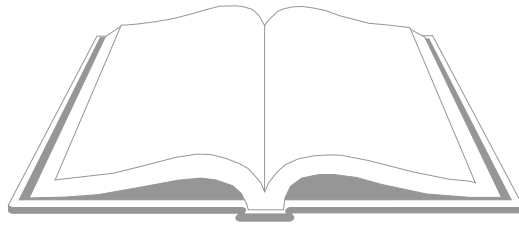

New Testament

OUTLINES



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WRITERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

The writers compiled a written record of what God had brought to their remembrance and what he directed them to convey. They wrote with the same authority as they spoke.

Paul wrote:

If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment. 1 Corinthians 14:37

Peter equated his writings and those of Paul to the Scriptures (Holy Writings) of the Old Testament: . . . *and regard the patience of our Lord to be salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.* 2 Peter 3:16-16

John wrote down what he had witnessed, so that all might believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Savior of sinners, and the Son of God; that, by this faith, they might obtain eternal life: *Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.* John 20:30-31



MATTHEW

Also called Levi. Mar.2:14, Luk.5:27 (cf. Mat.9:9)

Son of Alphaeus. Mar.2:14

Tax-gatherer (publican) before becoming an Apostle. Mat.9:9

Also mentioned in Act.1:13

Wrote: MATTHEW

MARK

Also called John Mark.

Son of Mary, who lived in Jerusalem. Act.12:12

Cousin to Barnabas. Col.4:10

Traveling companion of Paul and Barnabas. Act.13:5

Also mentioned in Act.12:12,25; 13:13, 15:37-39, 2Ti.4:11, Phm.24; 1Pe.5:13

Wrote: MARK

LUKE

Also called Lucas

Physician. Col.4:14

(Possibly a gentile. Col.4:11,14)

[Not same person as Lucius in Act.13:1.]

Worker with Paul. Phm.24, Act.27:1

Also mentioned in *Act.16:10-17, 20:5-15, 21:1-18. 2Ti.4:11

Wrote: LUKE, ACTS

*Luke included himself in some of the activities by using the pronoun, "we" in Acts.

JOHN

Son of Zebedee and Salome. Mat 4:21

Brother of James the Apostle

Originally a disciple of John the Baptist. Joh.1:35-40

His brother, James, was put to death by Herod Agrippa I. Acts.12:1-2

Wrote: JOHN, 1 JOHN, 2 JOHN, 3 JOHN, REVELATION

PETER

Also called Simon, Simeon, Cephas
Son of Jonas (John) Mat.16:17, Joh.1:42
Brother of Andrew. Joh.1:40
Married. Mar.1:30, 1Co.9:5
Fishing partner with James, John and Andrew, Luk.5:7,10, Mar.1:16
Wrote: 1 PETER, 2 PETER

JAMES

Hebrew: Jacob
Some think he was a cousin to the Lord; others think he was "James the less."
Still others think he was a brother of the Lord. Act.12:17, 1Co.15:7, Gal.1:19
Wrote: JAMES

PAUL

Also called Saul of Tarsus. Act.13:9
Israelite (Jew) 2Co.11:22
Roman citizen. Act.22:25-29
Never married. 1Co.9:5
Tentmaker by trade. Act.18:3
Wrote: ROMANS, 1 & 2 CORINTHIANS, GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS,
1 & 2 THESSALONIANS, 1&2 TIMOTHY, TITUS, PHILEMON (and possibly) HEBREWS

JUDE

Also called Judas
Brother of James. Jde.1
Some think he was a brother of Christ. Luk.6:16, Act.1:13
Wrote: JUDE

STRUCTURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

	NAME OF THE BOOK	
GOSPELS	denotes writers	
Matthew		
Mark		
Luke		
John		
HISTORY		
Acts.....	describes content	
(Acts of the Apostles, particularly Peter and Paul)		
LETTERS		
TO CHURCHES	indicates recipients	
Romans		
1 Corinthians		
2 Corinthians		
Galatians		
Ephesians		
Philippians		
Colossians		
1 Thessalonians		
2 Thessalonians		
TO INDIVIDUALS	indicates recipients	
1 Timothy		
2 Timothy		
Titus		
Philemon		
GENERAL LETTERS	indicates writers	
Hebrews		
(author is uncertain, possibly Paul)		
James		
1 Peter		
2 Peter		
1 John		
2 John		
3 John		
Jude		
PROPHECY	indicates content	
Revelation		

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INSPIRATION

DEFINITION:

Inspiration is “The actions of God leading to the writing, preservation, and collection of His words to His people into the Bible.” It is the influence of the Holy Spirit upon individuals for the purpose of producing an authoritative record of persons, teaching and events.

CLAIMS OF INSPIRATION:

All scripture is given by inspiration of God.
2Ti.3:16

For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2Pe.1:21

David himself said in the Holy Spirit, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘sit at my right hand, until I put thine enemies beneath thy feet.’”
Mar.12:36

But when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak. For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

