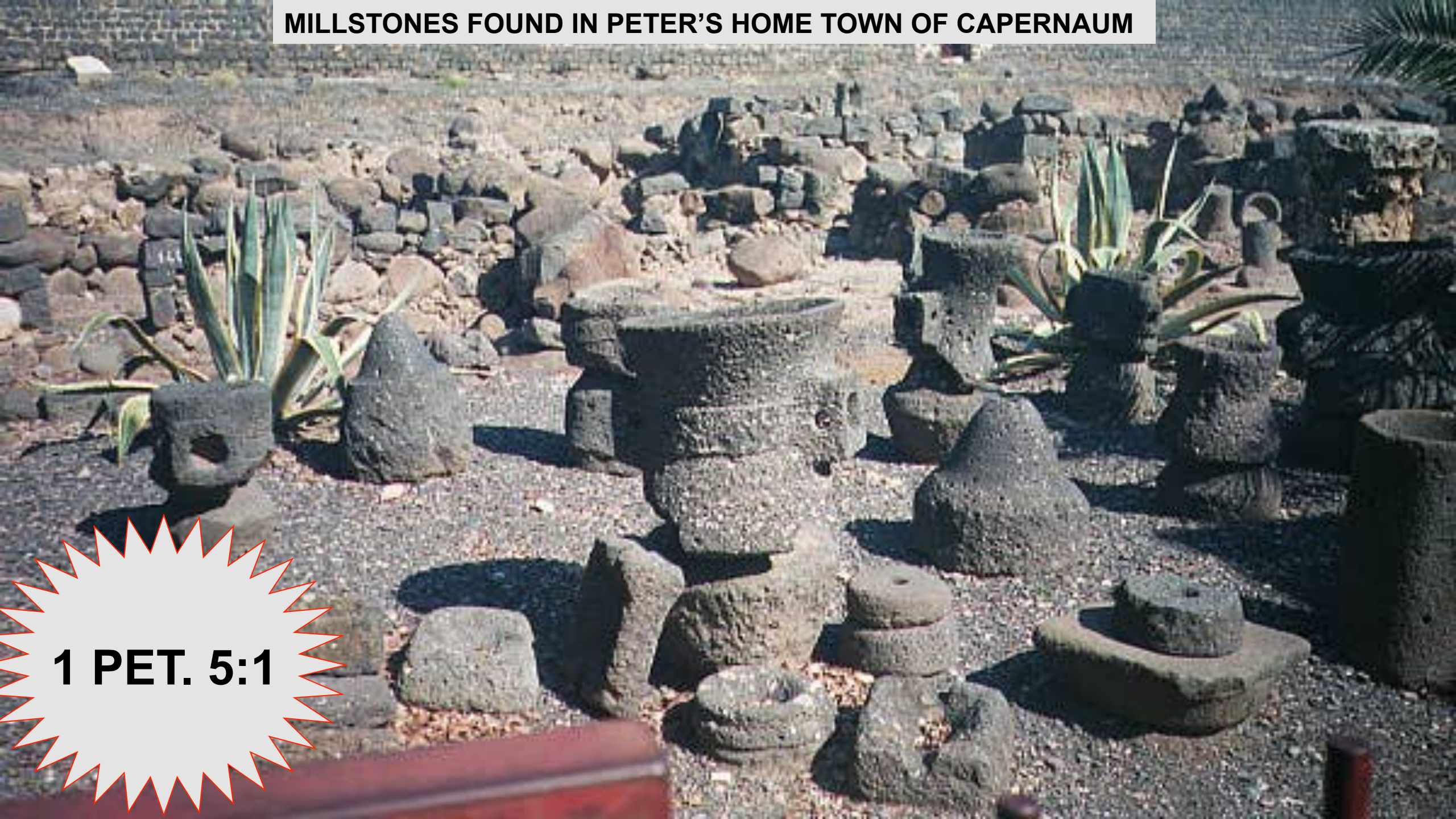


MILLSTONES FOUND IN PETER'S HOME TOWN OF CAPERNAUM



1 PET. 5:1

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The elders among you I exhort, who am a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

Elders among you

Vv. 1 – 4 is addressed to elders (See Acts 14:23)

I exhort

A term of persuasion not authority

Fellow-elder

Peter was also an elder in some church

Witness

**He was an eye-witness – not 2nd hand information
Acts 1:8; 3:15; 10:39**

Partaker

A sharer or partner

Glory to be revealed

That eternal glory revealed at the coming of Christ

The **elders are to Tend** the flock of God which is among you, **exercising the oversight**,

Elders (*presbuteros*)

Literally means “older.” The term is used in both the O.T. and the N.T. referring to a group of men selected to oversee the affairs of a city or a synagogue because these groups were composed of “older men.”

