

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- **MOVING FORWARD!**
- **NEW ELDERS**
 - BILL FRANKS
 - BOB BLOMBERG
- **NEW DEACONS**
 - JIM AND JUDI BOWMAN
 - KERRY CONGDON
 - KRISTA LUCAS
 - LIZ STANLEY
 - BARB STEADMAN
- **BUDGET APPROVED: \$799K**
 - KARA BARLOW, FRANCE
 - NEW HOPE REFUGEE MINISTRIES
 - CANDACE FISH, CONVERGE
 - ANCHOR & KEY (RENEE AND JIMMY STORY)

Author: Apostle Peter

Date: A.D. 60-64 (before Peter's martyrdom)

Occasion: Suffering in a pagan society

Audience: Gentile and Jewish converts; mostly Gentile

Focus: Jesus! "a lamb," "the living Stone," "the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls," "Chief Shepherd" – Our Savior and Our Lord, Our Model

Key Words: "Suffer" – 12x, "Submit" – 6x, "Hope" – 5x, "Do good" – 4x = Trust God our Living Hope by enduring suffering and doing good like Jesus did.



ALIEN

Living in a Chaotic World

1 PETER

Broad Outline of 1 Peter: Alien Living in a Chaotic World

- 1:1-2:10 Reason for Alien Living: Chosen by God
- 2:13-3:22 Alien Living Witnesses through Submission
- 4:1-5:14 Alien Living Stands Firm in Joyful Hope

