

Equipped for Ministry

PAUL'S DEFENCE AND JOURNEY TO ROME

Acts 22-28

Acts -22: Paul speaks of his conversion

- 22: 1- Paul had the option of speaking Hebrew-he chose Greek not 'to loose anyone'
 - Gamaliel-most honored rabbi of the 1st Century. -school of Hillel (his grandfather)
 - 22:16-Paul's baptism
 - 22: 22-29 Roman law prohibited degrading a Roman citizen.
Becoming a Roman Citizen:
 - i) Receive it as a reward for outstanding service
 - ii) Pay a large sum of money
 - iii) Be born into a family of Roman citizens
- Paul's Father or earlier ancestor could have gained citizenship

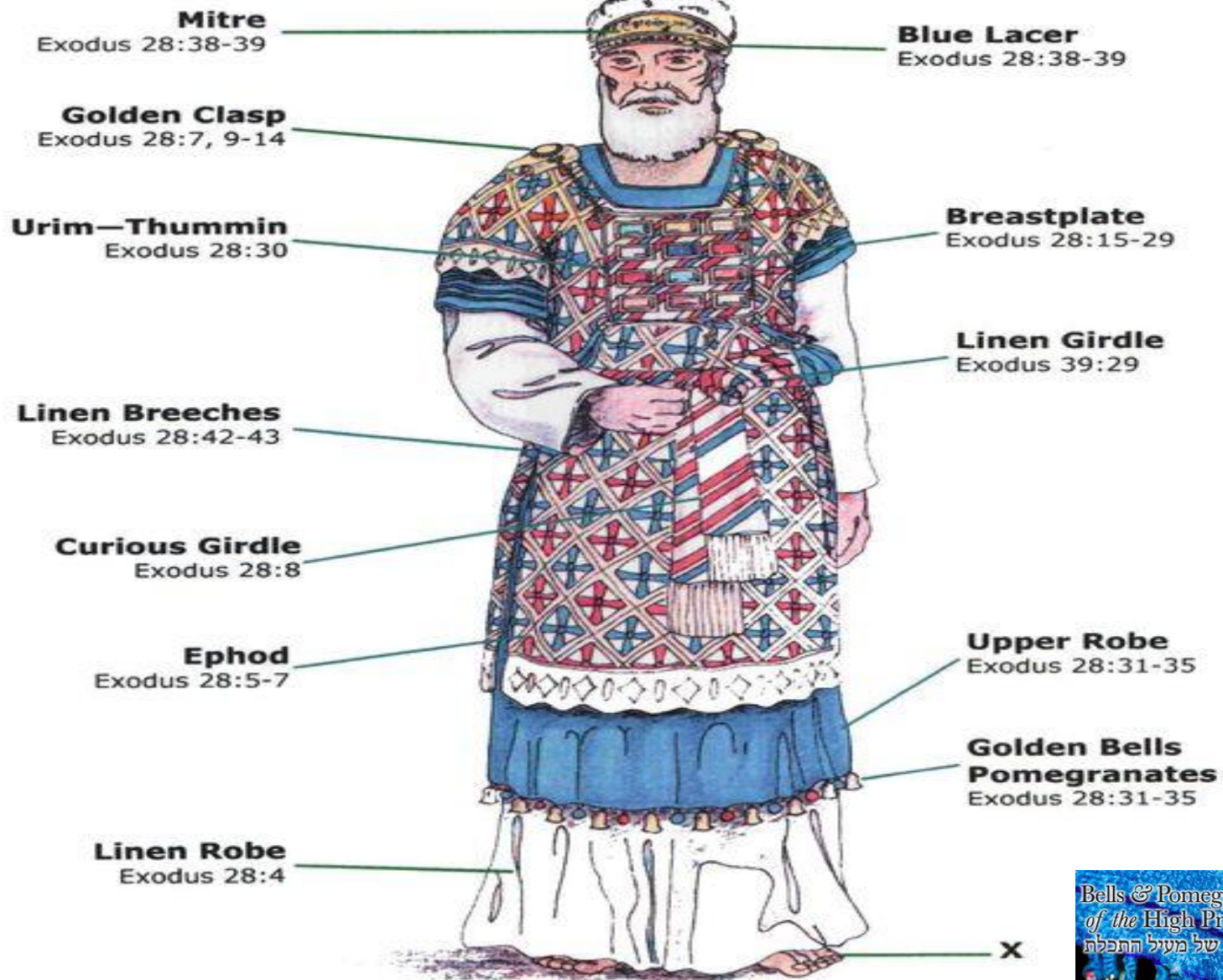
Acts 23: before the Sanhedrin

- ❖ Vs 2 High priest Ananias-47-59 AD
- ❖ Plot to kill Paul-vs 16
- ❖ Transferred to Caesarea
- ❖ Caesarea was the HQ for Roman rule in Judea and Samaria
- ❖ 470 men were assigned to guard Paul
- ❖ Governor Felix-(AD 52-) formerly a slave.
 - ❑ Married 3 queens one of them Drusilla, daughter of Herod Agrippa 1.



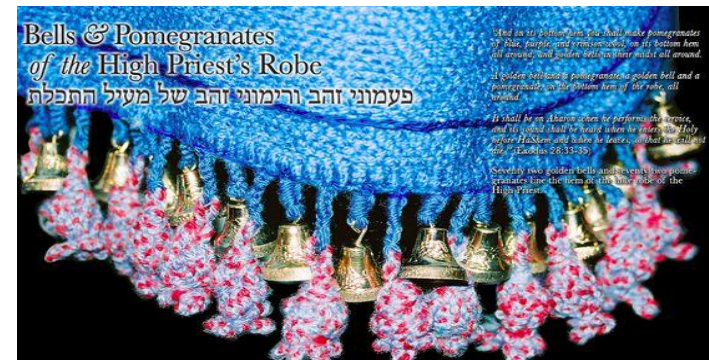
Roman Troops

1. *Common infantryman*
2. *Infantryman on the march*
3. *Decurion*
4. *Centurion*
5. *Infantryman -- primum pilum*
6. *Centurion*
