

21. 1 PETER

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Chapter 1

1:1 Peter, an ambassador
of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
to the elect foreigners of the dispersion
in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia

Foreigners literally means aliens alongside, or resident foreigner.
The elect (chosen) are all resident foreigners. Earth is not their home, Heaven is. They are merely "sojourning", temporary residents in a strange and foreign land.
Peter means stone.
Pontus means the sea.
Galatia means milky.
Cappadocia means labeled unreal.
Asia means slime; mire.
Bithynia means violent rushing.

1:2 according to the forethought of The Father,
YAHWEH,
by purification of the nature
for the sake of attentive listening
and by sprinkling of *the* blood
of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

hagiasmos pneumatōs - purification of breath, or, purification of wind.
This is a difficult phrase to translate. It's traditionally done incorrectly. **hagiasmos** is in the dative case. **pneumatōs** is in the genitive case. The first means to be done by or with, the second means to be done to.
What's expressed appears to mean that our human nature (referred to traditionally as 'spirit', incorrectly) is purified by **YAHWEH** in order that we can pay more careful attention to Him.
This is not "the Holy Spirit" as most translations lead you to believe. It is your inner nature being purified through trusting in the shed blood of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.
The reference to sprinkling with blood is most important. It refers to the Old Covenant sacrificial practice of sprinkling the people, etc. with the blood of the sacrificial lamb.
As a believer one has been purified and sprinkled by the blood of **YAHUSHUA**, thereby making one set apart and acceptable in the sight of **YAHWEH**.
This is to be followed by attentive listening – doing what we are instructed to do.

Favor and well being be increased to you.

1:3 Blessed is The Elohim and Father
of our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
Who according to His great compassion
has regenerated us into a living expectation
by means of the resurrection
of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah, from *being* dead,

We often misunderstand the literal text in reference to "the dead". There is no article. The Greek is **nekros**. It means dead, not death. The text literally says "from dead". There are other terms for death and they are used in a different manner. What's referred to here is the "condition" of being dead.

1:4 for the sake of receiving an inheritance,
incorruptible and undefiled and unfading,
being protected in The Heaven for the sake of those

1:5 who are being protected
by the miraculous power of **YAHWEH** through trust
for the sake of a deliverance
prepared to be revealed in the final time.

1:6 In this you rejoice greatly
though it is necessary now for a little while

to have been distressed by various trials
1:7 in order that the testing of your trust,
being much more valuable than gold
which is being fully destroyed,
though it is tested by fire,
might be found in praise, honor, and glory
at the revelation of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,

apokalupsis – disclosure

1:8 Whom having not seen you love;
in Whom, although not right now discerning Him clearly,
but having trust, you are rejoicing greatly
with joy inexpressible and glorious,
1:9 preparing for the culmination of your trust,
the deliverance of your lives.

psuche – breath. Without the breath you do not exist - you have no life.
This is **not** the "soul". The soul is a Greek concept developed long after the creation of Adam, who was given life by the breath of The Elohim.

1:10 Concerning this deliverance the prophets
who were prophesying to you concerning that favor
have investigated and have explored carefully,
1:11 exploring what place or what time
The Divine Nature of The Messiah,
which was in them was indicating,
predicting the hardships of The Messiah
and the honors that would follow.

Note that this Divine Nature was "in them". It is **not** a physical being, but instead is the indwelling "divine nature", the "new man" that Sha'ul writes about.

1:12 To them it was revealed that not to themselves,
but to us they were ministering the things
which now have been announced in detail to you
through those who have proclaimed
the good news to you
through The Set Apart Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**
sent from The Heaven,
things which **YAH**-messengers long to look into.

This is clearly a reference to the set apart (holy) Divine Nature of YAHWEH. This is not referring to your old human nature. **aggelos** means a messenger. The Hebrew here, **mal'ak**, means a deputy, one sent with a message by another, a messenger. The Greek word is transliterated, not translated. It's pronounced ahn-geh-los, from which we get 'angel'. There are **no angels** in Hebrew thought prior to the Greek influences. A messenger of YAHWEH is, more correctly, a YAH-messenger.

1:13 Therefore having bound up the loins of your mind,
being sober, have absolute confidence
concerning the favor *which is* being brought to you
at the revelation of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
1:14 as submissive children
not being conformed as formerly in your ignorance
to selfish desires.

1:15 Indeed, since He who called you is set apart,
you also be set apart in all your behavior,
1:16 because it is written,
"Be set apart, because I am set apart."

(Lev. 11.44, 45, 19.2, 20.7)

Note: **hagios** means sacred or consecrated - set apart for a special purpose. It's most often translated as "holy", but the concept of holiness has become so trivialized today that it's lost its impact on us.

