

# Student Notes

## New Testament Survey 2



**The Spread of Christianity**  
(Acts, Epistles and Revelation)

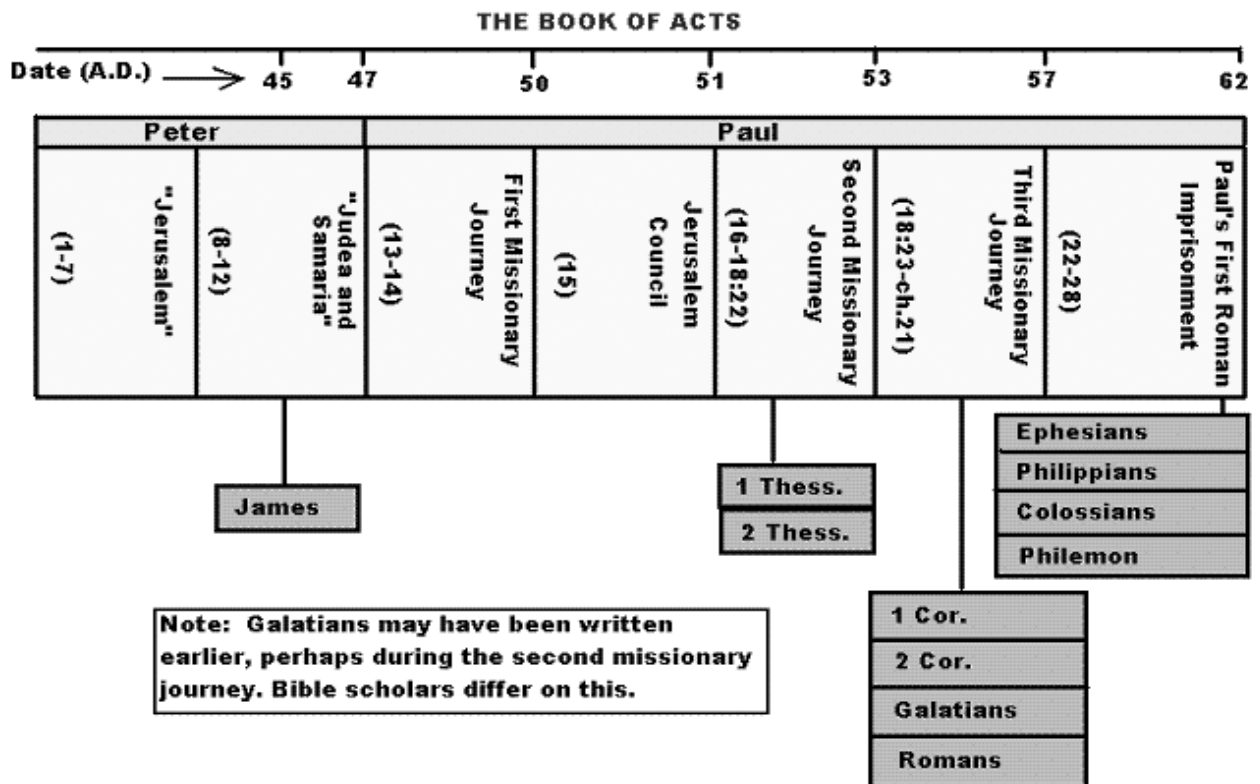
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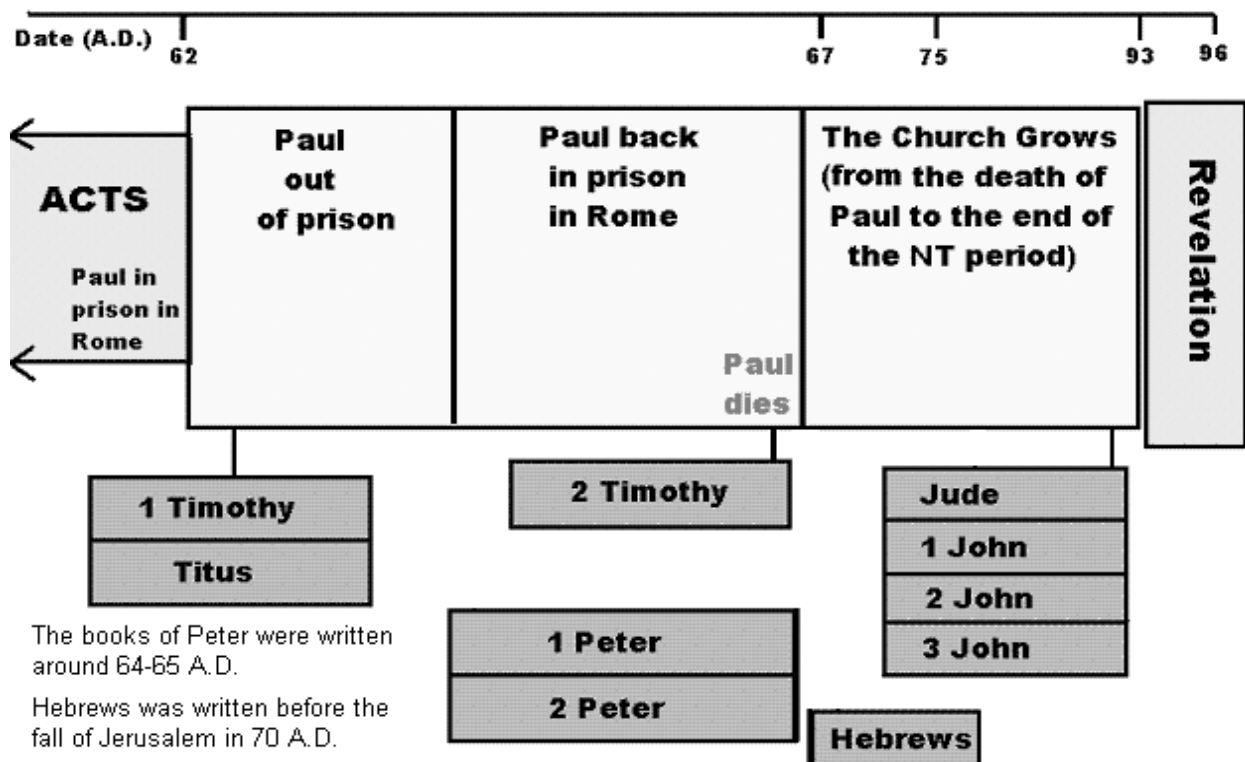
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**b. Historical Outline of Acts**