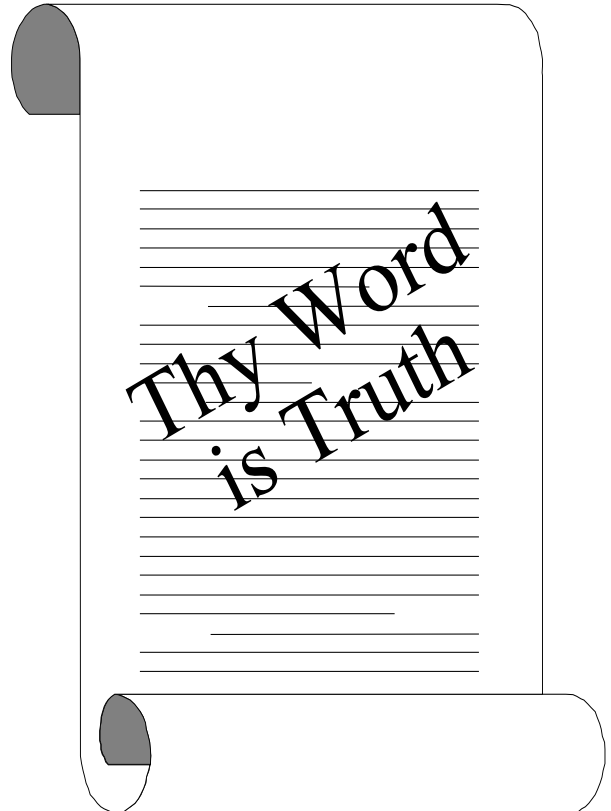
Mat.10:19-20

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Joh.14:26

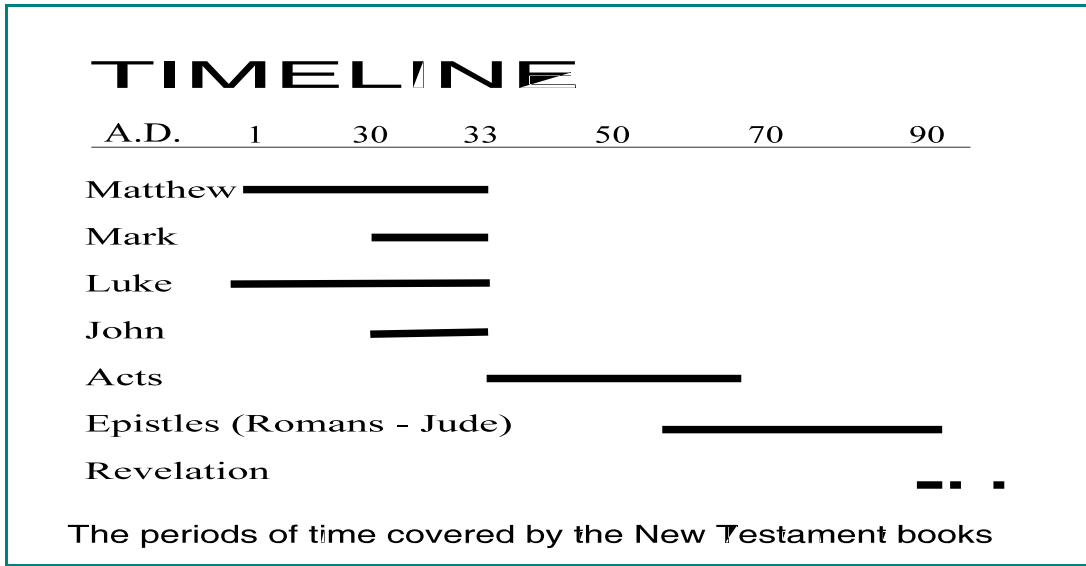
For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Gal.1:11-12



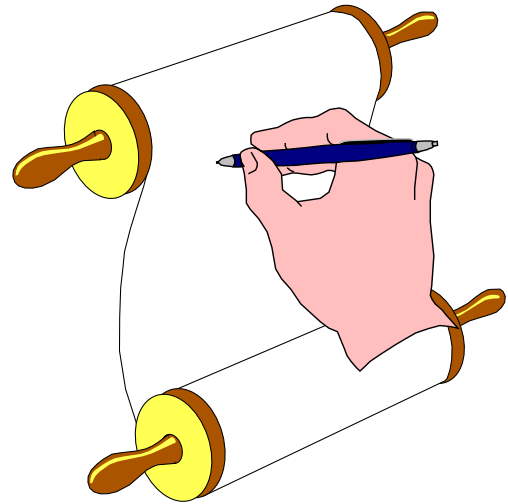
Inspiration produces a revelation of what is beyond normal human cognitive and experiential knowledge. It is a disclosure of truth that humans cannot comprehend through their ordinary thought process. It's a communication from God and of God, delivered through man for mankind.

NEW TESTAMENT



NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER (DATE OF WRITING IS APPROXIMATE)

Matthew	37-64
Luke	37-64
James	45-63
1 Thessalonians	52
2 Thessalonians	53-54
Romans	58
1 Corinthians	57-58
2 Corinthians	57-58
Galatians	57-58
Jude	60-66
Philemon	62
Colossians	62-64
Mark	62-68
Acts	63
1 Peter	63
Ephesians	63-64
Philippians	63-64
Hebrews	63-68
1 Timothy	64-65
Titus	64-65
2 Peter	66
2 Timothy	67
1 John	68-90
John	80-90
2 John	90
3 John	90
Revelation	90-96



. . . the faith which was
once for all delivered to
the saints. Jude 3

MATTHEW

WRITER: Matthew, the Apostle

DATE: Uncertain (37-64 A.D.)

THEME: *Jesus the Christ, the King from Heaven*

BIRTH OF THE KING

Genealogy of the king.	1:1-17
Virgin birth of the king.	1:18-25
Early life of the king.	2:1-23

PREPARATION OF THE KING

John the Baptist, forerunner of the king.	3:1-12
Baptism of the king.	3:13-17
Temptation (testing) of the king.	4:1-11

PROCLAMATIONS OF THE KING

Beginning of the king's ministry.	4:12-25
Sermon on the mount; teaching with authority.	5:1-7:29

CREDENTIALS OF THE KING

Heals all manner of sickness and diseases.	8:1-9:38
Declares His power to forgive sin [9:1-8]	

MESSENGERS OF THE KING

Twelve apostles sent out (to Israel only).	10:1-42
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REJECTION OF THE KING

Jews criticize Him; plot to kill Him.	11:1-12:50
Jews assert His power comes from the devil [12:22-27]	

TEACHINGS OF THE KING (WITH SIGNS AND WONDERS)

Parables.	13:1-58
Reason for parables [13:10]; key to explanations [13:18-23]	
Teachings questioned and opposed.	14:1-16:12
Declares His intention to build His church.	16:13-28
Shown to be superior to Moses and Elijah.	17:1-27
Teachings of true greatness.	18:1-35
Teachings concerning rule of the king.	19:1-20:34

PRESENTATION OF THE KING

Triumphant entry into Jerusalem.	21:1-22
Teachings in Jerusalem.	21:23-22:46
Condemns Pharisees, scribes for hypocrisy.	23:1-39

PROPHECIES OF THE KING

Destruction of Judaism for its rejection of the king.	24:1-51
Judgment by the king at the last great day.	25:1-46

DEATH AND BURIAL OF THE KING

Arrest, mock trial and crucifixion of the king.	26:1-27:66
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RESURRECTION AND REIGN OF THE KING

Resurrection of the king, with all power.	28:1-20
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NOTES:

king used 19 times; kingdom used 53 times; kingdom of heaven used 31 times
There are more than 60 references to the Old Testament.
Matthew wrote to those who believed in God and the coming of the Messiah.
His book establishes that Jesus of Nazareth was sent from God as the Messiah and King.

MARK

WRITER: John Mark

DATE: Uncertain (62-68 A.D.)

THEME: *Jesus the Christ, the Son of God Active in Redemption*

PREPARATION OF THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

The work of John the Baptist.	1:1-8
The baptism and temptation of Jesus.	1:9-13

MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE

Call of Simon, Andrew, James and John.	1:14-20
Group of miracles.	1:21-45
Casts out unclean spirits; heals Peter's mother-in-law; cleanses a leper	
Group of controversies.	2:1-3:35
Forgiving sins; eating with publicans; fasting; plucking grain on the sabbath; healing on the sabbath	
Group of parables.	4:1-34
The sower; lamp; growing grain; mustard seed	
Second group of miracles.	4:35-5:43
Stilling the storm; casting out demons; raising the dead; rejection of Jesus in His home town.	6:1-6
Twelve sent out on a limited commission.	6:7-13
John the Baptist beheaded (reference to event).	6:14-29
Third group of miracles.	6:30-8:26
Feeds the 5,000; walks on water; heals deaf mute; feeds the 4,000; heals a blind man	
The cost of discipleship.	8:27-38
Transfiguration of Jesus.	9:1-13
Heals a boy that the disciples couldn't heal.	9:10-32
Settles dispute about power and rank in the kingdom.	9:33-37
Discourses on way to Jerusalem.	10:1-45
Questions about divorce answered; blesses the children; talks with the rich young ruler	

REDEMPTIVE WORK DURING HIS LAST WEEK

Triumphant entry into Jerusalem.	11:1-14
Cleanses the temple of money changers.	11:15-26
Debate in the temple.	11:27-33
Discourses in the temple.	12:1-44
Parable of the vine grower; tribute to Caesar; the resurrection; greatest commandment; widow's mite	
Discourse on Olivet concerning destruction of Jerusalem.	13:1-37
Events on the last supper with the disciples.	14:1-31

ARREST, TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION

In the garden praying; betrayed.	14:32-52
Mock trial before Sanhedrin.	14:53-72
Brought before Pilate.	15:1-15
Taken to Golgotha for crucifixion.	15:16-47

THE RESURRECTION AND EVENTS AFTERWARD

Jesus comes forth from the tomb.	16:1-13
Apostles commissioned to preach Gospel; given power.	16:14-20

LUKE

WRITER: Luke

DATE: Uncertain (37-64 A.D.)

