



## INTRODUCTION TO COMMENTARY STYLE

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The present Set has not provided a textual translation as with the author's OT sets. The reader should keep his chosen copy of the scriptures by him or her in pursuing the textual comments.

**1. SPEAKING FIRST SPECIFICALLY OF FIRST PETER** – there is very little Greek font to concern the reader. Foreign language words from Hebrew and Greek I have been transliterated and present in a fairly unobtrusive font. They do not affect the flow of the document significantly.

The first epistle models a response to suffering based on the life of Jesus. Within the commentary there are important statements on the theology and practice of Baptism and useful statements on pastoral care.

The writer believes Peter did reach Rome and that the epistle was not only written to Jews though it largely features Jewish believers in the address.

The epistle also offers fresh thinking on:-

*The concept of the "Stone" in Peter*

*Christianity and Israel*

*Three tests the believer may use to determine Genuine Christian Love*

*How to Pastor*

There are also a variety of approaches to the courageously facing trial.

**2. THE SECOND EPISTLE** includes over 50% free-style translation and a number of inclusions of Greek text. The *third chapter* of the epistle brings to light important detail for our understanding of the modern age.

There is also useful material on the following topics:-

*Christian character and piety – a major theme*

*Love – the hallmark*

*Divine Judgement*

*The Parousia: There are 10 little "hour-glasses" set by Peter's references*

*Avoiding the quick sands of moral disaster*

*I commend these commentary studies to under the NT Petrine Library Set –which is one of a set of five NT commentaries. The sets are listed below.*

- (1) Matthew and the Teachers [Matthew, Hebrews, James, Jude]
- (2) Peter and the Pastors [Peter with Mark–the Gospel, Peters epistles]
- (3) Luke and the (Early Church)Historians [Luke-Acts]
- (4) John and the Thinkers [includes the Gospel Epistles and Apocalypse]
- (5) Paul and the Gentiles [includes the *Pauline Corpus*]

I commend the present set to the reader

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