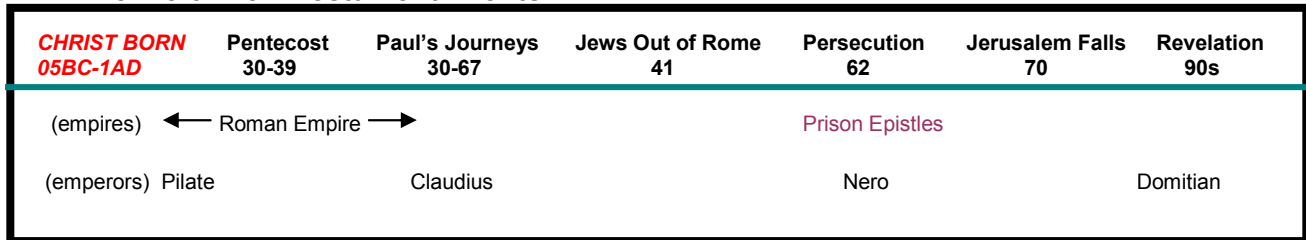




Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians

Author: Paul Date: 60-62 Type of Literature: Epistles (encyclical) letters Crossroad: See conclusions*

4. Timeline of New Testament Events



Introduction to our study: Prison epistles were likely written from Rome, maybe Caesarea. As in all epistles there is a miscellaneous quotient. Please see the included materials. The following are Acts references to Paul's journeys.

- 1st Journey: (47-48 AD): Acts 13-14 (then Jerusalem Council in Acts 15).
- 2nd Journey: (49-52 AD): Acts 15: 36 – 18: 22 (note mid chapter transitions)
- 3rd Journey: (53-58 AD): Acts 18: 23 – 21: 16
- Imprisonment: (59-64/7 AD) in Caesarea and Rome: Acts 20: 23 & 21 through 28

EPHESIANS

Points of Interest:

- This letter to a heavily vested church emphasizes love throughout (9X); contrast Rev 2:4.
- Paul visited Ephesus on his second journey and stayed there for three years, Acts 19 - 20.

Chapter Highlights:

1. Our choosing involves predestination, adoption, redemption (1-8); mystery (9-10), 1Cor. 15:24f
2. Regeneration from spiritual death to life; by grace through faith (8); not by works (9); but onto works (10).
3. Mystery: Jews and Gentiles are joint-heirs (6); through faith we can approach God with freedom and confidence (12).
4. Guard the Unity (3): Christ gave enabling gifts and strategy to build His church (11-13); speak truth in love (gears and grease).
5. Avoiding immorality of all kinds; is contrasted with being thankful. (1-4); Believers are asked to make the most of all opportunities "Because the days are evil," (16) and be filled with the spirit (18). Mutual submission is to be practiced between wives and husbands. (22-33)
6. Relational principles are given between child and parent (1-4); master and slave (5-9). Be strengthened with the whole armor of God. (10-18)

PHILIPPIANS

Points of Interest:

- Paul visited on second missionary journey
- First converts in Europe: Lydia (Acts 16: 11f) / Philippian Jailer (Acts 16: 16-34)
- Emphasis on **joy** in Christ (1:4, 1:26, 2:2)
- Citizenship: Philippi was "Roman soil" for colonists. "Italian right" (1:27 & 3:20) has significance.
- The letter served as a thank-you note for love gift and to make course corrections in the church.