THEME: *Gospel of Historical Certainty*

INCARNATION OF THE SON OF MAN

Birth of John the Baptist.	1:1-80
Miraculous birth and boyhood of Jesus.	2:1-52

PREPARATION OF THE SON OF MAN

Work of John the Baptist, His forerunner.	3:1-20
Baptism of Jesus, the “son of man”.	3:21-38
His temptation in the wilderness.	4:1-13

WORK OF THE SON OF MAN

His rejection at Nazareth, His hometown.	4:14-30
He performs miracles in Capernaum and Judea.	4:31-5:16
His clashes with the Pharisees.	5:17-6:11
He chooses the Twelve; discourse of the Beatitudes.	6:12-19
He performs more miracles, including raising the dead.	7:1-17
He answers John the Baptist’s inquiry.	7:18-50
He speaks in parables; heals many.	8:1-56
He sends out the Twelve; 5,000 fed.	9:1-17
Fate of the “son of man;” Jesus transfigured.	9:18-62
The seventy sent out on a limited commission.	10:1-24
Speaks many parables.	10:25-52
He teaches His disciples about prayer.	11:1-13
He exposes and denounces Pharisaism	11:14-54
He charges the disciples to be aware and prepared.	12:1-13-5
He teaches in the synagogues on the sabbath; healing some.	13:6-35
While eating with some Pharisees, He heals on the sabbath; lesson for hosts.	14:1-24
He tells the multitudes the cost of discipleship.	14:25-35
In reply to the Pharisees and scribes, He tells many parables.	15:1-16:31
His discourse on forgiveness; the coming kingdom.	17:1-37

THE SON OF MAN COMING TO JERUSALEM

His journey and triumphal entry.	18:31-19:40
He weeps for the city; cleanses the temple; His authority challenged.	19:41-20:47
He foretells of the destruction of Jerusalem.	21:1-38
The last supper and His farewell discourse.	22:1-46
His arrest, mock trial, crucifixion and burial.	22:47-23:56

RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF THE SON OF MAN

The empty tomb.	24:1-35
He appears to the disciples in Jerusalem; ascends.	24:36-53

NOTES:

- “Son of man” used 26 times
- Jesus, the perfect God/man, who is the savior of imperfect mankind.
- Seven great facts:
 - Incarnation
 - Inauguration
 - Temptation
 - Transfiguration
 - Crucifixion
 - Resurrection
 - Ascension

JOHN

WRITER: John

DATE: 80-90 A.D.

THEME: *Jesus Christ, the Son of God*

JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD

- He is God; co-creator of all things; God in the flesh. 1:1-18
- The testimony of John the Baptist. 1:19-34
- Some of John's disciples turn to follow Jesus.. . . . 1:35-51

PUBLIC MINISTRY OF THE SON OF GOD

- Turns water into wine—disciples believe.. . . . 2:1-11
- Cleanses the temple; performs miracles—many believe. 2:12-25
- Declares “new birth” to Nicodemus who believes. 3:1-36
- Jesus with the woman at the well—Samaritans believe. 4:1-54
- Jesus declares that one must believe in Him. 5:1-47
 - Father bears witness with signs
 - John the Baptist bears witness
 - Scriptures bear witness
- Multitudes follow him because of the miracles. 6:1-71
 - He declares “I am the bread of life” causing many to leave him.
- Jews divided about believing in Him. 7:1-53
- Jesus declares “I am the light of the world”—many believe. 8:1-58
 - Claims equality with God.
- He heals a blind man—blind man believes; Jews refuse to believe. 9:1-41
- Jesus declares “I am the good shepherd”—Jews divided on believing. 10:1-39
- Preaches beyond Jordan—many believe. 10:40-42
- Declares “I am the resurrection and life” 11:1-57
 - Raises Lazarus—many believe.

PREPARATION FOR THE DEATH OF THE SON OF GOD

- Symbolic anointing for burial by Mary, thereby infuriating Judas. 12:1-11
 - Many believe because of Lazareth being brought back to life.
- Triumphal entry into Jerusalem. 12:12-43
 - Many rulers believed, but were refusing to acknowledge it.
- Equates believing in the Son with belief in the Father. 12:44-50

PRIVATE MINISTRY OF THE SON OF GOD

- He washes the disciples' feet; predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. 13:1-38
- He speaks of His coming again; being one with the Father;
 - promise of the Holy Spirit. 14:1-31
- He tells of the believers relationship to Christ and the world. 15:1-27
- He prays on behalf of the disciples.. . . . 17:1-26

DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF THE SON OF GOD

- His arrest; Peter's denial.. . . . 18:1-40
- The mock trial, scourging and crucifixion. 19:1-20
- The empty tomb; appears to the disciples—they believe. 20:1-31
- Final appearance to the disciples after His resurrection. 21:1-25

NOTE: No parables in this book.

KEY WORDS: Father (God) 121, love 57, world 78, Son (Christ) 42, believe 98, life 52.

ACTS

WRITER: Luke

DATE: 63 A.D.

THEME: *The Beginning of the Church*

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

A continuation of the Gospel of Luke. 1:1-5
Lord's ascension; disciples wait in Jerusalem; choose Matthias. 1:6-26

BEGINNING OF THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Spirit given; Gospel preached; many believe. 2:1-42
The baptized believers gathered together (in fellowship as a called out group). 2:43-47
Peter heals lame beggar, proclaims the good news. 3:1-26

PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH

Peter and John arrested; speak boldly before the Council. 4:1-22
In sharing with others, Ananias and Sapphira lie to God. 4:23-5:11
Apostles imprisoned; charged not to preach. 5:12-42
A charge is raised that some widows are being neglected. 6:1-6
Stephen stoned after speaking boldly before the council. 6:7-7:60
General persecution scatters the believers. 8:1-4

GOSPEL SPREADS

Philip's preaching converts some Samaritans and an Ethiopian. 8:5-40

SAUL (PAUL) CALLED TO BE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES

Lord appears to him on the way to Damascus. 9:1-18
Saul converted; spends time in Damascus and Arabia;
goes to Tarsus by way of Jerusalem. 9:19-43

PETER SENT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH THE GENTILES

Cornelius visited by an angel; Peter has a vision. 10:1-16
The Holy Spirit poured out on the household of Cornelius. 10:17-48
Peter recounts the events to the church at Jerusalem. 11:1-18
A large number of Gentiles are converted. 11:19-30

MORE PERSECUTIONS

James killed; Peter arrested, but miraculously released. 12:1-25

FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Paul, Barnabas, and Mark go to Cyprus, then to Asia; Mark turns back. 13:1-52
They proceed to Iconium, Lystra, Derbe; Paul stoned; they retrace their steps. 14:1-28

COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

Decision concerning the binding of the Law on Gentiles. 15:1-29

SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Paul and Barnabas separate; Paul takes Silas, Barnabas takes John Mark. 15:30-41
Paul goes to Asia; directed by Spirit to go to Macedonia. 16:1-40
Arrested in Philippi; jailor converted
Travel to Thessalonica, Berea and on to Athens. 17:1-34
Paul stays many months in Corinth; returns to Antioch. 18:1-22

THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Paul goes to Galatia and Phrygia. 18:23-28
Stays three years in Ephesus. 19:1-41
Goes on to Greece and Macedonia. 20:1-38

PAUL TRAVELS TO JERUSALEM

Brings gifts to Christians from Gentile converts. 21:1-26
Seized in the temple by angry mob, taken into custody for his protection. 21:27-40
He makes a defense to the people. 22:1-30
He makes his defense before the Council; life threatened. 23:1-24
Brought before Felix at Caesarea. 24:1-27
Makes his defense before Festus. 25:1-27
Brought before Agrippa, he appeals to Caesar. 26:1-32

PAUL SENT TO ROME

On the way he suffers shipwreck; responsible for saving all the crew. 27:1-44
Spends three months on island of Malta 28:1-11
After arriving in Rome, he waits 2 years for his trial; has limited freedom 28:17-31

ROMANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 58 A.D.