We need to re-think what it means to be set apart for YAHWEH's purposes.

1:17 And if you are calling on The Father,
Who without partiality judges
according to each one's work,
pass the time of your foreign residence in reverence,
1:18 understanding that you have not been ransomed
with corruptible things, by silver or gold,
from your profitless behavior received by tradition

That which was received by tradition from your forefathers; "the traditions of men" which The Messiah vehemently opposed.

1:19 but instead *you have been ransomed*
with the costly blood of The Messiah,
as of a lamb without a flaw and without a spot
1:20 Who truly was known beforehand,
before the foundation of the world,
but has been rendered apparent in these final times
for the sake of you
1:21 who through Him are trusting in YAHWEH,
Who has raised Him up from *being* dead
and has given Him honor
so that your trust and expectation
might be in YAHWEH.

1:22 Having purified your lives
by listening attentively to the truth
through The Divine Nature of YAHWEH
for the sake of sincere love of the brothers,
love one another intently from a pure heart,
1:23 having been born again, not of perishable seed,
but of imperishable through The Word of YAHWEH,
Who lives and abides for eternity,
1:24-25 because
*"All flesh is as grass, and all the splendor of man
is as the flower of the grass.
The grass withers, and its flower falls away,
but The Word of YAHWEH stands up for eternity."*
(Is. 40.6-8)

Now this is the message, the good news
which has been proclaimed to you.

Chapter 2

2:1 Therefore having put away
all depravity,
all deceit,
and hypocrisy,
and jealousies,
and every slander;
2:2 as newborn infants intensely desire
the rational undeceitful milk
in order that you may grow by it
2:3 if indeed you have experienced
that The Master is useful
2:4 drawing near to Him,
a living stone truly rejected by human beings,
but selected by YAHWEH, valuable.

2:5 You also like living stones are being built
up as a non-carnal dwelling,
a sacred priesthood
offering up non-carnal sacrifices to YAHWEH,
approved because of YAHUSHUA, The Messiah;
2:6 for which reason it is even included
in The Scripture,

*"Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone,
elect, precious,
and he who believes on Him
will by no means be put to shame."
(Is. 28.16)*

2:7 Therefore, to you who are trusting, precious.
But to those who are disbelieving
*"The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone,"
(Ps. 118.22)*

2:8 and
*"A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense."
(Is. 8.14)*

They are stumbling, disbelieving The Word
into which they were even appointed.

The reference is to the Yisra'elites as The Chosen People of YAHWEH.

2:9 But you are a selected relative,
a kingly priesthood,
a set apart race, a people acquired,
in order that you might publish the moral excellence
of Him Who has called you out of darkness
into His wonderful light,
2:10 who at one time were not a people,
but now are the people of YAHWEH;
who had not been shown compassion
but now have been shown compassion.

2:11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and foreigners
to refrain from fleshly longings
which war against your life,
2:12 keeping your lifestyle virtuous among the nations,
so that when they slander you like criminals
they may, from the good works
they have been observing,
honor YAHWEH in the day of His inspection.

Some use the term visitation here. It comes from the concept of a superintendent or boss coming to inspect, or check up on, those under his/her supervision. It's not a mere "visit".

2:13 Therefore, subordinate yourself
to every creation of human beings
for the sake of YAHWEH,
whether to a king as a superior,
2:14 or to leaders because they are sent by Him
for the sake of the punishment of doers of harm,
but for praise of those who are doing good;
2:15 because this is the will of YAHWEH,
that by doing good you may muzzle the ignorance
of mindless persons
2:16 as unrestrained
yet not holding your freedom as a cover for depravity,
but instead as slaves of YAHWEH.

2:17 Respect everyone!
Love the brotherhood!
Revere YAHWEH!
Respect the king!

2:18 Slaves, be subject to masters with all fear,
not merely to the good and kind,
but also to the perverse.

2:19 Indeed, it is favorable

that for the sake of a consciousness of YAHWEH
one endures sorrow, suffering unjustly.

2:20 Indeed, what credit is it if you are even beaten
for your own faults, enduring it patiently?
But on the other hand if you have done good
and you are suffering *and* you endure it
this is pleasing to YAHWEH.

2:21 Indeed, into this you have been called
in that The Messiah also suffered for our sakes,
leaving an example for us
in order that you might follow in His path,

2:22 *"Who committed no offense,
nor was deceit found in His mouth"*
(Is. 53.9)

2:23 He, having been reproached,
reproached not in return.
Having suffered He did not threaten,
but surrendered to Him who judges justly.

2:24 He Himself took up our offenses
within His own body upon the tree
in order that we, having died to the offenses,
might live according to justification.
By His stripes you have been healed.

