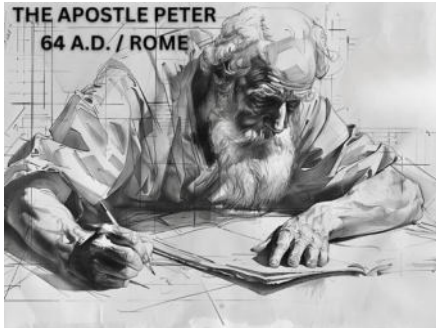


# CHOSEN FOREIGNERS

1 Peter 1:1-2



*[This letter is from]  
Peter, apostle of Jesus Christ*

*to the chosen,  
foreigners of the Diaspora  
of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,  
Asia, and Bithynia*



**West Coast:** populated, “romanized”, Greek/Latin spoken, emperor worship.

**Eastern Regions:** sparsely populated, remote, indigenous<sup>1</sup> people groups.

***How was it that  
Christian churches  
existed in Bithynia,  
Pontus and Cappadocia  
so soon after the birth  
of the Church in 33  
A.D?***

***Pontus and Cappadocia***



Emperor Claudius colonized Asia Minor with various types of people including those expelled from Rome (Acts 18:2)

<sup>1</sup> Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native: the indigenous peoples of Siberia.

## **Peter drew parallels between his readers and Israel.**

### **foreigners of the Diaspora**

The Diaspora refers to Jews forced to live outside the land of Israel following the Babylonian Conquest (586 B.C.).

### **chosen**

#### ***according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,***

Just as the Israelites were chosen by God for a covenant relationship (Exodus 19:3-6), so also Christians are chosen by God for a covenant relationship.

#### ***by the consecration of the Spirit,***

Just as with the Israelites, so also Christians are brought into a covenant relationship with God by the work of the Holy Spirit.

#### ***for [the purpose of] obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.***

Just as with the Israelites, God has chosen and the Holy Spirit has worked to bring Christians into a covenant relationship with God. Israel's covenant, the Mosaic Covenant, was inaugurated by the blood of oxen (Exodus 24:3-8). Christians' covenant, the New Covenant, has been inaugurated by the blood of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 9:11-15).

**When you suffer for being a Christian, remember who you  
are by the grace of God:**

**you are a foreigner living in a foreign land,**

**you are a chosen, blood bought covenant child of God.**

### ***GRACE NEWS AND NEEDS***

**Women's Ministry: *Colossians Bible Study*, SIGNUP DEADLINE IS MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>!**

**VOM Needs for May: *Box of one gallon zip seal plastic bags, medical tape.***