THEME: *The Gospel of Christ, the Power of God Unto Salvation*

INTRODUCTION

Greetings from the Apostle.	1:1-7
Paul's concern for them; his plans to visit them.	1:8-15
Statement of the theme of the letter.	1:16-17

ALL MANKIND UNDER CONDEMNATION OF SIN

Sinfulness of the Gentiles.	1:18-32
Sinfulness of self-righteous.	2:1-16
Sinfulness of Jews.	2:17-3:8
Sinfulness of all mankind.	3:9-20

JUSTIFICATION OF SINNERS WHO BELIEVE IN CHRIST

Righteousness obtained by faith in Christ.	3:21-31
Example of Abraham justified by faith.	4:1-25
Result of justification by faith.	5:1-11
Contrast between Adam and Christ.	5:12-21

VICTORY OVER SIN

Believer is freed from sin (guilt) and is to refrain from it.	6:1-23
Believer is not under Law.	7:1-25
Victory comes through the law of the Spirit.	8:1-39

SPIRITUAL RECOVERY OF JEWS (AND GENTILES)

Paul's concern for Israel.	9:1-5
Jews had failed to see God's sovereign right to choose.	9:6-29
Jews failed to pursue law of righteousness by faith.	9:30-33
Righteousness is the result of faith.	10:1-11
All who hear, believe and call upon the Lord are saved.	10:12-17
Israel rejected because of unbelief.	10:18-21
A remnant of Israel saved (by faith in the Son).	11:1-15
The figure of the olive tree.	11:16-32
Natural branches (Jews) cut off because of unbelief	
Wild branches (Gentiles) grafted in by faith	
Natural branches can be grafted back in—by faith	
God's wisdom in these matters is beyond comprehension.	11:33-36

CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

Life as part of the body of Christ.	12:1-16
Life in relation to others.	12:17-21
Life in relation to civil government.	13:1-7
Life in relation to all mankind.	13:8-14
Life in relation to weaker brethren.	14:1-15:3
All may have joy, peace and hope in Christ.	15:4-13

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Paul's reason for not making a personal visit.	15:14-33
Personal greetings, parting exhortations and warnings.	16:1-27

1 CORINTHIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 57-58 A.D.

THEME: *Problems in the Church and The Solutions*

SALUTATION 1:1-9

PROBLEMS

Division

- Party spirit caused by improper view of teachers. 1:10-17
- Man's wisdom verses God's wisdom. 1:18-31
- Paul proclaimed God's wisdom received by the Spirit. 2:1-16
- Teachers are fellow-workers for God. 3:1-4:5
- Arrogant members admonished to be humble. 4:6-21

Immorality

- Immoral member to be removed. 5:1-8
- Christian fellowship is limited. 5:9-13

Lawsuits against each other

- Matters should be settled among themselves. 6:1-11

Defiling the body

- Body is the temple of God. 6:12-20

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

About marriage

- Responsibilities in marriage. 7:1-7
- Concerning those unmarried or widowed. 7:8-9
- Concerning those already married. 7:10-24
- Advice in view of "present distress". 7:25-40

About liberty

- The matter of eating meat offered to idols. 8:1-13
- Paul's use of liberty. 9:1-27
- Self-denial, self-dedication, self-discipline
- Liberty is not license to engage in idol activities. 10:1-33
- Example of Israel :1-13
- Woman, as Christian, is not freed from subjection to man. 11:1-16
- Not free to corrupt the Lord's supper; do so to their own peril. 11:17-34

CONCERNS

Spiritual gifts

- Different gifts, all from one Spirit. 12:1-11
- All serve a definite purpose; none less important. 12:12-31
- "A more excellent way". 13:1-13
- Gifts which aid others to be preferred. 14:1-25
- Orderly exercise of gifts in the assembly. 14:26-40

Resurrection

- Fact witnessed by more than five hundred. 15:1-11
- If there is no resurrection, there is no hope. 15:12-19
- Fact: Christ has risen, will raise us up at last day. 15:20-34
- The "how" and "with what body" explained. 15:35-49
- Victory over death through the Lord Jesus Christ. 15:50-58

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Collection for the church in Jerusalem

- Manner of collection and delivery. 16:1-9
- Timothy coming to Corinth; Apollos declines to come. 16:10-12
- Personal remarks. 16:13-24

2 CORINTHIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 57-58 A.D.

THEME: *Follow-up Letter to 1 Corinthians*

SALUTATION

Thanksgiving for divine comfort. 1:1-11

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PAUL AND THE CORINTHIAN BRETHREN

Explanation for postponing his visit. 1:12-2:4

Instructions concerning the penitent offender. 2:5-11

Paul was anxious to know how they received the first letter. 2:12-13

DESCRIPTION OF TRUE MINISTRY

Credentials of a true apostle:

 Makes known the knowledge of Him. 2:14-17

 Their existence certifies his Apostleship. 3:1-5

 He has the true ministry (which is far superior to the old covenant). 3:6-18

True ministry versus false ministry

 The power is in the message, not the man. 4:1-6

 Willingness to suffer part of the true ministry. 4:7-15

God has a better dwelling place for the spirit of man. 4:16-5:12

True ministry is one of reconciliation. 5:13-19

His plea for mutual affection; separation from unbelievers. 6:11-7:4

Joy over Titus' report of many repenting; submitting to his ministry. 7:5-16

CONCERNING AID FOR NEEDY SAINTS

The good example of the brethren in Macedonia. 8:1-8

The supreme example of Jesus Christ. 8:9

A matter equality. 8:10-15

The coming of Titus and others to convey the collection. 8:16-9:5

The happy result of cheerful, liberal giving. 9:6-15

PAUL'S DEFENSE OF HIS APOSTLESHIP

Defense against charges of weakness and cowardice. 10:1-11

The rightful claim of Paul over Corinthians. 10:12-18

Reason for asserting his Apostolic authority. 11:1-6

 Blunts the efforts to undermine confidence in him

His reason for refusing financial support from them. 11:7-15

Foolishly, he compares himself with false teachers in order to make a point. 11:16-33

Visions, miracles and "thorn in the flesh" proof of his Apostleship. 12:1-13

His unselfish love for them is additional proof of his Apostleship. 12:14-18

HIS PLANS TO COME, EXERCISING FULL APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY

He hopes the letter produces repentance among the disobedient minority. 12:19-13:10

 Thus harshness would not be necessary when he arrives

CONCLUSION

Farewell, exhortations and benediction. 13:11-14

GALATIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 57-58 A.D.

THEME: *Defense of the One True Gospel*

OPENING SALUTATION..... 1:1-5

PROBLEM OF SOME TURNING AWAY FROM THE GOSPEL..... 1:6-10

There is no other; only some distort the gospel.

