

The
New
Testament
Book-by-Book



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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

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NAME OF THE BOOK

GOSPELS denotes writers

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

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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

B

TO INDIVIDUALS indicates recipients

- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

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GENERAL LETTERS indicates writers

- Hebrews
Except Hebrews, whose author is uncertain
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Jude

K

S

PROPHECY indicates content

- Revelation

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

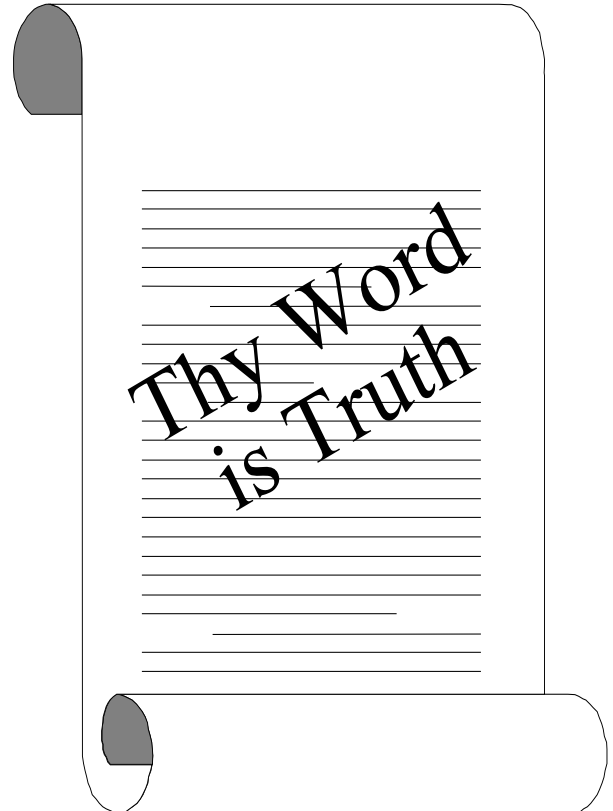
For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. 2Pe.1:21

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

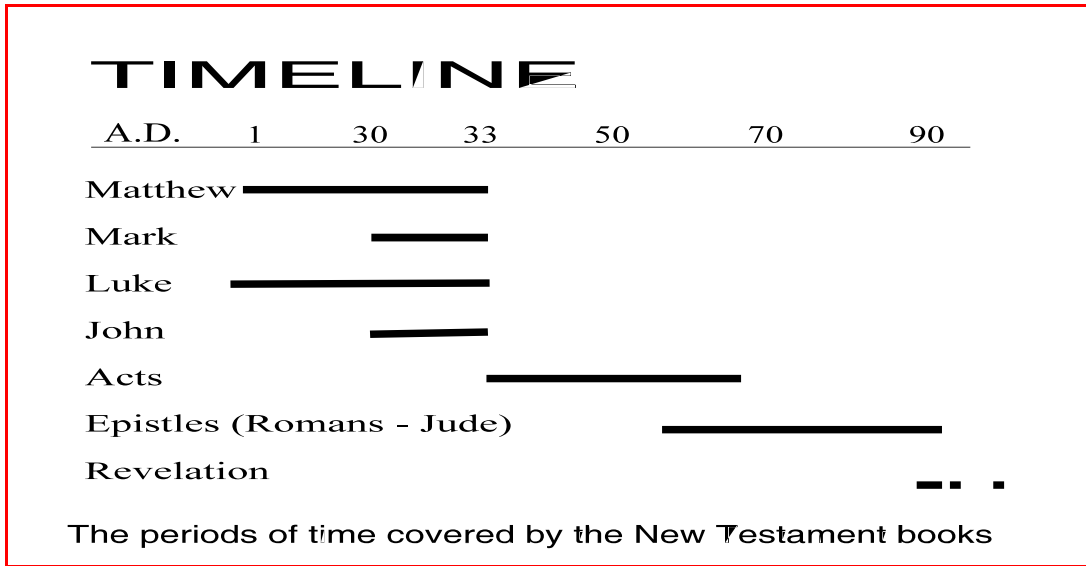
But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Joh.14:26

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.