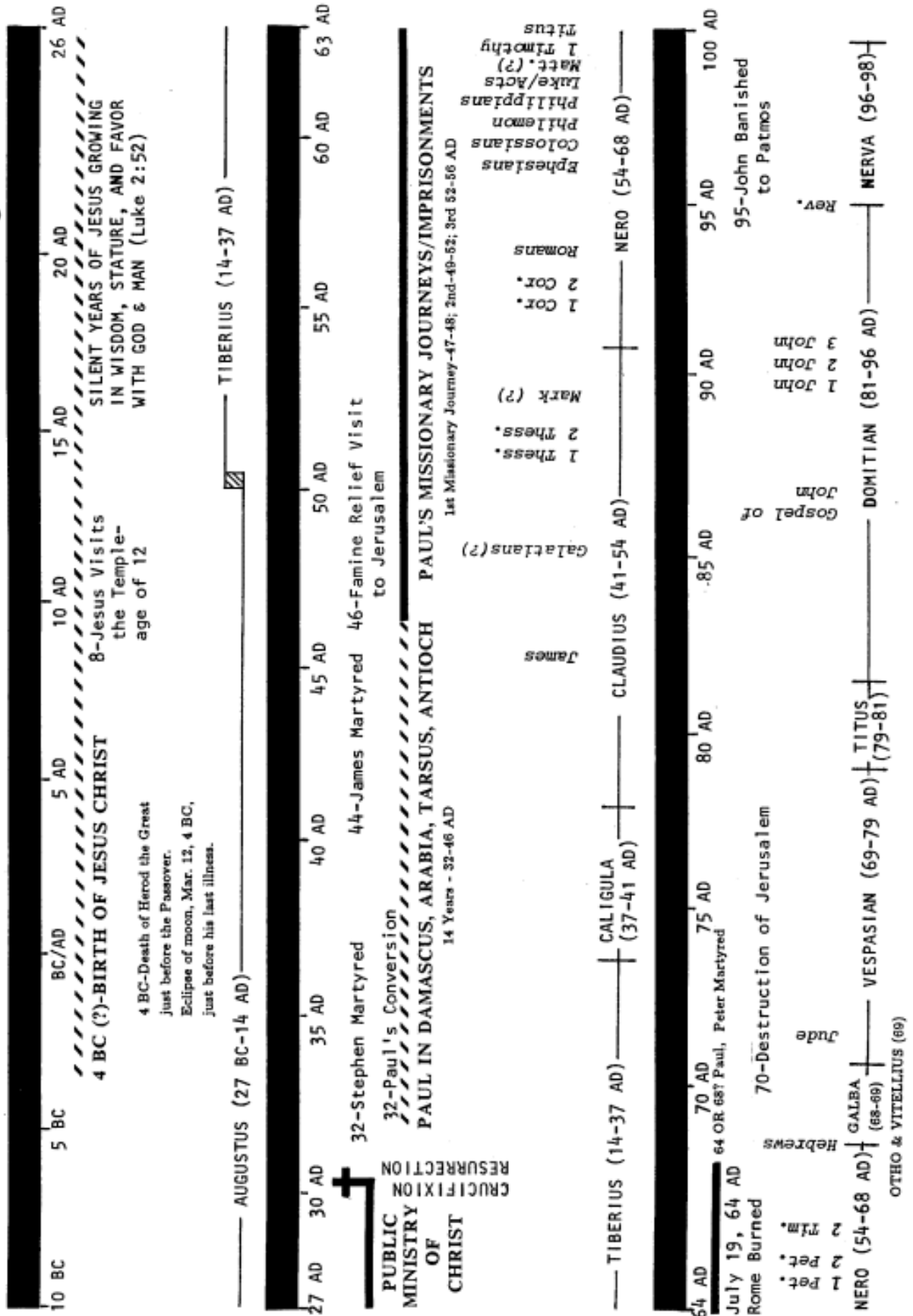


**c. Historical Overview immediately after Acts**



# NEW TESTAMENT TIME LINE

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***i. The birth of the church (ch. 1,2)- From led by Lots to Led by Spirit.***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-36)

***ii. The Jerusalem church (2:41-6:15) - Gospel to Jerusalem and Judea (Acts 1:8)***

1. Period of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ mounts (3:1-4:31, 5:17-42)
3. Emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_ life (2:41-47; 4:31-5:16)
  - Appointing of Deacons (Acts 6:1-8).

***iii. Stephen, Philip and the spread of Christianity outside of Jerusalem – Gospel to Samaria (Acts 1:8)***

Stephen's Martyrdom led to a forced exodus from Jerusalem. (Acts 7).  
Philip witnesses to Samaritans (Acts 8:5-25) and Ethiopian Eunuch.

***iv. Peter, Paul and the spread of Christianity to the Gentiles- Gospel to Ends of the Earth (Acts 1:8)***

Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (9:1-31): Door to the Gentiles seen.

1. Paul's commission (9:15)
2. Peter's ministry to the Gentiles (9:32-10:18) - Peter used the \_\_\_\_\_ to the Kingdom (Matt 16:19) to open doors to Jews (Ch. 2:14) and Samaritans (Ch. 8:14) and later to the Gentiles (Ch 10:28)

The base for the Christian movement shifted from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. It is from here that the Roman world would be reached for Christ (Acts 11:19-26). Resistance in Jerusalem comes to a head with martyrdom of James and imprisonment of Peter by Herod.

***v. Paul's first missionary journey (13:1-15:35)***

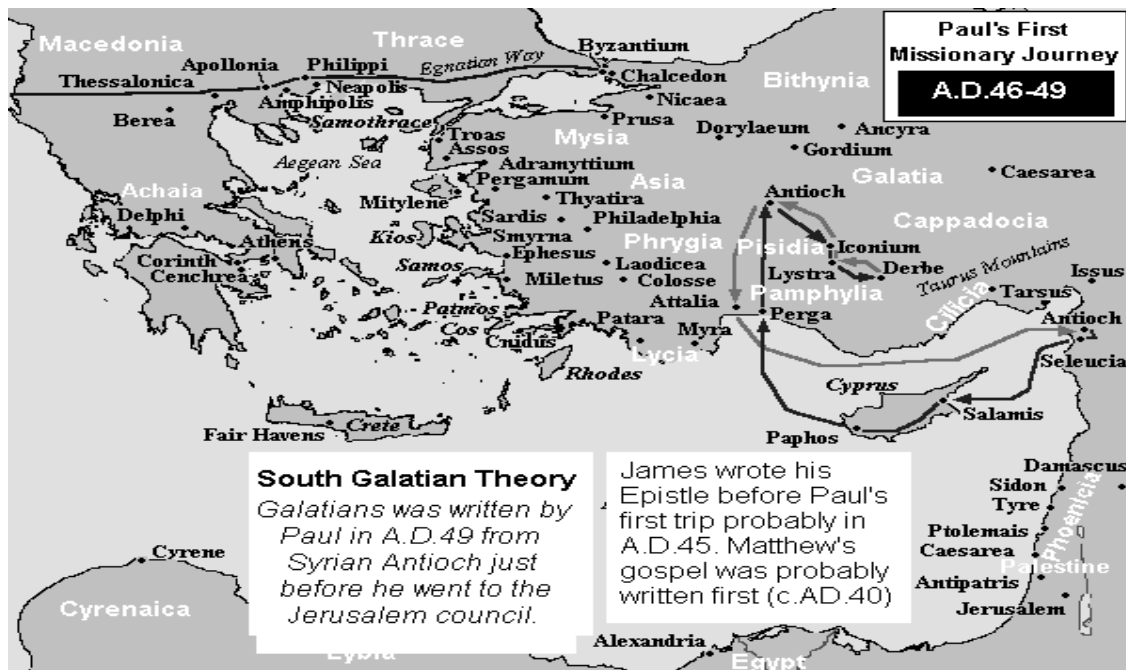
1. Sent out by the church at \_\_\_\_\_ (13:1-3).
2. Cyprus (13:4-12)
3. Asia Minor (13:13-4:28)

Strategy:

- i. Urban centres.
- ii. Synagogues.
- iii. Paul's central message(13:16-42)
- iv. To "God fearers" (13:43).
- v. Established the church in short time – appoint elders.

# Parallels between Peter and Paul

| Chapters 1-12  |    | Chapters 13-24   |    |
|--|----|--|----|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerusalem the center</li> <li>• Peter the chief figure</li> <li>• Out to Samaria</li> <li>• Word rejected by Jews of homeland</li> <li>• Peter imprisoned</li> <li>• Judgment on Herod</li> </ul> |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antioch the center</li> <li>• Paul the chief figure</li> <li>• Out to Rome</li> <li>• Word rejected by Jews of the dispersion</li> <li>• Paul imprisoned</li> <li>• Judgment on Jews</li> </ul> |    |
| First Sermon   | 2  | First Sermon   | 13 |
| Lame man healed  | 3  | Lame man healed  | 14 |
| Simon the sorcerer   | 8  | Elymas the sorcerer  | 13 |
| Influence of shadow  | 5  | Influence of handkerchief  | 19 |
| Laying on of hands   | 8  | Laying on of hands   | 19 |
| Peter worshipped   | 10 | Paul worshipped  | 14 |
| Tabitha raised   | 9  | Eutichus raised  | 20 |
| Peter imprisoned   | 12 | Paul imprisoned  | 28 |



- **The books of James and Galatians compared (See next page for James and Galatians overviews).**

