

# A Survey of the New Testament

## Lesson 24: 2 Peter

### “The Promises of God”

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**Summary:** God’s promises to believers help them to live godly lives as they wait for the second coming.

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

- He identified himself as the author (1:1).
- He referenced Jesus’ prophecy about his \_\_\_\_\_ (1:14).
- He claimed to be an eyewitness of Jesus (1:16).
- He referenced a previous letter (3:1).
- Differences in writing style, vocabulary, etc. might come from Silvanus (1 Pet. 5:12).

**Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_ in general

- He addressed those who have faith (1:1).
- He also anticipated that \_\_\_\_\_ believers would use this book (3:3-4).

**Date:**

- Toward the end of Nero’s persecution.
  - Nero died in A.D. 68.
  - Peter was martyred by Nero.
  - Peter evidently expected to die \_\_\_\_\_ (1:14).
  - Therefore, this epistle was probably written around A.D. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Question:** Assurance vs. Security; which is 2 Peter 1:9-10 referring to?

- Assurance: a personal knowledge that one is saved (man’s responsibility)
- Security: God’s promise to guard the eternal destiny of all who believe on Him (God’s responsibility).
- A Christian’s lifestyle is his own choice.
- Therefore, assurance of salvation is directly proportional to one’s \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**Book Content Overview:**

- Introduction of author and theme (1:1-4)
  - Author: Simon Peter (1:1-2)
  - Theme: The promises of God (1:3-4)
- God’s promises are \_\_\_\_\_ by diligently pursuing godliness (1:5-21).
  - Faith believes God’s promises (1:5a).
  - Other virtues assure the Christian that he will receive the promises (5b-11).

- Peter’s writings reminded them of the promises (1:12-21).
- God’s promises are \_\_\_\_\_ by false prophets (2:1-22).
  - False prophets distort God’s promises for gain (2:1-3a).
  - False prophets are promised \_\_\_\_\_ judgment (2:3b-16).
  - False prophets teach people to forsake God’s promises (2:17-22).
- Jesus’ promised return is true regardless of what \_\_\_\_\_ say (3:1-14).
  - The promise of Jesus’ second coming will be attacked by scoffers (3:1-7).
  - Yet, God’s promises will remain true even until heaven and earth are \_\_\_\_\_ (3:8-14).
- Conclusion (3:15-18)

**Important Person:**

- Peter: the author
- Paul: the author of many \_\_\_\_\_ epistles

**Key Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Peter recognized that his writings were inspired to help Christians and expected them to last \_\_\_\_\_ (1:15).
- Peter’s writings would be even more sure than an eye-witness testimony because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit (1:19a, 21).
- Peter recognized \_\_\_\_\_ writings as inspired (3:15).

**Application: Diligently pursue godliness so you may be a fruitful Christian.**