PAUL'S DEFENSE OF THE TRUE GOSPEL HE PREACHED

Received it by revelation of Jesus Christ..... 1:11-24

Not the product of Jewish background

He did not receive it from other men

His apostleship acknowledged by "pillars" in the church..... 2:1-10

They added nothing to his teaching

They extended the "right hand of fellowship"

Paul's rebuke of Peter; and his declaration of justification by faith..... 2:11-21

FOLLY OF RELAPSING TO BEING UNDER LAW

Compares the results of faith and of law..... 3:1-14

Holy Spirit given by faith, not law.

Righteousness comes by faith, not law.

Law curses, Christ redeems us from curse, by faith

Law cannot invalidate the prior promise made to Abraham..... 3:15-18

True purpose of Law: to lead them to Christ..... 3:19-25

Faith in Christ is what makes one a child of God..... 3:26-4:7

Problems encountered in returning to the Law (observing forms and days)..... 4:8-20

They are again enslaved to the Law.

They are turning away from the truth, as taught to them by Paul

Allegory: True sons of Abraham (by faith) are the sons of promise..... 4:21-5:1

ADMONITIONS TO BELIEVERS

Not to seek justification by Law, but by obeying truth..... 5:2-12

Not to use new freedom as opportunity to serve the flesh..... 5:13-21

Walk by the Spirit, have "fruits of Spirit"..... 5:22-26

Help one another..... 6:1-5

Help the one caught in a trespass and the one with a heavy load

Help others by carrying your own load

Principle of "sowing and reaping" applied to them..... 6:6-10

FINAL COMMENTS

Contrast between Judaizers' boastful pride and Paul's humiliating persecutions..... 6:11-18

EPHESIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 63-64

THEME: *Spiritual Blessings and Responsibilities in Christ*

SALUTATION

Addressed to saints (the faithful in Christ Jesus). 1:1-2

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF TRUE BELIEVERS

Possess all spiritual blessings in Christ. 1:3-14

Originated with the Father's plans
Realized in Son's accomplishments
Provided by Spirit's activity

Thanksgiving and prayer on behalf of true believers. 1:15-23

That they understand and appreciate all that God made available
through His Son

Made alive in Christ Jesus. 2:1-10

Contrasts former life to life in Christ
Emphasizes the greatness of the "riches of His grace"

Made to be one (with Jews) living temple of God. 2:11-22

PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP IN PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Revealing the mystery of Christ. 3:1-5

Proclaiming Gentiles as fellow-heirs. 3:6-7

Considered it a privilege to proclaim the gospel. 3:8-13

Prayer: That they fully comprehend all that God has provided for them in Christ 3:14-21

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUE BELIEVERS

Maintaining Christian unity. 4:1-16

Proper conduct to maintain unity of Spirit
Use gifts (abilities) to build up the church

Live the Christian life by putting away old way of life; renewing the mind. 4:17-32

Put away lying; speak truth
Put away uncontrolled anger; control anger
Put away stealing; work to share with needy
Put away unwholesome words; edify with speech
Put away improper feelings; have right attitude

Be imitators of God. 5:1-14

Do not listen to the disobedient
Do not partake with the disobedient
Expose their evil

Be filled with the Spirit (praise and thanksgiving).. 5:15-21

Be in submission to one another. 5:22-6:9

Wives in subjection to their husbands; obligations of husbands
Children obedient to parents; obligations of parents
Slaves (servants) to be obedient to masters; obligations of masters

Spiritual warfare requires spiritual armament.. 6:10-20

Loins girded with truth
Breastplate of righteousness
Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace
Shield of faith
Helmet of salvation
Sword of the spirit (which is the word of God)
With all prayer and petition

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The coming of Tychicus; final greetings and benediction. 6:21-24

PHILIPPIANS

WRITER: Paul (“Prison Letter”)

DATE: 63-64

THEME: *Rejoice in the Lord*

SALUTATION 1:1-2

REJOICING IN THE PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL

Thanksgiving and supplications for the saints at Philippi. 1:3-11
Progress of the Gospel, in spite of persecution, envy and strife. 1:12-18
Paul’s determination to exalt Christ in his body (by living or dying). 1:19-26

EXHORTATION TO ‘WORTHY’ CONDUCT

Importance of humility. 2:1-11
 Needed for unity.
 Christ exhibited humility; which we are to emulate
Work out own salvation with fear and trembling. 2:12-18
 Prove yourselves blameless
 Hold fast to the Word
Examples of worthy conduct. 2:19-30
 Timothy’s genuine concern for the saints at Philippi
 Ephaphroditus, who became sick while bringing aid to Paul

REJOICE IN THE LORD, NOT THE FLESH

Not rejoicing in the flesh as Judaizing teachers do. 3:1-3
Paul could express confidence in the flesh, but didn’t. 3:4-16
 Counted all things “rubbish” to gain Christ
 His righteous based on faith; put confidence in Christ
 Pressed on to the goal of the upward call
Contrasts enemies of the cross with followers of Christ. 3:17-4:1
 Destruction versus salvation (resurrection)
 Minds on earthly things versus minds on Christ

EXHORTATION TO PEACE

Euodia and Syntyche to be at peace. 4:2-3
Exhorted to trust completely in God for peace. 4:4-6
Urged to maintain a pure mind, and righteous life promoting peace. 4:7-9

JOY OVER ASSISTANCE OF PHILIPPIANS

Not that he spoke from want. 4:10-13
 He had learned to be content in all circumstances
It’s not the first time they had provided for his needs. 4:14-16
The gift sought, not for personal benefit, but their benefit. 4:17-20

CLOSING SALUTATIONS. 4:21-23

NOTES:

“Joy” and “rejoicing” found 16 times (NASB version)
Very little rebuking and correction is contained in the letter.

COLOSSIANS

WRITER: Paul (“Prison Letter”]

DATE: 62-64 A.D.

THEME: *Preeminence of Christ in Doctrine and in Life*

OPENING REMARKS

Salutation.	1:1-2
Words of thanksgiving.	1:3-8
Apostle’s prayer for them.	1:9-12

PREEMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST IN DOCTRINE

Supreme glory of the person of Christ.	1:13-18
Supreme glory of the work of Christ.	1:19-23

PAUL’S LABOR IN PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Paul’s stewardship of the gospel for their benefit.	1:24-2:5
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WARNS OF TEACHINGS AGAINST THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST

Warning against philosophies, empty deceptions, traditions of men, elementary principles of the world.	2:6-8
Fulness of the deity of Christ makes one complete.	2:9-15
Warning against teaching of the Law, which are mere shadows.	2:16-17
Warning against worship of angels; against mysticism.	2:18-19
Warning against asceticism*.	2:20-23

CHRIST IS TO BE PREEMINENT IN LIFE

Set mind on things above; remove sin.	3:1-9
Put on righteous actions; do all things in His name.	3:10-17
Gives instructions to various classes:.	3:18-4:1
Wives and husbands	
Children and fathers	
Slaves and masters**	
Exhortation to prayer, for self and others.	4:2-4
Exhortation to proper conduct among outsiders.	4:5-6
Speak with grace (“seasoned as with salt”).	

CONCERNING PAUL’S FELLOW WORKERS

Tychicus being sent to Colossae with Onesimus.	4:7-9
Greetings from Aristarchus, Mark, Jesus (Justus), Ephaphras, Luke and Demas.	4:10-17

CLOSING SALUTATION. 4:18

* asceticism: doctrine that through self-torture or self-imposed denial, one can discipline himself to reach a higher state, spiritually or intellectually. The belief that the ascetic life releases the soul from bondage to the body and permits union with the divine.