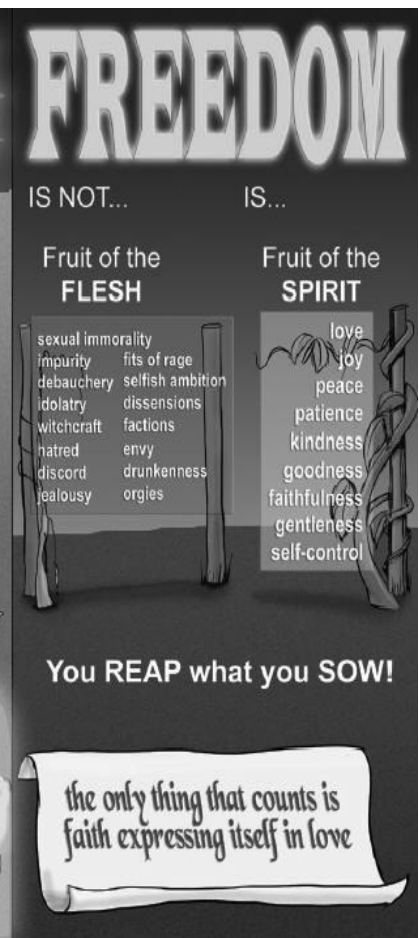
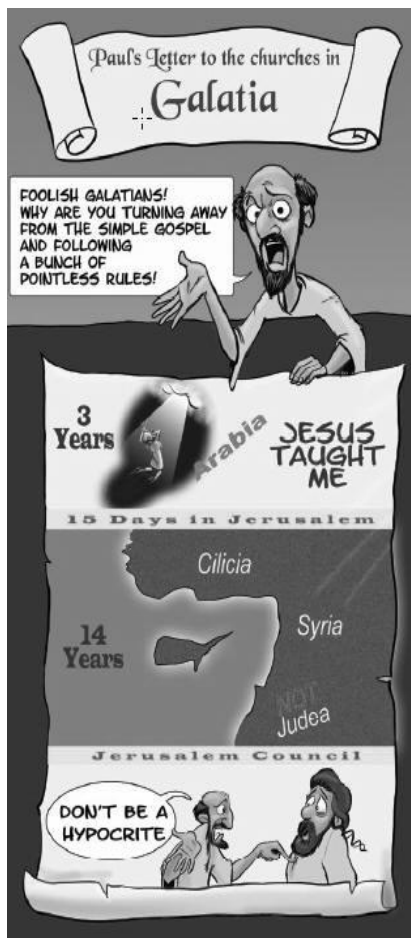
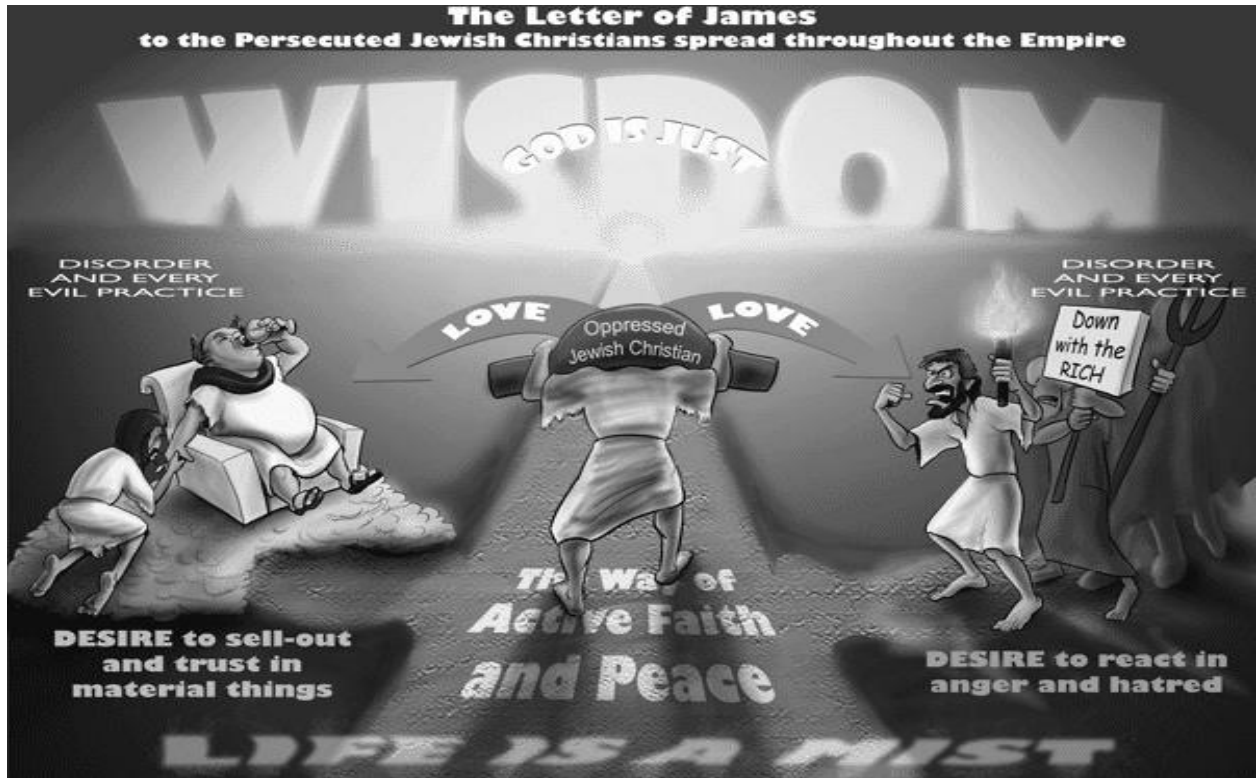
- **North and South Galatian theories:**

**vi. Jerusalem council (15:1-35)**

1. Question: What is the relationship of Christianity to \_\_\_\_\_?

  - a. Position of the Judaizers (15:1,5).
  - b. Testimony of Peter (15:7-12).
  - c. Findings summarized by James(15:13-29)

- Abstain from: 1.
- 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.

