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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-12

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter identified himself as an apostle of Jesus Christ. [1:1]
- ☐ Peter wrote to Christians who were scattered to other regions. [1:1]
- ☐ Peter praised God for all the blessings “reserved in heaven” for Christians. [1:3]
- ☐ Peter wrote that God’s power protected Christians even in the middle of suffering and trials. [1:5-6]
- ☐ The prophets had spoken earlier about Christ’s suffering and glory. [1:10-11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who wrote this letter, and to whom was it written? [1:1]
Peter wrote this to the chosen ones who were living as foreigners throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.
2. How were those people chosen? [1:1-2]
They were chosen according to the foreknowledge of God, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit.
3. What did Peter say that God gave them? [1:3]
God gave them a new birth to a living hope.
4. How did God give them new birth into a living hope? [1:3]
God gave it to them in his great mercy and through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
5. What did Peter say about the inheritance God gave them? [1:4]
This inheritance would not perish or fade away, and it was reserved in heaven.
6. What was God’s power protecting them for? [1:5]
It was protecting them for the salvation that would be revealed in the last time.
7. What was the purpose of their trials? [1:6-7]
It was so that their faith would be proved genuine and would result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
8. Although Peter’s audience had not seen Jesus and they still did not see him, what did they do? [1:8]
They loved him, and believed in him, and rejoiced with unspeakable joy that was full of glory.
9. What was the result of their faith? [1:9]
The result of their faith was the salvation of their souls.

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10. What did the Spirit of Christ tell the prophets about in advance? [1:11]

He told them about the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

11. Who were the prophets serving by their searches and inquiries? [1:12]

They were serving the people to whom Peter was writing. (We can understand that they were serving all who believe in Jesus Christ.)

12. Who told Peter's audience about Christ? [1:12]

The people who preached the gospel to them told them about Christ.

Comment Section:

1:13-25

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter told them to be sober and holy. [1:13-16]
- ☐ They were redeemed with Christ's blood. [1:18-19]
- ☐ They were born again by the word of God. [1:23]
- ☐ God's word remains forever. [1:23-24]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Peter command the believers to do? [1:13]
He commanded them to gird up the loins of their mind, to be sober, and to have complete confidence in the grace that would be brought to them.
2. What do you think Peter meant when he said, "gird up the loins of your mind"? [1:13]
He probably meant that they should get their minds ready to think well.
3. What instruction did Peter give the Christians in 1:14?
Peter told them not to follow the desires they used to follow.
4. What instruction did Peter give them in 1:15-16?
Peter told them to be holy in all of their behavior.
5. Who is the one who judges impartially? [1:17]
God the Father is the one who judges impartially.
6. What did the Christians inherit from their ancestors? [1:18]
They inherited a futile or empty way of life.
7. What was the price paid for Christians to be redeemed? [1:18-19]
The redemption price was the precious blood of Christ.
8. How long ago had God foreknown Christ? [1:20]
God foreknew him since before the foundation of the world.
9. What did Peter say had happened recently? [1:20]
Christ had been revealed to the people he was writing to.
10. What did God do for Jesus? [1:21]
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory.

1 Peter 1:13-25 continued

11. How did the Christians make their “souls pure”? [1:22]

They made their hearts pure by obeying the truth.

12. Now that they had made their souls pure, what did Peter want them to do? [1:22]

He wanted them to love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

13. From what kind of seed were they born again? [1:23]

They were born again from imperishable seed.

14. What is the relationship between the imperishable seed and the word of God? [1:23]

Perhaps the seed represents the word of God. Perhaps people received the seed through the word of God.

15. How is the word of the Lord different from flesh? [1:24-25]

Flesh is like a flower that dries up, but the word of the Lord remains forever.

