



# 2 Timothy

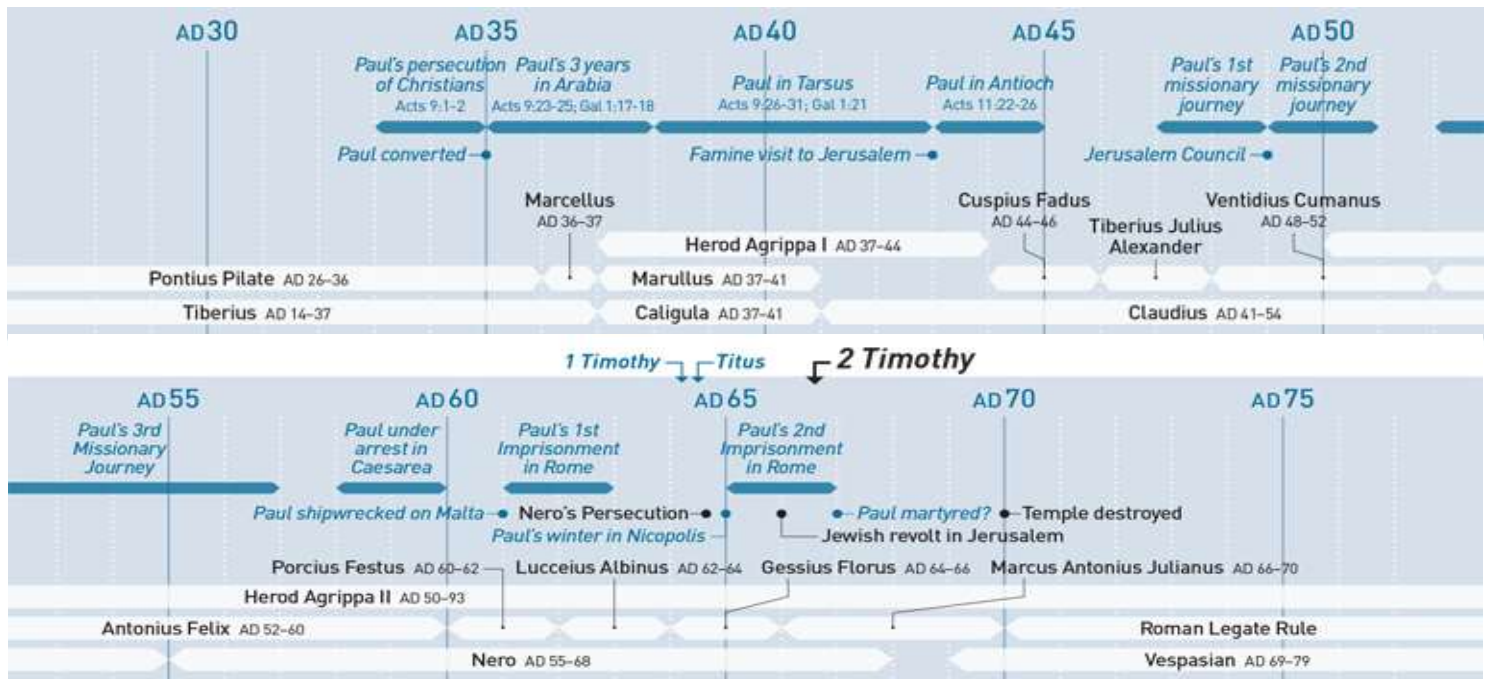
## Introduction: Passing the Torch!

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- This is the last will and testament of the Apostle Paul. These are his last words.
- **The Epistles of Paul.**

Paul had already written nine church epistles, one general epistle (Hebrews), and three personal epistles. He was now writing his very last one.<sup>1</sup>

Date: Late. Approximately \_\_\_\_\_



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- Background: After his release from his 1<sup>st</sup> imprisonment (shown in Acts 28) in about \_\_\_\_\_ Paul traveled \_\_\_\_\_ from Rome as anticipated. **Philippians 1:26; 2:24**  
**1 Timothy 1:3** versus **Romans 15:24**
- Before Paul's second imprisonment, Nero had already lost his mind, torched Jerusalem and in order to get out of the backlash, he has fixed the blame on the Christians.

The Roman historian Tacitus wrote, "But all human efforts, all the lavish gifts of the emperor and the propitiations of the gods did not banish the sinister belief that the conflagration was the result of an order by Nero. Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace."<sup>2</sup>

Every cruelty committed against Christians.