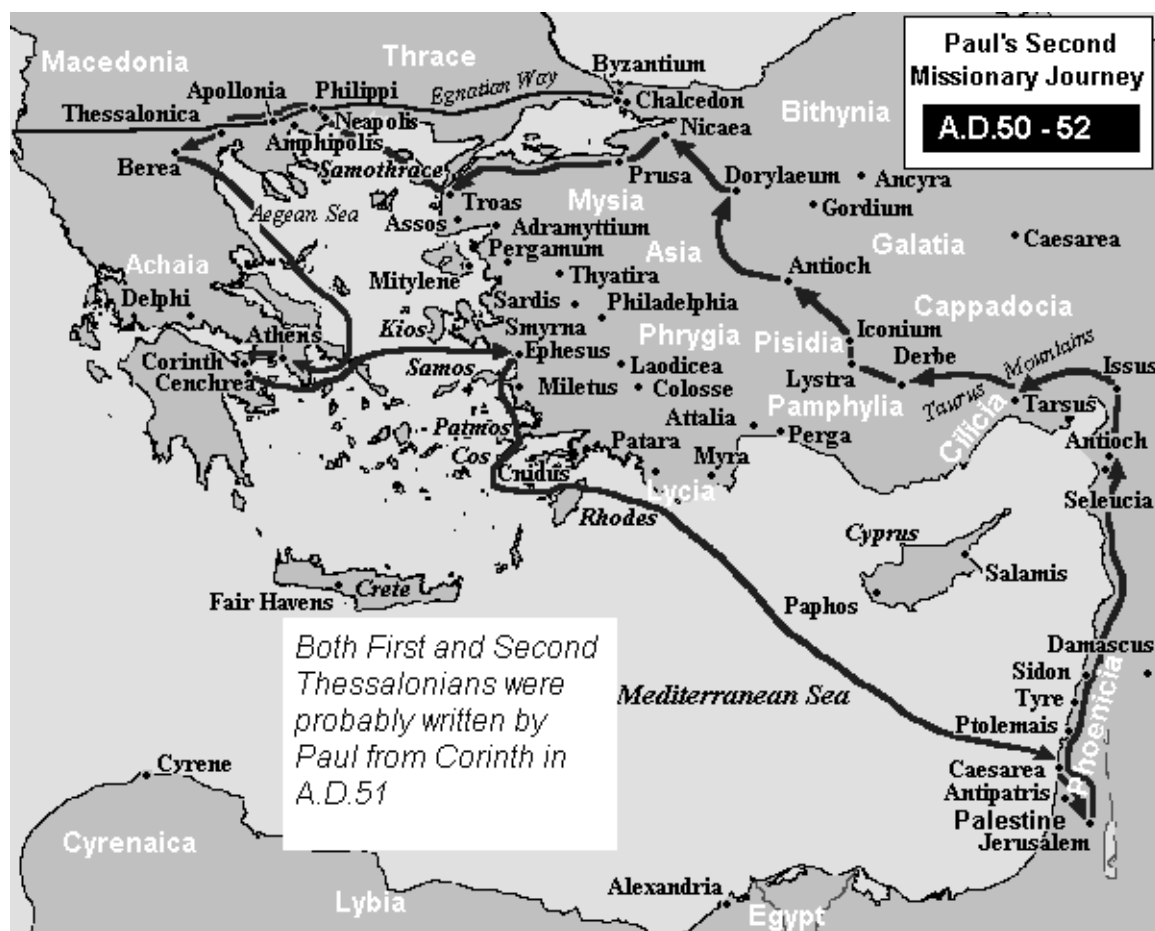


**vii. Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36-18:22)**

A parting of the ways between \_\_\_\_\_ and Paul

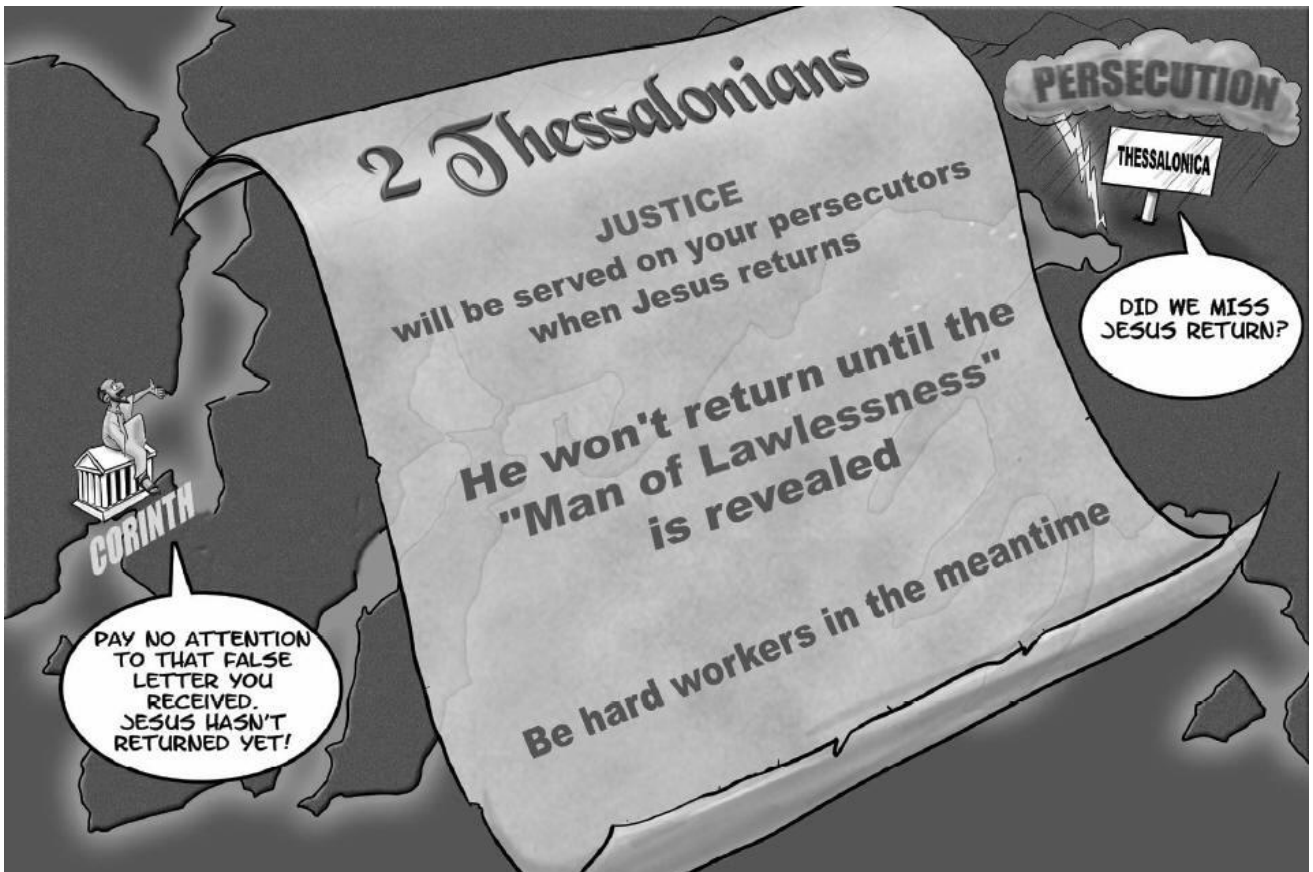
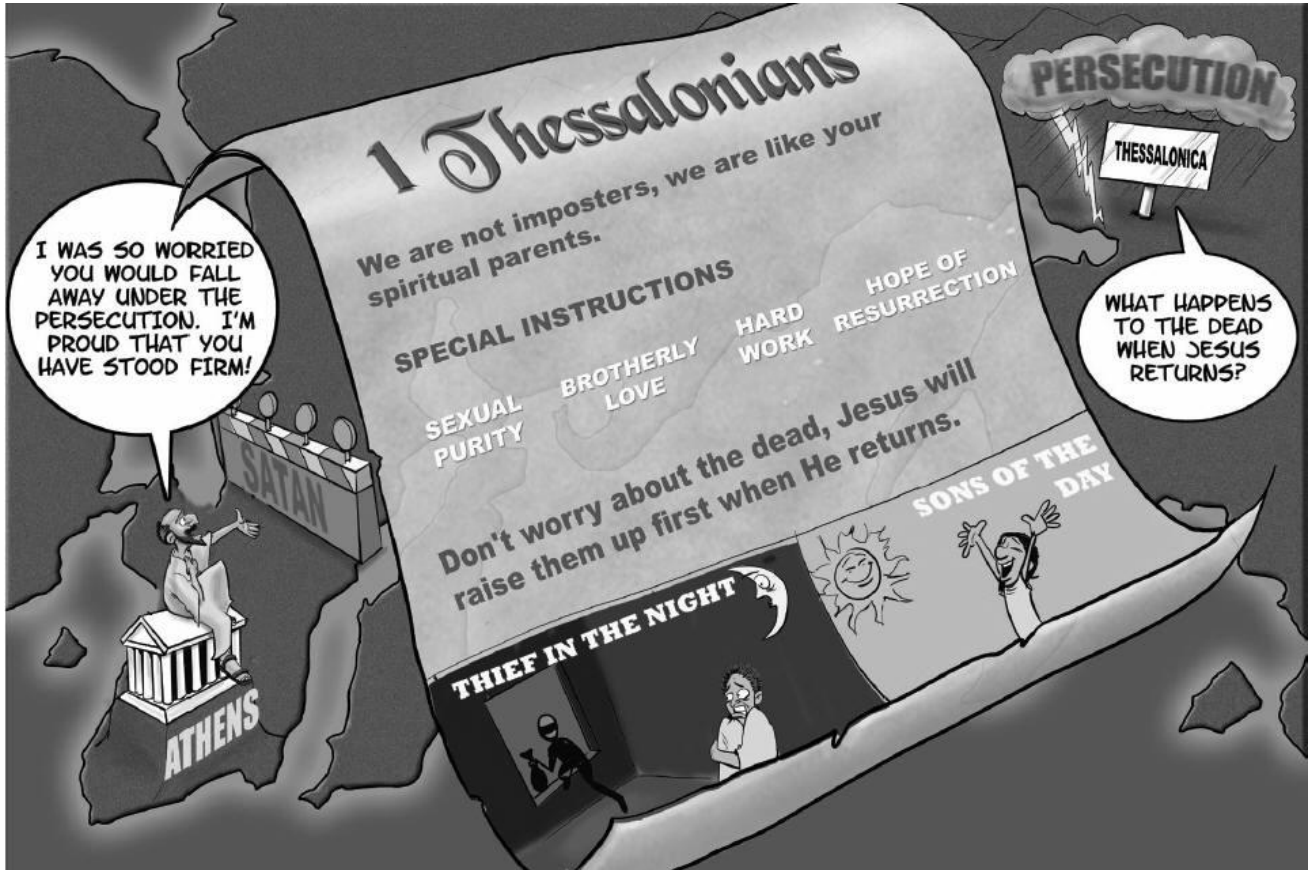
**Asia Minor and Greece**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ band
2. Growing \_\_\_\_\_ (Ac. 17:1-9; 18:12-18)
  - a. From Thessalonica to Athens- Ac. 17:16-34.
  - b. Paul at Corinth (Acts 18:1-17)



**First Thessalonians:** \_\_\_\_\_ in light of Christ's return.

**Second Thessalonians:** Understanding the \_\_\_\_\_.



**viii. Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23-21-14)**



**First Corinthians:** Correction of \_\_\_\_\_ living in Church life.

1. Answers to verbal reports concerning party strife in the church, immorality, lawsuits and bodily sanctity (ch2-6)
2. Answers to a letter sent by Corinthian church leaders concerning Christian rights and responsibilities, public worship, use of Spiritual gifts and bodily resurrection. (ch7-15)

**Second Corinthians:** Paul's defense of the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Paul as God's messenger (ch1-7)
2. Stewardship in giving (ch 8-9)
3. Paul as an Apostle (ch 10-13)