Comment Section:

2:1-12

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter Instructed the Christians to put aside the behaviors that belonged to their lives before they were saved. [2:1]
- ☐ Peter told them to come to the living stone. [2:4]
- ☐ Peter told the Christians they were like stones that were being used to build a spiritual house. [2:5]
- ☐ Peter quoted scriptures about a cornerstone. [2:6-8]
- ☐ Peter warned the Christians that their own fleshly desires fight against their souls. [2:11]
- ☐ Peter encouraged them to live in an honorable way, so that others might give glory to God when he appears. [2:12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Peter tell the Christians to “put aside”? [2:1]
Peter told them to put aside evil, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander.
2. What did Peter tell them to do so that they would grow in salvation? [2:2]
He told them to greatly desire pure spiritual milk.
3. What do you think Peter meant by the words “pure spiritual milk”? [2:2-3]
Perhaps he meant the teaching about the Lord or the word of God. Or perhaps he meant attitudes that contrasted with the attitudes listed in 2:1.
4. Who had people rejected? [2:4]
They had rejected the one who is a living stone.
5. Who do you think this living stone is? [2:4]
This living stone is Jesus Christ.
6. What did Peter say about the Christians in 2:5?
Peter said they were like “living stones”; they were being built to be a spiritual house; they were to be a holy priesthood.
7. Who do you think laid a cornerstone in Zion? [2:6]
God laid it.
8. Who do you think this chosen and valuable cornerstone represents?
It represents Jesus Christ.
9. Who will not be ashamed? [2:6]
Whoever believes in Jesus Christ (the chosen and valuable cornerstone) will never be ashamed.

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10. What was the builders' attitude toward the stone that became the head of the corner? [2:7]
They rejected it.
11. How did those who did not believe stumble? [2:7-8]
They stumbled by disobeying the word.
12. Why were the believers a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people for God's possession? [2:9]
They were these things so that they might announce the wonderful actions of God.
13. What did Peter remind Christians about in 2:10?
At one time they were not the people of God, but now they were the people of God and had received God's mercy.
14. Why do you think Peter referred to these Christians as foreigners and exiles? [2:11]
He referred to them this way because they were driven out from their homeland.
15. What did Peter say about fleshly desires? [2:11]
Fleshly desires fight against the soul of the Christian.
16. What do you think Peter meant by the words, "fleshly desires"? [2:11]
He was probably referring to sinful things that people like to do.
17. What did Peter say about Christians' conduct in 2:12?
Peter said that their conduct should be honorable.
18. What was Peter's reason for telling Christians to behave honorably among the Gentiles? [2:12]
He told them to do this so that those who might speak of them as having done evil would see their good behavior and give glory to God.

Comment Section:

2:13-25

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter told the Christians to submit to their human leaders. [2:13-14]
- ☐ Peter told slaves to submit to their masters. [2:18]
- ☐ Peter told about how Jesus suffered and was an example to follow. [2:21-23]
- ☐ Jesus did this so that people would die to sin and live for righteousness. [2:24]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why were the believers to obey every human authority? [2:13]
Christians were to obey every human authority, both kings and governors for the Lord's sake.
2. According to Peter, why were human kings and governors sent? [2:14]
They were sent to punish people who did evil and to praise those who did good.
3. What did Peter say was God's will in 2:15?
Peter said that it was God's will that by doing good, Christians would silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.
4. How do you think doing good could silence the ignorant talk of foolish people? [2:15]
People who did not believe in God might say that Christians did bad things. They might say that Christians did not obey the king and governor. But if Christians did good, then those people will have no reason to say that Christians did evil.
5. What do you think Peter meant when he told Christians not to use their freedom to cover up for wickedness? [2:16]
He probably meant that they should not think that being free gave them an excuse to do wicked things.
6. What instructions did Peter give Christians in 2:17?
Peter told Christians to honor all people, to love other Christians, to fear God, and to honor the king.
7. Peter told servants to submit to their masters. What kinds of masters were the servants to submit to? [2:18]
Servants were to submit to both good and gentle masters and to harsh masters.
8. According to Peter, what was praiseworthy? [2:19]
Peter said that it was praiseworthy if a person endured the sorrow of suffering unjustly.
9. What do you think Peter meant when he asked how much credit was there if you sin and were afflicted? [2:20]
He meant that a person received no credit for enduring affliction if that affliction was because of his sin. He was only receiving the punishment that he deserved.
10. Why were the Christians called to suffer for doing good? [2:21-22]
Christians were called to suffer because Christ suffered for them and left an example for them to follow.

