

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EPISTLE
(2 Peter 3:1-2)

- I. Concerning His AUDIENCE
 - A. His FONDNESS for them: "BELOVED"
 - B. His CONCERN for them: "SECOND letter"
 - 1. He is writing them AGAIN
 - 2. He implies an URGENT concern prompted this letter
 - C. His CONFIDENCE in them: "your SINCERE MIND"
 - 1. Faith is a matter of CAREFUL and REFLECTIVE thought
 - 2. Thinking is PURIFIED from WRONG considerations

- II. Concerning His AIM
 - A. His intent to STIR them from COMPLACENCY
 - B. His desire to CAUSE them to REMEMBER

III. Concerning His AUTHORITY

A. His confidence in the WRITINGS of the HOLY PROPHETS

1. These are the OT SCRIPTURES
2. The OT continues to be TRUE and RELEVANT

B. His COMMUNICATION of the COMMANDMENT of JESUS

1. These are the WORDS of the APOSTLES
2. They wrote at the INSTRUCTION of JESUS (cf. John 16:5-15)

C. His affirmation that Jesus is both LORD and SAVIOR (cf. 1:11; 2:20; 3: 18)

1. As Lord, He has AUTHORITY over our LIVES
2. As Savior, He RESCUES us from SIN and JUDGMENT