"Sin" is an offense against YAHWEH. The term, 'sin', has become so over used and abused that it means little any longer. Offense is used to help you reconsider what your actions mean when they are in conflict with the teachings of YAHWEH. When you disregard His teachings you offend Him. The penalty for that is death. And that penalty is the reason YAHUSHUA died - in your place! He paid the price for what YOU owe!
The concept of stripes includes wounds, blows or the marks left by them - scars.
The concept of healing includes the concept of being made whole. That appears to be what's in view here.

2:25 Indeed, you were like wandering sheep.
But now you have returned
to The Shepherd and Superintendent of your lives.

Chapter 3

3:1 Similarly wives are to be subordinate
to their own husbands,
so that even if any disbelieve The Word,
they may be gained
through the behavior of their wives without a word,
3:2 observing in fear your innocent behavior,
3:3 which is not the external,
elaborate braiding of the hair,
wearing gold, or putting on worldly apparel;
3:4 but rather is the concealed person of the heart,
in the incorruptibleness of a gentle and calm nature
which is very precious in the sight of YAHWEH.

3:5 Indeed, in this manner in former times
the set apart wives who also trusted in YAHWEH
also adorned themselves,
being subordinate to their own husbands,
3:6 even like Sarah,
who listened attentively to Abraham,
calling him master, whose daughters you have become
if you do good and are not frightened by any alarm.

Sarah means princess.
Abraham means father of a multitude.

3:7 Likewise husbands are to live with them according to knowledge, granting value to the wife even as to a weaker vessel, and as joint heirs of the favor of life, in order that your prayers might not be hindered.

3:8 Now the goal is everyone being like minded, sympathetic, brother loving, compassionate, considerate;

3:9 not returning harm against harm nor slander against slander, but on the contrary blessing, understanding that you have been called to this in order that you might inherit a blessing.

3:10-12 Indeed,

"He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from harm, and his lips from speaking deceit.

3:11 *Let him turn away from harm and do good. Let him seek peace and pursue it.*

3: 12 *For the eyes of YAHWEH are on the just, and His ears are open to their prayers. But the face YAHWEH is against those who do harm."*

(Psa. 34.12-16)

3:13 And who is he who will harm you if you become imitators of what is good?

3:14 But on the other hand even if you should suffer for the sake of justification you are blessed. *"And do not be afraid of their threats nor be troubled."* (Is. 8.12)

3:15 Now sanctify YAHWEH, The Elohim, in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a word concerning the expectation that is in you with gentleness and reverence

"Sanctify YAHWEH, The Elohim" is a purely Hebrew phrase that gets lost in the Greek. It means to set apart your trust in YAHWEH for His purposes, not yours.

3:16 having a good conscience so that when they slander you as doers of harm, those who insult your good behavior in The Messiah are put to shame.

3:17 Indeed, it is better, if it is the desire of YAHWEH, to suffer for doing good rather than for doing harm, 3:18 because The Messiah has also suffered a single time for offenses, the just for the unjust, in order that He might lead us to YAHWEH, truly having become dead in His flesh, but having been made alive by The Divine Nature of YAHWEH.

3:19 Because of this He also went and proclaimed it to the lives under guard,

Notice that He did not go to the "souls" in prison. There are none. They are lives. "Soul" is a Greek creation. Further, we really do not comprehend who these lives are. The concept appears to be that of lives being kept protected since the time of Noah.

3:20 who at one time were disbelieving
when at one time the patient endurance of YAHWEH
waited in the days of Noah
while *the* container was being thoroughly prepared
in which a few, that is eight lives,
were preserved by means of water.

The Hebrew word for 'ark' literally means a box or a chest. It is a container, not a 'boat'.
It took 120 years to build.
Noah means rest.

3:21 Corresponding to this baptism now delivers us,
not by the removal of dirt from the flesh,
but by an appeal for a good conscience
in the presence of YAHWEH
because of the resurrection
of YAHUSHUA, The Messiah;
3:22 Who has gone into The Heaven
and is at the right hand of YAHWEH,
YAH-messengers and authorities and powers
having been made subject to Him.

Chapter 4

4:1 The Messiah, therefore,
having suffered on our behalf in the flesh,
arm yourselves also with the same thinking;
because he who has suffered in the flesh
has ceased from offenses
4:2 so that he no longer lives
the remainder of his time in the flesh
according to the longings of human beings,
but rather *lives* according to the desire of YAHWEH.

4:3 Sufficient indeed is our past existence
in doing the desire of the pagans,
having trafficked in lewdness,
longings,
drunkenness,
carousing,
drinking parties,
and unlawful idolatries.

4:4 In this they think it's strange
that you do not go headlong
into the same excess of the unsaved,
speaking disrespectfully of you.

4:5 They will give an account to Him
Who holds in readiness
judgment of the living and the dead.