1 Peter 2:13-25 continued

11. How did Jesus respond when he was insulted and when he suffered? [2:23]

When Jesus was insulted, he did not give an insult in return. When he suffered, he did not threaten back. He gave himself over to the one who judges justly.

12. What did Peter tell Christians about sin? [2:24]

Peter told Christians that Jesus took their sin on his body, so they could die to sin and live to righteousness.

13. What do you think Peter meant when he said, “by his bruises you have been healed”? [2:24]

The phrase “his bruises” represents how Jesus suffered when he died for people’s sin. Perhaps “you have been healed” refers to Christians’ relationships with God being healed. Perhaps it refers to Christians’ hearts being healed so they could choose not to sin. Perhaps Peter also meant physical healing.

14. What did Peter say about Christians and sheep? [2:25]

Peter compared Christians to sheep who at one time were lost and straying but who have returned to the shepherd

15. Who do you think this shepherd and overseer of Christians’ souls is? [2:25]

The shepherd and overseer is Jesus Christ.

Comment Section:

3:1-7

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter told wives to submit to their own husbands. [3:1]
- ☐ Peter told wives to adorn themselves with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit. [3:3-4]
- ☐ Peter told husbands to treat their wives with understanding and honor. [3:7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What instruction did Peter give to wives in 3:1?
Peter told wives to submit to their own husbands. Peter told them to do this even if their husbands were disobedient to the word.
2. How might a man who was disobedient to the word be won over to the Lord? [3:1-2]
He might be won over if he saw his wife's respectful and pure behavior.
3. How should wives make themselves beautiful? [3:3-4]
Wives should make themselves beautiful by having a gentle and quiet spirit.
4. How did Peter describe holy women from long ago? [3:5]
The holy women from long ago hoped in God and submitted to their husbands.
5. What did Sarah do? [3:6]
She obeyed her husband Abraham and called him her lord.
6. What do you think was Peter's reason for talking about Sarah? [3:6]
She was an example of a holy woman who hoped in God and submitted to her husband.
7. What did Peter tell husbands to do? [3:7]
He told them to live with their wives in an understanding way and to give them honor.
8. What reason did Peter give for husbands to live with their wives in that way? [3:7]
Peter told husbands to live with their wives in that way so their prayers would not be hindered.

Comment Section:

3:8-22

Background: In 3:20 Peter mentioned Noah building an ark. This is from the Old Testament. Long ago, when the people on earth became very wicked, God planned to send a flood to destroy everyone. But first he told a man named Noah to build an ark, which was like a ship. Noah built the ark, and his family went into it. Then God sent the flood, and everyone who was not in the ark died.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter told the Christians to be like-minded and to love one another. [3:8-9]
- ☐ Peter quoted what someone else wrote about doing good. [3:10-12]
- ☐ Peter said that it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. [3:14, 17]
- ☐ Peter wrote about Christ suffering to bring people to God. [3:18]
- ☐ Peter wrote about when God saved a few people in the days of Noah. [3:20]
- ☐ Peter spoke about Christ being at God's right hand and all powers being submitted to him. [3:22]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Peter tell the Christians to do? [3:8]
He told them to be like-minded, to be sympathetic, to love one another as brothers, to be tenderhearted toward one another, and to be humble.
2. What did Peter want Christians to do to people who did evil to them or insulted them? [3:9]
Peter wanted Christians to bless them.
3. What would Christians who behave in this way receive? [3:9]
They would receive a blessing.
4. In 3:10-12, Peter quoted from a psalm. If someone loves life and wants to see good days, what should he do? [3:10-11]
He should not say evil or deceitful things. He should stop doing bad things and he should do what is good and seek peace.
5. What did the psalm writer say about the eyes and ears of the Lord in 3:12?
He said that God's eyes see the righteous, and his ears hear their prayers.
6. What do you think the psalm writer meant when he said God's face was against those who did evil? [3:12]
It probably means that God is angry with those who did evil.
7. What do you think Peter meant by what he wrote in 3:13?
He probably meant that it was not likely that anyone would harm a Christian if the Christian was eager to do good.