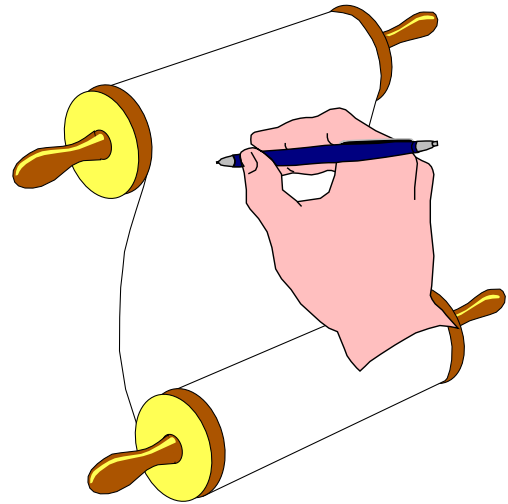
NEW TESTAMENT



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**

I. BIRTH OF THE KING

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

II. PREPARATION OF THE KING

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

III. PROCLAMATIONS OF THE KING

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

IV. CREDENTIALS OF THE KING

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

V. MESSENGERS OF THE KING

1. Twelve apostles sent out (to Israel only) 10:1-42

VI. REJECTION OF THE KING

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

VII. TEACHINGS OF THE KING (WITH SIGNS AND WONDERS)

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

VIII. PRESENTATION OF THE KING

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

IX. PROPHECIES OF THE KING

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

X. DEATH AND BURIAL OF THE KING

1. Arrest, mock trial and crucifixion of the king 26:1-27:66

XI. RESURRECTION AND REIGN OF KING

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

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

I. PREPARATION OF THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

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

II. MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE

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

III. REDEMPTIVE WORK DURING HIS LAST WEEK

1. Triumphant entry into Jerusalem 11:1-14
2. Cleanses the temple of money changers 11:15-26
3. Debate in the temple 11:27-33
4. Discourses in the temple 12:1-44
 - (1) Parable of the vine grower; (2) tribute to Caesar;
 - (3) the resurrection; (4) greatest commandment; (5) widow's mite
5. Discourse on Olivet concerning destruction of Jerusalem 13:1-37
6. Events on the last supper with the disciples 14:1-31

IV. ARREST, TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION

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

V. THE RESURRECTION AND EVENTS AFTERWARD

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

LUKE

WRITER: Luke

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

THEME: **Gospel of Historical Certainty**

I. INCARNATION OF THE SON OF MAN

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

II. PREPARATION OF THE SON OF MAN

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

III. WORK OF THE SON OF MAN

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

IV. THE SON OF MAN COMING TO JERUSALEM

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

V. RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF THE SON OF MAN

1. The empty tomb 24:1-35
2. 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:

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| (1) Incarnation | (4) Transfiguration | (7) Ascension |
| (2) Inauguration | (5) Crucifixion | |
| (3) Temptation | (6) Resurrection | |

JOHN

WRITER: John

DATE: 80-90 A.D.

THEME: Jesus Christ, the Son of God

I. JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD

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

II. PUBLIC MINISTRY OF THE SON OF GOD

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

III. PREPARATION FOR THE DEATH OF THE SON OF GOD

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

IV. PRIVATE MINISTRY OF THE SON OF GOD

1. He washes disciples' feet; predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial 13:1-38
2. He speaks of (1) His coming again, (2) one with the Father;
(3) promise of the Holy Spirit 14:1-31
3. He tells of the believers relationship to Christ and the world 15:1-27
4. He prays on behalf of the disciples 17:1-26

V. DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF THE SON OF GOD

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

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**

I. ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

II. BEGINNING OF THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL

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

III. PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH

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

IV. GOSPEL SPREADS

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

V. SAUL (PAUL) CALLED TO BE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES

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

VI. PETER SENT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH THE GENTILES

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

VII. MORE PERSECUTIONS

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

VIII. FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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

IX. COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

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

X. SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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

XI. THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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

XII. PAUL TRAVELS TO JERUSALEM

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

XIII. PAUL SENT TO ROME

1. On the way he suffers shipwreck; responsible for saving all the crew 27:1-44
2. Spends three months on island of Malta 28:1-11
3. 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**

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. ALL MANKIND UNDER CONDEMNATION OF SIN

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

III. JUSTIFICATION OF SINNERS WHO BELIEVE IN CHRIST

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

IV. VICTORY OVER SIN

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

V. SPIRITUAL RECOVERY OF JEWS (AND GENTILES)

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

VI. CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

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

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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

I CORINTHIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 57-58 A.D.

THEME: **Problems in the Church and The Solutions**

I. SALUTATION	1:1-9
II. PROBLEMS	
1. Division	
(1) Party spirit caused by improper view of teachers	1:10-17
(2) Man's wisdom verses God's wisdom	1:18-31
(3) Paul proclaimed God's wisdom received by the Spirit	2:1-16
(4) Teachers are fellow-workers for God	3:1-4:5
(5) Arrogant members admonished to be humble	4:6-21
2. Immorality	
(1) Immoral member to be removed	5:1-8
(2) Christian fellowship is limited	5:9-13
3. Lawsuits against each other	
(1) Matters should be settled among themselves	6:1-11
4. Defiling the body	
(1) Body is the temple of God	6:12-20
III. QUESTIONS ANSWERED	
1. About marriage	
(1) Responsibilities in marriage	7:1-7
(2) Concerning those unmarried or widowed	7:8-9
(3) Concerning those already married	7:10-24
(4) Advice in view of "present distress"	7:25-40
2. About liberty	
(1) The matter of eating meat offered to idols	8:1-13
(2) Paul's use of liberty	9:1-27
▪ Self-denial, self-dedication, self-discipline	
(3) Liberty is not license to engage in idol activities	10:1-33
▪ Example of Israel :1-13	
(4) Woman, as Christian, not freed from subjection to man	11:1-16
(5) Not free to corrupt Lord's supper; do so to their own peril	11:17-34
IV. CONCERNS	
1. Spiritual gifts	
(1) Different gifts, all from one Spirit	12:1-11
(2) All serve a definite purpose; none less important	12:12-31
(3) "A more excellent way"	13:1-13
(4) Gifts which aid others to be preferred	14:1-25
(5) Orderly exercise of gifts in assembly	14:26-40
2. Resurrection	
(1) Fact witnessed by more than five hundred	15:1-11
(2) If there is no resurrection, there is no hope	15:12-19
(3) Fact: Christ has risen, will raise us up at last day	15:20-34
(4) The "how" and "with what body" explained	15:35-49
(5) Victory over death through the Lord Jesus Christ	15:50-58
V. CONCLUDING REMARKS	
1. Collection for the church in Jerusalem	
(1) Manner of collection and delivery	16:1-9
2. Timothy coming to Corinth; Apollos declining to come	16:10-12
3. Personal remarks	16:13-24

