

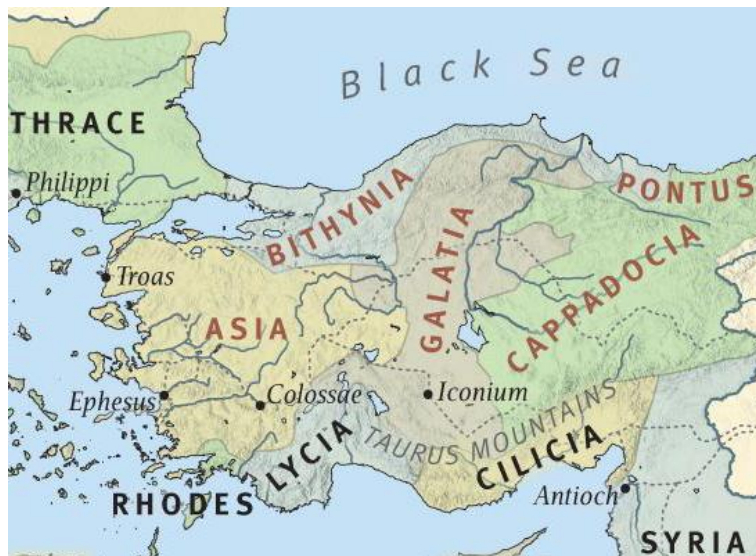


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III. The Epistles: Romans – Revelation

D. Letters by Other Authors: Hebrews – Jude.

1. HEBREWS:
2. JAMES:
3. **FIRST PETER:** Written in c. AD 58-62 to Gentile Christians in five of Anatolia (Turkey), Peter encourages them to walk in holiness and live in light of Christ's promises as they face growing persecution and various trials.



- a. Peter may have ministered in this area before moving to Rome. **Acts 12:17.**
- b. Somehow he's heard how the believers are struggling as outsiders in their native lands. Though they are residents, they feel alienated from their culture. **1:1; 2:11**

- c. Peter reminds them that though they're rejected by men, they have been chosen by God (1:2ff). As such, they should live holy lives in every area of life, looking for the final reward at Christ's coming. **1:2ff**

- d. A key verse: **1 Peter 1:13–16.**

INTRO- DUCTION 1:1–12	BODY OF THE LETTER 1:13–5:11			CON- CLUSION 5:12–14
	LIVING THE NEWNESS OF LIFE INITIATED IN SALVATION 1:13–2:10	THE ORDERING OF RELATIONSHIPS FOR CHRISTIAN SOJOURNERS 2:11–4:11	ENDURING THE ORDEAL OF SUFFERING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE 4:12–5:11	

4. **2 PETER:** Written c. AD 67–68 (to the same readers as 1 Peter?), he urges them to continue growing in the grace & knowledge of Christ so as to avoid grave spiritual derailments threatened by a coming surge of false teachers & scoffers.

- a. In 1st Peter the church faced trouble from aggressors on the outside. In less than a decade, the more pressing problem was trouble within by false teachers.
- b. The false teachers denied the notion of the 2nd Coming and the judgment to follow. This allowed them to create whatever sort of immoral code of conduct they wished.
- c. Peter warns that judgment will indeed come. In the meantime, true believers are to grow in the life transforming grace of God.

- d. A key verse: **2 Peter 3:13-15a.**

INTRO- DUCTION 1:1–4	BODY OF THE LETTER 1:5–3:13			CON- CLUSION 3:14–18
	AN APOSTOLIC CALL TO GROW IN THE GRACE & KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST 1:5–21	A DESCRIPTIVE WARNING ABOUT THE THREAT OF FALSE TEACHERS 2:1–22	AN IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT PROPHECIES OF THE LORD'S COMING 3:1–13	

5. **1 JOHN:** Written between AD 80–90, John assures believers around Ephesus that they have true faith despite doubts sown in their minds by false teachers who had led a great schism.

- a. The churches had been invaded by false teachers who claimed to have a special knowledge of God. John counters their claims, spelling out the marks of those who truly know God.
- b. The false teachers ignored the problem of sin and diminished the role of Jesus Christ as Savior. John argues that these false teachers were not authorized by Christ but were of anti-Christ.

