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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-11

Part 1

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

- ☐ All things for life and godliness have been given to us through our knowledge of God. [1:3]
- ☐ We can escape the corruption in the world through the promises of God. [1:4]
- ☐ Peter identified the virtues that can keep believers from being unproductive in their faith. [1:5-8]
- ☐ Those who had forgotten that they were cleansed of their past sins were spiritually blind. [1:9]
- ☐ Believers were to strive to make their calling and election sure. [1:10]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Peter identify himself? [1:1]
Peter referred to himself as a slave and an apostle of Jesus Christ.
2. To whom did Peter write this letter? [1:1]
He wrote it to those who received the same precious faith that Peter received.
3. How would their grace and peace increase? [1:2]
Their grace and peace would increase by their knowing God and Jesus the Lord.
4. How were all things for life and godliness given to Peter and to those he was writing? [1:3]
They were given to them by God's divine power and through their knowing God.
5. According to what Peter wrote, why did God give his promises? [1:4]
He did that so that they might be sharers in the divine nature because they had escaped the corruption that was in the world caused by evil desires.
6. What did Peter say to add to their faith? [1:5]
Peter said to add goodness and knowledge.
7. What other virtues did Peter say to add? [1:6]
He said to add self-control, endurance, and godliness.
8. What other virtues did Peter say to add? [1:7]
Peter said to add love to brotherly love.
9. What did Peter say about these virtues? [1:8]
These virtues would keep them from being unfruitful in the knowledge of their Lord Jesus Christ.
10. What had the spiritually blind person forgotten? [1:9]
He forgot that he had been cleansed from his old sins.
11. If the brothers did their best to make their calling and election sure, what would happen? [1:10-11]
They would not stumble, and they would be given an entrance into the eternal kingdom of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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12. What do you think it means that an entrance into the eternal kingdom will be richly provided for them? [1:11]
Perhaps it meant that they would be joyfully welcomed into the kingdom.

Comment Section:

1:12-21

Part 1

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

- ☐ Jesus Christ revealed to Peter that his (Peter's) departure would be soon. [1:14]
- ☐ Peter urged the believers to remember the things that he wrote to them. [1:15]
- ☐ Peter did not create myths, but he spoke as an eyewitness of the glory of Jesus Christ. [1:16]
- ☐ No prophecy of Scripture was a creation of a person's own interpretation. [1:20]
- ☐ Men spoke from God when they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. [1:21]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was Peter always ready to do? [1:12]
He was always ready to remind the believers of the things he taught them.
2. What do you think it meant to be strong in the truth? [1:12]
Perhaps it meant to believe the truth firmly.
3. What do you think Peter meant by "as long as I am in this tent"? [1:13]
Here, Peter used the word "tent" to talk about his body. He meant "as long as I am alive."
4. Why did Peter think that as long as he was in his tent, he should stir them up by way of reminder? [1:13-14]
Perhaps Peter thought that as long as he was alive he should continue to teach and encourage them.
5. What did Peter mean when he wrote about putting off his tent soon and departing? [1:14-15]
He meant that he would die soon.
6. What did Peter want them to do after his departure? [1:15]
He wanted them to remember what he had taught them.
7. How could Peter's audience know that what Peter said about Jesus was true? [1:16]
They could know it because Peter did not tell them myths. Rather, he had seen Christ's majesty with his own eyes.
8. How did Jesus receive honor and glory from God the Father? [1:17]
Jesus received honor and glory when a voice from the Majestic Glory said, "This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased."
9. When did Peter hear God's voice? [1:18]
He heard it when he and some others were with Jesus on the holy mountain.
10. Why are Christians to pay attention to God's prophetic word? [1:19]
Perhaps Christians should pay attention because God's prophetic word is like a lamp shining in a dark place.

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11. How was the prophetic word made more certain? [1:19-21]

Prophecy did not come from the reasoning of the prophet, and no prophecy came from the will of man. Rather prophecy came by men who were carried along by the Holy Spirit and spoke from God.