2 CORINTHIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 57-58 A.D.

THEME: **Follow-up Letter to 1 Corinthians**

I. SALUTATION

1. Thanksgiving for divine comfort 1:1-11

II. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PAUL AND THE CORINTHIAN BRETHERN

1. Explanation for postponing his visit 1:12-2:4
2. Instructions concerning the penitent offender 2:5-11
3. Paul was anxious to know how they received the first letter 2:12-13

III. DESCRIPTION OF TRUE MINISTRY

1. Credentials of a true apostle:
 - (1) Makes known the knowledge of Him 2:14-17
 - (2) Their existence certifies his Apostleship 3:1-5
 - (3) He has the true ministry (which is far superior to old covenant) 3:6-18
2. True ministry versus false ministry
 - (1) The power is in the message, not the man 4:1-6
 - (2) Willingness to suffer part of the true ministry 4:7-15
3. God has a better dwelling place for the spirit of man 4:16-5:12
4. True ministry is one of reconciliation 5:13-19
5. His plea for mutual affection; separation from unbelievers 6:11-7:4
6. Joy over Titus' report of many repenting; submitting to his ministry 7:5-16

IV. CONCERNING AID FOR NEEDY SAINTS

1. The good example of the brethren in Macedonia 8:1-8
2. The supreme example of Jesus Christ 8:9
3. A matter equality 8:10-15
4. The coming of Titus and others to convey the collection 8:16-9:5
5. the happy result of cheerful, liberal giving 9:6-15

V. PAUL'S DEFENSE OF APOSTLESHIP

1. Defense against charges of weakness and cowardice 10:1-11
2. The rightful claim of Paul over Corinthians 10:12-18
3. Reason for asserting his Apostolic authority 11:1-6
 - (1) Blunts the efforts to undermine confidence in him
4. His reason for refusing financial support from them 11:7-15
5. Foolishly, he compares himself with false teachers in order to make a point 11:16-33
6. Visions, miracles and "thorn in the flesh" proof of his Apostleship 12:1-13
7. His unselfish love for them is additional proof of his Apostleship 12:14-18

VI. HIS PLANS TO COME, EXERCISING FULL APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY

1. He hopes the letter produces repentance among the disobedient minority 12:19-13:10
 - (1) Thus harshness would not be necessary when he arrives

VII. CONCLUSION

1. Farewell, exhortations and benediction 13:11-14

GALATIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 57-58 A.D.

THEME: Defense of the One True Gospel

I. OPENING SALUTATION	1:1-5
II. PROBLEM OF SOME TURNING AWAY FROM THE GOSPEL	1:6-10
1. There is no other; only some distort the gospel.	
III. PAUL'S DEFENSE OF THE TRUE GOSPEL HE PREACHED	
1. Received it by revelation of Jesus Christ	1:11-24
(1) Not the product of Jewish background	
(2) He did not receive it from other men	
2. His apostleship acknowledged by "pillars" in the church	2:1-10
(1) They added nothing to his teaching	
(2) They extended the "right hand of fellowship"	
3. Paul's rebuke of Peter; and his declaration of justification by faith	2:11-21
IV. FOLLY OF RELAPSING TO BEING UNDER LAW	
1. Compares the results of faith and of law	3:1-14
(1) Holy Spirit given by faith, not law.	
(2) Righteousness comes by faith, not law.	
(3) Law curses, Christ redeems us from curse, by faith	
2. Law cannot invalidate the prior promise made to Abraham	3:15-18
3. True purpose of Law: to lead them to Christ	3:19-25
4. Faith in Christ is what makes one a child of God	3:26-4:7
5. Problems encountered in returning to the Law (observing forms and days)	4:8-20
(1) They are again enslaved to the Law.	
(2) They are turning away from truth, as taught to them by Paul	
6. Allegory: True sons of Abraham (by faith) are the sons of promise	4:21-5:1
V. ADMONITIONS TO BELIEVERS	
1. Not to seek justification by Law, but by obeying truth	5:2-12
2. Not to use new freedom as opportunity to serve the flesh	5:13-21
3. Walk by the Spirit, have "fruits of Spirit"	5:22-26
4. Help one another	6:1-5
(1) Help the one caught in a trespass and the one with a heavy load	
(2) Help others by carrying your own load	
5. Principle of "sowing and reaping" applied to them	6:6-10
VI. FINAL COMMENTS	
1. Contrast between (1) Judaizers' boastful pride and (2) Paul's humiliating persecutions	6:11-18

