



THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

1 & 2 Timothy, Titus

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ps. 119: 105



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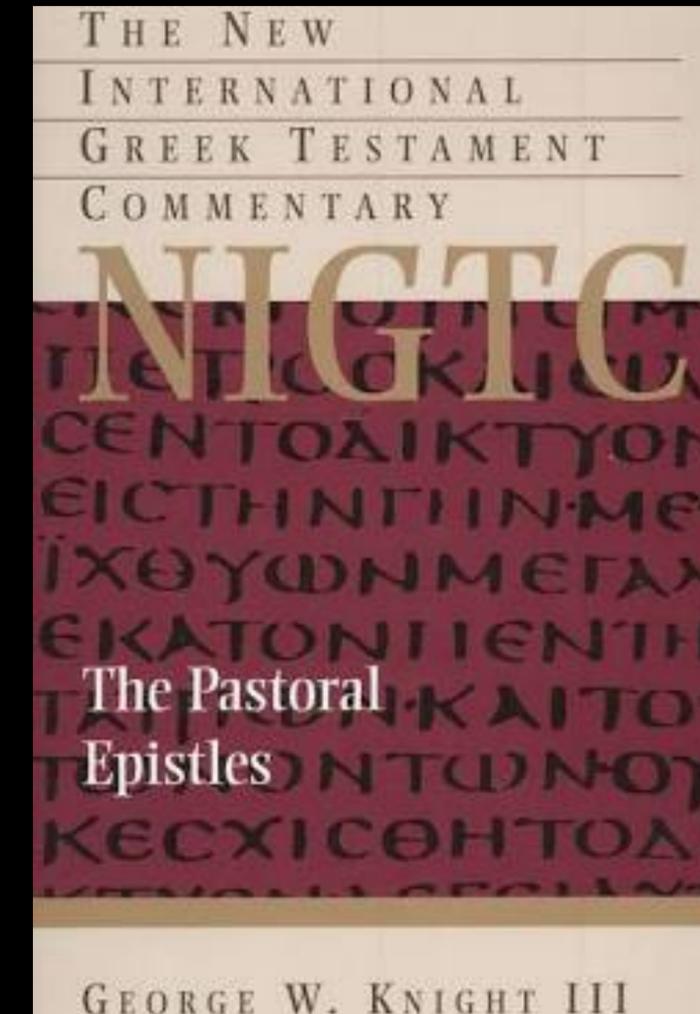
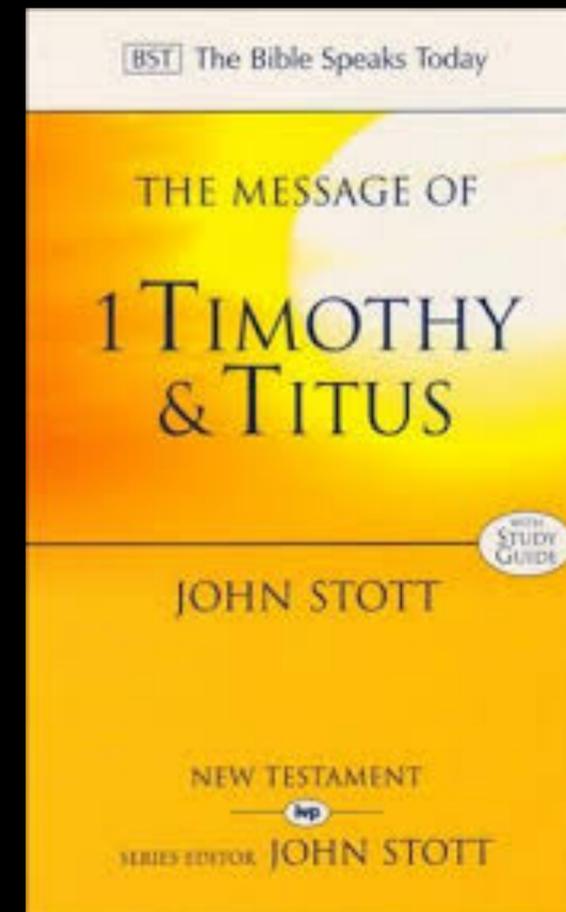
