“The Word at Work in You” – 1 Peter 1:20-25

- **Author:** Peter the apostle (v1), one of “the Twelve” (Mark 10:32, 14:10) and the inner three of Peter/James/John (Mark 5:37, 9:2, 14:33). Written via Silvanus as amanuensis/secretary (1 Pet 5:12).
- **Time:** Peter wrote this epistle near end of his life in the early/mid 60s AD while persecution under Nero is present (1 Pet 2:20, 4:12) but will later intensify. Eventually, Peter himself will be martyred.
- **Genre:** This is a *general epistle* to all sorts of believers dispersed across the Roman Empire (1 Pet 1:1).
- **Theme:** Believers are “elect exiles” -- though they are in this world, it is not their home (1 Pet 4:1-11). Being chosen and set apart by God as holy, we are to live w/ our neighbors confidently (Jer 29:7, Jn 17:5, Jn 18:36, Phil 3:20, Heb 13:14, Rev 18:4) even *as* we suffer (Mt 5:11-12, Acts 7:52, 1 Pet 1:6).