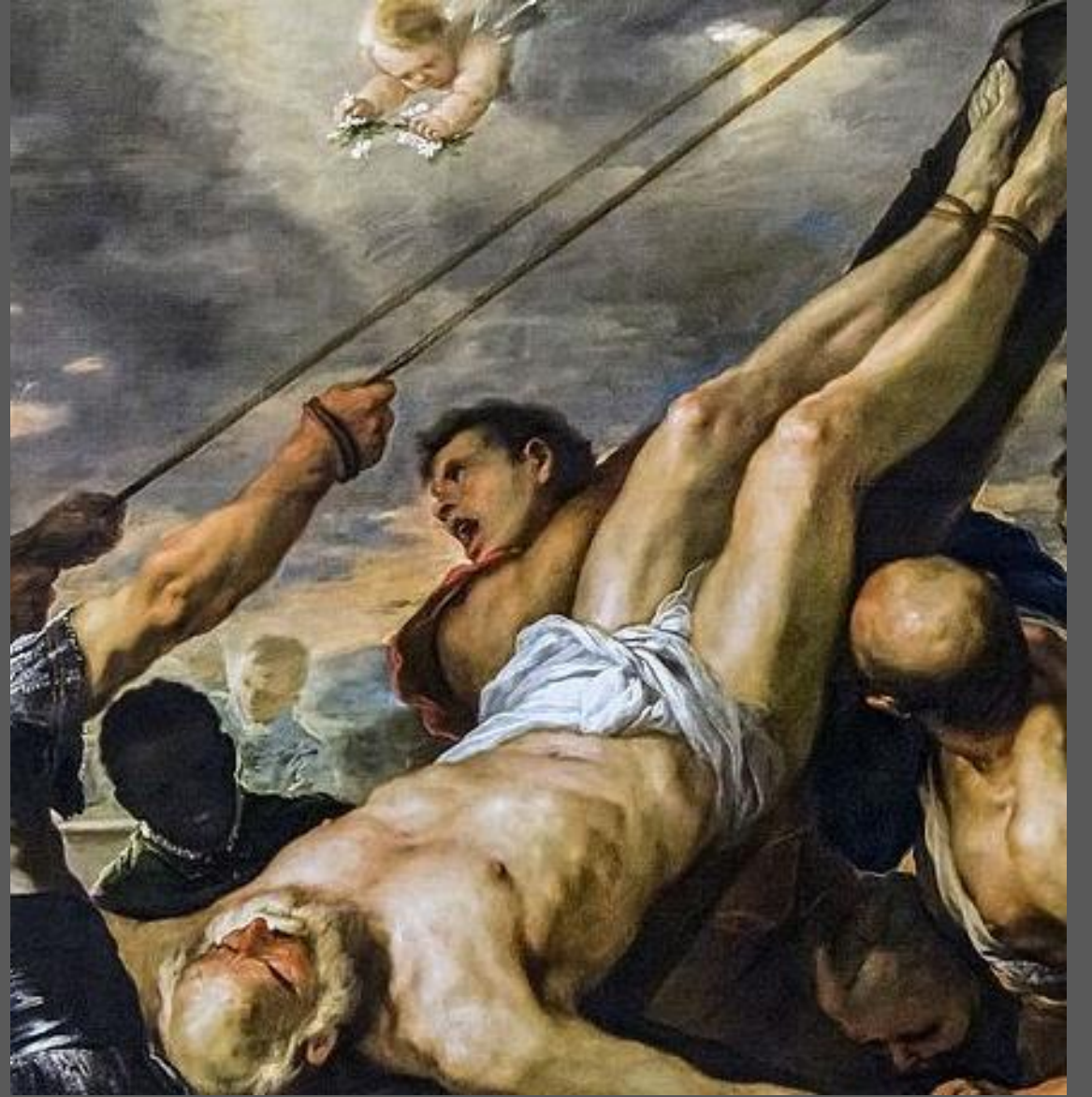




Peter's Resume

- Jewish Fisherman from Galilee named Simon
- Called and renamed by Jesus
- First to perceive Jesus as Messiah
- One of the three “inner circle” friends of Jesus
- Walked on water
- Denied knowing Jesus 3x