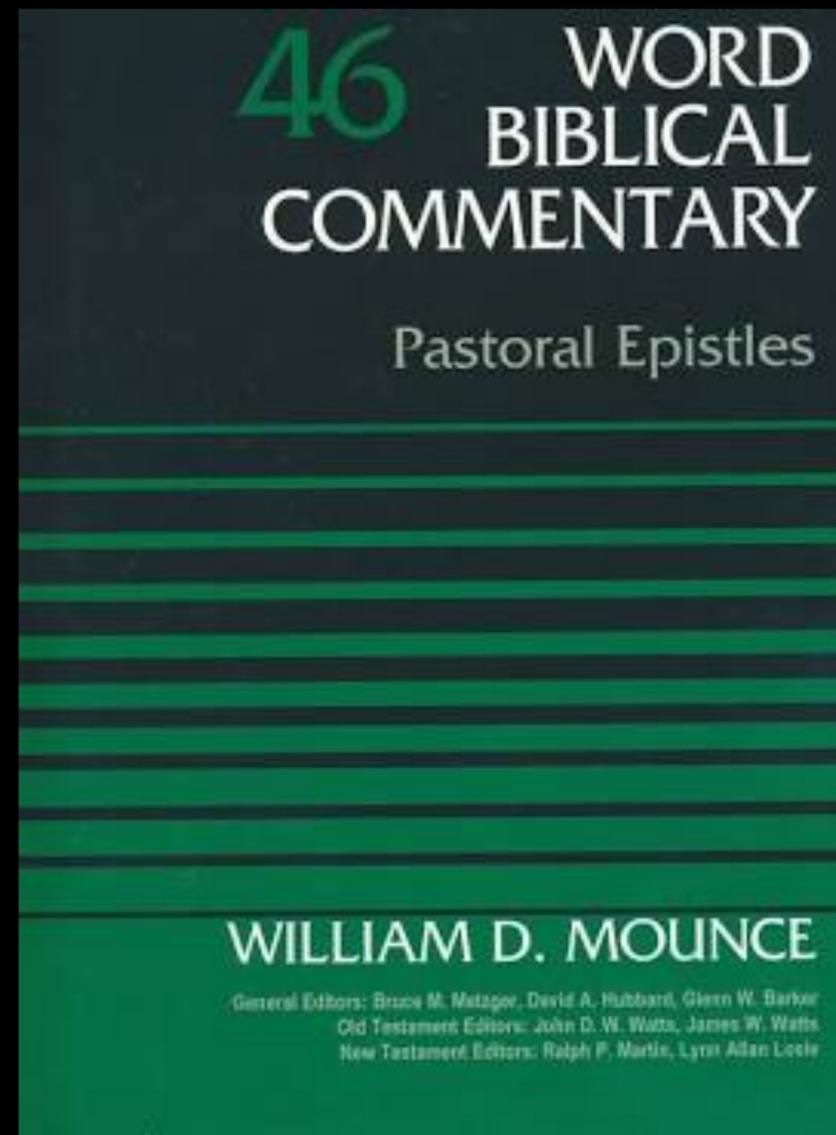
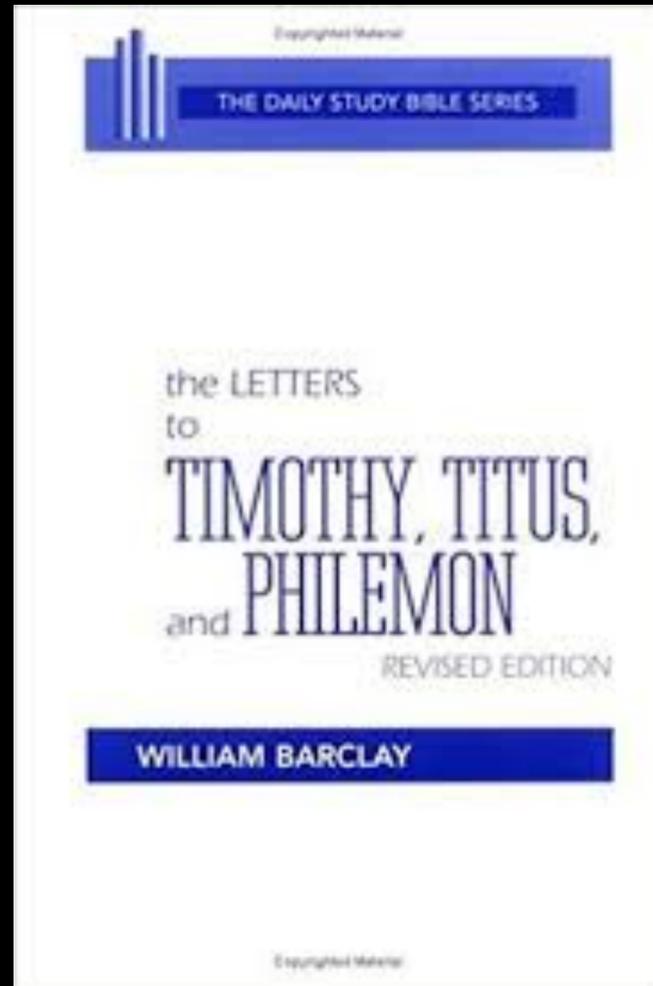
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