

1 Peter Ch 1: 1 - 9

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1 Peter 1: 1-9

Ch 1: 1-2 – **A. Salutation**

Ch 1: 3 -9 – **B. Our Living Hope - Our Salvation**

1. The source of our Hope
2. The nature of our Hope
3. The certainty of our Hope
4. What Hope does for Christians

1. Who are named in vs1?

1 Peter 1:1

¹ “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen...”

1. Peter – an apostle of Jesus Christ

2. Aliens (Strangers, Sojourners, Pilgrims, Exiles, Foreigners) Believers who are chosen (elect)

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1-1 Peter

- A. His job—“an apostle.” (Fisher of Men)
- B. His dignity—authoritative messenger.
- C. His brotherhood—“an.” No claim of supremacy.
- D. His Lord—“Jesus Christ.”
 - a. Sent by Him
 - b. To speak of Him
 - c. To serve Him.

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1-2 Aliens (Strangers, Sojourners, Pilgrims, Exiles, Foreigners)

A Christian's citizenship is in Heaven.

Phil. 3: 20

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

1. Who are named in vs1?

2. Believers who are chosen.

A. They are believers who are only strangers or pilgrims scattered over the earth.

B. You are the chosen of God.



- Territories gained by Cyrus (550 BC)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (547 BC)
- Territories gained by Cyrus (539 BC)
- Territories gained by Cambyses II
- Territories temporarily gained by Xerxes I

Sahara Desert

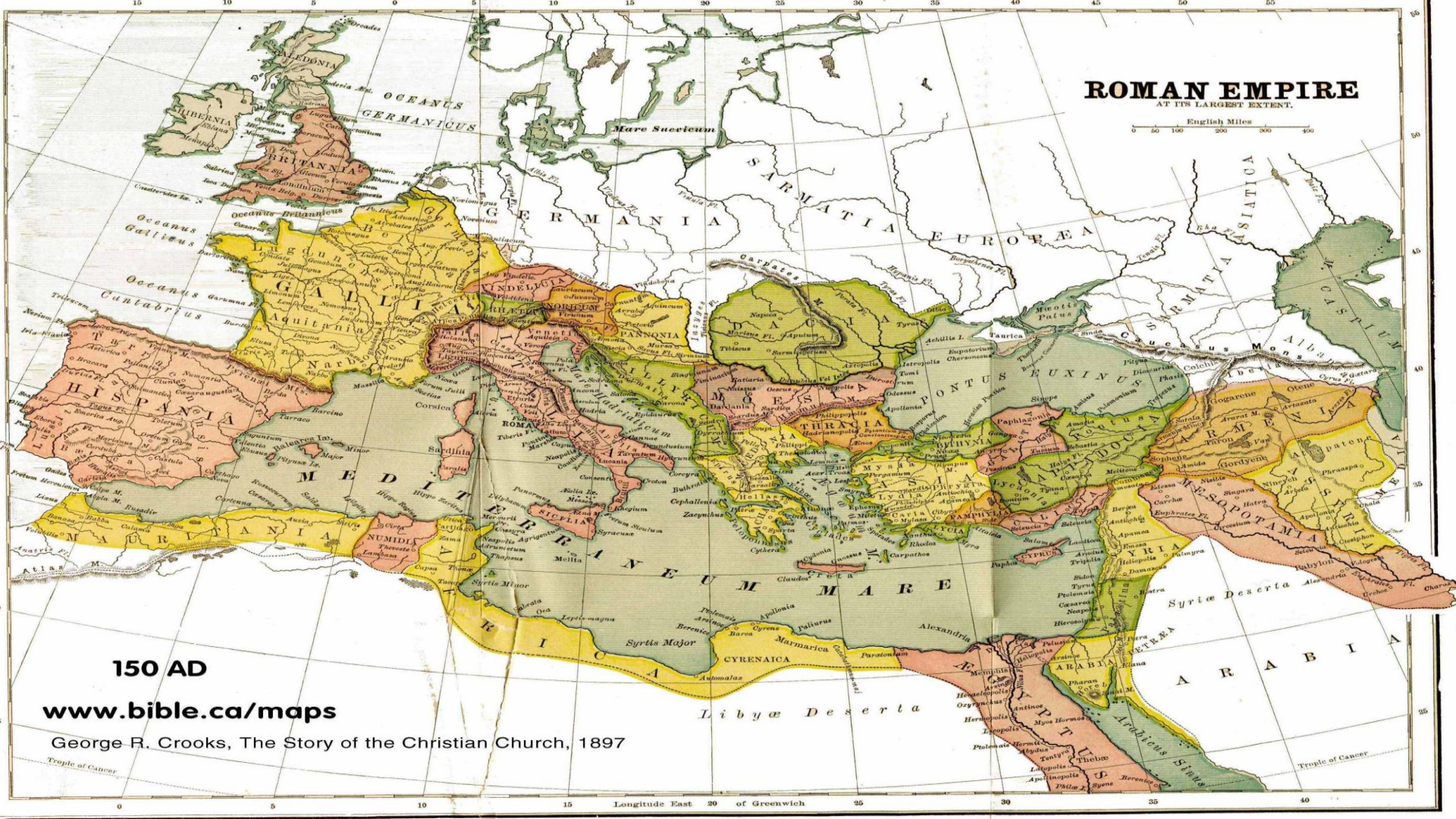
Arabian Desert

ARABIAN

ROMAN EMPIRE

AT ITS LARGEST EXTENT.