- Restored by Jesus – “Feed my sheep”
- Bold preacher of the Gospel
- Miraculously released from prison
- Martyred – tradition says crucified upside-down





Peter's Kingdom Calling

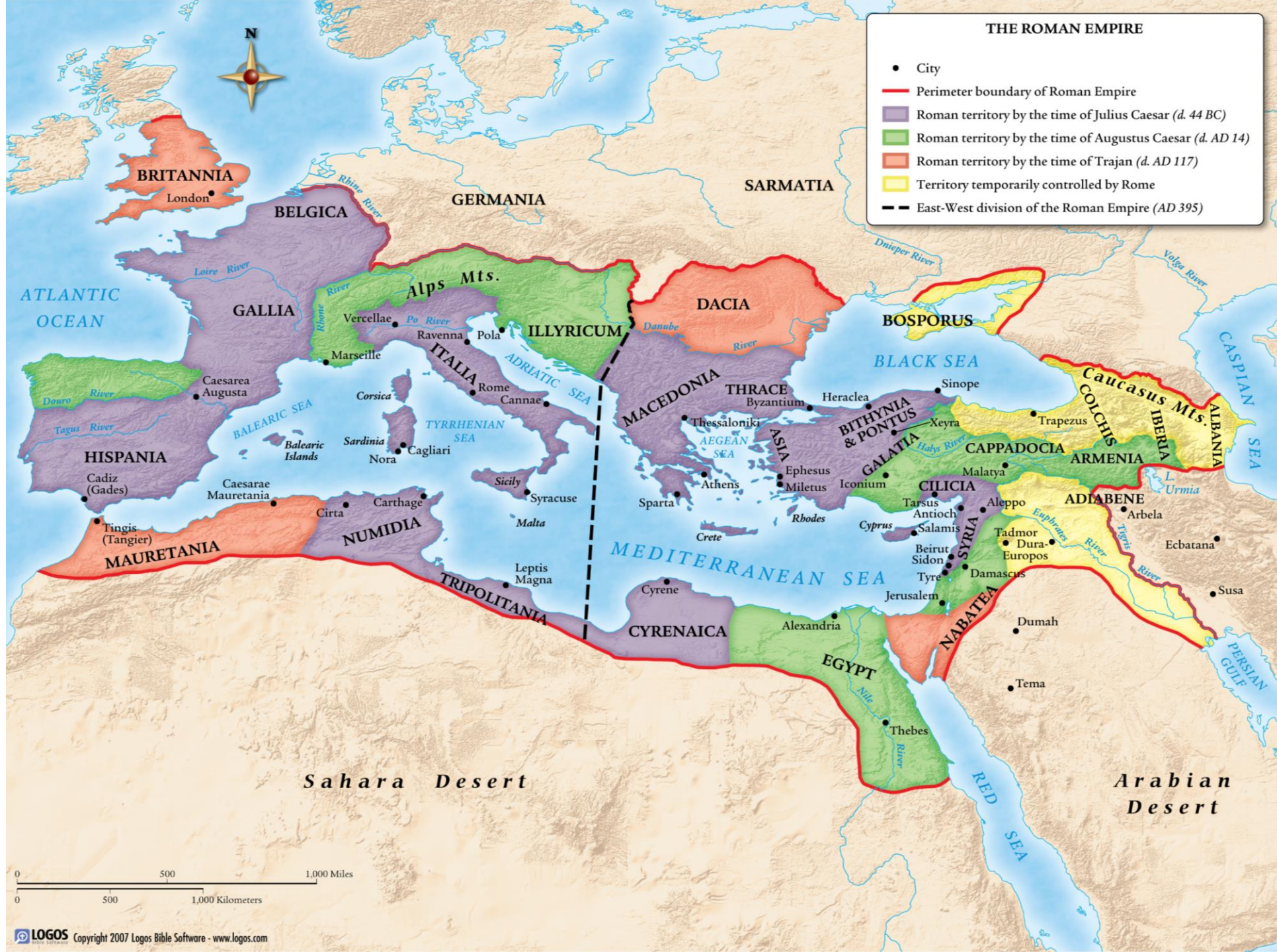
“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22:31-32