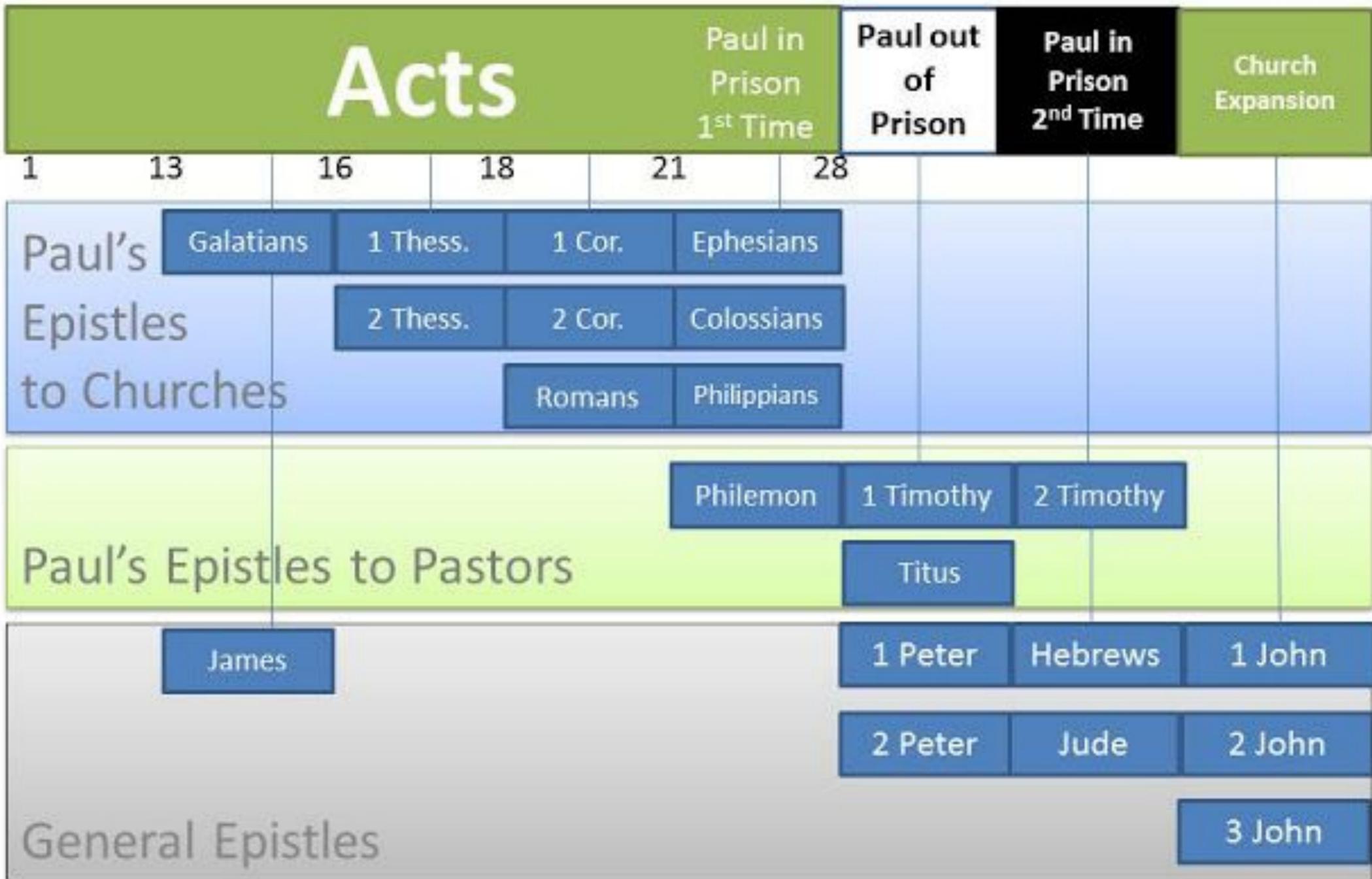
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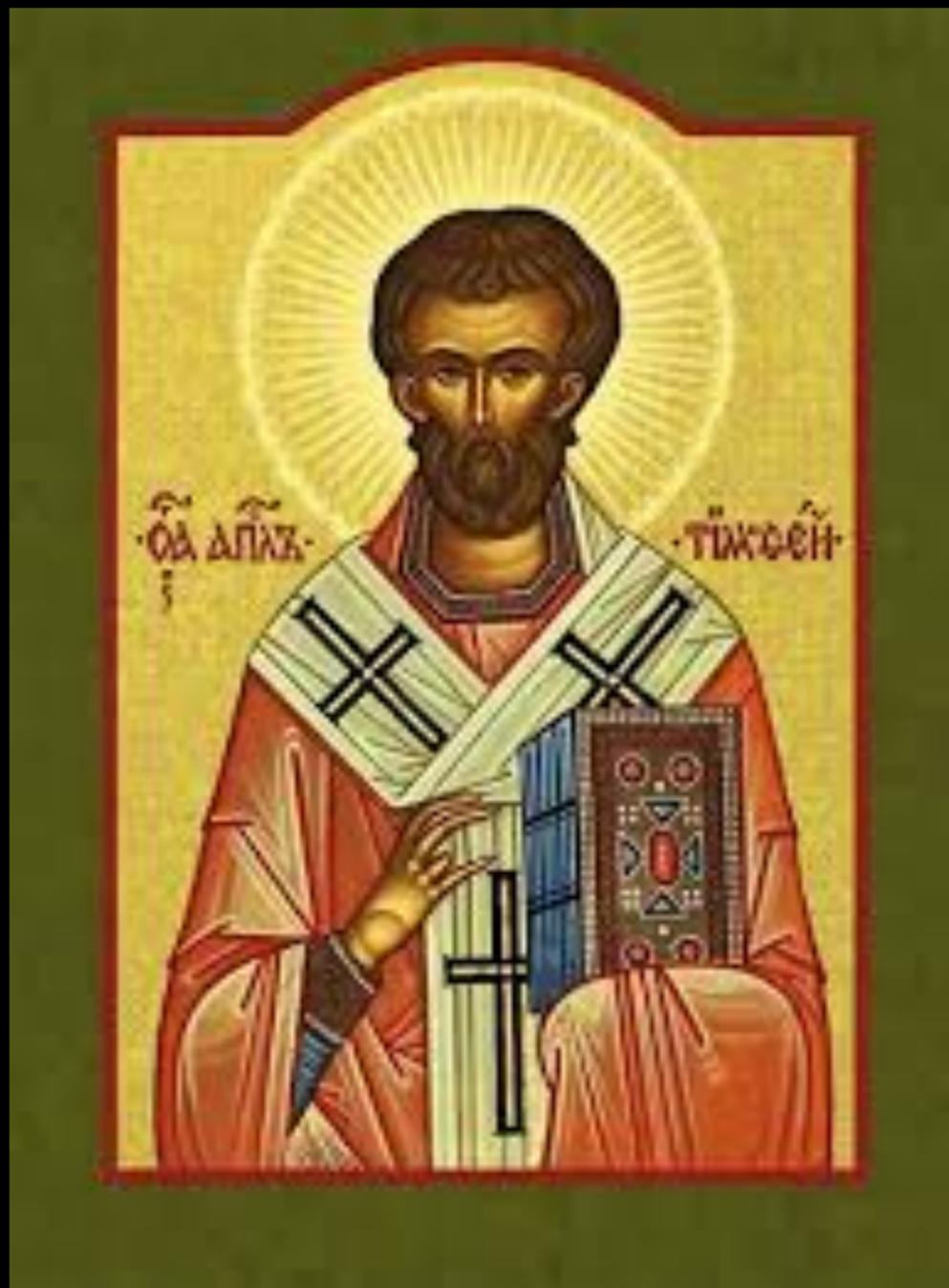