7. *Horn signalman*



Vestments

Exodus 28:2-4



24:1- Before Felix

- Charges against Paul: troublemaker, ringleader of a Nazarene sect, desecrate the temple.
- Governor Felix-Judea governor for 6 years, married to Drusilla, a Jew –thus “familiar with the Way”
- Vs 24-27 ‘When I find it **convenient**, I will send for you’
- Felix hoped for a bribe-Paul had insinuated that he had access to funds.
- 2 years....

Who were the Herodians?

- History: Maccabbees-134-104 BC Judea conquered Edom. Edomites integrated into Judean Nation
- Edomite Antipas appointed Governor of Edom
- His son, Antipater (father of Herod the Great) appointed by Julius Ceaser to be procurator of Judea 47BC-43BC
- Herod the Great: 43BC-4BC (Herod during Jesus' birth)
- His sons were given tetrarchy's to rule
 - Herod Antipas: 39BC—Having the head of John the Baptist
- Agrippa 1-grandson of Herod the Great got the title "King" over Judea-courtesy of friendship with Rome
- Agrippa II-His son, Acts 26. In the trial of Paul. Died in 92 AD. Ending the Herodian Dynasty



**Marcus Julius
Agrippa**

Herod the Great
Governor of Galilee (r. 47–37 B.C.E.)
King of the Jews (r. 37–4 B.C.E.)

