

## Piecing Together the Bible Part 6

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### The New Testament Letters:

#### **Group #1: Paul's Salvation Letters**

[Romans: Paul wrote Romans to the church in Rome from Corinth (Acts 20:1-3) for the purpose of to explain the justification, sanctification, glorification and application of the Gospel. Outline: Need for the Gospel (Ch. 1-4), Transforming Work of the Gospel (Ch. 5-8), God's Plan for the Gospel (Ch. 9-11), Practical Outworking of the Gospel (Ch. 12-16)

[1 Corinthians: Paul wrote 1 Corinthians to the church in Corinth from Ephesus (Acts 18:26) for the purpose to correct the factions existing in their church and to answer questions submitted to him. Outline: Factions Addressed (Ch. 1-4), Questions Answered (Ch. 5-16)

[2 Corinthians: Paul wrote 2 Corinthians to the church in Corinth from Macedonia (Acts 18:26) for the purpose to affirm his apostolic authority and to provide instruction for particular issues. Outline: Paul's Trials (Ch. 1-7), Paul's defense of collection (Ch. 8-9), Paul's apostolic authority (Ch. 10-13)

[Galatians: Paul wrote Galatians to the churches in the region of Galatia for the purpose to affirm his apostolic authority in the face of Judaizers, to exposit justification by grace through faith, and to instruct them regarding a life of liberty. Outline: Paul's Apostolic Authority (Ch. 1-2), Exposition of Justification by Grace through Faith (Ch. 3-4), The Life of Christian Liberty (Ch. 5-6)

#### **Group #2: Paul's Prison Letters:**

[Ephesians: Paul wrote Ephesians to the church in Ephesus from prison to unfold God's Gospel blessings, work (Ch. 1-3) and to find its application to everyday life (Ch. 4-6).

[Philippians: Paul wrote it to the church in Philippi from prison to ground the church in the person of Christ (Ch. 1-2) and to encourage them to find joy in Christ (Ch. 3-4)

[Colossians: Paul wrote this letter to the church in Colossae from prison (after Acts 28) to strengthen their faith (1:3-14 (9-10)), establish proper Christology (1:15-23 (15-18)), correct bad practices (2:11, 16, 18), and provide practical life instruction (3:1-4:6, 3:18-21). Outline: a Proper View of Christ (Ch. 1), a Proper View of Christianity (Ch. 2), and a Proper View of Christian Living (Ch. 3-4)

[Philemon: Paul wrote this letter to Philemon a slaveowner asking him to be kind to Onesimus, his runaway slave, and to receive him back as Philemon would receive Paul.

#### **Group #3: Paul's End Times Letters:**

[1 Thessalonians: Paul wrote it to the church in Thessalonica from Corinth during Paul's second missionary journey (18:1-5) for the purpose to commend their steadfastness (1:2-10), remind them of Paul's example to follow (2:1-20), exhort them to moral live (4:1-12), and to instruct them regarding God's future plan (1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11)

[2 Thessalonians: Paul wrote the second letter a few months to commend the Thessalonians for their faith(1:1-12), to establish the foundation of the end times(2:1-17), & to warn of false teachers(3:1-18)

#### **Group #4: Paul's Pastoral Letters:**

[1 Timothy: Paul wrote it to Timothy, a pastor in Ephesus, after His release from prison to encourage Timothy as pastor in Ephesus and to provide church structure for proper church conduct

[2 Timothy: Paul wrote it to Timothy to encourage Timothy to remain faithful, warning against false teachers, and provide practical instruction for Timothy's pastoral responsibilities.

[Titus: Paul wrote the epistle of Titus to confirm Titus' authority on Crete (1:1-5), and instruct proper church structure (1:5-3:13)

#### **Other Letters:**

[Hebrews: written to Hebrews to warn Christians of falling away from the faith, to demonstrate the superiority of Christ... (Ch. 1-10), and to inspire Godly living (Ch. 10-13)

[James: James, the brother of Jesus, wrote to instruct Jews to practice true religion (1:27) through perseverance (1:1-12), through works alongside faith (2:1-26), through controlling the tongue (3:1-12), and through a focus on priorities (5:1-20).

[1 Peter: Peter wrote it for all believers to stand firm living a grace based life.

[2 Peter: Peter wrote it to warn against false teachers and to exhort them to grow in the grace of God

[1 John: John wrote 1 John to call Christians to the fullness of joy through fellowship by avoiding sin, clarifying the truth, and being secure in their eternal life

[2 John: John wrote 2 John to encourage & to continue in love and obedience, and to avoid falsehood.

[3 John: John wrote it to encourage Gaius, commend his hospitality, and condemn Diotrephes.

[Jude: Jude, the brother of Jesus, wrote to warn against the presence of false prophets

[Revelation: John wrote Revelation to warn the seven churches of their current state and future plan of judgment from God. Outline: (1:4) who was (1:1-20), who is (1:21-3:22), who will be (4:1-22:21)



## **Piecing Together the Old Testament**

Event #1: Creation (Gen. 1:1-2:3)

Event #2: The Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Event #3: Noah and the Flood (Gen. 6-9)

Event #4: Abraham and the birth of a nation (Gen 11-50)

Event #5: Moses and the Exodus from Egypt (Ex. 1 - Deut 33)

Event #6: Conquest of the Promised Land (Deut 34 - 1 Samuel 7)

Event #7: The Coronation of the Kings (1 Sam. 8 - 1 Kgs 11)

Event #8: The Divided Kingdom (1 Kgs 12 - 2 Kgs 17)

Event #9: The Deportation of Southern Kingdom

(Judah) to Babylon (2 Kgs 24; Daniel 1-12)

Event #10: Returns from Babylon (Ezra 1 & 7, Neh. 1)

## **Piecing Together the 400 Years of Silence**

Event #11: Alexander the Great & Four Kingdoms (Dan. 7:6)

Event #12: Antiochus Epiphanes and the Abomination of Desolation (Dan 11:31)

Event #13: The Maccabean Rebellion and Independence

Event #14: Rome (Daniel 7:7)

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Event #15: The Prediction of Jesus (Isa. 53, Micah 5:2, Zech 9:9)

Event #16: The Birth of Jesus (Matt. 1-3, Luke 1-2, John 1:1-18)

Event #17: The Ministry of Jesus (Matt. 4-26, Mark 1-14, Luke 4-22, John 1:19-17)

Event #18: The Death of Jesus (Matt. 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18-19)

Event #19: The Resurrection of Jesus (Matt.28,Mark 16,Luke 24,John 20)

Event #20: The Impact of Jesus...in Acts and beyond

- The Helper Arrives (Acts 1-2)

- Witnesses to Jerusalem (Acts 1-7), Samaria (Acts 8-12) to World (Acts 13-28)

- The Church Instructed (Romans-Revelation)