Comment Section:

2:1-11

Background: In 2:5-8, Peter mentioned two events that we learn about in the Old Testament. Long ago when people became very wicked, God planned to destroy the world with a flood. But he rescued a righteous man named Noah, along with Noah's family. Later God destroyed two wicked cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, but there was a righteous man living in Sodom, and God rescued him.

Part 1

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

- ☐ Peter warned about false teachers who would bring destructive heresies. [2:1]
- ☐ Peter said that destruction and condemnation would come upon the false teachers. [2:1]
- ☐ Peter gave several examples of how the Lord rescued godly men out of trials and held unrighteous men for punishment. [2:5-9]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who did Peter say would come to them? [2:1]
Peter wrote that false teachers would come to them.
2. What did Peter say the false teachers would bring with them? [2:1]
Peter said they would bring destructive heresies.
3. What did Peter say would happen to the false teachers? [2:1]
They would be destroyed.
4. What would happen when many other people followed the false teachers' sensual behavior? [2:2]
The way of truth would be slandered. (People would speak badly about the teaching of the gospel.)
5. What would the false teachers do because of their greed? [2:3]
They would exploit people with deceptive words.
6. What did God do to the angels who sinned? [2:4]
God put them into hell where they were to be kept until the judgment.
7. Who did God preserve in the flood? [2:5]
God preserved Noah with seven others.
8. What do you think happened to the rest of the ancient world? [2:5]
They died in the flood.
9. What happened to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? [2:6]
God reduced them to ashes and destroyed them as an example of what will happen to the ungodly.

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10. How did God treat Lot? [2:7]
God rescued Lot.
11. What kind of man was Lot? [2:7-8]
He was a righteous man.
12. How was Lot tormented? [2:8]
Lot was tormented by seeing and hearing the lawless deeds of others.
13. What did God show by sparing some people and not sparing others? [2:9]
God showed that he knows how to rescue godly people and how to keep ungodly people in custody so they can be punished on the day of judgment.
14. What was true for those who followed their corrupt desires and who despised authority? [2:9-10]
God knew how to hold them in custody for punishment on the day of judgment.
15. Who do you think Peter was speaking of when he spoke of those who followed their corrupt desires? [2:1, 10]
Perhaps Peter was speaking about the false teachers of 2:1 as well as people who despise authority.
16. Who do you think were the glorious ones the ungodly men blasphemed? [2:10-11]
Perhaps they were human leaders, or perhaps they were angels.
17. What did Peter write about angels? [2:11]
Peter wrote that angels had more strength and power but they did not bring insulting judgments against them to the Lord.

Comment Section:

2:12-22

Background: In 2:15-16, Peter spoke about the prophet Balaam. A king who was an enemy of Israel hired Balaam to curse Israel. Balaam planned to do it but God got Balaam's attention by making Balaam's donkey speak. Then an angel of the Lord told Balaam not to curse Israel.

Part 1

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

- ☐ Peter described the false teachers as stains and blemishes who had gone astray. [2:12-14]
- ☐ Peter said the false teachers followed the way of Balaam who loved to receive payment for unrighteousness. [2:15-16]
- ☐ Their false teachers promised freedom, but they themselves were slaves to corruption. [2:19]
- ☐ It would have been better for the false teachers to never have had the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. [2:20-21]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Peter describe the false teachers? [2:12]
He described them as being like animals born for capture and destruction.
2. Why would the false teachers be destroyed? [2:12-14]
They were destroyed because they did harm, were deceitful, adulterous, enticers, and greedy.
3. What did the false teachers enjoy? [2:13]
They enjoyed their deceitful actions while eating with the brothers.
4. Who did the false teachers entice to do wrong? [2:14]
They enticed unstable souls. That is, they enticed unstable people.
5. What did Balaam, son of Beor, love? [2:15]
He loved to be paid for doing unrighteous things.
6. Who stopped the prophet Balaam from doing something insane? [2:16]
A mute donkey speaking in a human voice stopped Balaam.
7. How did Peter describe the false teachers? [2:17]
They were like springs without water and like mists driven by a storm.
8. How do you think the false teachers were like springs without water? [2:17]
Springs without water do not provide people with the water they need. False teachers do not provide people with the truth, which they need.
9. Who did the false teachers entice to sin? [2:18]
They enticed people who were trying to escape from those who lived in error.

