

Summary of First Peter.

Chapter 1-5

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Authorship

- It is unanimously agreed from early church history that first Peter is written by apostle Peter, the disciple of Jesus Christ. 1:1 and 5:12.
- Early church fathers quoted Peter in their writings.

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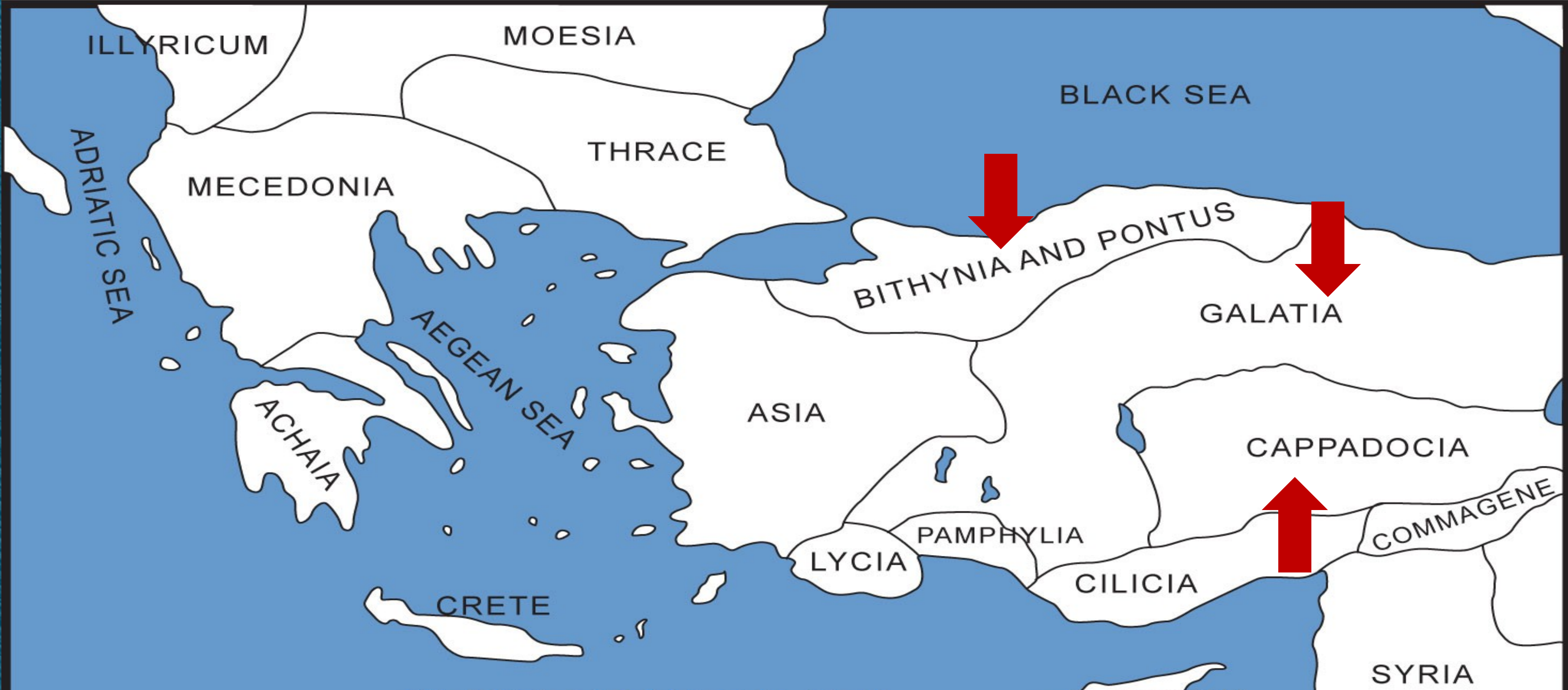
- Irenaeus, who lived from A.D. 130 until well into the next century, twice quoted 1 Peter 1:8 and once quoted Peter 2:16. Along with that Clement of Rome and Polycarp mentioned Peter in their writings.

Authorship

- Peter was one of the key disciples of Jesus Christ. Along with James and John, he was part of the inner circle Mark 5:37; 9:2 and 14:33.
- He was introduced to Jesus by his own brother, Andrew. John 1:42
- He was from Bethsaida. John 1:44

Recipients

Map of Asia Minor



Date of writing

- Historians tell us that fire broke out in Rome on 19th July, 64 A.D.
- Nero was emperor of Rome at that time.
- He blamed the Christians for this fire and started persecuting them.
- Apostle Peter wrote this letter during that time to encourage the believers.
- Possible date is 62-64 A.D

Major themes in the book

- Followings are the major themes in 1 Peter which we will be studying in coming days.
- Salvation 1:1-12
- Sanctification 1: 13-2:12
- Submission 2:13-25;3:1-7; and 5:5
- Serving each other 4:1-6 and 5: 1

Purpose of writing

- The purpose of the book is to encourage the believers to remain steadfast in the times of suffering. 1 Peter 5:12 he writes “ I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

CONCLUSION

- William Barclay writes “ Of all the General Epistles it is probably true that First Peter is the best known and loved, and the most read. No one has been in any doubt about its charm.”
- This letter shows the pastors heart for the people who were going through difficult time. Peter encourage them to remain steadfast in the grace of God.

CONCLUSION

- This letter has practical application for all of us as we go through suffering. Not only we can encourage ourselves but we can also minister to others, those who are in need.
- I will encourage you to start reading and studying this book in your homes, personal devotions and small groups.