- c. Three great themes that John stresses are walking in fellowship with God in the light of the Gospel, living a life of observable righteousness, and loving those in the household of faith.
- d. A key verse: **1 John 5:13**.

INTRODUCTION 1:1-4	BODY OF THE LETTER 1:5-5:12			CONCLUSION 5:13-21
	ASSURANCES OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE GOD OF LIGHT 1:5-2:27	ASSURANCES OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE GOD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS 2:28-4:6	ASSURANCES OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE GOD OF LOVE 4:7-5:12	

- 6. **2 John:** Written between AD 80-90, John writes to a “chosen lady” (either a key woman, or a local church) and encourages hospitality for Christian workers and the refusal of false workers.
 - a. John commends the spiritual growth of the lady’s children (either literal children, or members of the church), and encourages them to continue their service for Christ, including the care of traveling Christian workers.
 - b. But John warns them not to extend hospitality to false teachers lest they end up partaking in their evil deeds.
 - c. A key verse: **2 John 9**.

Reminder of the Fundamental Command to Show Love vv. 5-6	Caution about Becoming Entangled with False Teachers vv. 7-9	Command Not To Show Hospitality to False Teachers vv. 10-11
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- 7. **3 John:** Written between AD 80-90, John writes to Gaius to commend his hospitality for Christian workers despite the opposition of Diotrophes, a leader who rejected John.
 - a. John’s letter publicly commends Gaius and condemns Diotrophes, preparing the way for John’s visit when he would personally straighten out these matters.
 - b. A key verse. **3 John 11**.

Commendation of Gaius for His Ministry of Hospitality vv. 5-8	Rebuke of Diotrophes for His Rebellious Leadership vv. 9-10	Commendation of Godly Examples vv. 11-12
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- 8. **JUDE:** Written around AD 68-69, Jude writes to churches by an invaded by false teaches, urging them to contend for the faith and to build themselves up in the faith as revealed thru the apostles.

- a. Jude follows up with the readers of 2 Peter, encouraging them to remembers how they had been warned before about the coming incursion of false teachers.
- b. Jude highlights the depravity of the false teachers who denied the Lord’s coming and final judgment, showing how they were indeed destined for great judgment.
- c. A key verse: **Jude 24-25**.

THE FALSE TEACHERS DESCRIBED IN TERMS OF THEIR CARNAL CHARACTER & ULTIMATE JUDGMENT 1:5-16	THE AFFECTED BELIEVERS INSTRUCTED IN MAINTAINING THE FAITH & MINISTERING TO THE ERRANT VV. 17-23
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- 9. **REVELATION:** Written between AD 90-95, John addresses 7 churches in Asia Minor, sharing four visions given by Jesus about the life of the church & the end times. He challenges believers to turn away from sin & continue in faithfulness in light of future judgments & final glory.
 - a. The first vision (**1:9-3:22**) is of the ascended Christ who gives authoritative words to the churches of John’s day.
 - b. The second vision (**4:1-16:21**) reveals the great throne room of heaven and the fallout of the Great Tribulation.
 - c. The third vision (**17:1-21:8**) describes the return of Christ in glory and the millennial kingdom He will usher in.
 - d. The final vision (**21:9-22:5**) describes the eternal state in the New Jerusalem, the New Heaven, & the New Earth.
 - e. The book ends with Jesus’ final words & John’s invitation for people to prepare for Jesus’ coming.
 - f. A key verse: **Rev 22:12-13**.

INTRODUCTION: JOHN’S GREETING & CHRIST’S OPENING WORDS 1:1-8	BODY OF THE BOOK: FOUR HEAVENLY VISIONS 1:9-22:5				CONCLUSION: JOHN’S INVITATION & CHRIST’S FINAL WORDS 22:6-21
	THE FIRST VISION: THE ASCENDED CHRIST & THE SEVEN CHURCHES 1:9-3:22	THE SECOND VISION: THE THRONE ROOM & THE GREAT TRIBULATION 4:1-16:21	THE THIRD VISION: THE COMING KING & FINAL JUDGMENTS 17:1-21:8	THE FOURTH VISION: THE NEW CREATION & THE ETERNAL STATE 21:9-22:5	