EPHESIANS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 63-64

THEME: **Spiritual Blessings and Responsibilities in Christ**

I. Addressed to saints (the faithful in Christ Jesus)	1:1-2
II. SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF TRUE BELIEVERS	
1. Possess all spiritual blessings in Christ	1:3-14
(1) Originated with the Father's plans	
(2) Realized in Son's accomplishments	
(3) Provided by Spirit's activity	
2. Thanksgiving and prayer on behalf of true believers	1:15-23
(1) That they understand and appreciate all that God made available through His Son	
3. Made alive in Christ Jesus	2:1-10
(1) Contrasts former life to life in Christ	
(2) Emphasizes the greatness of the "riches of His grace"	
4. Made to be one (with Jews) living temple of God	2:11-22
III. PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP IN PROCLAIMING CHRIST	
1. Revealing the mystery of Christ	3:1-5
2. Proclaiming Gentiles as fellow-heirs	3:6-7
3. Considered it a privilege to proclaim the gospel	3:8-13
4. Prayer: That they fully comprehend all that God has provided for them in Christ	3:14-21
IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUE BELIEVERS	
1. Maintaining Christian unity	4:1-16
(1) Proper conduct to maintain unity of Spirit	
(2) Use gifts (abilities) to build up the church	
2. Live the Christian life by putting away old way of life; renewing the mind	4:17-32
(1) Put away lying; speak truth	
(2) Put away uncontrolled anger; control anger	
(3) Put away stealing; work to share with needy	
(4) Put away unwholesome words; edify with speech	
(5) Put away improper feelings; have right attitude	
3. Be imitators of God	5:1-14
(1) Do not listen to the disobedient	
(2) Do not partake with the disobedient	
(3) Expose their evil	
4. Be filled with the Spirit (praise and thanksgiving)	5:15-21
5. Be in submission to one another	5:22-6:9
(1) Wives in subjection to their husbands; obligations of husbands	
(2) Children obedient to parents; obligations of parents	
(3) Slaves (servants) to be obedient to masters; obligations of masters	
6. Spiritual warfare requires spiritual armament	6:10-20
(1) Loins with truth	
(2) Breastplate of righteousness	
(3) Shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace	
(4) Shield of faith	
(5) Helmet of salvation	
(6) Sword of the spirit (which is the word of God)	
(7) With all prayer and petition	
V. CONCLUDING REMARKS	
1. The coming of Tychicus; final greetings and benediction	6:21-24

PHILIPPIANS

WRITER: Paul ("Prison Letter")
THEME: **Rejoice in the Lord**

DATE: 63-64

I. Salutation	1:1-2
II. REJOICING IN THE PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL	
1. Thanksgiving and supplications for the saints at Philippi	1:3-11
2. Progress of the Gospel, in spite of persecution, envy and strife	1:12-18
3. Paul's determination to exalt Christ in his body (by living or dying)	1:19-26
III. EXHORTATION TO 'WORTHY' CONDUCT	
1. Importance of humility	2:1-11
(1) Needed for unity.	
(2) Christ exhibited humility; which we are to emulate	
2. Work out own salvation with fear and trembling	2:12-18
(1) Prove yourselves blameless	
(2) Hold fast to the Word	
3. Examples of worthy conduct	2:19-30
(1) Timothy's genuine concern for the saints at Philippi	
(2) Ephaphroditus, who became sick while bringing aid to Paul	
IV. REJOICE IN THE LORD, NOT THE FLESH	
1. Not rejoicing in the flesh as Judaizing teachers do	3:1-3
2. Paul could express confidence in the flesh, but didn't	3:4-16
(1) Counted all things "rubbish" to gain Christ	
(2) His righteousness based on faith; put confidence in Christ	
(3) Pressed on to the goal of the upward call	
3. Contrasts enemies of the cross with followers of Christ	3:17-4:1
(1) Destruction versus salvation (resurrection)	
(2) Minds on earthly things versus minds on Christ	
V. EXHORTATION TO PEACE	
1. Euodia and Syntyche to be at peace	4:2-3
2. Exhorted to trust completely in God for peace	4:4-6
3. Urged to maintain a pure mind, and righteous life promoting peace	4:7-9
VI. JOY OVER ASSISTANCE OF PHILIPPIANS	
1. Not that he spoke from want	4:10-13
(1) He had learned to be content in all circumstances	
2. It's not the first time they had provided for his needs	4:14-16
3. The gift sought, not for personal benefit, but their benefit	4:17-20
VII. 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**

