

Authenticity. Arguments against: (1) lack of early attestation. Some say only allusions in 130, 178, 185, while others see earlier allusions. (2) Style diff from 1 Pet. 55/1686 hapax legomena in NT in 2 Pet. Only 100 words common to 1 & 2 Peter. But 1 Pet quotes much from OT and 2 Pet does not. Also subject is diff. And certain similarities like use of "precious" and "blameless." (3) 2 Pet copied from Jude and that makes 2 Peter late and written by diff man. Difficult prob to resolve. (4) Doctrine is diff so author must be, but this is based on preconceived notion. (5) Mention of P's epistles (3:15-6) must place it later since not enuf time for P's to be acknowledged. Arguments in favor: (1) Use of Simon--forger wouldn't (2) Use of similar words. (3) Reference to transfiguration. (4) Acceptance in canon demands apostolic weight behind it.

Date. 66-67. Earlier than Jude bec apostates present in Jude and future in 2 Pet.

Place. Depends on Babylon of 1 Pet 5:13. Euphrates or Rome. Martyrdom near. Prob Rome.

Key word is knowledge and key that remember.

I. The Promises of Faith, 1:1-21.

Intro. Greeting, 1-2. Name--Simon Peter. Titles, servant and apostle, Congregation--those who obtained faith like in honor to apostles'. Sal--grace etc.

Note prominende of knowledge, 2.

A. Ground of promises of God, 3-4.

1. Basis, power and calling, 3.
2. Time--given perf ptc., 3
3. Appropriation--knowledge, 3
4. Result--partaker and escapee, 4.

B. Growth in promises of God, 5-11.

Things "given" in 3-4 have logical outgrowth in Xn character described in these vss.

1. The Command to grow, 5. "And beside this" tran "Bec of this". Give diligence. cf Rom 12:11; Heb 6:11. Not sluggish or self-indulgent.

Lit. having intended ^{all diligence} ~~struggle~~ you provide (cor. lips.)

God provided v 34. Mc 5-7

2. The Character of Growth, 5-7.
 - a. To faith moral excellence. Of God in 1:3.
 - b. Knowledge. Insight and understanding.
 - c. Self-control. This will keep knowledge from becoming puffed up.
 - d. Endurance. In afflictions esp.
 - e. Godliness. lit-to worship well. Loyal devotion toward God. Implies action, 1 Tim 4:7-8.
 - f. Brotherly love.
 - g. Love. Prob to God. Agape involves knowledge and is act of will as moved by emotions. Reason and choice involved. Philos can't be commanded bec it's entirely emotional.

3. The Consequences of Growth, 8-11.
 - a. Negative ones, 8-9.
 - (1) Not idle (2) Not ^{W^o}fruitful (3) Not blind--if don't grow can never see all you have in X. This involves being near-sighted and forgetful.
 - b. Positive, 10-11.
 - (1) Calling sure from our standpoint. It is attested to by holy life. Make is middle--make for selves.
 - (2) No stumbling in race if continually grow. Pres tense.
 - (3) Abundant entrance. Entrance not in doubt but abundance is.

- C. Guarantee of the Promises of God, 12-21.
 1. By Apostle's own word, 12-15. This was his ministry as long as alive. John 21:18-19.
 2. By the Transfiguration, 16-18. Message was no hoax and transfig was preview. Peter just spoke of eternal kgdom. OK from this to see transfig as preview of translation, resp living Israel. Transfig in turn confirms to man the sure word of prophecy and makes it more sure from our view. We should take heed till X appears.
 3. By Prophecies of Scripture, 20-21. Its own
 - (1) Readers' interpretation. (2) Prophecies need to be interpreted in light of others.
 - (3) Prophets of themselves did not interpret future but were carried along by HS. Prophecies are not human in source and that's why a guarantee. V 20 is negative of 21 positive.

II. The Prophecy of False Teachers, 2:1-22.

Not all prophets like those in 1. These future but present in Jude.

A. Their Conduct, 1-3.

1. Secretive--bring in along side.
2. Heretical. /unlimited atonement
3. X-denying. Deny despot who agorazo them.
4. Infectious, 2.
5. Lascivious, pernicious, 2.
6. ~~Excessive~~ Blasphemous, 3.
7. Coveteous, 3. 8. Self-seeking.

B. Their Condemnation, 4-9.

1. Declared, 3b.
2. Illustrated. Angels (of Gen 6); Noah; Sodom

C. Their Characteristics, 10-22.

1. Fleshly in walk, 10.
2. Haughty, 10b~~11~~. Making light of unseen angelic forces of evil whereas even good angels don't.
3. Brutish. Without reason, 12.
4. Sensual, 13. Riot in day time.
5. Hypocritical, 13. Participate in agape.
6. Infamous, 14-16. Adulterous, insatiable, beguiling, covetous, children of God's cursing X rejecting bec false prophets making money of their prophesying as Balaam, Numb 22.
7. Empty, 17. No Jn 7:37.
8. Unstable, 17.
9. Boastful, 18. 10. Seductive, 18.
11. Deceitful, 19. 12. Slaves, 19-20. Escaped stain of world (i.e. conduct but still unregenerate) Still slaves to corruption, 19. Eventually return to showing unregenerate state, 22. 22a from Prov 26:11; 22b unknown. Be heresy conscious; not heresy hunters.

III. The Program of the Future, 3:1-18.

A. Includes derision or denial, 1-4.

~~Believer~~ ^{A. time} should remember commandmts concn watching for return, 1-2. Then expect derision in last days (all since Pentecost)(esp end of ch).

B. Content, 4a. C. Basis 4b. Since fathers (Xns of preceeding generation). Apostles looked for Him.

- B. Includes delay, 5-9.
1. Proof of history, 5-7. "standing out of water" reference to Gen 1:2. Rest to flood prob. Or whole thing to original destruction of Gen 1:2. Destruction came. That's the point. If flood delay was 120 yrs.
 2. Proof of nature of God, 8-9.
 - a. His viewpoint on time, 8.
 - b. His veracity on truth, 9. Longsuffering but will keep his promises of destruction.
- C. Includes destruction or dissolution, 10-13.
1. Nature of it. Complete, 11. Loose, 11.
 2. Time of it. In limits of Day of Lord; i.e. at end. Not signs at beg. bec this is complete dest. Day of God is cause of it. Not "wherein" in v 12 but "on acct. of which". Day of God's coming i.e. eternity is cause of destruction.
 3. Effect of it, 11. Holy life and godly.
- D. Includes ^{development} diligence (for Xn), 14-17.
1. ^{for proper} Deportment, 14.
 2. Desire, 15. To see others saved, and realize this is why God is delaying. P said in Rom 2:4.
 3. Discretion or discernment, 17. To be forewarned isto be forearmed.
 4. Development, 18. cf 1:5ff.
- Doxology, 18b.