Tend (*poimaino*)

Literally Shepherd – translated in English to
Tend – 1 Pet. 5:2
Feed – Acts 20:28
Pastor – Eph. 4:11

Exercising the oversight
(*episcopountes*)

Means overseeing. English word is bishop

Acts 20:17, 28
1 Pet. 5:1-4

Both passages uses all three words to describe the same group of men.

Titus 1:5-7

Elders & Bishops are used interchangeably

"ELDER" CARRIES THE IDEA OF "AGE"

OLD



OLDEST

1. ONE OLDER

2. JEWISH ELDERS

3. ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

Matt 15:2

Acts 14:23

And when they had appointed for them **elders in every church**

Matt 16:21

Acts 20:17

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to him the **elders of the church.**



BISHOP* = *EPI* - *SCOPOS

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OVER SEER

ACTS 20:28; PHIL. 1:1;

BISHOPS

1 TIM 3:2; TITUS 1:7; 1 PET. 5:2

“An overseer, a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian or superintendent . . . spec. *the superintendent, head or overseer of any Christian church.*” (Thayer)

Whereas elders and shepherds were mainly Jewish terms, Bishop is a **gentile word used of a guardian, municipal officer, or someone appointed to take care of the town or district.**

THE SAME MEN ARE REFERRED AS SHEPHERDS

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to him the **elders** of the church.

Acts 20:28 Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you **bishops**,

Acts 20:28 **to feed** the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood.

SHEPHERD

**ELDERS & BISHOPS
ARE ALSO
CALLED
SHEPHERDS**

This is the Greek word for
SHEPHERD

A SHEPHERD IS ONE WHO CARES FOR A FLOCK

To feed, to tend a flock, keep sheep...to rule govern...to furnish pasturage or food; to nourish.

b. metaph. The presiding officer, manager, director of an assembly: so of Christ the Head of the church
Jn. 10:16; 1 Pet. 2:25; Heb. 13:20 (Thayer)

SHEPHERD

***THE CONGREGATION
IS THE***



THE DIFFERENCES IN THE TERMS

ELDERS



ELDER describes
the person
as one of age,
experience, dignity
and wisdom.

BISHOPS



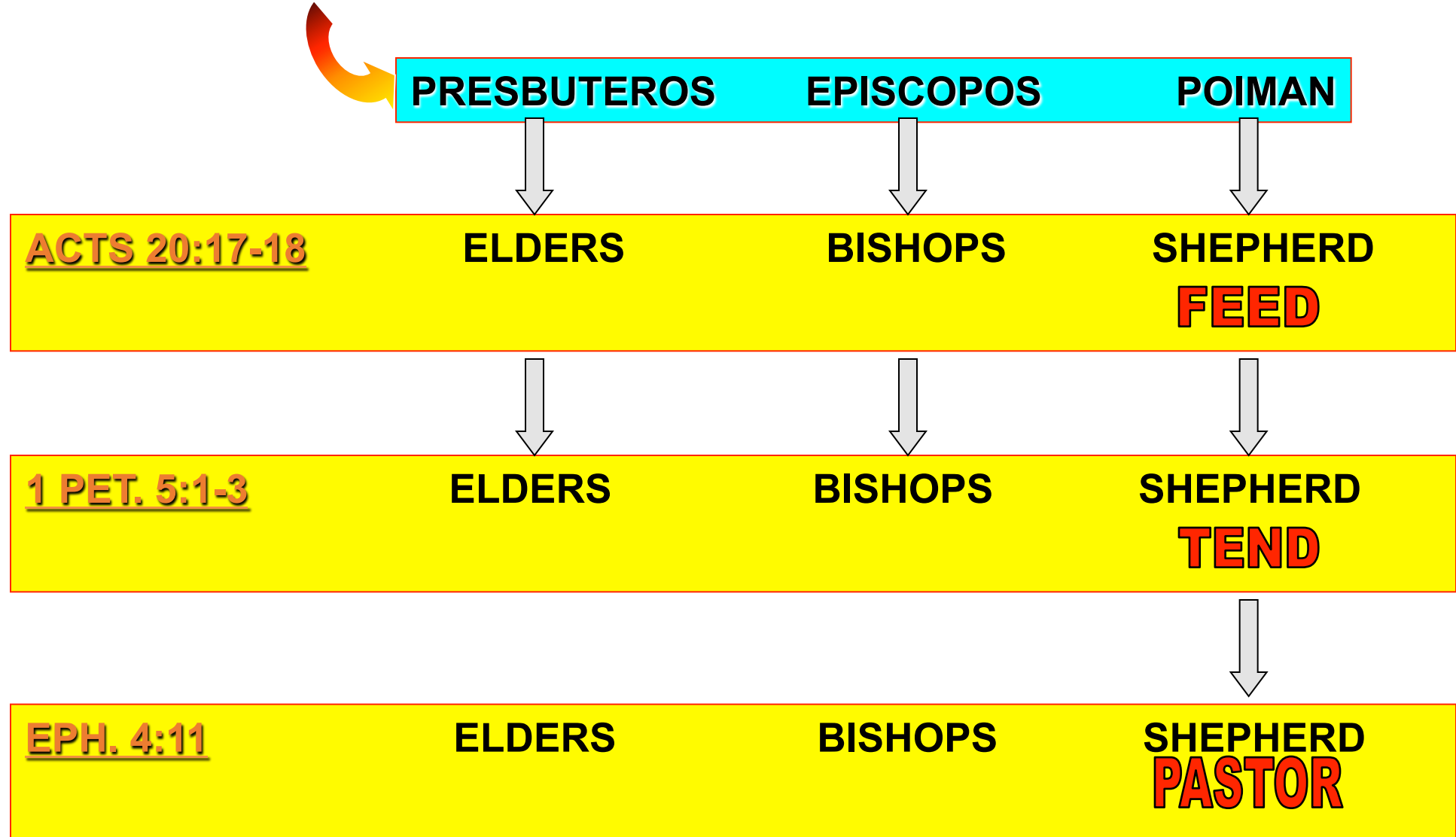
BISHOP describes
the position
or relationship. It is
one of oversight.