Jesus

HE TRIED TO KILL

OTHER WIVES

Doris

Phaedra

Pallas

unknown

Elpis

unknown

Herod the Great's Family Tree

Mariamne I
a Hasmonean princess

Malthace
the Samaritan

Mariamne II
of Jerusalem

Cleopatra
of Jerusalem (not Egypt)

WIVES

Herod Antipas
2nd husband of Herodias

Herod Archelaus

Herod Philip
1st husband of Herodias

Philip the Tetrarch

CHILDREN

King Herod Agrippa I

Herodias

GRANDCHILDREN

Berenice

King Herod Agrippa II

Antonius Felix

Drusilla

Salome

John the Baptist

Peter

Paul

James the son of Zebedee

HE EXECUTED

HE IMPRISONED

HE LEFT PAUL IN PRISON

SHE ASKED FOR HIS HEAD

HE REBUKED THIS MARRIAGE

ACTS 25:1-Before Festus

Felix –recalled to Rome to answer for disturbances in his rule, replaced by Festus

Vs 7: Many Charges which they could not prove

Vs 10-12 ‘I appeal to Ceaser!’

If Paul were to win before Emperor Nero, Christianity would become officially recognized and accepted!





Nero Claudius
Caesar
Augustus
Germanicus

Emperor Nero

- 15 December 37 AD – 9 June 68 AD was the last emperor of the [Julio-Claudian dynasty](#).
- Five years into his reign, he had his mother murdered.
- Many Romans believed that the 6-days [Great Fire of Rome](#) (AD 64) was instigated by Nero.
- Christians as scapegoats for the fire and burned them alive,
- He committed suicide on June 9, 68 A.D. the first Roman Emperor to commit suicide



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Agrippa II	Acts 26: 26-30	Time
Ethiopian Eunuch	Acts 8: 25-30	What should I do?
The Jailer	Acts 16: 25-30	What must I do?
Apollos	Acts 18: 24-26	...more adequately

Acts 27-28

Journey to Rome

61-62 A.D



Centurion Julius' kindness

Paul's advise ignored

Paul's encouragement-vs21

Under house arrest for 2 years
Waiting for his accusers.
Spent the time preaching

Paul's life saved
Shipwrecked
Viper
Publius Father healed of fever

King Agrippa



King Agrippa II and Bernice came to pay respects to the new ruler, Festus

Agrippa ruled in the area N. and NE. of Sea of Galilee

Bernice was his sister.

Rumors that they had an incestuous relationship.

Vs 15-22.

Agrippa had been wanting to hear Paul.

Vs 26-27 Festus wanted to get 'something to write to His Majesty'

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Acts of Peter												Acts of Paul																	
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Church Is Born		Church Grows Through Testing				Church Is Scattered		Church Embraces Gentiles		Church Extends Overseas								Church's Leader on Trial											
A.D. 30		30				33		37		47		49		52		56		61											
Paul in Acts		Paul the Persecutor		Paul Saved		Paul Instructed		Paul the Missionary								Paul the Prisoner													
		Judea		Damascus		Arabia		First Journey		Second Journey		Third Journey		Jerusalem		Caesarea		To Rome											
Jerusalem				Judea & Samaria				Uttermost Parts																					
Jewish Period				Transition				Gentile Period																					
Peter				Philip — Barnabas — Peter — Paul				P A U L																					
Church Established				Church Scattered				Church Extended																					
Jerusalem				Gentile World				Universal Gospel																					
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Rome