I. OPENING REMARKS

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

II. PREEMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST IN DOCTRINE

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

III. PAUL'S LABOR IN PROCLAIMING CHRIST

1. Paul's stewardship of the gospel for their benefit 1:24-2:5

IV. WARNS OF TEACHINGS AGAINST THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST

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

V. CHRIST IS TO BE PREEMINENT IN LIFE

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

VI. CONCERNING PAUL'S FELLOW WORKERS

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

VII. 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

I 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**

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

- I. Salutation 1:1-2
- II. PROGRESS AMID PERSECUTION 1:3-12
1. Thankful for their growth in faith and love.
 2. Thankful for their perseverance and faith.
 3. Promised retribution for those who afflict Christians.
 4. Relief will be given to those who are persecuted.
 5. Paul prays for them.
- III. CONCERNING THE COMING OF THE LORD 2:1-17
1. The Lord has not yet come.
 - (1) Don't be disturbed by erroneous teachings.
 2. The apostasy (falling away) must precede that event.
 3. The Man of lawlessness to be revealed:
 - (1) Claiming to be divine
 - (2) Presently restrained; afterwards to be revealed.
 - (3) He will be brought to an end by the coming of the Lord.
 4. God will send a deluding influence to those who believe not,
 5. Hold fast to the truth.
 - (1) As taught by Paul in word and letter.
 6. Be comforted in every good work and word.
- IV. EXHORTATIONS TO PROPER CONDUCT WHILE WAITING FOR THE LORD 3:1-15
1. Paul requests their prayers.
 2. Paul expressed confidence in them.
 3. Urges separation from unruly members.
 4. Admonishes them not to grow weary in well-doing.
 5. Instructed to make note of disobedient; not to associate with them.
 - (1) However, do not treat them as an "enemy," but as a "brother."
- V. CONCLUDING REMARKS 3:16-18
1. 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

2Th.3:18

Heb.13:35

Eph.6:24

1Ti.6:21

I TIMOTHY

WRITER: Paul (after first imprisonment)

DATE: 64-65 A.D.

THEME: **Proper Order in the Church**

I. Greeting	1:1-2
II. MAINTAINING SOUNDNESS	
1. Maintaining sound doctrine in the church	1:3-11
(1) Warnings against myths and endless genealogies	
(2) Warnings against misuse of the Law	
2. Paul's personal thanksgiving for being put into service	1:12-17
(1) "Christ came to save sinners" is an important point	
(2) Salvation reflects both the mercy and patience of God	
3. Timothy warned to maintain a sound faith	1:18-20
4. Sound instructions for the church	2:1-15
(1) pray for all in authority	
(2) Spells out proper conduct of men	
(3) Enjoins modesty and subordination of women	
5. Proper oversight of the church	3:1-13
(1) Qualifications of men desiring to be bishops (elders, overseers)	
(2) Qualification of deacons	
6. Reason for giving instructions	3:14-4:5
(1) The church is to be the "pillar and support of truth"	
(2) Some will fall away from the faith	
III. PROPER CONDUCT ON THE CHURCH	
1. Conduct of the evangelist	4:6-5:2
(1) Preach and teach sound doctrine continually	
(2) Be an example to other believers	
(3) Conduct oneself properly towards men and women, young and old	
2. Disposition of widows	5:3-16
3. Proper conduct towards elders	5:17-21
4. (Personal comments to Timothy as an evangelist)	5:22-25
5. Proper conduct of slaves	6:1-2
IV. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS	
1. Beware: some have a distorted view of godliness	6:3-8
2. Beware of the peril of pursuing riches	6:9-10
3. Proper course for the "man of God"	6:11-16
4. Instructions for those who are rich	6:17-19
5. Final charge to Timothy	6:20-21

2 TIMOTHY

WRITER: Paul (during second imprisonment)
THEME: A Good Minister of Christ Jesus

DATE: 67 A.D.

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

TITUS

WRITER: Paul

DATE: 64-65 A.D.

THEME: **Instructions for the Church**

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

PHILEMON

WRITER: Paul (Prison Letter)

DATE: 62 A.D.

THEME: **Appeal to Philemon on Behalf of Onesimus**

I. Salutation	:1-3
II. THANKSGIVING FOR PHILEMON'S GOOD CONDUCT	:4-7
1. His love and faith towards the Lord Jesus	
2. His love and fellowship extended to others	
III. APPEAL ON BEHALF OF ONESIMUS	:8-20
1. Appeals as "Paul the aged," a prisoner of the Lord	
2. Paul had desired to keep Onesimus with him	
(1) But would not do it without Philemon's consent	
3. Onesimus is to be considered more than a slave. He now is a "brother"	
4. Paul offers to repay any loss suffered by Philemon	
IV. PAUL EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE	:21-22
1. He believes Philemon will do more than asked	
V. 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**

I. GOD'S FINAL WORD

- 1. Spoken through His Son 1:1-4

II. SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST AS GOD'S SON

- 1. 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
 - (1) Jesus, having been in the flesh, qualifies as high priest 2:5-18
- 2. Superior to Moses 3:1-1
 - (1) Moses 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
- 3. Superior to Levitical priesthood 4:14-5:14
 - (1) 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
 - (3) Superiority of Melchizedek to Abraham 7:1-10
 - (4) Superior order of priesthood; change in law required 7:11-22
 - (5) Jesus is a superior high priest (eternal) 7:23-8:4

III. SUPERIORITY OF THE NEW COVENANT

- 1. Better covenant with better promises 8:5-13
- 2. Covenants contrasted: 9:1-10:18
 - (1) First: earthly sanctuary, continual sacrifice, blood of animals
 - (2) Second: heavenly sanctuary, one sacrifice; blood of God's son
 - (3) First was incomplete, temporary; second is complete, permanent
 - (4) 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

IV. EXHORTATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE FAITH

- 1. Roll call of those who gained approval "by faith" 11:1-40
- 2. Endure hardships and discipline, as others have done 12:1-29
- 3. Demonstrations of faith 13:1-17
 - (1) Let brotherly love continue
 - (2) Do not be carried away by strange teachings
 - (3) Offer appropriate sacrifices unto God
 - (4) Don't neglect doing good
 - (5) Obey your leaders who watch for your souls

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS, BENEDICTION 13:18-25

JAMES

WRITER: James

DATE: 45-63 A.D.

