

SUMMARY OF SECOND PETER GROW IN THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. CHAPTER 1-3

AUTHORSHIP

- ALTHOUGH, SOME SCHOLARS DISAGREE ABOUT PETRINE AUTHORSHIP BUT STYLE OF WRITING, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATE THAT APOSTLE PETER IS THE AUTHOR OF THIS LETTER.
- THE EPISTLE CLAIMS THAT THE APOSTLE PETER WROTE IT (1:1).

- IT ALSO CLAIMS TO FOLLOW A FORMER LETTER WRITTEN BY PETER (3:1), WHICH SEEMS TO BE A REFERENCE TO 1 PETER.
- THE AUTHOR'S REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT JESUS HAD PREDICTED A CERTAIN KIND OF DEATH FOR HIM (1:14) TIES IN WITH JESUS STATEMENT TO PETER RECORDED IN JOHN 21:18.

- STYLISTIC SIMILARITIES OF FIRST PETER AND SECOND PETER ARE EVIDENT IN 1:1, 14 AND 3:1.
- THE AUTHOR CLAIMED TO HAVE WITNESSED JESUS'S TRANSFIGURATION (1:16-18).
- THE WRITINGS OF CHURCH FATHERS PLACE PETER'S DEATH AT A.D 67-68 IN ROME. CONSEQUENTLY, A DATE OF COMPOSITION IS ABOUT A.D 67-68.

SIMILARITIES WITH OTHER BOOKS IN THE BIBLE.

- SECOND PETER HAS MANY SIMILARITIES WITH SECOND TIMOTHY.
- BOTH BOOKS ARE THE LAST WRITTEN BY THEIR AUTHORS.
- BOTH CONTAIN A KEY PASSAGE ON THE SUBJECT OF INSPIRATION (2 PET. 1:21; 2 TIM. 3:16)

- BOTH WARN AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS (2 TIM 3 AND 2 PET. 2).
- BOTH MEN KNEW THAT THEIR DEATH IS NEAR (2 TIM. 4:6-8 AND 2 PET. 1:13-15).
- SECOND PETER ALSO HAS SIMILARITY WITH EPISTLE OF JUDE. NINETEEN VERSES IN JUDE ARE SIMILAR TO SECOND PETER IN CHAPTER TWO.

PURPOSE

- "THE PURPOSE OF SECOND PETER IS TO CALL CHRISTIANS TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH SO THAT THEY CAN COMBAT APOSTASY AS THEY LOOK FORWARD TO THE LORD'S RETURN." KENNETH O. GANGEL
- NIV STUDY BIBLE GIVES THREEFOLD PURPOSE: TO STIMULATE CHRISTIAN GROWTH, TO COMBAT FALSE TEACHINGS AND TO ENCOURAGE WATCHFULNESS IN VIEW OF LORD'S RETURN.

MESSAGE OF SECOND PETER

- FIRST, WE SHOULD GROW IN OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, GOD HAS GIVEN TO US HIS DIVINE POWER (1:3) AND DIVINE PROMISES (1:4). WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO GROW IN OUR CHRISTIAN CONDUCT AND VITALITY.
- SECOND, WE SHOULD BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS (2:1-3). SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS AN ANTIDOTE TO FALSE TEACHINGS.

 THIRD, WE SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED WHEN PEOPLE MOCK US ABOUT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. GOD IS TRUE TO HIS WORD AND HE WILL FULFILL THIS ON THE RIGHT TIME (3:3-18).

KEY VERSES IN SECOND PETER

- SOME KEY VERSES IN SECOND PETER ARE AS FOLLOW:
- •2 PE. 1:3-4; 19-21; 3:1-2 AND 3:18

CONCLUSION

 SECOND PETER IS WRITTEN BY APOSTLE PETER IN A.D 67-68. THE KEY VERSE IS 2 PETER 3:18, WHICH REMINDS US TO GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. SPIRITUAL MATURITY WILL HELP US TO DEFEND OUR FAITH AGAINST THE FALSE TEACHERS AND SCOFFERS.