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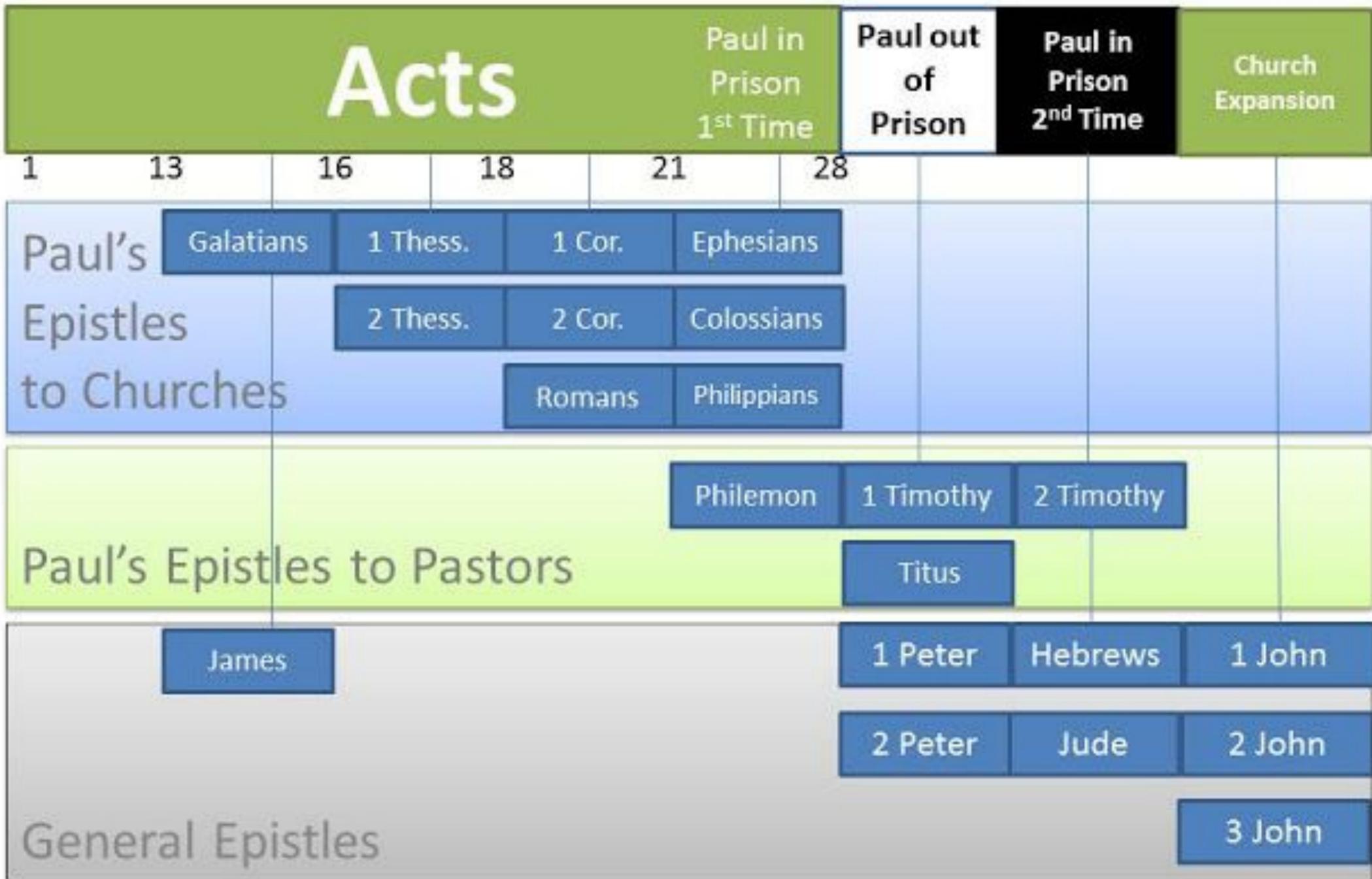
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Timothy