1 Peter 3:8-22 continued

8. What did Peter say about Christians who suffered because of righteousness? [3:14]
He said that they were blessed.
9. What instructions did Peter give Christians in 3:14-15?
Peter told Christians not to fear threats or be troubled, to set apart Christ as holy in their hearts, and to be ready to tell others about the hope they had.
10. What do you think it meant to set apart the Lord Christ as holy? [3:15]
It probably meant to recognize that the Lord Christ is holy and to fear him.
11. How were the believers always to answer everyone who asked about their confidence in God? [3:15-16]
They were to answer with meekness and respect.
12. What did Peter say about God's will and suffering? [3:17]
Peter said that if it was God's will for a Christian to suffer, it was better to suffer for doing good than for doing bad things.
13. Why did Jesus suffer for sins? [3:18]
Jesus suffered for sins in order to bring unrighteous people to God.
14. What happened to Jesus after he was put to death? [3:18]
Jesus was made alive by the Spirit.
15. What did Jesus do in the Spirit? [3:19]
Jesus went and preached to the spirits who were in prison.
16. Who do you think those spirits were? [3:19-20]
They were the spirits of people who were disobedient to God in the days of Noah.
17. What did God saving a few people through the water symbolize? [3:21]
It symbolized the baptism that now saves the believer through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
18. What do you think it meant that baptism was the appeal of a good conscience toward God? [3:21]
Perhaps it meant that when people were baptized, they were asking God for a good conscience. Perhaps it meant that when people were baptized, they were responding to God, and the reason they could respond to God was that they had a good conscience.
19. What did Peter say about Christ in 3:22?
Peter said that Christ was seated at the right hand of God in heaven. He said that all powers must submit to Christ.

Comment Section:

4:1-11

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter told the Christians to be ready to suffer. [4:1]
- ☐ Peter told the Christians that the Gentiles will have to give an account for their sin. [4:3-5]
- ☐ Peter told the Christians that the end of all things is near. [4:7]
- ☐ Peter told the Christians how to live because of that. [4:7-11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What instruction did Peter give to Christians about suffering in 4:1?
Peter told Christians that because Christ suffered in the flesh, they too must be prepared to suffer.
2. What happened when a person stopped sinning? [4:2]
He lived for God's will, and no longer for people's desires.
3. Who did the Christians used to live like? [4:3]
They used to live like the Gentiles.
4. How did the Gentiles live? [4:3]
They lived in sensuality and lusts. They got drunk, had drunken celebrations and wild parties, and committed lawless acts of idolatry.
5. Why did people speak evil about Christians? [4:4]
They spoke evil about the Christians because the Christians did not do the reckless things that they did.
6. Who is God ready to judge? [4:5]
God is ready to judge the living and the dead.
7. For what purpose was the gospel preached to the dead? [4:6]
The gospel was preached to the dead so that they might live in the spirit the way God does.
8. What do you think Peter meant when he spoke about people living in the spirit the way God does? [4:6]
Perhaps he meant that they would live spiritually as God does. Perhaps he meant that their spirit would live righteously as God does. Or perhaps he meant that by the Holy Spirit, they would live righteously as God does.
9. What did Peter say about the end of all things in 4:7?
Peter said the end of all things was near.
10. Why were the believers to be of sound mind and sober in their thinking? [4:7]
They were to do those things because the end of all things was coming, and for the sake of their prayers.

1 Peter 4:1-11 continued

11. What did Peter want Christians to do above all things? [4:8]

Peter wanted Christians to always show love for one another.

12. What do you think “love covers a multitude of sins” means? [4:8]

It probably means that when someone loves others, he does not think about their sins. He forgives them.

13. How were Christians to show hospitality? [4:9]

They were to show hospitality without complaining.

14. How were the believers to use their gifts? [4:10]

They were to use their gifts to serve one another.

15. How did Peter instruct Christians to speak and serve in 4:11?

He told Christians to speak God’s words and to serve with the strength that God supplies.