** compare Ephesians 5:22-6:9

1 THESSALONIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 52 A.D.

THEME: *Exhortation Toward Further Progress, With a View Toward the Second Coming of the Lord and the Resurrection*

SALUTATION	1:1
PAUL'S PAST AND PRESENT DEALINGS WITH THE CHURCH IN THESSALONICA	
Thanksgiving for their reception of the Gospel.	1:2-10
Paul's conduct towards them.	2:1-12
Doing the Lord's work brings opposition	
Recalls his conduct while among them	
Opposition of the Jews.	2:13-16
It was the Jews who killed Christ and the prophets	
It is the Jews who hinder the Gospel being preached to the Gentiles	
Paul desires to know their present condition.	2:17-3:10
Unable to come in person, he sent Timothy	
Timothy returned with a good report	
BENEDICTION, CLOSING THE FIRST PART OF THE EPISTLE.	3:11-13
INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING	
Holiness, sexual morality, purity.	4:1-8
Love of brethren.	4:9-10
Proper conduct towards outsiders.	4:11-12
Don't grieve over deceased brethren.	4:13-18
Don't be concerned with "when" Christ will return.	5:1-11
Rather be ready and prepared at all times	
Various instructions.	5:12-22
Appreciate those who labor, watch over you	
Admonish the unruly	
Help the weak	
Be patient with all men	
Do not repay evil with evil	
Rejoice always	
Pray without ceasing	
In everything give thanks	
Do not quench the Spirit	
Do not despise prophetic utterances	
Examine everything carefully	
Abstain from every form of evil	
CLOSING BENEDICTION AND SALUTATIONS.	5:23-28

2 THESSALONIANS

WRITER: Paul (written soon after first letter)

DATE: 50-54 A.D.

THEME: *Dispels False Notions Concerning the Coming of the Lord*

SALUTATION 1:1-2

PROGRESS AMID PERSECUTION.. . . . 1:3-12

Thankful for their growth in faith and love
Thankful for their perseverance and faith
Promised retribution for those who afflict Christians
Relief will be given to those who are persecuted
Paul prays for them

CONCERNING THE COMING OF THE LORD. 2:1-17

The Lord has not yet come
 Don't be disturbed by erroneous teachings
The apostasy (falling away) must precede that event
The Man of lawlessness to be revealed:
 Claiming to be divine
 Presently restrained; afterwards to be revealed
 He will be brought to an end by the coming of the Lord
God will send a deluding influence to those who believe not
Hold fast to the truth
 As taught by Paul in word and letter
Be comforted in every good work and word

EXHORTATIONS TO PROPER CONDUCT WHILE WAITING FOR THE LORD..... 3:1-15

Paul requests their prayers
Paul expressed confidence in them
Urges separation from unruly members
Admonishes them not to grow weary in well-doing
Instructed to make note of disobedient; not to associate with them
 However, do not treat them as an "enemy," but as a "brother"

CONCLUDING REMARKS.. . . . 3:16-18

Mark of authenticity (Each of Paul's letters bear a mark of authenticity)*

*References to the other letters written by Paul:

Rom.16:24	Phi.4:23	2Ti.4:22
1Co.16:21-23	Col.4:18	Tit.3:15
2Co.13:14	1Th.5:28	Phm.25
Gal.6:18	1Ti.6:21	Heb.13:35
Eph.6:24		

1 TIMOTHY

WRITER: Paul (after first imprisonment)

DATE: 64-65 A.D.

THEME: *Proper Order in the Church*

GREETING 1:1-2

MAINTAINING SOUNDNESS

Maintaining sound doctrine in the church. 1:3-11

Warnings against myths and endless genealogies

Warnings against misuse of the Law

Paul's personal thanksgiving for being put into service. 1:12-17

"Christ came to save sinners" is an important point

Salvation reflects both the mercy and patience of God

Timothy warned to maintain a sound faith. 1:18-20

Sound instructions for the church. 2:1-15

Pray for all in authority

Spells out proper conduct of men

Enjoins modesty and subordination of women

Proper oversight of the church. 3:1-13

Qualifications of men desiring to be bishops (elders, overseers)

Qualification of deacons

Reason for giving instructions. 3:14-4:5

The church is to be the "pillar and support of truth"

Some will fall away from the faith

PROPER CONDUCT IN THE CHURCH

Conduct of the evangelist. 4:6-5:2

Preach and teach sound doctrine continually

Be an example to other believers

Conduct oneself properly towards men and women, young and old

Disposition of widows. 5:3-16

Proper conduct towards elders. 5:17-21

Personal comments to Timothy as an evangelist. 5:22-25

Proper conduct of slaves. 6:1-2

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Beware: Some have a distorted view of godliness. 6:3-8

Beware of the peril of pursuing riches. 6:9-10

Proper course for the "man of God". 6:11-16

Instructions for those who are rich. 6:17-19

Final charge to Timothy. 6:20-21

2 TIMOTHY

WRITER: Paul (during second imprisonment)

DATE: 67 A.D.

THEME: *A Good Minister of Christ Jesus*

SALUTATION	1:1-2
TIMOTHY, A GOOD MINISTER OF CHRIST JESUS	
Thanksgiving for his “sincere faith”.	1:3-5
Reminders for Timothy.	1:6-14
Kindle afresh the gift of God	
Do not be ashamed of the testimony of Lord	
Join Paul in suffering for the gospel	
Retain “sound” teachings	
Reminders of the conduct of others.	1:15-18
Phygelus and Hermogenes, who turned away	
Onesiphorus, who was not ashamed of Paul	
TIMOTHY ADMONISHED TO CONTINUE AS A GOOD MINISTER	
Be strong soldier of the Lord.	2:1-4
Be like a competitive athlete.	2:5
Be like the hard-working farmer.	2:6
Remember, the way of salvation has hardships.	2:7-13
Be unashamed workman.	2:14-19
Charge others not to wrangle over words	
Avoid worldly, empty chatter	
Be a vessel of honor by proper conduct.	2:20-26
TIMOTHY WARNED OF APOSTASY	
Description of difficult times.	3:1-9
Some will have only the “form of godliness”	
Some will oppose the truth	
Timothy to avoid such by following Paul’s example.	3:10-13
Timothy to continue preaching the things he has learned.	3:14-17
FINAL CHARGE TO TIMOTHY	
Preach the Word “in season and out”.	4:1-4
Some will want their “ears tickled”	
Do the work of an evangelist.	4:5
Paul sees the finish of his own work.	4:6-8
PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO TIMOTHY	
Requests Timothy to come soon.	4:9
Disposition of those who had been with Paul.	4:10-18
Final words; further plea for Timothy to come.	4:19-21
CLOSING BENEDICTION.	4:22

TITUS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 64-65 A.D.

