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THE APOSTLE PAUL – LESSON 5

Our last lesson covered the Third Evangelistic Tour (Missionary Journey). This lesson begins with the last years of The Apostle's life. The Jews had constantly opposed Paul since his conversion to Christianity. The vast majority of his fellow Jews rejected Christianity. They viewed him as a turncoat...a traitor. The level of animosity and antagonism toward him is greater than the hatred directed at any NT figure other than Jesus. Even then, it must be remembered that Paul endured decades of persecution compared to the some 3½ years our Lord spent in active ministry. This lesson covers his letters (NT books), trials and defenses, his appeal to Caesar, and his journey to Rome and imprisonment (AD 60-61).

The Pauline Epistles

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| (1) ROMANS → | About AD 55-56 Written from Corinth |
| (2) 1 CORINTHIANS → | About AD 56-57 Written from Ephesus |
| (3) 2 CORINTHIANS → | About AD 57 Written from Thessalonica (?) |
| (4) GALATIANS → | About AD 57 -58 Written from Corinth |
| (5) EPHESIANS → | About AD 62 Written from Rome |
| (6) PHILLIPIANS → | About AD 63 Written from Rome |
| (7) COLOSSIANS → | About AD 62 Written from Rome |
| (8) 1 THESSALONIANS → | About AD 52-53 Written from Corinth |
| (9) II THESSALONIANS → | About AD 53 Written from Corinth |
| (10) 1 TIMOTHY → | About <u>*AD 64-65</u> Presumably written from Macedonia |
| (11) II TIMOTHY → | About <u>*AD 65-66</u> Written from Rome (?) |
| (12) TITUS → | About <u>*AD 64-66</u> Written from Crete (?) |
| (13) PHILEMON → | About AD 62 Written from Rome |
| (14) **HEBREWS → | About <u>*AD 63</u> Written from Rome |

The **Book of Acts** ends with Paul being imprisoned in Rome. This is his *first imprisonment*. That's where the inspired Luke ends the narrative. History, tradition, and an overwhelming number of Bible scholars all suppose Paul was released, imprisoned a *second time*, and finally executed in AD 66 or 67. The assumption of a second imprisonment seems plausible as the places and time-frame for such, mentioned in the pastoral epistles (Timothy & Titus), are resolved only by this assumption. *The exact dates and origin of Paul's epistles are not essential to our salvation. **We strongly believe Paul wrote Hebrews from Rome, shortly after the first imprisonment. It is important for us to have access to as much seemingly pertinent information as possible. We should never argue with others over these things. If we are well informed, we may find opportunity to help others reach a better understanding.

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