THEME: **Faith Working in Everyday Life**

I. SALUTATION	1:1
II. INSTRUCTIONS IN FAITH	
1. How to view trials	1:2-4
2. Secure wisdom through prayer	1:5-8
3. The uncertainty of riches	1:9-11
4. Temptations are not from God	1:12-18
5. Obedience to the Word	1:19-27
(1) Receive the Word; "do" the Word	
6. Love without partiality	2:1-13
7. Justified by a working faith	2:14-26
(1) A misconception of faith	
(2) Works are the life-blood of faith	
(3) Faith without works is dead.	
III. EXPRESSIONS OF WISDOM	
1. Concerning the tongue	3:1-12
(1) Warning for teachers	
(2) Power of the tongue	
(3) Proper use of tongue	
2. Meekness and good behavior (wisdom from above)	3:13-18
(1) Bitter jealousy and selfish ambition condemned	
3. Worldliness (wisdom from below)	4:1-10
(1) Lusts produce conflicts	
(2) Friendship with world makes one enemy of God	
(3) Submit to God; resist devil	
4. Avoid speaking evil of, judging brother	4:11-12
5. Include God in your plans	4:13-17
6. Sinful to acquire riches wrongly	5:1-6
7. Endure patiently	5:7-11
8. Do not swear oaths	5:12
9. Effectiveness of fervent prayer	5:13-18
10. Reclaim erring Christians	5:19-20

KEY WORDS:

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

I PETER

WRITER: Peter

DATE: 63 A.D.

THEME: **Suffering Christians Are to Live Holy**

I. Salutation	1:1-2
II. OUR LIVING HOPE AND IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE IN CHRIST	
1. Hope, the anchor for persecuted Christians	1:3-9
2. They have what the prophets and angels desired to know	1:10-12
III. EXHORTATION TO PERSONAL HOLINESS	
1. Be holy, like the Holy One who called you	1:31-21
2. As those who are born again, love one another	1:22-25
3. As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word	2:1-3
4. As living stones of a spiritual house, offer acceptable sacrifices	2:4-10
(1) You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation	
IV. EXHORTATION TO HOLINESS IN A NON-CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT	
1. Maintain excellent behavior among non-Christians	2:11-12
2. Submission to civil rulers who are not Christians	2:13-17
3. Submission of servants to masters who are not Christians	2:18-25
4. Submission of wives to husbands who are not Christians	3:1-7
5. Summation of exhortations to holiness	3:8-12
V. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE INNOCENT CHRISTIANS WHO SUFFER	
1. Do not fear or be troubled	3:13-15
2. Maintain a good conscience	3:16-22
(1) Christ, who was innocent, suffered for us	
(2) We are saved by baptism, like Noah was saved by water	
3. Suffering as a Christian.	4:1-19
(1) Prepare for suffering in the flesh	
(2) Suffer joyfully for the name of Christ	
(3) Entrust your soul to God in doing right	
VI. EXHORTATIONS IN VIEW OF RECEIVING AN IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE	
1. Elders to care for those under their charge	5:1-5
2. Christians to cast cares upon God who cares for them	5:6-11
VII. CLOSING REMARKS	
1. Greetings from Babylon	5:12-14

2 PETER

WRITER: Peter

DATE: 66 A.D.

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

I. SALUTATION	1:1-2
II. TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND JESUS OUR LORD	
1. His precious and magnificent promises	1:3-4
2. We are made partakers of divine nature	1:4-11
(1) Add to faith: moral excellence, knowledge, self-control perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love	
3. Desires to remind them of the truth	1:12-21
III. RISE OF FALSE TEACHERS	
1. Their appearance among believers	2:1-3
2. Their future punishment	2:4-10
(1) Examples of God punishing: angels who sinned, ungodly of Noah's day, inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah	
(2) However, the godly will be delivered	
3. Moral corruption of false teachers	2:11-22
(1) Like unreasoning animals; springs without water; their last Will be worse than first	
IV. RISE OF SCOFFERS	
1. Mocking the hope for the return of the Lord	3:1-7
2. The certainty of His return	3:8-9
3. The certainty of the destruction of the heavens and the earth	3:10-12
V. EXHORTATION TO STEADFASTNESS	
1. Be prepared for the Lord's certain coming	3:14-15
2. Beware of those who distort the Scriptures	3:16
3. Beware of unprincipled men	3:17
4. Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord	3:18

I JOHN

WRITER: John

DATE: 68-90 (?)

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

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

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



3 JOHN

WRITER: John

DATE: 90 A.D.(?)

