

*The Letter to
God's Elect*

II Peter



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The Three Kinds of Books in the New Testament

Historical

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts

Pauline

TO CHURCHES:

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians

TO INDIVIDUALS:

1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

General

Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

TIME LINE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Historical Books

Gospel–Acts						post–Acts		
A.D. 0	A.D. 30	A.D. 48	A.D. 50	A.D. 53	A.D. 60	A.D. 62	A.D. 67	A.D. 95

Pauline Epistles

		Galatians	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians	1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Romans	Ephesians Colossians Philemon Philippians	1 Timothy Titus	2 Timothy	
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General Epistles

		James				1 Peter 2 Peter	Hebrews Jude	1 John 2 John 3 John Revelation
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Where Godliness Comes From

Lesson 5 • Titus 2:11—3:3

“Thus, the apostle, in this short paragraph of only four verses (11-14), brings together the two boundaries of the Christian era, that is, the first coming of Christ which inaugurated it and the second coming of Christ which will terminate it. He urges us to look back to the one & forward to the other. For we live ‘in between times’ — suspended rather uncomfortably between the ‘already’ and the ‘not yet’.”

The Message of 1 Timothy and Titus (TBST)

John R. W. Stott



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“The two comings of Christ are like two windows. Thru the western window a solemn light streams from Mount Calvary. Thru the eastern window shines the light of a brighter day. And it is because of these two windows that the present age is well lit for the believer. Centered on the cross, focused on the future; we cannot afford to do without the light coming from both directions.”

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Dr. Kenneth Hanna, From the Gospels to Glory, (2015)

Second Peter is the last testament of Simon Peter (1:12-15). Peter *is conscious* that his martyrdom is rapidly approaching. Second Peter *is reminiscent* of Paul's second letter to Timothy. The church is *facing assault* from a hostile world, but it is also *being infiltrated* by false teachers (2:1-22). The church is *at risk of being infected* by the growing indifference to Christ's return and the judgment to follow (3:1-16). Second Peter might well have been written today at the dawning of a third millennium. Like a mirror, it reflects the pagan culture of our times and the prevailing condition of the church. 2nd Peter is greatly needed, yet it is *little known* and is *lightly regarded* in our time.





What are Critical Scholars?



Historical (or, Literary) criticism is a branch of literary analysis that investigates the origins of ancient texts in order to understand “the world behind the text.”

HIGHER CRITICISM or Historical Criticism



LOWER CRITICISM or Textual Criticism

The discipline concerned with *the recovery of original texts* especially of Scripture *through the collation of extant manuscripts*.



Two major views of 2 Peter 1:20



Two major views of 2 Peter 1:20 are: **(1)** No prophecy is to be privately or independently interpreted (cf. false teachers in 3:16). The Holy Spirit, Scripture itself, & the church should be included in the interpretive process. **(2)** No prophecy originated through the prophet's own interpretation. The preceding and following contexts indicate that this view is probably to be preferred. In vss. 16-19 the subject discussed is the origin of the apostolic message. Did it come from human imaginings, or was it from God? In vs. 20 again the subject is origin. No prophecy of Scripture arose from a merely human interpretation of things. This understanding of vs. 20 is further supported by the explanatory "For" with which vs. 21 begins. Verse 21 explains verse 20 by restating its content and then affirming God as the origin of prophecy.



“carried along by the Holy Spirit”



In the production of Scripture God and man were active participants. God was the source of the content of Scripture, so that what it says is what God has said. But the human author also actively spoke; he was more than a recorder. Yet what he said came from God. Although actively speaking, he was carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 27:15 – “The ship was caught by the storm & could not head into the wind, so we gave way to it and were driven along.”

