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1 Peter

What is the book of 1 Peter?

- The book of 1 Peter is a letter from Peter. Silas helped Peter write it.
- It's thought that Peter wrote this letter from Rome. It's thought that he wrote it around year AD 63.
- The New Testament includes two letters from Peter. This is the first letter.

Who was 1 Peter written to?

- To believers in the Roman territories of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. These territories are in the country now known as Turkey.
- It's thought that most of these believers were Gentiles.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that 1 Peter shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was 1 Peter written?

- To help the community of Jesus' followers live faithfully and wisely.
- To encourage believers who were suffering and being treated badly for following Jesus.

Main ideas

- Having hope and not giving up during suffering,
- Always doing good even when it's hard.
- Jesus' victory over evil and all evil spiritual beings.

Outline

Greetings (1:1-2).

Living hope and living stones (1:3 – 2:10).

Holy living among unbelievers (2:11 – 3:9).

Suffering for following Jesus (3:10 – 5:11).

Final greetings (5:12-14).