

Unit 11, Lesson 49, I Peter, II Peter, II Timothy, Jude

<p>Daily Readings: Day 1: I Peter 1-2 Day 2: I Peter 3-4 Day 3: I Peter 5, II Peter 1 Day 4: II Peter 2,3 Day 5: II Timothy 1,2 Day 6: II Timothy 3,4 Day 7: Jude</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">INTRO, EPISTLES of PETER</p> <p>I Peter was probably written before Nero's persecutions, AD 64, from a city called "Babylon" by Peter. There were Jews in the real Babylon, but this could also be a code name for Rome, as in Revelation 17-18. His mention of Mark fits Rome, for we know that Mark was in Rome at this time (Colossians 4:10).</p> <p>The letter is addressed to dispersed Jewish believers, but also ministers to Gentiles, as Peter's ministry covered both groups. The overriding issue is the growing persecution being encountered in the Empire. But "submission" is discussed at length also. Ultimately, submission to God will give believers strength in perilous times.</p> <p>II Peter discusses <i>internal</i> dangers to the church, specifically false teachers on the scene. Written just before Peter's death, perhaps from Rome, AD 64-66. (<i>This date is chosen because II Timothy is written from Rome by Paul in AD 67, and no mention is made of Peter!</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">QUESTIONS, I PETER</p> <p>1. To whom is I Peter addressed?(1:1-2, 2:9-10) _____</p> <p>2. Though the believers have _____ for the future, they must have _____ in the present.(1:3-7)</p> <p>3. What caused confusion to the OT prophets?(1:10-12) _____</p> <p>4. What price was paid for our conduct?(1:16-21) _____</p> <p>5. What is the agent of our rebirth?(1:22-25) _____</p> <p>6. From birth in Christ, we feed upon what?(2:1-3) _____</p> <p>7. Who is <i>the</i> Living Stone, who are <i>living stones</i>?(2:4-8) _____</p> <p>8. Is our "holiness" as a people "automatic"?(2:9-12) _____</p>	<p>9. Should we submit to evil men in authority?(2:13-17) _____</p> <p><i>note: Nero was Emperor at this time!</i></p> <p>10. How should we deal with injustices that come our way?(2:18-25, 3:9) _____</p> <p>11. Who is THE Pastor(Shepherd) and THE Bishop (Overseer) of your church?(2:25) _____</p> <p>12. Should women try to be beautiful?(3:1-6) _____</p> <p>13. What could hinder the prayers of a Christian couple?(3:7) _____</p> <p>14. Will Christians suffer? How?(3:13-17) _____</p> <p>15. How is it that baptism "saves" us?(3:18-22) _____</p> <p>16. Who are the "spirits in prison"?(3:18-20) _____</p> <p>17. How is the "suffering" attitude beneficial to our Christian growth?(4:1-5) _____</p> <p>18. Why should we even <i>rejoice</i> in these "fiery trials"?(4:12-16) _____</p> <p>19. Peter even links persecution with _____ (4:17) Why? _____</p> <p>20. What advice for the persecuted?(4:19) _____</p> <p>21. What three overlapping terms does Peter use to describe his peers in leadership?(5:1-4) _____</p> <p>22. Who in the church is required to "submit"?(5:5-6) _____</p> <p>23. Why is seriousness so important?(5:8-9) _____</p> <p>24. Who sends this letter, where is it written, and who is with Peter?(5:12-13) _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">QUESTIONS, II PETER</p> <p>1. What do we miss by being partakers of the Divine nature?(1:2-4) _____</p> <p>2. How can we be sure we have been called and "elected"?(1:5-11) _____</p> <p>3. Why was Peter writing these serious matters at this time?(1:12-15) _____</p>
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4. What evidence does Peter share of the authentic nature of his message?(1:16-18) _____
5. What is even greater evidence than the “mount” experience?(1:19-21) _____
6. How did we get the Scriptures?(1:19-21) _____
7. Who gives the church a bad name?(2:1-3) _____
8. If the Lord knew how to save Noah, and deliver Lot, what follows?(2:4-9) _____
9. What specifically despicable sins of the false teachers are catalogued here?(2:10,12-15,18,19) _____
10. Why is Balaam like these men?(2:15-16) _____
11. What 2 animals describe the believer who “comes out” but goes back in?(2:19-22) _____
12. What is Paul’s proof that the creation is not “the same” as in the beginning?(3:1-7) _____
13. Why does the Lord wait so “long”?(3:8-10,14-15) _____
14. Compare Peter’s and John’s time table of the last events of history:(3:10-13, Revelation 19:11, 20:4,11-15,21:1) _____
15. What comment does Peter make about Paul’s letters?(3:14-16) _____

INTRO, II TIMOTHY

The year is AD 67. Paul is in a Roman cell again. He is alone this time. He faces a second trial, even though he has been acquitted at his first and has been free for 3-4 years. Opposition to Christians is mounting in the person of Nero, who seeks to blame them for everything. Peter is probably already martyred.

Though death seems to be certain, he writes a letter of encouragement to “son” Timothy, urging him to persevere, warning him of the coming apostasy, charging him to preach the word while people still will hear it.

QUESTIONS, II TIMOTHY

1. What plus factors did Timothy have in his family?(1:3-5,3:14-15) _____
2. Does the Spirit within rise “automatically” in all situations?(1:6-7) _____

3. How shameful is it to be a prisoner?(1:8,12,16) _____
4. What erased shame for Paul?(1:12) _____
5. Describe Paul’s present desolation:(1:15,4:10,14,16) _____
6. Describe the simplicity of church leadership:(2:1-2) _____
7. What three pictures describe the man of God?(2:3-6) _____
8. Why does God remain faithful even when we do not?(2:11-13) _____
9. What sorts of teaching are to be forbidden?(2:14-16,23-26) _____
10. What false teaching was already circulating?(2:18) _____
11. In both letters to Timothy, Paul is certain that history will go what direction?(3:1-5,I Tim 4:1-5) _____
12. What should our attitude be toward the *religious*, but *lost*, trying to influence the church?(3:5) _____
13. What promise does Paul offer for all who live godly in Christ?(3:10-12) _____
14. Does knowing the Bible save?(3:15) _____
15. Why do we say the Scriptures are “all-sufficient”?(3:15-17) _____
16. What other names are given the Scriptures?(4:1-4) _____
17. What requirement is given here for the “crown”?(4:6-8) _____
18. What change about “Mark”?(4:11,Acts 15:37-40) _____

INTRO, JUDE

More false teachers in the church, more severe warnings. This time from the younger brother of the writer of *James*, a half-brother of the Lord. We know very little about him. We know not exactly to whom or where he wrote, but there is a strong similarity between his and Peter’s words (II Peter 2:1-3:4, Jude 4-18). Peter seems to be predicting while Jude is saying it has already happened. Jude even quotes II Peter 3:3 verbatim and credits it to the apostles. The date is probably shortly after II Peter, AD 66-69.

QUESTIONS, JUDE

1. Why does Jude write?(1-4) _____
2. What example does Michael give us?(8-10) _____
3. How do we know about Enoch’s words?(14-15) _____
4. What different attitudes to false people?(22-23) _____