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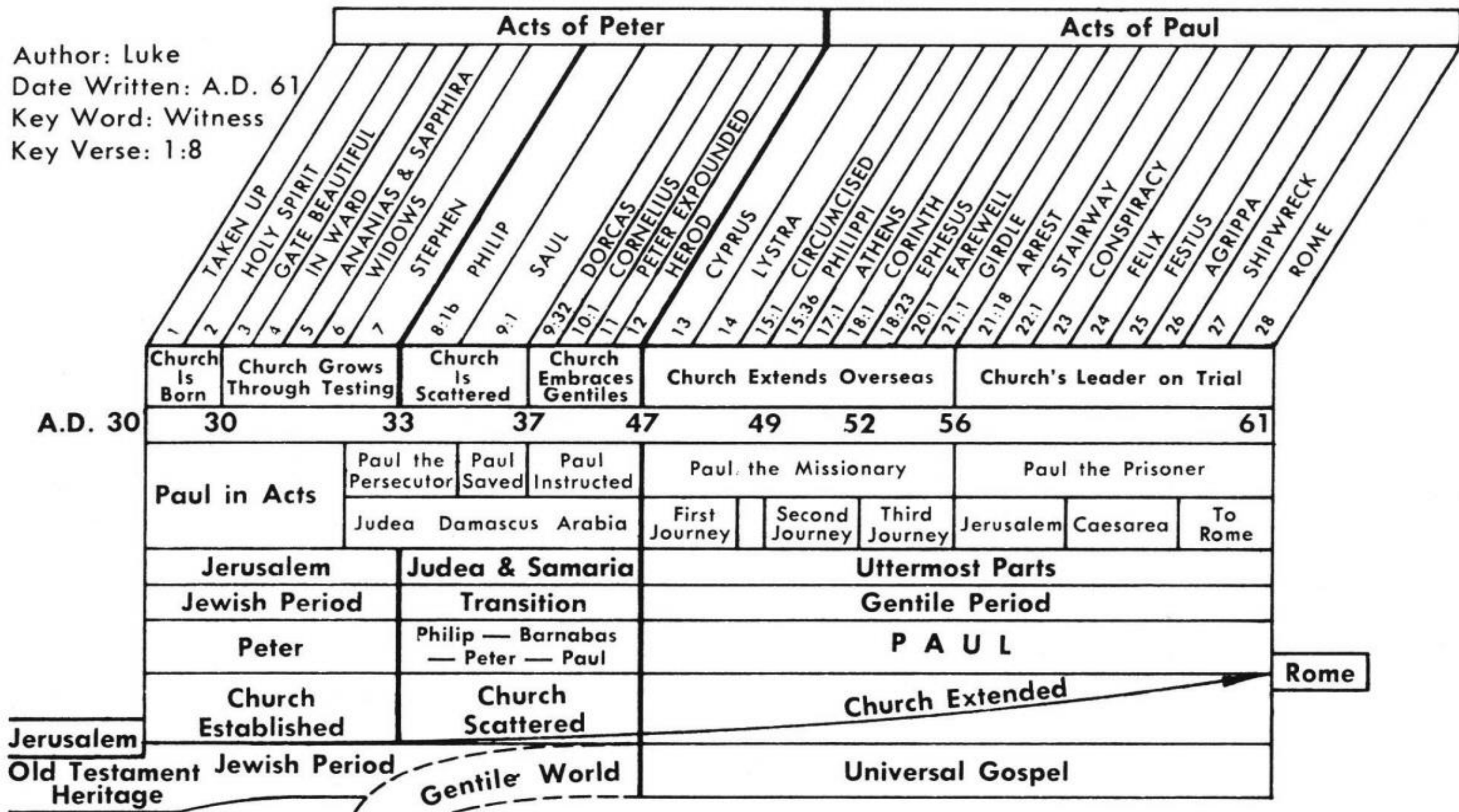
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After Acts 28, What?

- By 63 AD Christianity had spread enough in Rome for Caesar Nero to blame the Christians for the great fire.
- Tradition has it that Paul spread the gospel to Spain and Britain in a 'Fourth Missionary Journey'

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Acts 18:5 52 AD

1 & 2 Thessalonians written from Corinth

Acts 19:22 56 AD

1 Corinthians written Ephesus

Acts 20:2-3 57 AD

Romans, Galatians, 2 Corinthians written from Macedonia

Acts 28 61-63 AD

2 year Roman imprisonment:

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Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, Philemon (and Hebrews, if Paul wrote it) written while in prison.

"Acts 29" 63-64 AD

"4th Missionary Journey": Crete, Miletus, Colossae, Troas, Philippi, Corinth, Nicopolis. 1 Timothy, Titus & Philemon written from Corinth

"Acts 30" 66 AD

2nd imprisonment: Paul arrested sometime after being in Corinth and taken to Rome and writes 2 Timothy.

"Acts 31" 67 AD