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10. What did Peter write about what the false teachers promised and how they lived? [2:19]
They promised freedom to people while they themselves were slaves of corruption.
11. To what did Peter say a person was a slave? [2:19]
A person was a slave to whatever overcame him.
12. What is worse than being trapped by the corruption of the world? [2:20]
It is worse to escape the corruption of the world by knowing Jesus and then being entangled again in corruption and overcome by it.
13. What would be better for those who escape the corruptions of the world through the knowledge of Jesus Christ and then return to them? [2:21]
It would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness.
14. Why do you think Peter quoted a proverb and said that it was true for them? [2:22]
Perhaps Peter meant that returning to a life of sin is as disgusting as a dog eating its own vomit and a cleaned pig getting dirty in the mud again.

Comment Section:

3:1-13

Part 1

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

- ☐ Peter wrote to stir up the minds of the believers so that they would remember the words of the prophets and the commands of the Lord. [3:1-2]
- ☐ Peter said that mockers would come and deny the return of Jesus. [3:3]
- ☐ The mockers were forgetting that the world had been destroyed by the flood and the heavens and earth were reserved for judgment by fire. [3:4-7]
- ☐ The Lord was not slow about returning but was displaying his patience because he desires all men to come to repentance. [3:9]
- ☐ The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, destroying the heavens and the earth. [3:10-12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Peter say was the purpose of this letter and the one he had written earlier? [3:1-2]
The purpose of these letters was to remind the people to remember what the holy prophets in the past said and what the Lord and Savior commanded through the apostles.
2. How will mockers behave in the last days? [3:3]
They will act according to their own desires.
3. What will mockers say in the last days? [3:4]
Mockers will question the promise of Jesus' return and say that all things remained the same since the beginning of creation.
4. Why do you think the people were to believe that the Lord would return? [3:4]
People were to believe it because the Lord promised that he would return.
5. What did the mockers deliberately forget? [3:5]
Mockers deliberately forgot that the heavens and the earth came to existence out of water and through water by the word of God.
6. What happened to the world [3:6]?
It was destroyed by the flood.
7. For what are the heavens and earth reserved? [3:7]
They are reserved for fire, for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly people.
8. By what word are the heavens and earth reserved for fire? [3:5, 7]
They are reserved for fire by the word of God.

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9. Of what were the believers to be aware? [3:8]?

One day with the Lord was like a thousand years and a thousand years were like one day.

10. Why is the Lord patient towards the beloved? [3:9]

The Lord is patient because he does not want any of them to perish. He wants everyone to repent.

11. How did Peter say the day of the Lord would come? [3:10]

The day of the Lord would come like a thief.

12. Since the heavens and the earth will be destroyed, how are the people of God to live? [3:11]

They are to live holy and godly lives.

13. How are the people of God to feel about the day of God? [3:12]

They are to expect that day to come, and hope that it will come soon.

14. What will happen on the Day of God? [3:12-13]

The heavens will be destroyed by fire, and the elements will be melted in great heat.

15. Why are believers to wait for the new heavens and the new earth? [2:13]

They are to wait because God promised that they would come.

Comment Section:

3:14-18

Part 1

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

- ☐ Peter encouraged the believers to be found spotless and blameless before the Lord. [3:14]
- ☐ Peter wrote about the Lord's patience. [3:15]
- ☐ Peter warned them about people who distorted Paul's teachings and the other scriptures. [3:16]
- ☐ Peter encouraged the believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. [3:18]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How are the believers, who expect the coming of the Lord, to behave? [3:14]
They are to do their best to be found spotless and blameless before the Lord.
2. What is the purpose of the Lord's patience? [3:15]
It is so that people can be saved.
3. What was to happen to undisciplined and unstable men who distorted Paul's writings and other Scriptures? [3:16]
They would be destroyed.
4. What did Peter tell the believers to guard themselves from? [3:17]
He told them to guard themselves from being led astray and from losing their own faithfulness.
5. What did Peter command the beloved to do? [3:18]
He commanded them to grow in the grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Comment Section: