

Greeting

1 Simeon Peter, a servant of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained equal standing with ours by the grace of our God and Savior Jesus Christ, grace and peace be multiplied to you from the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Confirm Your Calling and Election

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of his divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patience, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For those who lack these qualities are so nearsighted and have forgotten the things that were foretold to them, that they are like sheep without a shepherd, who will be scattered like wool, each in his own way, and the wolf will devour them, one by one, and will not be hindered.

A STUDY THROUGH

II PETER

INTRODUCTION // PART 2

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WHO?



The Apostle Peter

WHEN?



~64 A.D.

TO WHOM?



The Diaspora

FROM?



Babylon

WHY?



(Incipient) Gnosticism

WHAT FOR?



Building believers

HOW?



Maturity; recognizing false teachers/doctrine

“Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of
Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia”

Acts 2:9 (ESV)

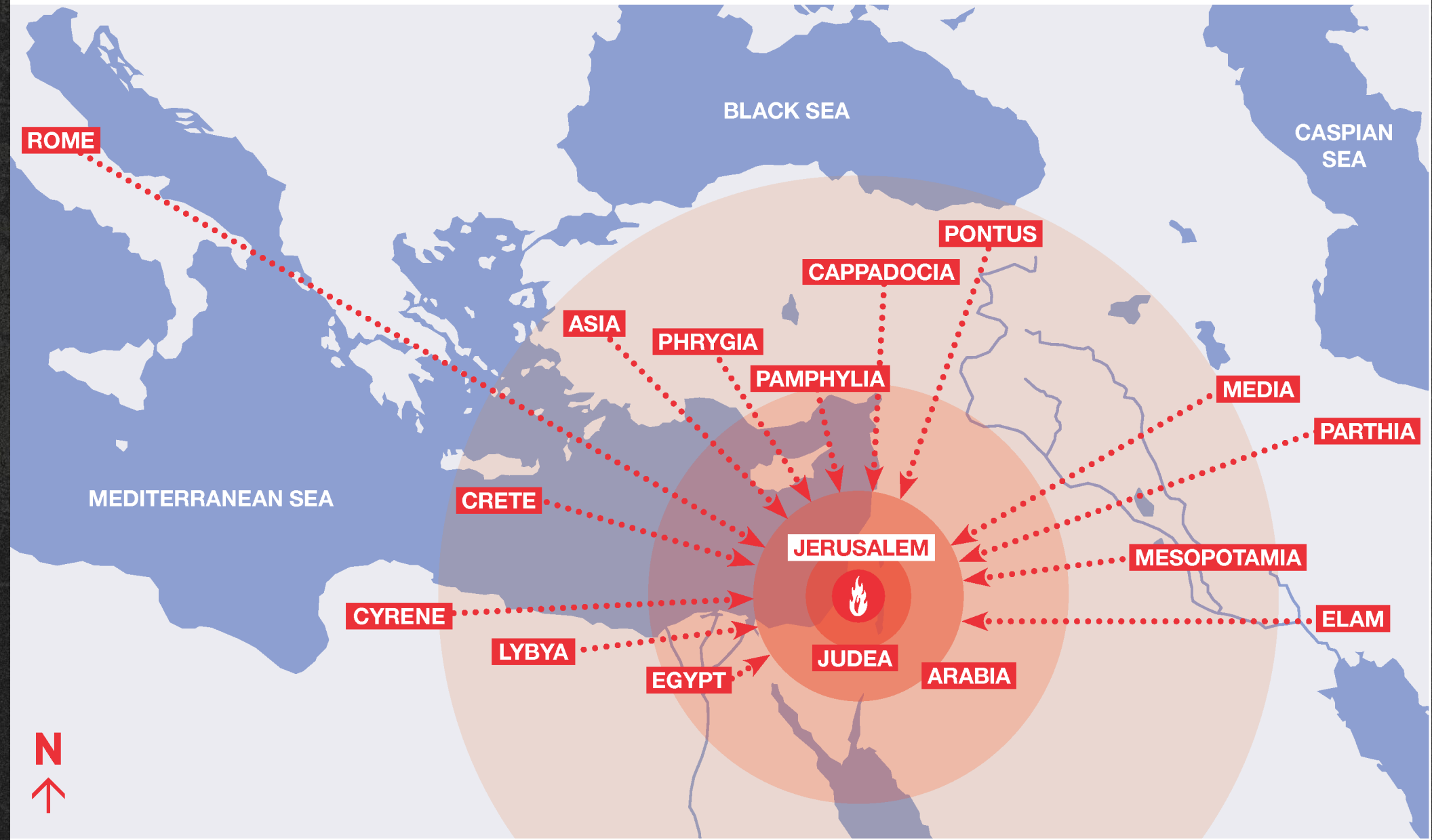
"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect
exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia,
and Bithynia,"

1 Peter 1:1 (ESV)



THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born
again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead, (4)to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you"

1 Peter 1:3–4 (ESV)

"Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ"

2 Peter 1:1 (ESV)

"She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son."

1 Peter 5:13 (ESV)



"and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified."

Revelation 11:8 (ESV)

"On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised (8)(for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles)"

Galatians 2:7-8 (ESV)

“Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of
Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia”

Acts 2:9 (ESV)

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2 Peter 2:1 (ESV)

WHY? Incipient Gnosticism

Dualism



The physical is 'bad',
whereas the spiritual is
'good'.



Which leads to a *skewed*
Christology



... and 'Secret' knowledge

"By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, (3)and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already."

1 John 4:2-3 (ESV)

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"For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist."

2 John 1:7 (ESV)

WHAT? The *purpose* of Peter's letter:

PURPOSE



Build up the believers' knowledge of truth, so that they would not be susceptible to false teachers.

HOW? The believer's response to the threat

HOW



1. Become mature
(growing in God's Word)
2. Understand what false teachers look like.
3. Recognize their false doctrine.

“They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls...”

2 Peter 2:14 (ESV)