THEME: **Problems in the Church**

- I. SALUTATION TO GAIUS :1
- II. COMMENDATION OF GAIUS :2-8
 - 1. Report received concerning Gaius helping fellow workers
- III. CONDEMNATION OF DIOTREPHRES :9-10
 - 1. He loves the preeminence, to the hurt of all others
- IV. COMMENDATION OF DEMETRIUS :11-12
 - 1. Imitate those of God who do good
- V. CLOSING COMMENTS :13-14
 - 1. Many things to write; defers until a personal visit

JUDE

WRITER: Jude

DATE: 60-66 A.D.

THEME: **Warning Against Ungodly Teachers in the Church**

I. SALUTATION	:1-2
II. CONTEND FOR THE 'ONCE-FOR-ALL' DELIVERED FAITH	:3-4
III. WARNING OF GOD'S PUNISHMENT OF THE UNGODLY	:5-7
1. Those brought out of Egypt who did not believe	
2. Angels who did not keep their proper abode	
3. Sodom and Gomorrah which were immoral	
IV. CHARACTERISTICS AND COMING JUDGMENT OF FALSE TEACHERS	8-16
(1) Dreamers who defile the flesh, reject authority	
(2) Gone the way of Cain, error of Balsam, rebellion of Korah	
(3) Grumblers, fault-finders, lustful, flatters	
V. EXHORTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE UNGODLY TEACHERS	:17-23
1, Be built up in faith; attempt to save those involved in error	
VI. BENEDICTION	:24-25

REVELATION

WRITER: John

DATE: 90-96

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

I. PROLOGUE

- 1. Revelation of Jesus Christ 1:1-3
- 2. Salutation 1:4-7
- 3. John instructed to write by the Alpha and Omega 1:8-20

II. LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA

- 1. Ephesus. Left it's first love 2:1-7
- 2. Smyrna. Persecuted church 2:8-11
- 3. Pergamum. Overtolerant church 2:12-17
- 4. Thyatira. Compromising church 2:18-29
- 5. Sardis. Sleeping church 3:1-6
- 6. Philadelphia. Church with opportunity 3:7-13
- 7. Laodicea. Complacent church 3:14-22

III. HEAVENLY VISIONS

- 1. The throne of God 4:1-11
- 2. Book with seven seals. Opened by the Lamb 5:1-8:1
 - (1) **First seal:** white horse
 - (2) **Second seal:** red horse
 - (3) **Third seal:** black horse
 - (4) **Fourth seal:** Ashen (pale) horse; followed by Hades
 - (5) **Fifth seal:** Souls of martyrs under the altar
 - (6) **Sixth seal:** great day of wrath has come

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

- (7) **Seventh seal:** silence in heaven
- 3. Seven angels with seven trumpets 8:2-11:19
 - (1) **First trumpet:** hail, fire mixed with blood thrown to earth
 - (2) **Second trumpet:** [Like] burning mountain thrown into the sea
 - (3) **Third trumpet:** great star (Wormwood) fell upon rivers and springs
 - (4) **Fourth trumpet:** 1/3 of sun, moon and stars smitten
 - (5) **Fifth trumpet:** fallen star opens abyss; plague of locusts
 - (6) **Sixth trumpet:** four angels at Euphrates loosed

Angel with little book; two witnesses

- (7) **Seventh trumpet:** loud voice in heaven
- 4. Woman with child opposed by dragon 12:1-14:20
 - (1) Dragon thrown down to earth
 - (2) Son born; taken to God and His throne
 - (3) Woman flees into wilderness
 - (4) Beast comes out of the sea
 - (5) Beast comes out of the earth
 - (6) Lamb standing on Mount Zion
 - (7) The harvest of the earth

5. Seven angels with seven plagues	15:1-16:21
(1) Song of those who are victorious over the beast)	
(2) First bowl poured into earth	
(3) Second bowl poured into sea	
(4) Third bowl poured into rivers and springs	
(5) Fourth bowl poured upon the sun	
(6) Fifth bowl poured upon the throne of the beast	
(7) Sixth bowl poured upon river Euphrates	
(8) Seventh bowl poured upon the air	
6. Judgment of the great harlot	17:1-19:10
(1) Fall of Babylon	
(2) Rejoicing in heaven over judgment of harlot	
7. Word of God appears: King of kings	19:11-20:15
(1) Beast, false prophet cast into lake of lire	
(2) Satan bound; unable to deceive nations	
(3) Faithful who persevered live and reign with Christ	
(4) Satan to be released for a short time	
(5) Devil, death and hades thrown into the lake of fire	
(6) Judgment of all men	
(7) Those not found in Book of Life thrown into the lake of fire	
8. New heaven and new earth	21:1-22:5
(1) All things made new	
(2) Vision of heavenly Jerusalem: bride of Christ	
(3) Measurement of the city	
(4) Splendor of the city's walls	
(5) Almighty God and Lamb are the temple in the city	
(6) River of life with tree of life in the city	
(7) Inhabitants live and reign forever and ever	
IV. EPILOG	22:6-21
1. Final testimony	
2. Admonition not to seal up the book	
3. Invitation of Jesus	
4. Warning against tampering with the contents of the book	
5. Final words	