**Romans:** The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

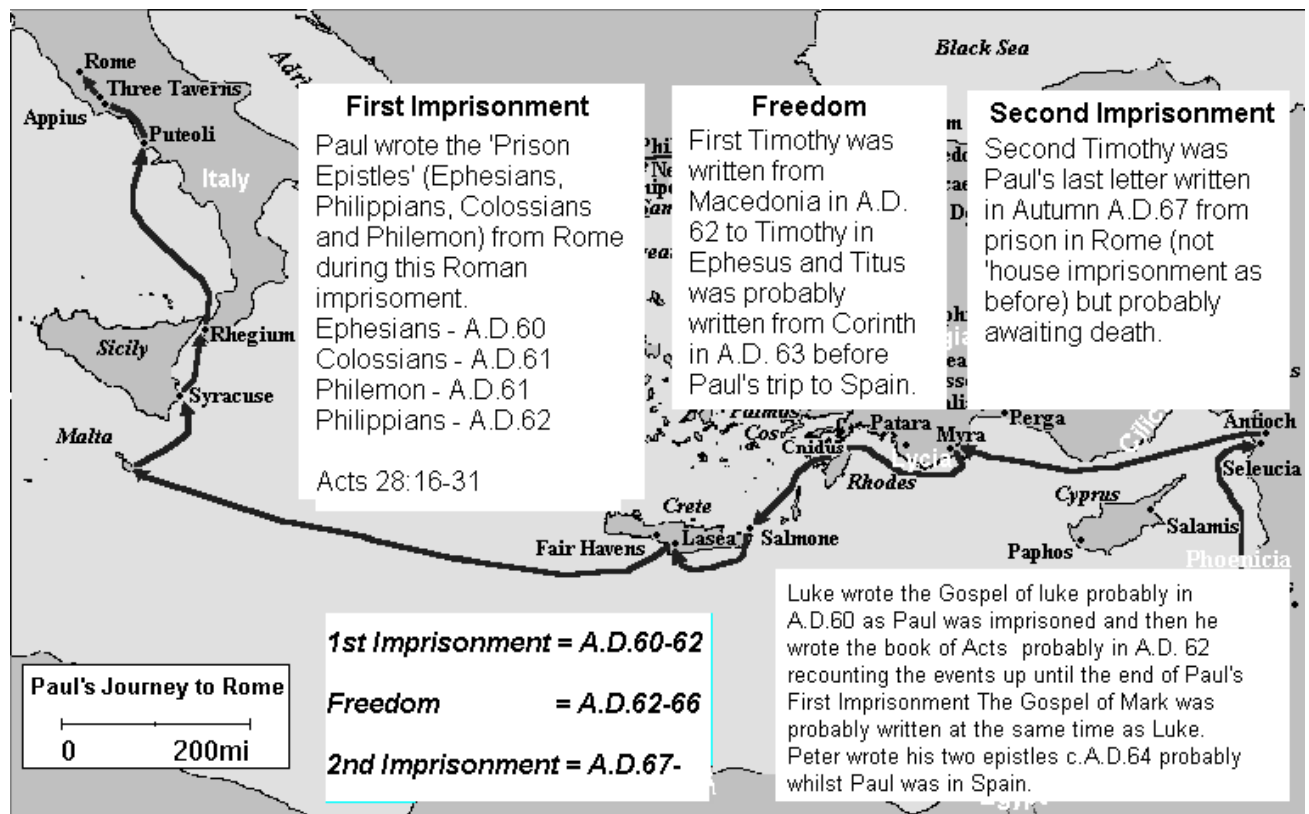
All men are unrighteous (ch1-3), Righteousness provided through Christ (ch 3-5), Righteousness imparted to man (ch 6-8), Israel in God's plan (ch 9-11), Righteous living in various relationships (ch 12-15)

After his return Paul was on imprisoned in Caesarea for 2 years (Acts 23-26)





**ix. Paul's trek to Rome (Acts 20:2-28:31)**



**1. Ephesians and Colossians** – Twin letters – very similar with slightly different emphasis...

**Ephesians** – Building the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (theology and practical)

**Colossians** – Christ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church.

**2. Philemon:** \_\_\_\_\_ from slavery (personal letter to Philemon about Onesimus)

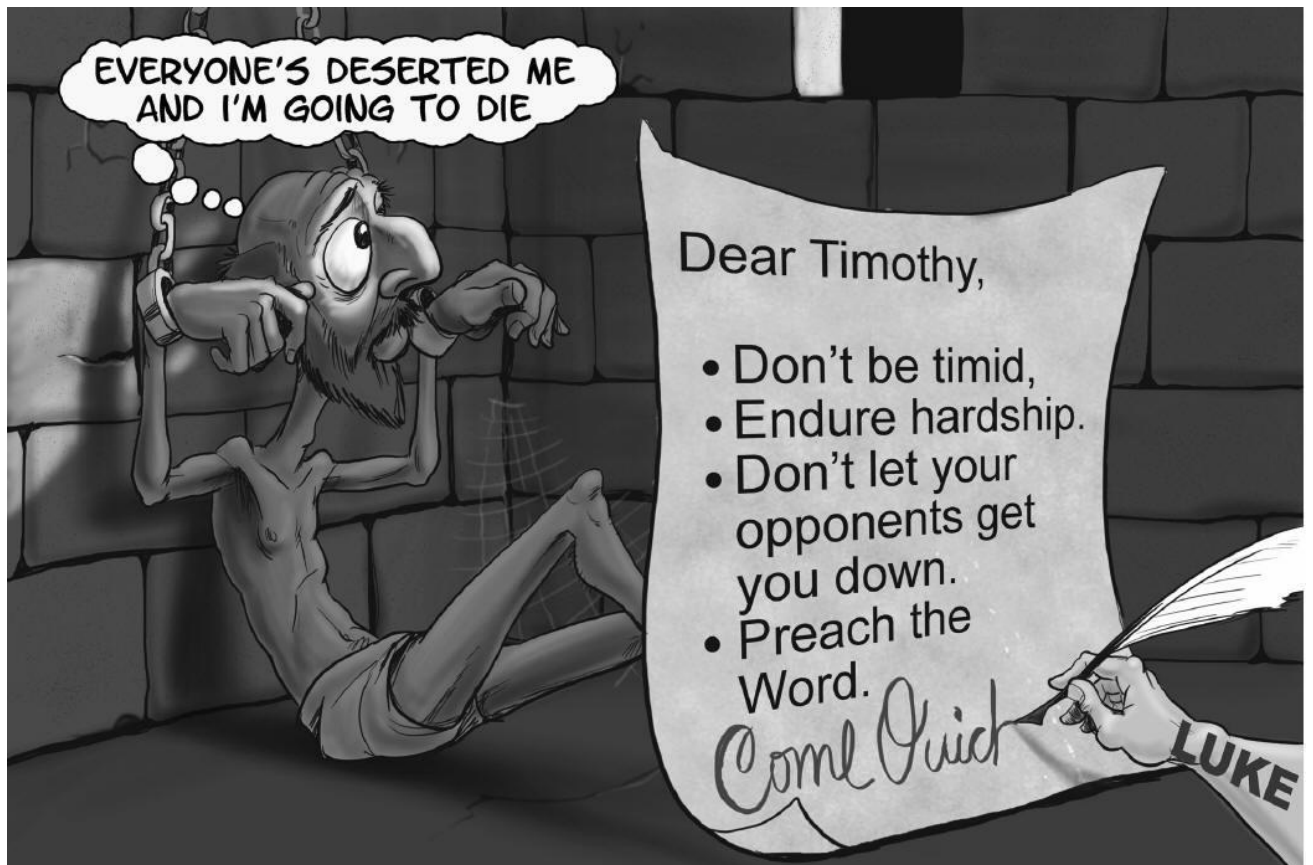
**3. Philippians:** To Live is \_\_\_\_\_ (centrality of Jesus in Christian life)

**4. First Timothy:** \_\_\_\_\_ manual for Church organization.

**Second Timothy:** \_\_\_\_\_ in the Pastoral ministry.

**5. Titus:** \_\_\_\_\_ manual for Church living.





# The Books of 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus

| Focus     | 1 Timothy            |   |                    |   | 2 Timothy        |   |                   |   | Titus                |   |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|---|--------------------|---|------------------|---|-------------------|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Divisions | Public Worship       |   | Prophetic Warnings |   | Protect the Word |   | Proclaim the Word |   | Christian Leadership |   | Christian Fellowship |
|           | 1                    | 3 | 4                  | 6 | 1                | 2 | 3                 | 4 | 1                    | 2 | 3                    |
| Topics    | Faithful Leaders     |   |                    |   | Faithful Service |   |                   |   | Faultless Conduct    |   |                      |
|           | "Be on Guard!"       |   |                    |   | "Be Diligent!"   |   |                   |   | "Be Careful!"        |   |                      |
| Place     | Written in Macedonia |   |                    |   | Written in Rome  |   |                   |   | Written in Corinth   |   |                      |
| Time      | About A.D. 62-63     |   |                    |   | About A.D. 67    |   |                   |   | About A.D. 63        |   |                      |
| Author    | The Apostle Paul     |   |                    |   |                  |   |                   |   |                      |   |                      |



## (2) The Epistles

*Use of an amanuensis (secretary)*

*Style of letters*

Most of Paul's letters were "occasional." The form is typically (i) Greeting, which includes the name of the author, credentials, blessings, name of recipient; (ii) Body, which was typically responses to problems; (iii) Conclusion, which gave greetings for others in the apostolic band.

