

NEW TESTAMENT TIMELINE

<u>YEAR</u>		<u>ROMAN EMPORERS</u>
7 -4 BC	Jesus perhaps is born	Augustus (27 BC-14 AD)
26 AD	Pontius Pilate becomes Prefect of Judea	Tiberius (14-37)
28	John begins baptizing	
30	Jesus crucified	
33	Paul converted	Caligula (37-41)
47-48	Paul & Barnabas 1 st Missionary Journey	Claudius (41-54)
48	Paul writes <i>Galatians</i>	
49	Paul & Silas 2 nd Missionary Journey	
50	Paul in Macedonia – Writes <i>I</i> and <i>II Thessalonians</i>	
53	Paul begins 3 rd Missionary Journey arrives in Ephesus – Perhaps writes <i>Philippians, Colossians, Philemon</i> in prison in Ephesus (c. 55 AD)	Nero (54-68)
53-56	Paul lives in Ephesus	
56	Paul writes <i>I Corinthians</i> and <i>II Corinthians</i>	
57	Paul writes <i>Romans</i> Paul arrested in Jerusalem	
60	Paul arrives in Rome (perhaps writes <i>Philippians, Colossians, Philemon</i> maybe <i>Ephesians</i>) <i>I Peter</i> written if authored by Peter	
64	Fire destroys Rome	
69	Peter and Paul martyred	Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian (69-79)
70	Jerusalem defeated – Temple destroyed	
65-75	<i>Mark</i> written	
70-100	<i>Matthew</i> written	Titus (79-81)
80-90	<i>Luke-Acts</i> written	Domitian (81-96)
92	Paul's letters collected & circulated together	
95	<i>Hebrews</i> and <i>Revelation</i> written	
96	<i>I Peter</i> written if not by Peter	Nerva (96-98)
100	<i>Gospel of John</i> and <i>James</i> written	Trajan (98-117)
110	<i>Letters of John</i> written	
125	<i>Jude</i> written–Oldest extant N.T. manuscript – fragment of <i>John</i>	Hadrian (117-138)
130	Pastorals (<i>I & II Timothy, Titus</i>)	
144	Marcion's canon	Antonius Pius (138-161)
150	<i>II Peter</i> and <i>Teaching of the Twelve Apostles (Didache)</i> written	
393	Council of Hippo – 27 Books of the New Testament	

THE CAREER OF PAUL

- 33 Paul is converted, goes into Nabatean Arabia.
- 36 Paul visits Jerusalem, goes to Syria and Cilicia. Pilate replaced as prefect of Judea
- 37 Caligula succeeds Tiberius March 16
- 41 Claudius succeeds Caligula (an. 25.) Herod Agrippa I appointed King of Judea, executes James, imprisons Peter
- 44 Herod Agrippa dies. Judea put under procuratorship (formally prefectship)
- 47-48 Paul and Barnabas begin "first missionary journey" to Cyprus, South Galatia
- 48 Paul writes *Galatians*
- 49 Paul confers with apostles in Jerusalem, wins approval of Gentile mission. He and Silas begin "second missionary journey going overland through Asia Minor and crossing to Macedonia. Claudius expels Jews from Rome.
- 50 Paul works in Macedonia, Athens. He arrives in Corinth, meets Aquila & Prisca (recent refugees from Rome) Writes *I Thessalonians*.
- 51 Paul is hauled before proconsul Gallio after 18 months in Corinth
- 52 Paul leaves Corinth, sails for Ephesus, then Syria
- 52-53 Paul arrives in Ephesus on "third missionary journey"
- 53-56 Paul lives in Ephesus
- 54 Nero succeeds Claudius
- 55 Paul perhaps writes *Philippians*, *Colossians*, *Philemon* while imprisoned for a time in Ephesus
- 56 Paul writes *I Corinthians*. He makes a brief painful visit to Corinth, returns to Ephesus, writes a "severe" letter to the Corinthians (perhaps *II Corinthians 10-13*). Perhaps at this time he writes *Philippians 3*. Paul goes to Macedonia, where he writes part or all of *II Corinthians*. He begins three month stay in Corinth.
- 57 Paul writes *Romans* at Corinth, spends Passover at Philippi, arrives at Jerusalem. He is arrested and sent to the procurator Felix at Caesarea.
- 59 Festus replaces Felix as procurator. Paul appeals to Caesar and is sent to Rome.
- 60 Paul arrives in Rome, perhaps writes *Philippians*, *Colossians*, *Philemon*
- 64 Fire destroys much of Rome in July. Christians are blamed and persecuted. Perhaps Peter and Paul are among the martyrs.



Bible 101 Session Three Discussion Questions

What is a favorite passage from the New Testament?

What is a favorite book?

The Gospels are biographies with a purpose. They were not written to inform people about the facts of Jesus' life. They were written to introduce people to Jesus with the facts of his life so that others would come to believe in him and follow him. Look at John 20:30-31. Also look at Luke 1:1-4.

Of the 27 books in the New Testament – 21 are in the form of a letter. Also, Revelation in the early part uses the form of a letter to seven churches. Do you have a favorite letter?

Read at least one of the Gospels and one of the letters.