WRITER: John

DATE: 90-96

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- 1. The throne of God 4:1-11
 - (1) Twenty-four elders on thrones around the throne of God
 - (2) Seven Lamps before the throne
 - (3) Four living creatures around the throne
 - (4) All worship Him who is on the throne
- 2. Book with seven seals. 5:1-1-14
 - (1) Opened by the Lamb, who alone is worthy
 - Lion of Judah, Root of David
 - Heavenly Hosts, myriads of angels praise God and the Lamb
 - (2) 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
 144,000 from Israel
 Multitudes of other nations before the throne
 Those who came out of great tribulation

Seventh seal: silence in heaven 8:1

3. Seven angels with seven trumpets	
(1) Preparation for sounding the trumpets	8:2-6
First trumpet: hail, fire mixed with blood thrown to earth	8:7
1/3 earth, 1/3 trees, 1/3 grass burned up	
Second trumpet: [Like] burning mountain thrown	
into the sea	8:8-9
1/3 sea became blood, 1/3 sea creatures died, 1/3 ships destroyed	
Third trumpet: great star (Wormwood) fell upon 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	
Eagle with 3 woes because of remaining trumpets	8:13
Fifth trumpet: fallen star opens abyss	9:1-12
Plague of locusts come out of bottomless pit	
Sixth trumpet: four angels at Euphrates loosed	9:13-21
1/3 of mankind killed	
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Angel with little book	10:1-11
Sealing of what seven thunders spoke	
John ordered to eat book; must prophecy again	
Two witnesses	11:1-14
Two olive trees, two lampstands	
Finish testimony, killed by beast	
Come to life again, go up to heaven	
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Seventh trumpet: loud voice in heaven	11:15-19
Kingdom of world becomes kingdom of Lord and Christ	
Judgment of nations; reward of bond-servants	
Temple (sanctuary) of heaven opened	
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(1) Dragon thrown down to earth	
(2) Son born; taken to God and His throne	
(3) Woman flees into wilderness	
(4) Beast comes out of the sea, receives power from dragon	13:1-10
(5) Beast comes out of the earth, has power with beast	13:11-18
(6) Lamb standing on Mount Zion	14:1-11
Three angels: (1) With gospel message, (2) with message that	
Babylon has fallen, (3) with message of God's wrath	
upon all with mark of the beast	
(7) The harvest of the earth	14:12-20
One like the Son of Man reaps the earth	
Angels reap that which was ripe for wrath of God	
5. Seven angels with seven plagues	15:1
(1) Song of those who are victorious over the beast)	15:2-8

(2) Angels pour out bowls of plagues	16:1-21
First bowl poured into earth	
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 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 river Euphrates	
Way prepared for kings of 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	
6. Judgment of the great harlot	
(1) Judgment announced	17:1-2
(2) Description of the great harlot	17:3-5
(3) Explanation of woman and the beast that carries her	17:6-18
Beast's seven heads are seven mountains on which woman sits;	
Seven kings: five fallen, one is, one is to come	
Beast's ten horns are ten kings yet to have kingdoms; they will	
wage war against the Lamb; Lamb overcomes them	
Waters are the people, nations, tongues	
The ten horns will hate the harlot and make her desolate	
The woman is the great city	
7. Fall of Babylon	
(1) Extent of her judgment	18:1-8
(2) Kings of earth lament over her	18:9-14
(3) Merchants weep and mourn over her	18:15-20
(4) Babylon desolate	18:21-24
8. Rejoicing in heaven over judgment of harlot	
(1) Fourfold hallelujahs	19:1-6
(2) Marriage feast of the Lamb	19:7-10
9. Word of God appears: King of kings, Lord of lords	19:11-16
(1) Beat rallies kings against Word of God and saints	19:17-19
(2) Beast, false prophet cast into lake of fire	19:20-21
The rest killed by sword from His mouth	
(3) Dragon (Satan) bound; unable to deceive nations	20:1-3
(4) Faithful souls who persevered live and reign with Christ	20:4-6
(5) Release of Satan for little while	20:7-9
(6) Devil thrown into the lake of fire	20:10
(7) Heaven and earth flee	20:11
(8) The dead are judged by books (and Book of Life)	20:12-13

(9) Death and hades thrown into the lake of fire	20:14
(10) Those not found in book of life thrown into lake of fire	20:15
10. New heaven and new earth	
(1) All things made new	21:1-8
(2) Vision of heavenly Jerusalem: bride (wife) of Christ	21:9-14
Twelve gates with twelve angels with names of twelve tribes	
Twelve foundation stones with names of twelve apostles	
(3) Measurement of the city	21:15-17
(4) Splendor of the city's walls	21:18-21
(5) Almighty God and Lamb are the temple in the city	21:22-27
(6) River of life with tree of life in the city	22:1-3
(7) Inhabitants live and reign forever and ever	22:4-5

IV. EPILOGUE

1. Final testimony	22:6-9
2. Admonition not to seal up the book	22:10-15
3. Invitation of Jesus	22:16-17
4. Warning against tampering with the contents of the book	22:18-19
5. Closing	22:20-21