English Miles
0 50 100 200 300 400



150 AD

www.bible.ca/maps

George R. Crooks, The Story of the Christian Church, 1897

Longitude East of Greenwich

Where did they
reside? (vs 1)

1 Peter 1:1
“...scattered
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² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

2. How had Peter's readers been chosen and by whom were they chosen? ([1:2](#))

3. They are people elected (foreknowledge) by God (v.2)

Foreknowledge- "Prognosis"

Comes from two words

Pro – before

Ginosko – prearrange

A. It means "forethought, prearrangement"

B. Being the "elect" (chosen) of God is in keeping with God's plan which He designed beforehand

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Gal. 1: 3-6

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

2. How had Peter's readers been chosen and by whom were they chosen? (1:2)

Gal. 1: 10-14

10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him

11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

2. How had Peter's readers been chosen and by whom were they chosen? (1:2)

4. They are provided by the sanctifying work of the Spirit (v.2)

A. The Holy Spirit is given to us as a pledge of our inheritance

Eph. 1: 13-14

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B. The result of the work of God and the Holy Spirit will result in the work of Jesus Christ in salvation.

I. Faith

Eph 2: 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God;*

II. Repentance

Acts 11: 18 18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads to life.*"

III. Regeneration

Titus 3: 5 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

IV. Adoption

Rom. 8: 16-17 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

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5. They are people set apart to God and covered by the blood of Christ (v.2)

6. They are people who obey God (v.2)

7. They are people who experience grace and peace (v.2)

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1 Peter 1: 1-2

God Chose Before The World

Who?	Those Who Obey The Gospel
Where?	Those In Christ's Church (Body)
When?	Baptized Into The Family of God
How?	God's Predetermined Plan – Sanctification -Obedience- Purification
What?	Forgiveness – Grace and Peace – Eternal Life

3. What has God given to Peter and his readers?

1 Peter 1:3

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1. The source of our Hope - God the Father by His great mercy.
2. The nature of our Hope – By God's great mercy we are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The nature of our Hope

Christ is the only sacrifice for sins that God required.

Acts 2:23

²³ this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

The nature of our Hope

The Holy Spirit makes God's chosen holy, by saving and setting them apart from sin and unbelief to faith and righteousness.

1 Thessalonians 1:4

⁴ knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you;

2 Thessalonians 2:13

¹³ But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

The certainty of our Hope

Faith in Christ will allow Christians the opportunity for Eternal Life.

Philippians 3:9

⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

The certainty of our Hope

Faith is the groundwork and support of obedience and patience.

1. Faith establishes Christians in believing;
2. Obedience directs them in doing;
3. Patience comforts them in suffering.

Their faith is to be grounded on their redemption and salvation by Jesus Christ, the inheritance of immortality bought by His blood.

Living Hope – Eternal Life

Psalm 43:5

⁵ Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

2 Thessalonians 2:16

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,

Romans 15:4

⁴ For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

1. Comes from God;

2. Is a gift of grace;

3. Is defined by
Scripture;

Living Hope – Eternal Life

4. Is a reasonable reality;

1 Peter 3:5

⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;

5. Is secured by the resurrection of Jesus Christ;

1 Corinthians 15:17

¹⁷ and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

6. Is confirmed in the Christian by the Holy Spirit;

Romans 15:13

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Living Hope – Eternal Life

7. Defends the Christian against Satan's attack;

8. Is confirmed through trials;

9. Produces a blessing;

1 Thessalonians 5:8

⁸ But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

Romans 5:3-5

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;
⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;
⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Psalms 146:5

⁵ How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

Living Hope – Eternal Life

10. Is fulfilled in
Christ's return.

Titus 2:13

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

4. Into what kind of inheritance did Peter say his readers had been born? Vs 4

1 Peter 1:4

4 to *obtain* an inheritance *which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

What Hope does for Christians

Our Inheritance

1. Imperishable

Refers to what is not corruptible, not liable to death, or not subject to destruction.

2. Undefiled

Describes things that are unstained or unpolluted.

3. Will not fade away

The term in this context suggests that believers have an inheritance that will never lose its magnificence. None of the decaying elements of the world can affect the kingdom of heaven

4. Reserved in heaven

The existing inheritance being carefully guarded in heaven for all those who trust in Christ.

5. By what are believers shielded? For how long? (1:5)

1 Peter 1:5

⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

God's **power** is His sovereign omnipotence that continuously protects His elect.

Rom 8: 31 **31** What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

Salvation is both a present reality experienced through the believer's new birth in Christ and a promise of final deliverance in the future.

6. What is the present condition of Peter's readers? (1:6)

1 Peter 1: 6

6 In this you **greatly rejoice**, even though now **for a little while**, if necessary, **you have been distressed by various trials**,

James 1: 2-3

2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

God's grace is sufficient for every human trial.

7. Why had trials come to Peter's audience? (1:7)

1 Peter 1: 7

7 so that the **proof of your faith**, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to **result** in **praise** and **glory** and **honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ**;

The purpose of trials and temptations

- A. To test and prove our faith
- B. To bring praise, glory and honor when Christ returns

8. What benefit is there in suffering? (1:7)

1 Peter 1: 7

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Trials and temptations - Refine your faith

9. What had Peter's readers done even though they had not seen Jesus? ([1:8](#))

1 Peter 1: 8

8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

Love Him

Believe in Him

Rejoice in Him

10. What did Peter say was the goal of their faith? ([1:9](#))

1 Peter 1: 9

9 obtaining as **the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.**

Christians conquer trials and temptations

- A. By your love of Christ (1:8)
- B. By your belief in Christ (1:8)
- C. By your joy in Christ (1:8)
- D. **By your salvation in Christ** (1:9)