THEME: *Instructions for the Church*

SALUTATION	1:1-4
APPOINTMENT OF ELDERS TO OVERSEE THE CHURCH	
Qualifications and work.	1:5-9
SUPPRESSION OF FALSE TEACHING IN THE CHURCH	
The destructive work of false teachers; the disastrous effect on the church.	1:10-16
INSTRUCTIONS TO VARIOUS GROUPS IN THE CHURCH	
Older men.	2:1-2
To be temperate, dignified, sensible	
To be sound in faith and love	
Older women.	2:3-4
To be reverent in behavior	
Not to be malicious gossips; not enslaved to much wine	
Teaching what is good; encouraging the young women	
Young women.	2:5
Love husbands and children	
Be sensible, pure, workers at home; kind	
Be subject to own husbands	
Young men.	2:6-8
Be sensible; example of good deeds	
Be pure in doctrine; dignified; sound in speech	
Servants.	2:9-10
Be subject to own masters; well-pleasing	
Not argumentative; not pilfering	
Showing all good faith	
Basis for the instructions.	2:11-15
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS	
Proper conduct towards rulers; all men.	3:1-2
Show kindness to others, as God has done.	3:3-8
FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO TITUS	
Shun foolish controversies.	3:9
Reject the factious man if he does not heed warnings.	3:10-11
Come to Nicopolis.	3:12
Help Zenus, Apollos and the brethren.	3:13-14
CLOSING SALUTATION AND BENEDICTION.	3:15

PHILEMON

WRITER: Paul (Prison Letter)

DATE: 62 A.D.

THEME: *Appeal to Philemon on Behalf of Onesimus*

SALUTATION :1-3

THANKSGIVING FOR PHILEMON'S GOOD CONDUCT. :4-7

His love and faith towards the Lord Jesus
His love and fellowship extended to others

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF ONESIMUS. :8-20

Appeals as "Paul the aged," a prisoner of the Lord
Paul had desired to keep Onesimus with him
But would not do it without Philemon's consent
Onesimus is to be considered more than a slave. He now is a "brother"
Paul offers to repay any loss suffered by Philemon

PAUL EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE. :21-22

He believes Philemon will do more than asked

CLOSING SALUTATION. :23-25

NOTE: Three people involved:

Philemon: master of Onesimus

Onesimus: runaway slave converted by Paul's preaching while in Rome

Paul: apostle of the Lord who wrote this intercessory letter

HEBREWS

WRITER: Paul (?)

DATE: 63-68 (?)

THEME: *Superiority of Christ and the New Covenant*

GOD'S FINAL WORD

Spoken through His Son. 1:1-4

SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST AS GOD'S SON

Superior to angels. 1:5-14

[Warning against apostasy: If words spoken by angels are to be heeded, so much more the words of God's Son]. 2:1-4

Jesus, having been in the flesh, qualifies as high priest. 2:5-18

Superior to Moses. 3:1-1

Moses was a servant in God's house; Jesus is Son over God's house

[Warning against apostasy: The peril of unbelief: not entering the Heavenly rest, as Israel failed to enter Canaan because of unbelief]. 3:7-4:13

Superior to Levitical priesthood. 4:14-5:14

Superior qualifications (order of Melchizedek)

[Warning against apostasy: Know the perils of falling away; keep hold of hope, which is secured by God's oath]. 6:1-20

Superiority of Melchizedek to Abraham. 7:1-10

Superior order of priesthood; change in law required. 7:11-22

Jesus is a superior high priest (eternal). 7:23-8:4

SUPERIORITY OF THE NEW COVENANT

Better covenant with better promises. 8:5-13

Covenants contrasted: 9:1-10:18

First: earthly sanctuary, continual sacrifice, blood of animals

Second: heavenly sanctuary, one sacrifice; blood of God's son

First was incomplete, temporary; second is complete, permanent

First taken away in order to establish the second

[Warning of apostasy: Hold fast to confession of hope; stimulate one another to good works; don't forsake assembling; don't cast off previously demonstrated confidence]. 10:19-39

EXHORTATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE FAITH

Roll call of those who gained approval "by faith". 11:1-40

Endure hardships and discipline, as others have done. 12:1-29

Demonstrations of faith. 13:1-17

Let brotherly love continue

Do not be carried away by strange teachings

Offer appropriate sacrifices unto God

Don't neglect doing good

Obey your leaders who watch for your souls

CLOSING COMMENTS, BENEDICTION. 13:18-25

JAMES

WRITER: James

DATE: 45-63 A.D.

THEME: *Faith Working in Everyday Life*

SALUTATION 1:1

INSTRUCTIONS IN FAITHFULNESS

How to view trials. 1:2-4
Secure wisdom through prayer. 1:5-8
The uncertainty of riches. 1:9-11
Temptations are not from God. 1:12-18
Obedience to the Word. 1:19-27
 Receive the Word; “do” the Word
Love without partiality. 2:1-13
Justified by a working faith. 2:14-26
 A misconception of faith
 Works are the life-blood of faith
 Faith without works is dead.

EXPRESSIONS OF WISDOM

Concerning the tongue. 3:1-12
 Warning for teachers
 Power of the tongue
 Proper use of the tongue
Meekness and good behavior (wisdom from above). 3:13-18
 Bitter jealousy and selfish ambition condemned
Worldliness (wisdom from below). 4:1-10
 Lusts produce conflicts
 Friendship with world makes one the enemy of God
 Submit to God; resist devil
Avoid speaking evil of, judging brother. 4:11-12
Include God in your plans. 4:13-17
Sinful to acquire riches wrongly. 5:1-6
Endure patiently. 5:7-11
Do not swear oaths. 5:12
Effectiveness of fervent prayer. 5:13-18
Reclaim erring Christians. 5:19-20

KEY WORDS:

works, working: 13
faith: 16
brethren, brother: 18

1 PETER

WRITER: Peter

DATE: 63 A.D.

THEME: *Suffering Christians Are to Live Holy*

SALUTATION 1:1-2

OUR LIVING HOPE AND IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

Hope, the anchor for persecuted Christians. 1:3-9

They have what the prophets and angels desired to know. 1:10-12

EXHORTATION TO PERSONAL HOLINESS

Be holy, like the Holy One who called you. 1:31-21

As those who are born again, love one another. 1:22-25

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word. 2:1-3

As living stones of a spiritual house, offer acceptable sacrifices. 2:4-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation

EXHORTATION TO HOLINESS IN A NON-CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT

Maintain excellent behavior among non-Christians. 2:11-12

Submission to civil rulers who are not Christians. 2:13-17

Submission of servants to masters who are not Christians. 2:18-25

Submission of wives to husbands who are not Christians. 3:1-7

Summation of exhortations to holiness. 3:8-12

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INNOCENT CHRISTIANS WHO SUFFER

Do not fear or be troubled. 3:13-15

Maintain a good conscience. 3:16-22

Christ, who was innocent, suffered for us

We are saved by baptism, like Noah was saved by water

Suffering as a Christian. 4:1-19

Prepare for suffering in the flesh

Suffer joyfully for the name of Christ

Entrust your soul to God in doing right

EXHORTATIONS IN VIEW OF RECEIVING AN IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE

Elders to care for those under their charge. 5:1-5

Christians to cast cares upon God who cares for them. 5:6-11

CLOSING REMARKS

Greetings from Babylon. 5:12-14

2 PETER

WRITER: Peter

DATE: 66 A.D.

THEME: *Grow in True Knowledge; Warnings Against False Teachers*

SALUTATION 1:1-2

TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND JESUS OUR LORD

His precious and magnificent promises. 1:3-4

We are made partakers of the divine nature. 1:4-11

 Add to faith: moral excellence, knowledge, self-control
 perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love

Desires to remind them of the truth. 1:12-21

RISE OF FALSE TEACHERS

Their appearance among believers. 2:1-3

Their future punishment. 2:4-10

 Examples of God punishing:
 angels who sinned, ungodly of Noah's day, inhabitants of
 Sodom and Gomorrah

 However, the godly will be delivered

Moral corruption of false teachers. 2:11-22

 Like unreasoning animals; springs without water; their last condition will
 be worse than first

RISE OF SCOFFERS

Mocking the hope for the return of the Lord. 3:1-7

The certainty of His return. 3:8-9

The certainty of the destruction of the heavens and the earth. 3:10-12

EXHORTATION TO STEADFASTNESS

Be prepared for the Lord's certain coming. 3:14-15

Beware of those who distort the Scriptures. 3:16

Beware of unprincipled men. 3:17

Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord. 3:18

1 JOHN

WRITER: John

DATE: 68-90 (?)