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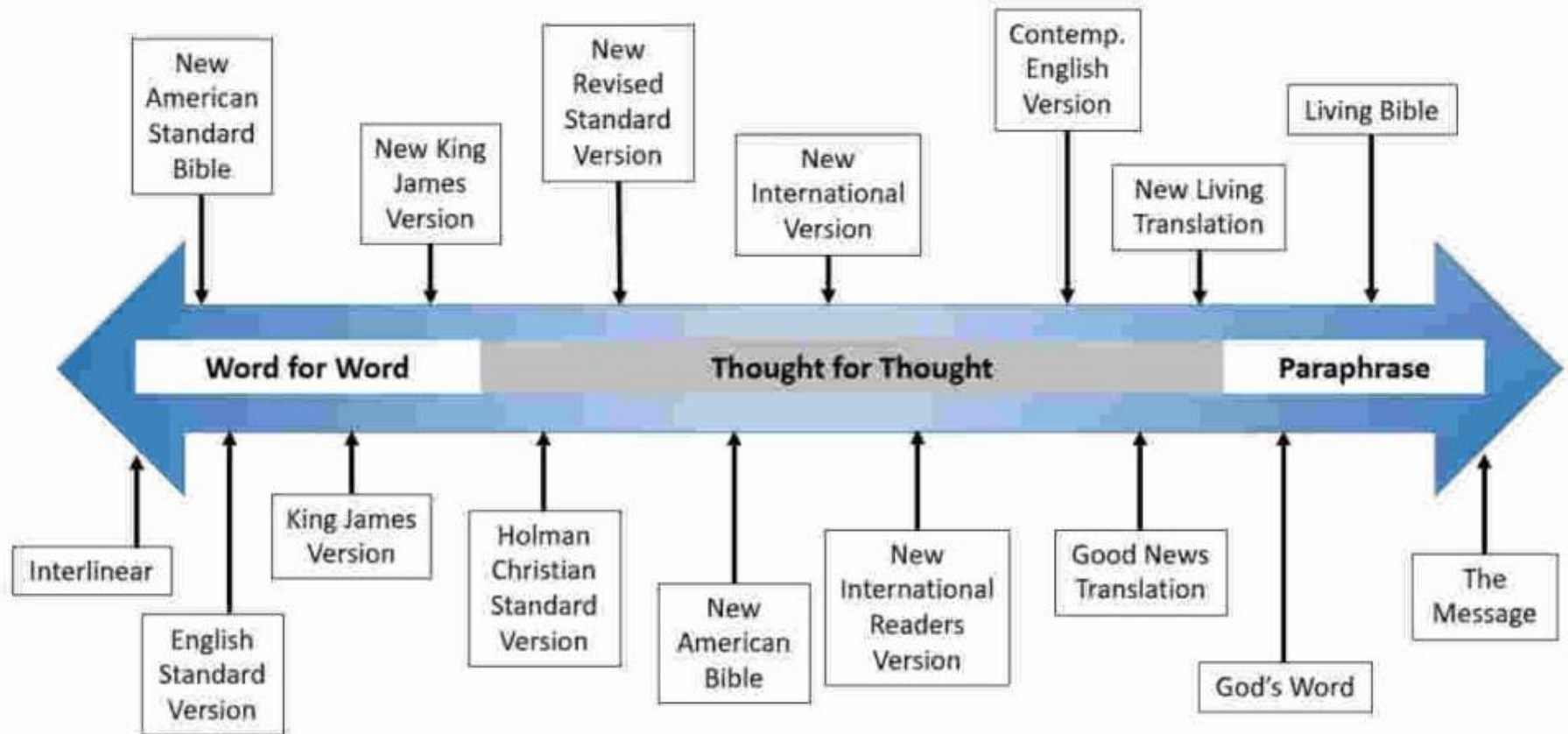
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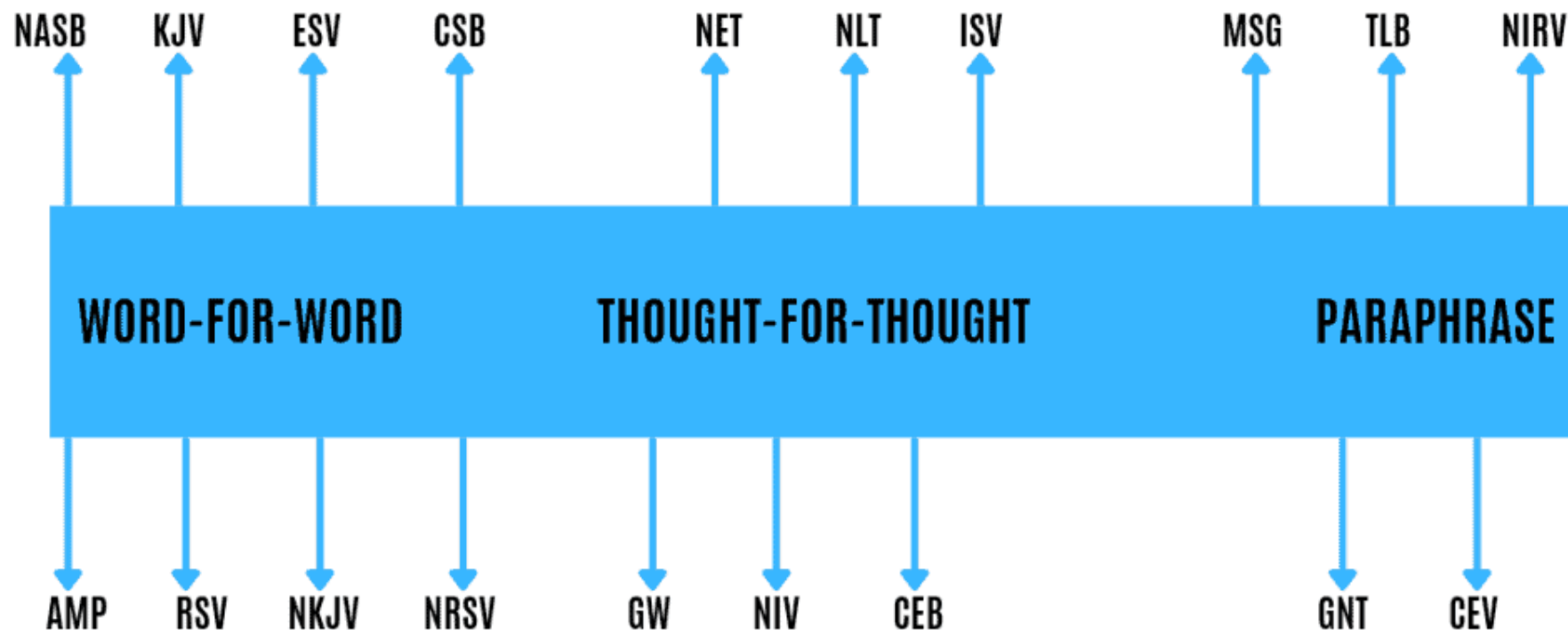
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NASB: New American Standard Bible