SHEPHERD



SHEPHERD describes
the nature
of the work. It is one of
personal care for each
sheep.

THESE THREE GREEK WORDS ARE TRANSLATED INTO SIX ENGLISH WORDS



Peter 5:2

Shepherd the flock of God **which is among you,**

Which is among you

The authority of elders is limited to the congregation which is among them.

Neither as lording it over the **charge allotted to you,**

Allotted to you is all one word. (Kleros)

A lot or portion, a portion assigned by lot.

The Greek word is “kleros” meaning lot. This is the where we get the English word “clergy.” It refers to the members who are under the authority of the elders. It is also used this way in Eph. 1:11.

It is use exactly backwards today. Today, clergy refers to the preachers who are called pastors. And they are over the members.

The fact is that each member of the church is a member of the clergy.

1 Peter 5:2-3 not of constraint, but willingly, according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves ensamples to the flock.

HOW "NOT" TO RULE

Not of constraint

Not forced to do it as a duty but willingly. See 1 Tim. 3:1

Nor for filthy lucre

Not in order to make money. See. 1 Tim. 5:17

Not lording it over

Ruling highhandedly, domineering.
Mt. 20:25-28; Lk. 22:24-26; Mk. 9:34-35

Examples

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5:4 And when the **chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

Chief Shepherd

One word. First or chief. Jn. 10:14; Heb. 13:20

Crown of glory

A glorious crown. Crown of a victorious servant.
Not the crown of a king.

Fadeth not away

Never fading. Never, never, never.

**PETER NOW TURNS TO HIS FINAL
AND
CLOSING EXHORTATIONS**

1 Peter 5:5-7 Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder. Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you.

Younger = Younger men

Be subject unto **the elder = older men**

All of you GIRD

Humble yourselves and serve one another Jn. 13:10

The word “gird” here is different from the one used in 1:13. This word comes from “knot” and is used for the apron a slave tied on to distinguish themselves. This is a figure meaning “tie on humility like a slave’s apron.”

Humble to exhalt

One of many paradoxes. “Go down to go up” Mt. 23:12

Anxiety
This is word like “lust,”
used in both a good and
bad sense

To be troubled with cares, disturbed, annoyed in spirit.

The basic meaning is “to care for” and is also used in a good sense. Phil. 2:20; 1 Cor. 12:25; 2 Cor. 11:28

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world.

Be sober

Calmness of mind. Clear thinking. Self-controlled

Be watchful

Basically means “to be aroused out of sleep, arise, to be alive.” It means to “to watch, give strict attention to, be cautious. Punctilious care in a thing.

Adversary

An opponent in a lawsuit. One who brings charges against you. False charges

Roaring lion

Describes his character. He is not a pet kitten!

Devour

Gulp down, swallow, utterly destroy

Withstand steadfast

(Jas. 4:7) Stand against with a rock solid firmness.

In your faith

In the faith. By means of your faith.

Same sufferings

4:12. Don't ever, ever, ever give up. Christians suffer!