4:6 Because of this the good news
has been proclaimed even to those who are dead,
in order that they might truly be judged
according to human flesh,
yet be made alive according to
The Divine Nature by YAHWEH.

4:7 Now the culmination of everything is approaching.
Therefore, be of sound mind
and sober in regard to the prayers.

4:8 But above all things
have intense love among yourselves because
"love will cover a multitude of sins."

(Prov. 10.12)

4:9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

4:10 Just as each one
has received a gift for his own sake,
minister the same *to others*
as good stewards of the diverse favor of YAHWEH.

4:11 If anyone speaks,
do it as the utterance of YAHWEH.

If anyone ministers,
do it as with the strength which YAHWEH supplies
so that in everything YAHWEH may be honored
through YAHUSHUA, The Messiah,
to whom is due the honor and the power
for the eternity of eternities.
Amen.

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange
concerning the refining which is coming
for the purpose of proving you,
as though some strange thing is happening to you.

4:13 Instead, be calmly happy
to the extent you are sharing with others
in the sufferings of The Messiah
so that at His magnificent revelation
you may also be glad with great joy!

4:14 If you are ridiculed
on behalf of the name of The Messiah
happy *are you* because the honor
and The Divine Nature of YAHWEH rests upon you.

The nature is traditionally translated "The Spirit". It refers to the essential character or "nature" of YAHWEH. It does **not** refer to a "spirit" because that's a Greek creation that has no place in Hebrew thought. It did not exist prior to the coming of the Greek culture - indeed, long after that arrived. The reference is to "the new nature", the divine nature, which is what was poured out at 'Pentecost'.

Truly, they are speaking irreverently
but you are honoring Him.

4:15 Indeed, let none of you suffer
as a murderer,
or a thief,
or a doer of harm,
or as a meddler
in other people's affairs.

4:16 But if *anyone suffers*
as a believer in The Messiah
let him not be ashamed,
but let him honor YAHWEH with this portion.

This is a share, a divided portion, in the suffering that The Messiah endured.

4:17 Indeed, it is time for judgment to begin
with the household of YAHWEH.
And if *it begins* with us first
what will *be* the end for those who disbelieve
the good news of YAHWEH?

4:18 Now

*"If the just one is scarcely saved,
Where will the ungodly and the offender appear?"*
(Prov. 11.31)

4:19 Therefore let those who suffer
according to the will of **YAHWEH**
commit their lives to doing good
as to a trustworthy Creator.

Chapter 5

5:1 I, who am a fellow elder
and witness of the sufferings of The Messiah,
and also a participant in the magnificence
that is about to be revealed,
encourage the elders who are among you
5:2 to tend as a shepherd
the flock of **YAHWEH** which is among you,
overseeing not by compulsion but instead willingly,
not for dishonest gain, but instead eagerly,
5:3 not as subjugating those entrusted to you,
but instead as being examples to the flock.

5:4 When The Chief Shepherd
has been rendered apparent
you will receive the wreath of honor
that does not fade away.

There are no "rewards" you can "earn" in Heaven. There are honors given, but you do not earn them. They are gifts from YAHWEH.
If you're seeking "rewards", here or in The Kingdom of Heaven of, you are being selfish! And that's sin!

5:5 Likewise, you young people,
be subordinate to the elders.
Indeed, each of you be subordinate to one another,
having been surrounded with humility, because
*"YAHWEH resists the proud,
but gives favor to the humble."*
(Prov. 3.34)

5:6 Be humbled therefore
under the powerful hand of **YAHWEH**
in order that He may exalt you at the proper time,
5:7 quickly placing all your concerns upon Him
because He is concerned about you!

5:8 Be sober!
Stay alert because your opponent,
The False Accuser
is walking about like a roaring lion,
seeking whom he may swallow up,
5:9 whom you are to resist *being* stable in the faith,
understanding that the same sufferings
are being fulfilled by your brotherhood
amidst the world.

5:10 Now may The Elohim of all favor
Who has called us into His eternal honor
through The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**,
having suffered a little, complete you thoroughly,
establish you, strengthen you, and support you.

5:11 To Him be the honor and the dominion
into the eternity of eternities.
Amen.

5:12 Through Silvanus, to you people a faithful brother
just as I consider him I have written to you briefly,
encouraging and corroborating
that it is the true favor of **YAHWEH** in which you stand.

5:13 Those in Babylon, elect together with you,
embrace you, also Mark, my son.

Babylon means confusion.
Mark means a defense.

5:14 Embrace one another with a kiss of love.
Well being to you all in The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**.

AMEN.

Note: Wherever "peace" occurs in Hebrew it would be
"shalom". This term carries the meaning of complete and total
well being in every dimension of one's life. Thus it means far
more than "peace" (calmness).