

2 Peter Series

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Introduction

Who wrote 2 Peter?

When did he write 2 Peter?

Why did he write 2 Peter?

When did 2 Peter become recognized as part of the Canon of the New Testament?

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2 Pet. 3:1, “Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),”

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Similarities.

Salutation:

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1 Pet. 1:1, “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,”

2 Pet. 1:2, “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,”

1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

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- 4. Assumption that Peter borrowed from Jude.**

Dissimilarities can be explained by different circumstances.

Also, similarities between 2 Pet. and Peter's sermons in Acts.

“As to the writings of Peter, one of his Epistles, called the First, is acknowledged as genuine. But that which is called the Second, we have not indeed understood to be embodied with the Sacred Books; yet as it appeared useful to many, it was studiously read with the other sacred Scriptures”

**~Eusebius, early 4th century
History of the Church, iii. 3**

“Among the disputed books, although they are well known and approved by many, is reported that called the Epistle of James and Jude, also the Second Epistle of Peter and the Second and Third Epistles of John”

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When did he write?

Date:

***ca.* AD 67**

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Why did he write?

To prepare the believers to stand against the coming of false teachers.