outline

Author¹: Simon Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:1).

Date: Probably written late in his life, around AD 64-65, just prior to Nero's persecution of Christians between AD 64-68 and the second letter was written shortly after the first one.

Occasion: Jewish and Gentile believers in Asia Minor of whom many had a pagan past.

Summary: The majority of 2 Peter focuses on the reliability of the prophetic word and apostolic eyewitness and that they were not human creations.

2 Peter 1:16 NASB For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

Group ²	C	V	Description
Growth in Christian Virtue	1	1a	Author—Simon Peter
		1b-11	Addressee—“those who received a faith the same kind as ours” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salutation - v. 2 • God's gift for life and godliness, rooted in knowledge of grace through Christ - v. 3 • God's promises should lead to growth - v. 4-7 • Spiritual growth will lead to being productive - v. 8 • A call to diligence in growth - v. 9-11
		12-15	Peter's promise to remind fellow believer's of God's blessings in Christ
		16-18	Peter and the apostles were eyewitnesses, not just clever storytellers
Eyewitnesses		19-21	Their testimony is equal to Scripture as a prophetic declaration
The Rise of False Prophets	2	1-3	Beware of false prophets
		4-10a	God's sure judgment: angels, people in the time of Noah, Sodom & Gomorrah, the present unrighteous - v4-10a God's sure rescue from temptation for the godly - v. 9
		10b-16	The fate of the ungodly compared to Baalam (Numbers 22-24)
		17-22	The false teachers ungodly ways
Purpose of This Letter	3	1-2	Remember what the prophets and Jesus taught as taught by the apostles
The Coming Day of the Lord		3-7	Creation's time is finite and defined by God
		8-9	But God is patient, waiting for people to repent and be saved
A New Heaven and Earth		10	... BUT the day of the Lord will come!
		11-13	Live godly lives now, holy in conduct
		14-18	Live diligently, godly lives Be thankful for His patience in salvation Paul's letters are compared to Scripture—they are distorted too Be steadfast, always growing in grace and knowledge of Jesus

¹ (Galan et al. 251-253)

² (NASB) “Group” column from the headings in the NASB text.

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