16. Why were they to do these things? [4:11]?

They were to do these things so that in all ways God would be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Comment Section:

4:12-19

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter told the Christians not to be surprised that they were suffering.
- ☐ Peter told them to rejoice if they suffered for Christ.
- ☐ Peter reminded them not to suffer because of doing wrong.
- ☐ Peter spoke about how sinners will be judged.

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Peter want Christians to think about the testing that was upon them? [4:12]
Peter did not want the Christians to think it was something strange happening to them.
2. How did Peter want Christians to respond to suffering? [4:13]
Peter wanted Christians to rejoice when they experienced suffering.
3. What did Peter say about Christians who were insulted for Christ's name? [4:14]
They were blessed because the Spirit of God rested on them.
4. Why do you think Peter told the Christians not to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a meddler? [4:15]
He told them this because he did not want them to be a murderer, thief, evildoer, or meddler.
5. What did Peter want Christian to do if they suffered for being Christians? [4:16]
Peter wanted the Christians not to be ashamed and to glorify God.
6. What did Peter say about judgment in 4:17?
Peter said that it was time for judgment to begin, and that it was to begin with the household of God, that is, with Christians.
7. What do you think the outcome of God's judgment will be for those who disobey God's gospel? [4:17]
They will suffer more than the Christians were suffering.
8. Based on what Peter wrote about the righteous in 4:18, what do you think will happen to the ungodly and the sinner? [4:18]
The ungodly and the sinner will not be saved.
9. What instruction did Peter give Christians who suffered because of God's will? [4:19]
Peter instructed Christians to commit their souls to God, their faithful Creator.

1 Peter 4:12-19 continued

10. Why do you think Peter wrote about the ungodly and the sinner? [4:17-18]

Perhaps Peter wanted to encourage the Christians who were suffering for doing good. They were not suffering nearly as much as the ungodly will suffer when God judges them.

Comment Section:

5:1-14

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter taught the elders how to lead God's people. [5:1-4]
- ☐ Peter taught the people to submit and be humble. [5:5-6]
- ☐ Peter encouraged them to be watchful and to stand strong. [5:7-10]
- ☐ Peter ended his letter. [5:12-14]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Peter identify himself in 5:1?
Peter said that he was a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ.
2. What did Peter exhort his fellow elders to do? [5:2]
He exhorted them to lead the flock of God and look after them.
3. What was the overseers' reason for serving to be, and how were they to serve? [5:2]
They were to serve because they were willing, and they were to serve eagerly without expecting to be paid.
4. What further instruction did Peter give the elders? [5:3]
Peter told the elders to not act as lords or masters over Christians. Instead, they should be examples to the Christians.
5. What did Peter say will happen when the Chief Shepherd is revealed? [5:4]
The elders, or shepherds, will receive an unfading crown of glory.
6. What did Peter say to the younger men? [5:5]
Peter told the younger men to submit to the older men.
7. Why did all of them need to have humility and serve one another? [5:5-6]
They needed to do this because God gives grace to those serving in humility. He will exalt them in due time.
8. What did Peter tell Christians to do with anxiety? [5:7]
Peter told Christians to cast their anxiety on God, because he cares for them.
9. What do you think Peter meant when he told Christians to cast their anxiety on God? [5:7]
He wanted them to tell God what they were anxious about and to trust God to help them.
10. What did Peter tell Christians about the devil? [5:8]
The devil walked around like a lion who roars, looking for someone to devour.

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11. What instructions did Peter give to Christians in 5:9?

Peter told Christians to stand firm against the devil and to be strong in their faith.

12. What would happen to the people after they had suffered for a little while? [5:10]

God would perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish them.

13. What do you think Peter meant when he said that he wrote through Sylvanus. [5:12]

Peter probably meant that Sylvanus would deliver this letter. Peter may also have meant that he spoke the words of the letter and Sylvanus wrote them.

14. What did Peter say about what he had written? [5:12]

He said that what he had written was the true grace of God.

15. Who greeted the believers, and how were they to greet one another? [5:13-14]

She, who was in Babylon, and Mark greeted them; they were to greet one another with a kiss of love.

Comment Section: