

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

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Romans 1.16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

OT Review

- OT writing timeline: ca. 1446-430BC
 - Exodus: 1446-1406
 - Judges: 1350-1050
 - United Kingdom: 1050-930
 - Divided Kingdom: 930→
 - North Kingdom exiled in 722 (Assyrian)
 - South Kingdom exiled in 586 (Babylon)
 - Exiles return: 538 / 458 / 445
- 400 years of silence...

Intertestamental Period

- Revolving empires:
 - ▣ Babylonians, Medes/Persians, Greeks & Romans
- Hellenistic Period (331-164BC)
 - ▣ Development and spread of Greek language and culture
- Maccabean Revolt / Hasmonean Period (164-63BC)
- Septuagint; Apocrypha; Pseudepigrapha & Other Writings
- Jewish Leadership:
 - ▣ Pharisees, Sadducees & Essenes (Scribes & Zealots)



NT Literature & Themes

□ Principles: Exegesis & Hermeneutics

□ Literature:

- Narrative History
(Gospels & Acts)
- Epistles
(Romans – 3 John)
- Visions (Revelation)

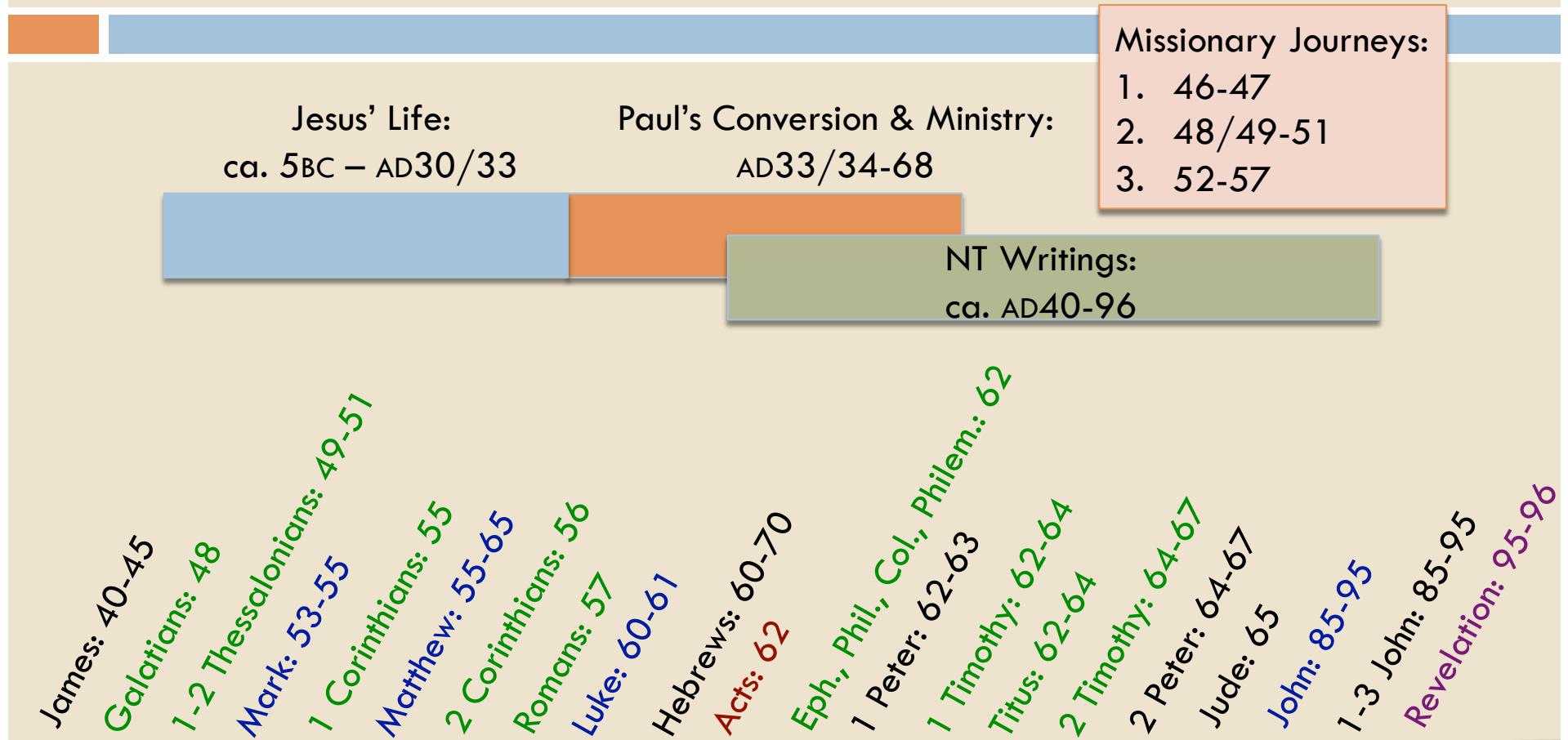
□ Themes:

- New Covenant (faith, grace & law)
- Jewish & Gentile relations
- Kingdom of God

□ Ideas for Reading:

- Chronologically; Acts with Epistles; Synoptics

Timeline



--Jesus & family to Egypt; Herod dies (4BC)

--Agrippa rules Palestine (AD41-44)

--Jerusalem Council (48) – Acts 15

--Claudius expels Jews from Rome (49)

--Nero reigns (54-68)

--Temple destroyed (Aug. 70)



— Boundary of the Roman Empire AD 325

Expansion of Christianity in the Roman Empire AD 325