Purpose of the Letters:

**Confront False Teaching
Church instruction in Ephesus and Crete**



Qualifications for Overseers

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Do Not Oppose the Bishop



Ignatious of Antioch
108 AD

5.1 For if I in a short time experienced such fellowship with your bishop which was not human but spiritual, how much more do I count you blessed who are so united with him as the church with Jesus Christ, and as Jesus Christ with the Father, so that all things may be harmonious in unity. 2 Let no one be deceived: unless someone is within the sanctuary, 1 he lacks the bread of God. 2 For if the prayer of one or two 3 has such great power, how much more that of both the bishop and the whole church? 3 Therefore he who does not join with the congregation, 4 this one is already arrogant and has distinguished himself. For it is written, “God opposes the proud.” 5 Let us be careful, therefore, not to oppose the bishop, so that we may be subject to God.

Regard the Bishop as the Lord

6.1 And the more one sees the bishop being silent, the more one should fear him. For everyone whom the master of the house 1 sends [to manage his own house] 2 it is necessary 3 for us to welcome him like this: as the one who sent him. Therefore it is clear that we must regard the bishop as the Lord himself. 2 Therefore indeed Onesimus himself highly praises your good discipline in God, because you all live according to the truth and that no heresy dwells among you, but you do not even so much as hear anyone unless he speaks [truthfully] 4 about Jesus Christ. 5

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XX. Of the Authority of the Church.

The Church hath power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, and authority in Controversies of Faith: and yet it is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written, neither may it so expound one place of Scripture, that it be repugnant to another. Wherefore, although the Church be a witness and a keeper of Holy Writ, yet, as it ought not to decree any thing against the same, so besides the same ought it not to enforce any thing to be believed for necessity of Salvation.

XXVI. Of the Unworthiness of the Ministers, which hinders not the effect of the Sacraments.

Although in the visible Church the evil be ever mingled with the good, and sometimes the evil have chief authority in the Ministration of the Word and Sacraments, yet forasmuch as they do not the same in their own name, but in Christ's, and do minister by his commission and authority, we may use their Ministry, both in hearing the Word of God, and in receiving the Sacraments. Neither is the effect of Christ's ordinance taken away by their wickedness, nor the grace of God's gifts diminished from such as by faith, and rightly, do receive the Sacraments ministered unto them; which be effectual, because of Christ's institution and promise, although they be ministered by evil men.