THEME: *Faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God*

TESTIMONY CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.	1:1-4
TRUE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD REQUIRES RIGHTEOUS LIVING.	1:5-10
This message comes from God	
JOHN'S REASON FOR WRITING.	2:1-17
That they may not sin, but keep His commandments [1-14]	
Don't be deceived: the one who hates walks in darkness	
Reminds them not to love the world [15-17]	
WARNS OF ANTICHRISTS.	2:18-29
Many have arisen, denying Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) [18-23]	
Do not be deceived [24-29]	
TRUE NATURE OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD.	3:1-24
Their hope is to be like Him when He appears [1-3]	
They do not practice sin [4-10]	
They love one another [11-24]	
In deed and truth, not in word and tongue	
Their love of the brethren gives them confidence before God	
WARNING AGAINST FALSE PROPHETS.	4:1-6
Such deny Jesus came in the flesh	
CHILDREN OF GOD ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.	4:7-21
Love is from God: God is love [7-8]	
God's demonstration of love is to be our example [9-19]	
One cannot hate his brother and love God [20-21]	
FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS THE SON OF GOD.	5:1-12
This faith gives us the victory over the world [1-5]	
The Spirit, water and blood bear witness Jesus is God's son [6-10]	
God, in giving us eternal life in the Son, bears witness [11-12]	
THE KNOWLEDGE OF ETERNAL LIFE.	5:13-17
The reason for writing: that they may know	
Such knowledge assures us God answers our prayers	
SUMMATION OF ALL MAJOR POINTS.	5:18-21
No one born of God sins	
The Son of God has come in the flesh	
The Son of God has given us understanding, that we might know	
Those who believe are in the Son of God and have eternal life	

2 JOHN

WRITER: John

DATE: 90 A.D.(?)

THEME: *Walk in Truth; Beware of False Teachers*

SALUTATION TO CHOSEN LADY AND HER CHILDREN.	:1-4
WALK IN TRUTH (ACCORDING TO HIS COMMANDMENTS).	:5-6
WARNING AGAINST DECEIVERS (ANTICHRIST).	:7-11
Watch, so you don't lose what you have	
Some teachers do not abide in the teachings of Christ	
Do not aid or support such teachers	
CLOSING COMMENTS.	:12-13
Hope expressed for personal meeting	
Greetings from chosen sister	

3 JOHN

WRITER: John

DATE: 90 A.D.(?)

THEME: *Problems in the Church*

SALUTATION TO GAIUS.	:1
COMMENDATION OF GAIUS.	:2-8
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WRITER: Jude

DATE: 60-66 A.D.

THEME: *Warning Against Ungodly Teachers in the Church*

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WRITER: John
THEME: *Victory of Christ and His Church*

DATE: 90-96

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<i>Fourth seal:</i> Ashen (pale) horse; followed by Hades	
<i>Fifth seal:</i> Souls of martyrs under the altar	
<i>Sixth seal:</i> great day of wrath has come	

Harm withheld until the sealing of the bondservants
Multitudes before the throne

<i>Seventh seal:</i> silence in heaven	
Seven angels with seven trumpets.	8:2-11:19
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<i>Second trumpet:</i> [Like] burning mountain thrown into the sea	
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Angel with little book; two witnesses

<i>Seventh trumpet:</i> loud voice in heaven	
Woman with child opposed by dragon.	12:1-14:20
Dragon thrown down to earth	
Son born; taken to God and His throne	
Woman flees into the wilderness	
Beast comes out of the sea	
Beast comes out of the earth	
Lamb standing on Mount Zion	
The harvest of the earth	

Seven angels with seven plagues.	15:1-16:21
Song of those who are victorious over the beast	
<i>First bowl</i> poured into earth	
<i>Second bowl</i> poured into the sea	
<i>Third bowl</i> poured into the rivers and springs	
<i>Fourth bowl</i> poured upon the sun	
<i>Fifth bowl</i> poured upon the throne of the beast	
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Fall of Babylon	
Rejoicing in heaven over the judgment of harlot	
Word of God appears: King of kings.	19:11-20:15
Beast, false prophet cast into the lake of fire	
Satan bound; unable to deceive nations	
Faithful who persevered live and reign with Christ	
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Devil, death and hades thrown into the lake of fire	
Judgment of all men	
Those not found in Book of Life thrown into the lake of fire	
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Almighty God and Lamb are the temple in the city	
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 Twenty-four elders on thrones around the throne of God
 Seven Lamps before the throne
 Four living creatures around the throne
 All worship Him who is on the throne
Book with seven seals. 5:1-1-14
 Opened by the Lamb, who alone is worthy
 Lion of Judah, Root of David
 Heavenly Hosts, myriads of angels praise God and the Lamb
 The book opened
 First seal: white horse—conquering. 6:1-2
 Bow in hand, crown given to rider
 Second seal: red horse—power given to take peace away. 6:3-4
 Sword given to rider
 Third seal: black horse—Scales in hand of rider. 6:5-6
 Fourth seal: Ashen (pale) horse; followed by Hades. 6:7-8
 Rider's name: Death
 Fifth seal: souls of martyrs under the altar. 6:9-11
 Ask when vengeance will be taken
 Told to wait until their number is complete
 Sixth seal: Earthquake, sun blackened, moon like blood, etc. 6:12-17
 Great day of wrath has come

Harm withheld until the sealing of the bondservants
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 Multitudes of other nations before the throne
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Preparation for sounding the trumpets. 8:2-6
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Third trumpet: great star (Wormwood) fell upon the rivers and springs. 8:10-11
 1/3 waters made bitter, many die
Fourth trumpet: 8:12
 1/3 of sun, 1/3 moon, and 1/3 stars smitten

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Sixth trumpet: four angels at Euphrates loosed. 9:13-21
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Angel with little book. 10:1-11
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 Come to life again, goes up to heaven

Seventh trumpet: loud voice in heaven. 11:15-19
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 Judgment of nations; reward of bond-servants
 Temple (sanctuary) of heaven opened

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 Beast comes out of the sea, receives power from the dragon. 13:1-10
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Malignant sores on those who had the mark of the beast	
Second bowl poured into sea	
Sea becomes blood; all living in sea die	
Third bowl poured into the rivers and springs	
They are turned into blood	
Fourth bowl poured upon the sun	
Men scorched with fire	
Fifth bowl poured upon the throne of the beast	
Darkness and pain	
Sixth bowl poured upon the river Euphrates	
Way prepared for kings of the east	
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From the mouth of dragon, beast, and false prophet come three unclean spirits (like frogs)	
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Kings gathered to battle God at Har-Magedon	
Seventh bowl poured upon the air	
Lightning, thunder, earthquake, hail	
“It is done”	
Great city split in three parts; cities of nations fall	
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Seven kings: five fallen, one is, one is to come	
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Waters are the people, nations, tongues	
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 Twelve foundation stones with names of twelve apostles
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