*Content of letters*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ themes
  - a. salvation by faith alone (Gal., Eph. 1,2; Rom. 5-8; Col. 2....)
  - b. The Person and work of Christ (Col. 1)
  - c. The church (1 Cor. 12, Rom. 12....)
  - d. Spiritual warfare (Eph. 2, 6)
  - e. End of the age (1 Thess 4,5; 2 Thess. 2).
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ *issues facing the church*
  1. Sexual ethics
  2. Slavery
  3. Money
  4. Family relations
  5. Jew/Gentile relations

| <i>Romans<br/>1 Corinthians<br/>2 Corinthians<br/>Galatians</i> | <i>Ephesians<br/>Philippians<br/>Colossians<br/>Philemon</i> | <i>1 Thessalonians<br/>2 Thessalonians</i> | <i>1 Timothy<br/>2 Timothy<br/>Titus</i> |
|---|--|--|--|
| Polemical (Doctrinal Argument)                                  | Philosophical & Personal                                     | Prophetical                                | Pastoral                                 |
| Faith   | Love   | Hope                                       | Church order                             |
| Christ & the cross  | Christ & the church  | Christ & second coming                     | Christ & the congregation                |
| Plan of salvation   | Privileges of salvation                                      | Perfecting salvation                       | Purpose of salvation                     |
| Conflict  | Conquest   | Consolation                                | Consistency                              |
| Soteriological  | Christological   | Eschatological                             | Ecclesiological                          |

### **Comments on Hebrews and the General Epistles**

A. **Hebrews.** This is a theology of the Old Testament in the light of the person and ministry of Christ.

B. **James.** To a primarily Jewish audience. James provides practical instruction on godly living.

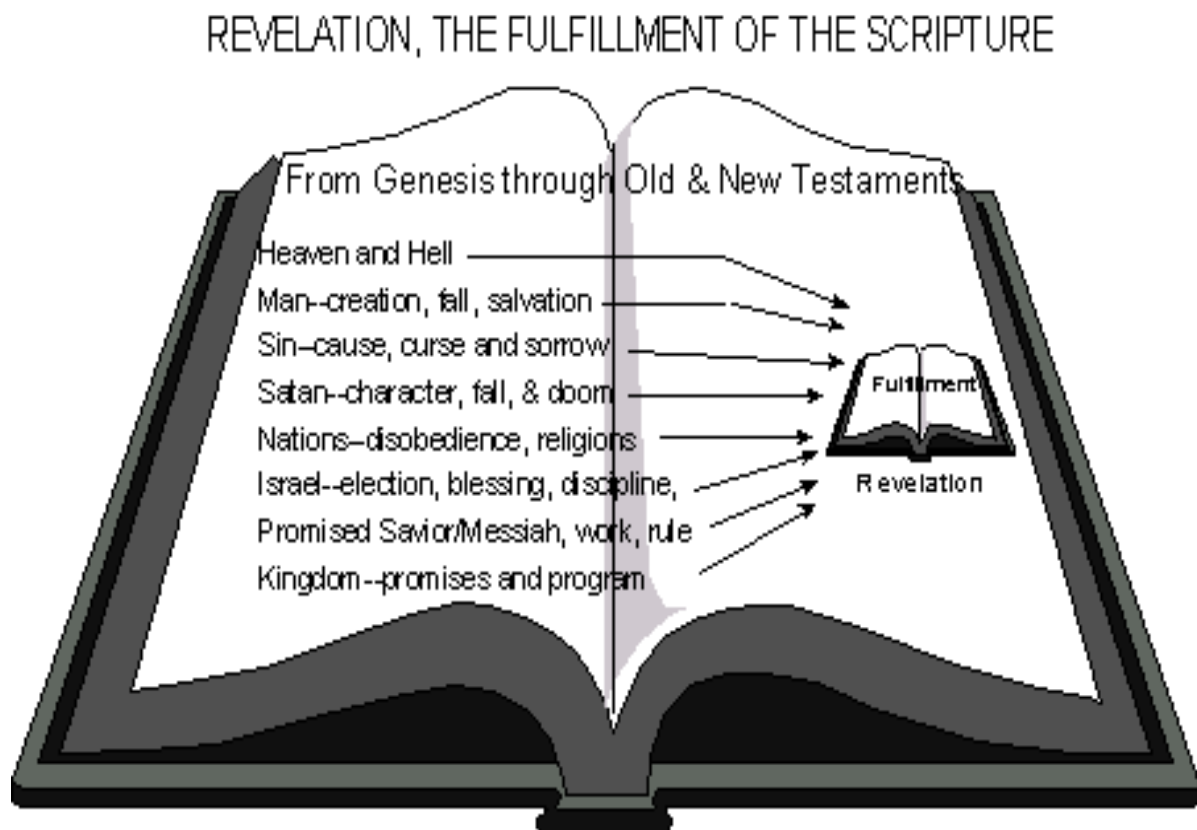
C. **1 and 2 Peter.** To the diaspora. Churches under persecution. Practical instruction on unity during opposition. Explains the role of Satan in their persecution.