Nevertheless, it appertaineth to the discipline of the Church, that inquiry be made of evil Ministers, and that they be accused by those that have knowledge of their offences; and finally, being found guilty, by just judgment be deposed.

Qualifications for Deacons (διακονία)

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives (γυναίκας) likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

The Mystery of Godliness

¹⁴ I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. ¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

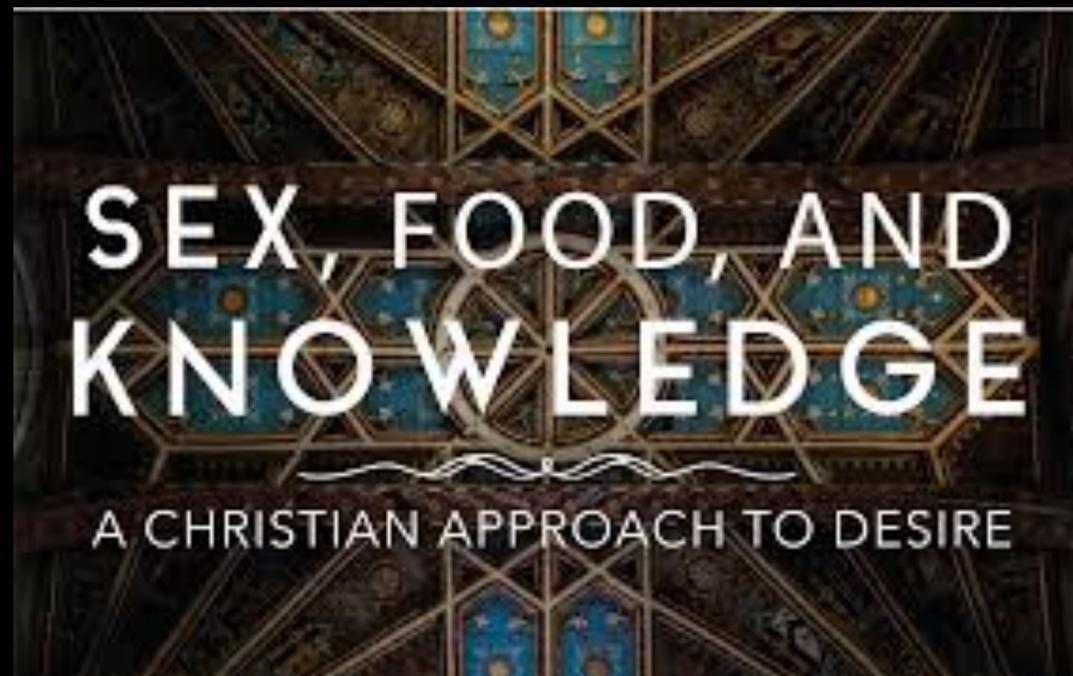
^s He ⁵ was manifested in the flesh, vindicated ⁶ by the Spirit, ⁷

^t seen by angels, ^u proclaimed among the nations,

^v believed on in the world, ^w taken up in glory.

Revealed in flesh	Incarnation (Jesus' humanity)
	Earthly life
Vindicated in spirit	In spiritual realm (Jesus proven right)
	By the Holy Spirit (At baptism/resurrection)
	In Jesus' spirit
Appeared to angels	Seen as Christ's victorious ascent
	During Jesus' life
Proclaimed among the nations	Preaching by disciples before resurrection
	Preaching by apostles after resurrection
Believed on in the world	Result of preaching
Taken up in glory	Ascension
	Enthronement in heaven
	Parousia

Some Will Depart from the Faith



Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.



You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.

— *Gilbert K. Chesterton* —

AZ QUOTES

A Good Servant of Christ Jesus

If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

¹¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶ Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both



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