The Lord deals in futures!





THE ROMAN EMPIRE

- City
- Perimeter boundary of Roman Empire
- Roman territory by the time of Julius Caesar (d. 44 BC)
- Roman territory by the time of Augustus Caesar (d. AD 14)
- Roman territory by the time of Trajan (d. AD 117)
- Territory temporarily controlled by Rome
- East-West division of the Roman Empire (AD 395)

0 500 1,000 Miles
 0 500 1,000 Kilometers

A Rejected People

“It seems to me to be necessary to get advice, because many in every age group, every status of life, and both male and female are now in danger and will be in the future. This plague of superstition has spread over the cities and over the fields and villages, but I believe that its advance can be stopped.”

Pliny the Younger, “Letters, Book 10, Letter 16” AD 112





ALIEN

Living in a Chaotic World

1 PETER

Chosen by God

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28



Citizens of Heaven

“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth...Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”

Hebrews 11:13,16



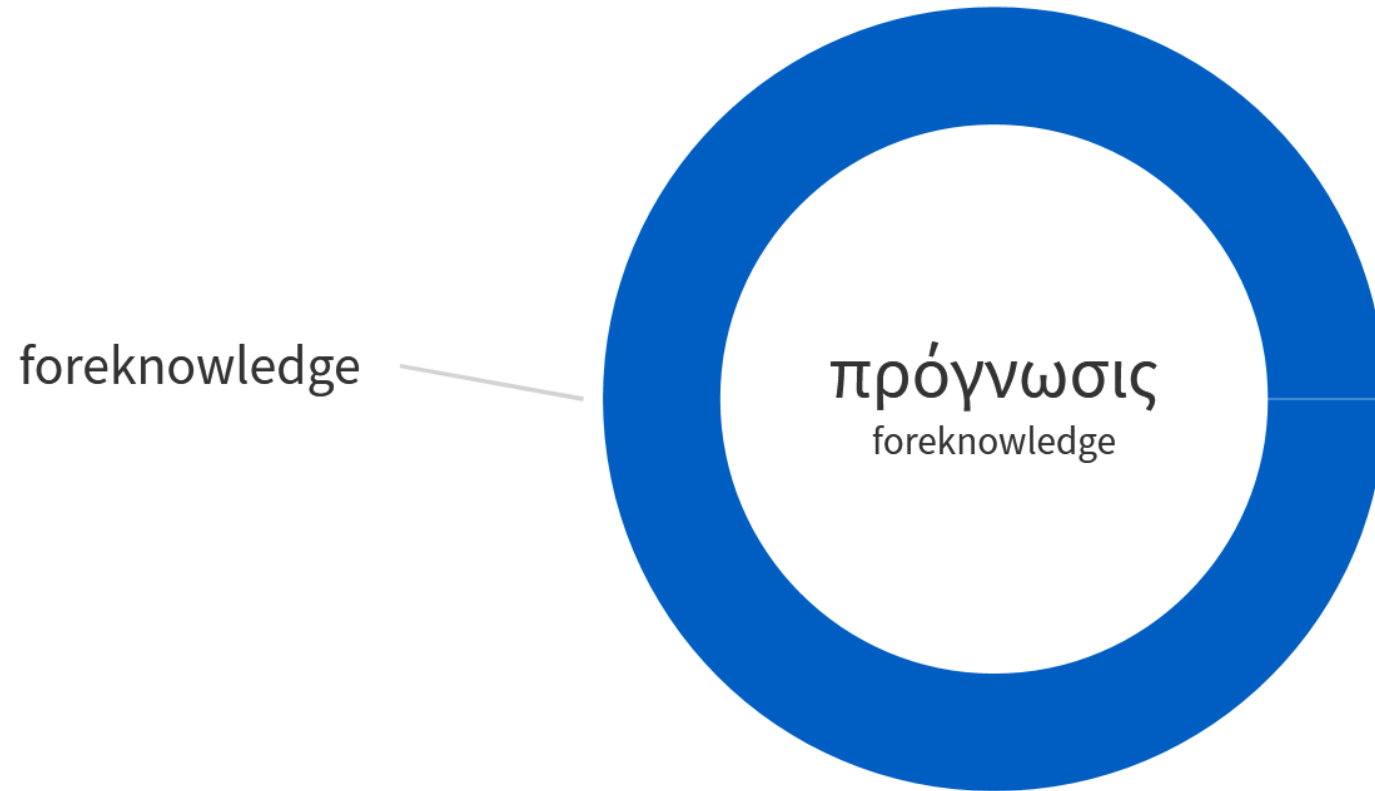
Chosen by God

Believers have been chosen...

1. ACCORDING to the FOREKNOWLEDGE of God the FATHER,
2. THROUGH the SANCTIFYING work of the SPIRIT,
3. TO be OBEDIENT to JESUS CHRIST and sprinkled with His blood.



Prognosis: Pro – before + Gnosis - knowledge



God's Foreknowledge is Complete

“Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD...All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

Psalm 139: 4,16





Free will but not sovereign



Sovereign with no responsibility



Men treat God's sovereignty as a
theme for controversy, but in
Scripture it is matter for worship.

J.I. Packer

Chosen by God

Believers have been chosen...

1. ACCORDING to the FOREKNOWLEDGE of God the FATHER,
2. THROUGH the SANCTIFYING work of the SPIRIT,
3. TO be OBEDIENT to JESUS CHRIST and sprinkled with His blood.



Chosen by God

Believers have been chosen...

1. ACCORDING to the FOREKNOWLEDGE of God the FATHER,
2. THROUGH the SANCTIFYING work of the SPIRIT,
3. TO be OBEDIENT to JESUS CHRIST and sprinkled with His blood.





ALIEN

Living in a Chaotic World

1 PETER

Prayer of Blessing

- NIV “Grace and Peace be yours in abundance.”
- MSG “May everything good from God be yours!”
- CEV “I pray that God will be kind to you and will keep on giving you peace!”
- NASB “May grace and peace be yours to the fullest measure.”