<sup>1</sup> John Phillips, [Exploring the Pastoral Epistles: An Expository Commentary](#), The John Phillips Commentary Series (Kregel Publications; WORDsearch Corp., 2009), 2 Ti.

<sup>2</sup> John F. MacArthur Jr., [2 Timothy](#), MacArthur New Testament Commentary (Chicago: Moody Press, 1995), x.

- Paul's first imprisonment held much comparative \_\_\_\_\_. **Acts 28:30–31**
- But now, in this imprisonment, his conditions are miserable.

Paul was under military custody, viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_. **(1:16-18; 2:9; 4:6-8, 16, 17)**

Tradition holds that Paul languished in what came to be called the “Mamertine Prison,” a subterranean structure consisting of two vaulted chambers, one above the other and connected by a small hole. Many believe the lower chamber originally served as a cistern. When converted into a prison, men were lowered through the hole and held *p 161* in the lower chamber until their execution. Paul may indeed have been placed there in the days just prior to his martyrdom, but not likely before then. It would have been nearly impossible to receive visitors, much less make use of books and parchments (2 Tim. 4:13). While Paul didn't write 2 Timothy from this kind of cell, he didn't receive anything close to the preferential treatment given during his first imprisonment (Acts 28:30–31). The language of 2 Timothy is dungeon-talk, the anguished words of a man suffering maltreatment in a dank, rat-infested pit.<sup>3</sup>

- He was deserted by all in Asia Minor. **2 Timothy 1:15; 4:9-11, 16**  
Onesiphorus came regularly to help him. **2 Timothy 1:16**

It is during this time of imprisonment and great \_\_\_\_\_ that Paul writes this second letter.

## Purpose

- Paul knows that the end is near. His martyrdom was in 68 A.D., the last year of Nero's reign. But Paul's greatest concern was not for himself - it was for Timothy and his ministry.

Paul was finishing well. It is time to pass the \_\_\_\_\_ on to Timothy!  
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\_\_\_\_\_ was Peter's last words.

\_\_\_\_\_ was Moses' last words,

\_\_\_\_\_ was Joshua's last words.

The last words of a man greatly used of God are important.

### 1. This is a Letter of \_\_\_\_\_. Vs 1

- **“Apostle” 78x** = “sent one” - an ambassador, a messenger **2x**.
- “by the will of God” *Compare 1 Timothy 1:1*

**Don't miss the \_\_\_\_\_ found in comparing Scripture with Scripture!**

- **FIRST:** The Will of God HERE equates to “the commandment of God” in 1 Tim 1:1.

**KEY:** If you want to know God's will for your life, get his commands! Get into the Word.

- **SECOND:** the “promise of life” equates to “our HOPE.”  
Believers in Jesus have a sure **HOPE**. It is a “**know so**” hope, not \_\_\_\_\_!

<sup>3</sup> Charles R. Swindoll, *1 & 2 Timothy, Titus*, vol. 11, Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2014), 160–161.

God's word guarantees us eternal life in Christ! **1 John 5:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14**  
 If the promise of eternal life is real in your life, then you are a jerk if you don't share that with others!

## 2. A Letter of \_\_\_\_\_. Vs 2

- The fact of Paul's **authority** does not \_\_\_\_\_ the **affection** and care that Timothy received from Paul.
- Paul and Timothy's relationship was that of a father and son. **Philippians 2:19-22**  
 This is the key to effective leadership. Love like a parent.

**Parenting:** An \_\_\_\_\_ process that requires great personal \_\_\_\_\_ on the part of the parent.

Paul and Peter both understood what it took to lead people for Christ. \_\_\_\_\_.

**LEADERSHIP KEY:** If you are \_\_\_\_\_ you are not \_\_\_\_\_!

### **1 Peter 5:2-6**

Take the low seat. Don't get full of yourself. Don't read your own press.

Don't view yourself **better** than those you lead.

- "Grace, mercy, and peace" – COMES FROM GOD!  
 Paul knew he was in his last days. He expected no deliverance. But Paul knew God's PROMISES! His soul was sure. **2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

**You want to be fearless?** (2 Tim 1:7) Spend more time thinking about and getting

comfortable with the idea (the FACT!) of your coming \_\_\_\_\_.

Not to be morbid and morose, but to be wise with your remaining days – fearless in your service to the Lord. **Psalms 90:12**

### **Why we need this letter from the Apostle Paul:**

- We need Grace for the mission. **1 Corinthians 15:10**
- As we'll see in 2 Timothy 1:16, we need his mercy in our service to Him and others.
- And we need God's peace as we labor in these last days before His return.