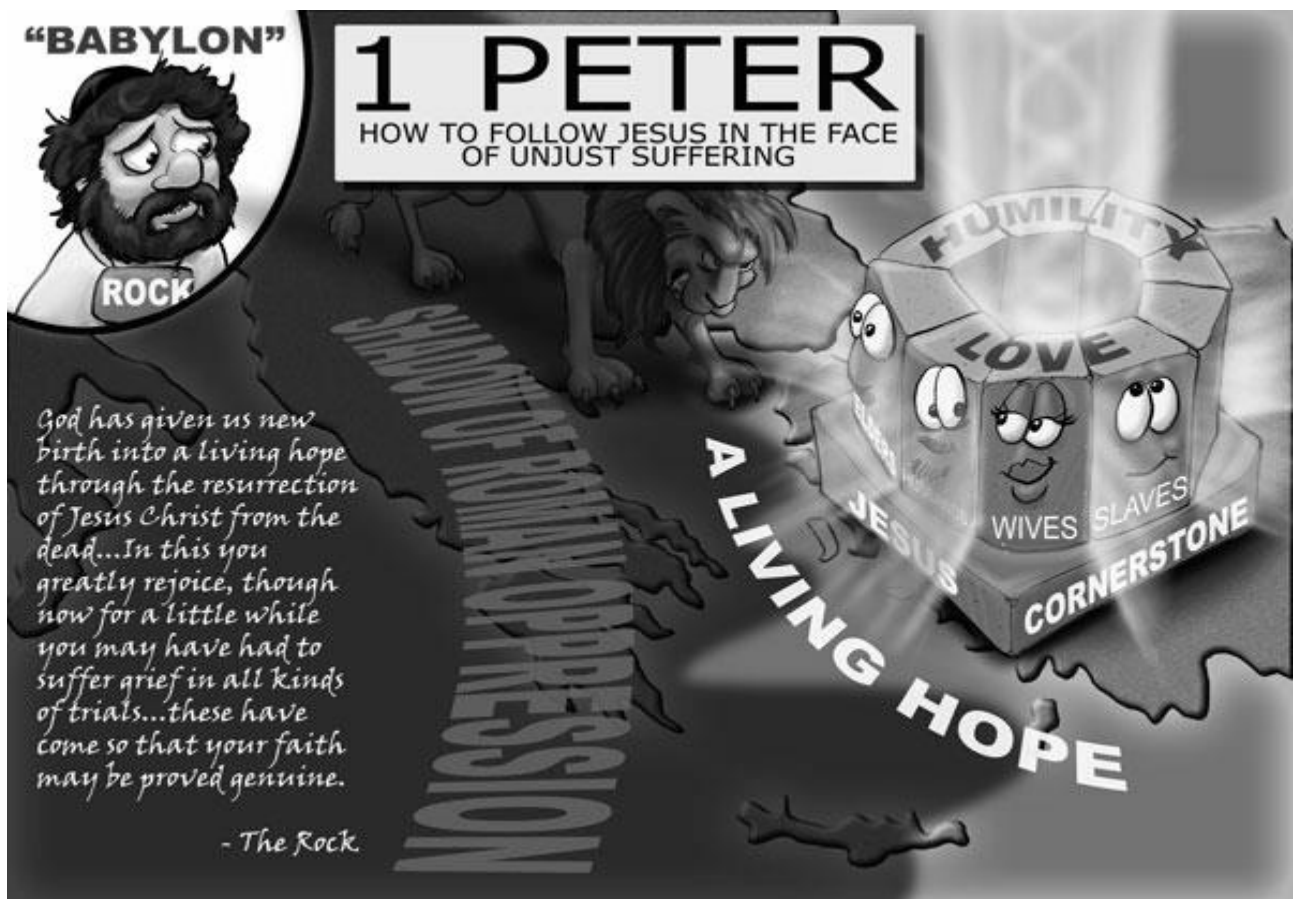
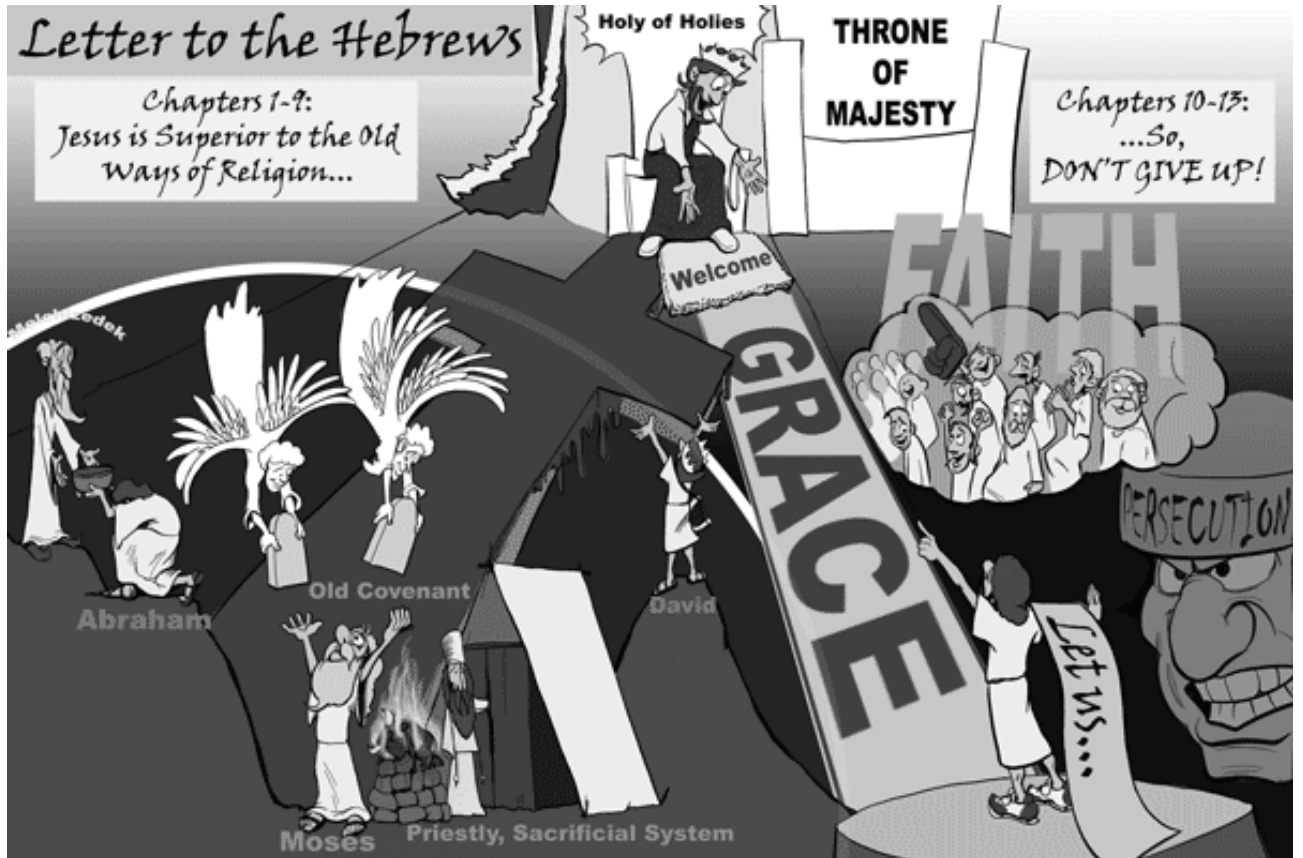
D. **1,2,3 John and Jude.** Written primarily to a gentile church. The doctrine of Christ's humanity are taught and the call to moral purity and love are emphasized.

### **(3) Prophetic Books**

#### **Revelation – Written by John (AD 90s)**

*Is actually the revelation of Jesus Christ in Church History through to eternity.*





## The Books of 1 & 2 Peter

| Focus     | 1 Peter                              |   |                        |   |                         |   | 2 Peter                                |   |                     |   |                       |   |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Divisions | Salvation & Sanctification           |   | Submission & Suffering |   | Steadfastness & Service |   | Growth in Grace                        |   | Growth in Knowledge |   | Growth in Expectation |   |
|           | 1                                    | 2 | 2                      | 3 | 4                       | 5 | 1                                      | 2 | 2                   | 3 | 3                     | 3 |
| Topics    | Reassurance                          |   |                        |   |                         |   | Remembrance                            |   |                     |   |                       |   |
|           | Suffering from Without (Persecution) |   |                        |   |                         |   | Suffering from Within (False Teachers) |   |                     |   |                       |   |
| Place     | Written in Rome                      |   |                        |   |                         |   |  |   |                     |   |                       |   |
| Time      | About A.D. 63-64                     |   |                        |   |                         |   | About A.D. 64-66                       |   |                     |   |                       |   |
| Author    | The Apostle Peter                    |   |                        |   |                         |   |  |   |                     |   |                       |   |

## The Books of 1, 2 & 3 John

| Focus     | 1 John              |   |                |   |                |   | 2 John            |   |   |                   |   |   | 3 John               |    |                      |  |
|-----------|---------------------|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|-------------------|---|---|-------------------|---|---|----------------------|----|----------------------|--|
| Divisions | Living in the Light |   | Living in Love |   | Living in Love |   | Protect the Word  |   |   | Proclaim the Word |   |   | Christian Leadership |    | Christian Fellowship |  |
|           | 1                   | 2 | 3              | 4 | 5              | 6 | 1                 | 6 | 7 | 13                | 1 | 8 | 9                    | 14 |                      |  |
| Topics    | Walk in the Light   |   |                |   |                |   | Walk in the Truth |   |   |                   |   |   | Working with Others  |    |                      |  |
|           | Faith               |   |                |   |                |   | Heresy            |   |   |                   |   |   | Hospitality          |    |                      |  |
| Place     | Written in Ephesus  |   |                |   |                |   |                   |   |   |                   |   |   |                      |    |                      |  |
| Time      | About A.D. 90       |   |                |   |                |   |                   |   |   |                   |   |   |                      |    |                      |  |
| Author    | The Apostle John    |   |                |   |                |   |                   |   |   |                   |   |   |                      |    |                      |  |

## The Book of Jude

|                  |   |   |                         |    |                     |    |
|------------------|---|---|-------------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| <b>Focus</b>     | “...earnestly contend for the faith...once delivered” v 3                                       |   |                         |    |                     |    |
| <b>Divisions</b> | Remember Your Faith   |   | Remember God's Judgment |    | Build Up Your Faith |    |
|                  | 1   | 3 | 4                       | 16 | 17                  | 25 |
| <b>Topics</b>    | Contention  |   | Condemnation            |    | Caution             |    |
|                  | The Holy Ones   |   | The Unholy Ones         |    | The Sanctifier      |    |
| <b>Place</b>     | To All Believers  |   |                         |    |                     |    |
| <b>Time</b>      | About A.D. 67-70  |   |                         |    |                     |    |
| <b>Author</b>    | The Apostle Jude Thaddeus but more likely Jude the Brother of James & the Half-brother of Jesus |   |                         |    |                     |    |

## The Book of Revelation

|                  |                               |                         |                            |                            |                             |                          |                       |                    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| <b>Focus</b>     | Heaven                        | Earth                   |                            |                            |                             |                          |                       | New Heaven & Earth |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>Divisions</b> | Letters to the Seven Churches | Opening the Seven Seals | Blowing the Seven Trumpets | Describing the Seven Signs | Pouring Out the Seven Bowls | Destroying God's Enemies | Making all Things new |                    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                  | 1                             | 3                       | 4                          | 6                          | 7                           | 9                        | 10                    | 13                 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 20 |
| <b>Topics</b>    | Coming King                   | Coming Calamity         |                            |                            |                             |                          |                       | Coming Kingdom     |    |    |    |    |    |
|                  | Judge                         | Judgment                |                            |                            |                             |                          |                       | Joy                |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>Place</b>     | Aegean Island of Patmos       |                         |                            |                            |                             |                          |                       |                    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>Time</b>      | About A.D. 95-96              |                         |                            |                            |                             |                          |                       |                    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>Author</b>    | The Apostle John              |                         |                            |                            |                             |                          |                       |                    |    |    |    |    |    |

## Major Interpretations of Revelation:

| <b>Four Major Interpretations</b> |   |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <i>Interpretation</i>             | <i>Chapters 1–3</i>                                     | <i>Chapters 4–19</i>  | <i>Chapters 20–22</i>                                    |
| Futurist                          | Letters' recipients represent periods of church history | Describes a 7-year Tribulation that is to come                                  | Millennium<br>Final Judgment<br>New heaven and new earth |
| Historicist                       | Are actual letters to first-century churches in Asia    | Represents events throughout history  | Millennium<br>Final Judgment and new earth<br>New heaven |
| Preterist                         | Are actual letters to first-century churches in Asia    | Represents conditions in the first century (particularly the fall of Jerusalem) | Represents heaven and God's final victory                |
| Idealist                          | Are actual letters to first-century churches in Asia    | Presents a symbolic conflict of good and evil                                   | Symbolizes victory of good over evil                     |

## Summary of Major Themes in the New Testament

### A. Time

#### 1. Linear v. Cyclical.

Linear: Accountability and ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.

