

## Did Peter Write 2 Peter?

Most scholars believe the letter called “2 Peter” was written pseudepigraphically some years after the apostle Peter’s death. Here are a few reasons why:

- It does not appear to be written by the same person who wrote 1 Peter.
- It exhibits a reliance on Jude, which was written after (or close to) the time of Peter’s death.
- It is written from a strongly Hellenistic perspective inconsistent with what might be attributed to a person of Palestinian Jewish background.
- It regards the second coming of Christ as something that might not occur for thousands of years (3:8).
- It looks back on the time of the apostles as a sacred bygone era (3:2, 4).
- It refers to Paul’s letters as a collection of writings that are being interpreted as scripture (3:15–16).
- It seeks to address the concerns of Christians a generation or more after Peter’s death.