Introduction

1 Peter was a letter written by the apostle Peter, the former fisherman during the reign of Nero.

Book Outline:

- I. introduction
- II. the new identity believers have in Christ,
- III. how suffering makes us more like Christ which others will see, and
- IV. how suffering fixes our hope on heaven.
- V. conclusion

1 Peter 1:1-12

- 1. The Greeting (1:1-2)
 - a. The author Peter

What do we know about Peter?

b. The recipients - elect exiles

What are we told about the recipients of this letter?

c. The context – the dispersion

What do we know about their context?

2. The introduction to the letter (1:3-12)

a. a living hope (1:3-5)

What has God done to provide us with this hope?

What is God doing to ensure our hope?

b. the testing of our faith (1:6-9)

What do we rejoice in?

What do trials and testing do for us?

c. the mystery revealed to us (1:10-12)

What do the mysterious predictions of the prophets tell us?