Cyclical: Biblical history is like a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Time follows expansion of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (through evangelism and missions).

2. Parousia – everything hinges around Christ's

\_\_\_\_\_.

## B. The Messiah

1. Prophetic fulfilment, yet in a \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor 2:6-9; Rom. 16:25,26; 1 Pet.1:10-12;Mt. 13:11-17).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ system and the cross.

## C. Grace

1. Polemic (hostile) against \_\_\_\_\_ self-righteousness.
2. God's acceptance is extended to \_\_\_\_\_.

## D. New Community of God

1. New Covenant and the work of the Holy Spirit.
2. Neither Jew nor Greek. Gal. 3:28.
3. Citizens of heaven.
4. Global ambassadors.

## E. World Mission

**The Gospels:** Jesus lays down what the Church's mission is (to spread the Kingdom to every tongue, tribe and nation) and how to accomplish it (in the character and authority of Christ) – Matthew 24:14; 28:19-20.

**Acts:** Account of how the early Church outworks this mission in the power of the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:8.

**Epistles:** Every aspect of how we, as individuals and the Church, can be set free to fulfil His mission – Rom 16:26

**Revelation:** The certain truth that His mission will be accomplished – a world full of people bearing His image, the Kingdom filling the earth and Christ ruling and reigning with His saints – Rev. 7:9

## **Condensed Outline of the New Testament**

### ***GOSPELS - 4 BOOKS***

**Matthew** - Written by Matthew, one of the twelve apostles. Narrative especially adapted to the Jews, showing that Jesus is the kingly Messiah of Jewish prophecy.

**Mark** - Written by John Mark. A brief, picturesque record emphasising the supernatural power of Christ over nature, disease, and demons.

**Luke** - Written by 'the beloved physician.' The most complete biography of Jesus. It portrays Him as the Son of Man, full of compassion for the sinful and the poor.

**John** - Written by 'the beloved disciple.' The narrative unveils Jesus as the Son of God and records His deeper teachings. Two ideas, 'Faith' and 'eternal life', echo throughout the book.

### ***HISTORICAL BOOKS - 1 BOOK***

**The Acts of the Apostles** - Written by Luke. A sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Main theme: The origin and growth of the early Church from the ascension of Christ to the imprisonment of Paul at Rome.

### ***EPISTLES OF PAUL - 14 BOOKS (Including Hebrews)***

**Romans** - Addressed to Christians in Rome. Part 1, Ch 1-11. An exposition of the need for, and the nature of, the way of salvation. Part 2, Ch 12-16. Largely exhortations relating to spiritual, social, and civic duties.

**1 Corinthians** - Addressed to the church at Corinth. Main themes: The cleansing of the Church from various evils; doctrinal instruction.

**2 Corinthians** - Main themes: The characteristics of an apostolic ministry and the vindication of Paul's apostleship.

**Galatians** - Written to the Church in Galatia. Main themes: A defence of Paul's apostolic authority and of the doctrine of justification by faith, with warnings against false teachers and reversion to Judaism.

**Ephesians** - Written to the Church in Ephesus. An exposition of the glorious way of salvation. Special emphasis upon the fact that all barriers between Jews and Gentiles are broken down and the Church as the body of Christ.

**Philippians** - A love letter to the Church in Philippi. It reveals Paul's intense devotion to Christ, his joyful experience in prison, and his deep concern that the Church should be steadfast in sound doctrine.

**Colossians** - Written to the Church at Colossae. Main theme: The transcendent glory of Christ as the head of the Church. This sublime truth calls for the abandonment of all worldly philosophy and sin.

**1 Thessalonians** - Written to the Church in Thessalonica. It is composed of apostolic commendations, reminiscences, counsels, and exhortations. Special emphasis upon the comforting hope of the future coming return of Christ.

**2 Thessalonians** - A sequel to the first epistle. Written to enlighten the Church concerning the doctrine of Christ's second coming and to warn believers against unrest and social disorders.

**1 Timothy** - Counsel to a young pastor concerning his conduct and ministerial work.

**2 Timothy** - Paul's last letter, written shortly before his death, giving instructions and counsels to his beloved 'son' in the gospel.

**Titus** - An apostolic letter giving advice and exhortations to a trusted friend who was a pastor in a difficult field. Special emphasis on the doctrine of good works.

**Philemon** - A private letter written to Philemon, encouraging him to receive and forgive Onesimus, his runaway slave.

**Hebrews** - Writer uncertain. Main theme: The transcendent glory of Christ and of the blessings of the new age compared with those of the Old Testament. Key word is *better*.

### **GENERAL EPISTLES - 7 BOOKS**

**James** - Probably written by the Lord's brother. Addressed to Jewish converts. Main theme: Practical religion manifesting itself in good works as contrasted with mere profession of faith.

**1 Peter** - A letter of encouragement written by the apostle Peter to the saints scattered throughout Asia Minor. Main theme: The privileges of believers who are following the example of Christ - to have victory during trials and to live holy lives in a hostile world.

**2 Peter** - Largely a warning against false teachers and scoffers.

**1 John** - A deep spiritual message written by the apostle John to different classes of believers in the Church. It stresses the believer's privilege of spiritual knowledge and the duty of fellowship and brotherly love.

**2 John** - A brief message from John on divine truth and worldly error. Addressed to 'the chosen lady and her children.' A warning against heresy and false teachers.

**3 John** - An apostolic letter of commendation written to Gaius, containing character sketches of certain persons in the Church.

**Jude** - Probably written by the brother of James. Main themes: Historical examples of apostasy and divine judgement upon sinners; warnings against immoral teachers.

### **PROPHETIC - 1 BOOK**

**Revelation** - Written by the apostle John. Mainly a series of apocalyptic visions dealing with end-time events. A great moral conflict is portrayed between the divine and satanic powers, ending in the victory of the Lamb.

# New Testament Survey 2 – End Of Course Test

1. The Birth of the Church was...

- a. When Jesus died on the Cross.
- b. In Antioch.
- c. At Pentecost (Acts 2)
- d. When Jesus breathed on the Disciples.
- e. At the Jerusalem Council.

2. Which is NOT a mission's strategy Paul used?

- a. Target urban centers.
- b. Reach out to the rich first.
- c. Reach 'God fearers'.
- d. Start at Synagogues.
- e. Establish church in a short time and appoint elders.

3. The **main** question addressed in the Jerusalem council was...

- a. What is the relationship of Christianity with the Mosaic Law?
- b. Should Gentiles be Christians at all?
- c. Should Jewish Christians keep the Law.
- d. Should the Church accept Paul?
- e. Should the Church celebrate Easter?

4. Galatians and James when compared...

- a. Have the same message.
- b. Contradict each other.
- c. Give a balance in our faith.
- d. Are not related at all.
- e. Should not be in the Bible.

5. First and Second Thessalonians were written...

- a. During Paul's First Missionary trip.
- b. During Paul's Second Missionary trip.
- c. During Paul's Third Missionary trip.
- d. During Paul's Imprisonment.
- e. By the Apostle Peter.

6. Ephesians emphasizes the Body of Christ whereas Colossians emphasizes the...

- a. Feet.
- b. Hands.
- c. Heart.
- d. Eyes.
- e. Head.

7. The N.T is linear time in that...

- a. Shows accountability and ultimate judgment.
- b. It is like a symphony.
- c. It is all in chronological order.
- d. It has repeating patterns.
- e. It is all in allegory form.

## SECTION TWO: MATCHING...

Match the N.T book to the correct keyword/s by drawing lines....

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| 8. Philippians | a. Righteousness      |
| 9. 1 Timothy   | b. Persecution.       |
| 10. Titus      | c. Leadership manual. |
| 11. 1 Peter    | d. End time Holiness  |
| 12. Romans     | e. Conduct manual.    |
| 13. 1 Thess    | f. To live is Christ  |