AMP: Amplified Bible

ESV: English Standard Version

RSV: Revised Standard Version

KJV: King James Version

NKJV: New King James Version

CSB: Christian Standard Bible

NRSV: New Revised Standard Version

NET: New English Translation

NIV: New International Version

NLT: New Living Translation

GW: God's Word Translation

HCSB: Holman Christian Standard Bible

ISV: International Standard Version

CEB: Common English Bible

MSG: The Message

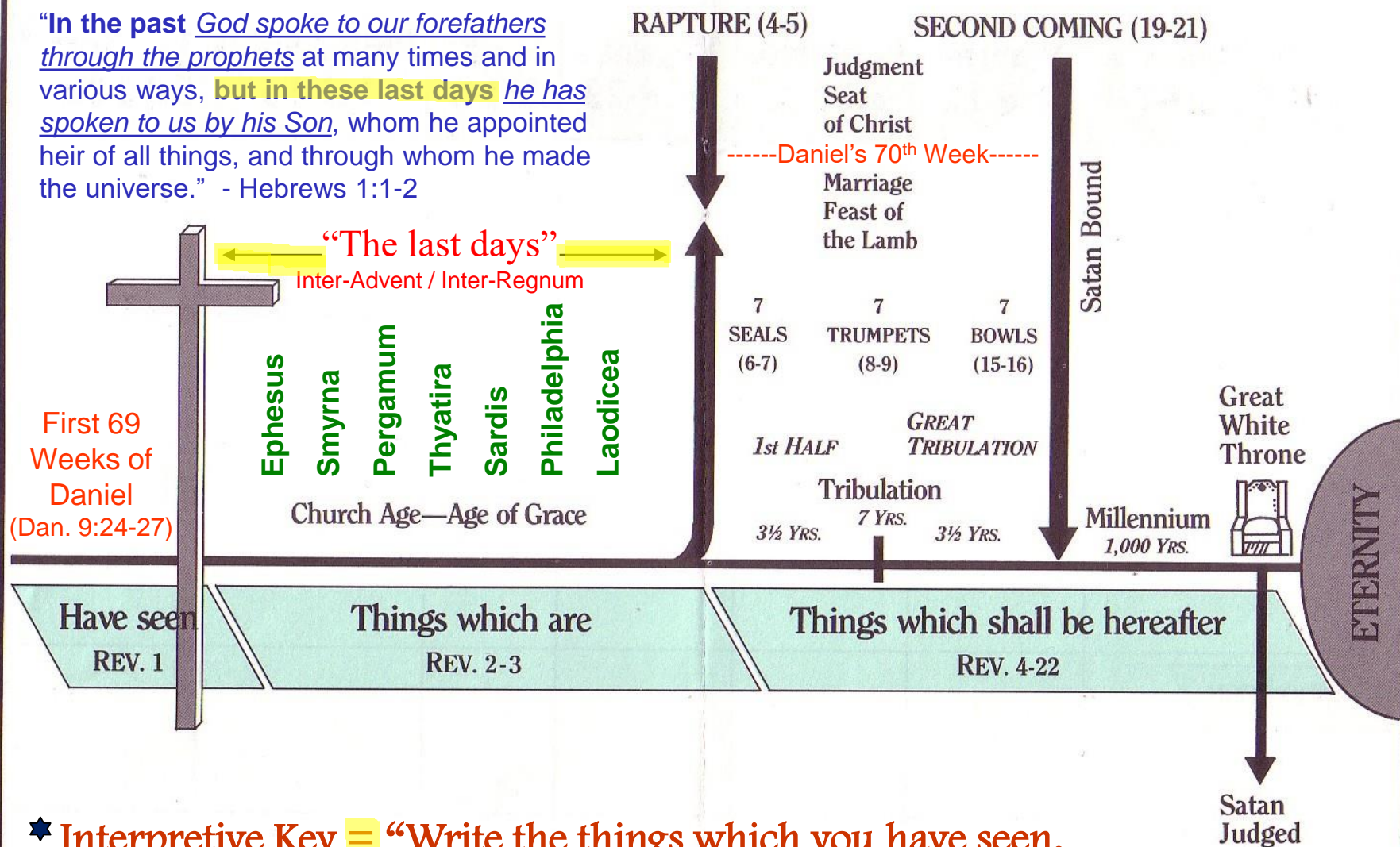
GNT: Good News Translation

TLB: The Living Bible

NIRV: New International Readers

Version

"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe." - Hebrews 1:1-2



★ Interpretive Key = "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things." (Revelation 1:19, NASV)

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's
elect, strangers in the world, scattered through-
out Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bith-
ynia, who have been chosen according to the
foreknowledge of God the Father, through the
sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to
Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace
and peace be yours in abundance."

1 PETER 1:1-2

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THE PROVINCES OF ASIA MINOR 1ST CENTURY A.D.

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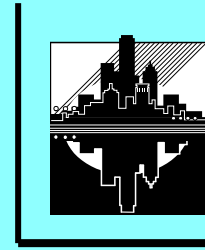
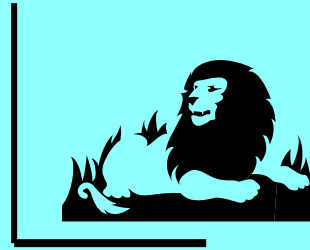
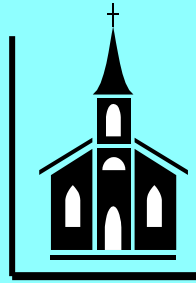
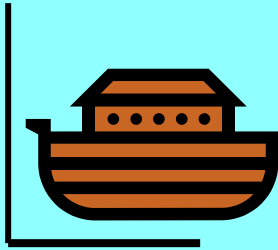
2 PETER 3:17-18

2 PETER

"Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your **guard** so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

THE FIVE WORLDS

of History, Science & Prophecy



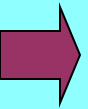
Less than
one month?

1,656 Years

Flood to
Second
Coming

1,000 Years

Forever



“Very Good”
World
Before
The Fall
Genesis 1-2;
cf. 1:31

“The world
of that
time”
Before The
Flood
2 Peter 3:6

“Present
Heavens
& Earth”
2 Peter
3:7

Millennial
Kingdom
Following
Christ’s
Return
Rev. 20

New Heaven
New Earth
Eternity
Future
2 Peter 3:13
Rev. 21-22

SURVEY OF 2 PETER

Purpose: To warn against false teaching, moral compromise,
and doctrinal error in the last days.

Date: A.D. 66–67

Key Words: Know, Diligence,
Remember / Remind, Corruption

Tone: Urgency, Intensity

	Moral Corruption	Doctrinal Compromise	Prophetic Concern	
Introduction	<i>Answers Question:</i> How can I escape defilement?	<i>Answers Question:</i> What shall I expect from “prophets”?	<i>Answers Question:</i> Where will all this end?	Conclusion
1:1–3	Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	3:18
<i>Warning</i>	Be Pure! (v. 4)	Be Aware! (vv. 1–3)	Be Strong! (v. 14)	
<i>Reminder</i>	Verses 12–13	Verses 21–22	Verses 1–2	
<i>Promise</i>	“You will never stumble” (v. 10)	“God will rescue you” (v. 9)	“We look for new hope” (v. 13)	
<i>Perspective</i>	Looking within	Looking back	Looking ahead	

2 PETER: Guard the Truth by Growing in the Knowledge of Christ

Key words:

Knowledge,
Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ,
His coming,
Prophets,
Apostles,
Scripture

Key verses: 3:17-18 *Therefore, be on your guard ... grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

