

Table 1: Roman History & Dates New Covenant Books & Letters Written

| Date | Roman History | Date New Covenant Records | Reasons for Letters |
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| | Key Events relevant to Christians plus Emperors - by period of reign | It is obvious that God never intended us to know when everything was recorded. | Very brief summary by False Teachings and warnings |
| 34-35 | Rome generally tolerant of other religions even Jews who refused to worship the Emperor - policy of toleration, incorporation. Stephen - first Christian martyr stoned to death - scattering of Christians from Jerusalem. Gospel spreads as household flee | The 4 accounts of the Gospel - Jesus the Christ fulfills the meaning of The Temple & cultus. Jewish leaders Crucify Jesus- because of jealousy. Satan, the adversary. Jew's father not Abraham but Satan. Orthodox evil leaders are the enemy of the Truth. Jesus, unparalleled power over demons, sickness and nature, and Jewish leaders Jesus' power conferred to the 12 Apostles. Signs and wonders follow the apostles and those anointed by The Holy Spirit | The Ekklesia suffered from the Roman rulers and Jews and from false apostles, prophets and teachers from within their own ranks some followed Paul and the apostles to cause trouble for the Ekklesia. Saul armed with letters of Jewish elders harasses "Followers of The Way". Jesus appears to Saul on Road to Damascus. The Holy Spirit uses Paul powerfully as a witness to Gentiles especially, plus Jews. Persecution of Christians by Jews the main source of conflict. |
| 37-41 | Caligula was cruel, evil, and sexually depraved. Had a statue of himself installed in the Temple. Equivalent to Abominations of Desolations of Antiochus IV Epiphanes who installed an image of Zeus in the Holy of Holies terrorizing Jews. ca.167 B.C. Known as the Anti-Christ of Old Covenant c/-Revelations. | 46-50 James 50-51 1 Thessalonians 51 2 Thessalonians 53-56 Galatians 55-65 MARK, 56 1 Corinthians | Written to encourage Disciples of Jewish origins Resist persection - look forward to the 2nd Coming No work, no eat. 2nd Coming could be longer! The Flesh vs The Spirit, Law vs Grace False teachers of the law. |
| 19th July 64 64-68 | Great Fire of Rome. Deliberately lit by Emperor Nero. First official imperial persecution of Christians who were "were covered with the skins of wild beasts and torn to death by dogs; or they were fastened to Crosses, and when daylight failed, were burned to serve as lamps by night". Tacitus, Annals, 15.44). Peter crucified upside down at his request; Paul beheaded. Jewish-Roman War 66-73 68 Nero dies. Ushers in Vespian Dynasty | 57 2 Corinthians 57 Romans (near end of Paul's 3rd journey) 58-68 MATTHEW 60-61 Philemon 62 Phillippians 60-61 Ephesians 60-61 Colossians 60-69 LUKE | False teachers, ban on denominations, Order in Meetings together. Importance of Agape Jewish Old Temple cultus - Flesh vs Spirit Satan & his helpers -transformed into an angel of light 11.14. Paul's qualifications for ministry. The new wine in new wineskins. The Law & Grace "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are raveneous wolves." Mt 7:15 Forgiveness - Onesimus- the key for Christian life. The Body of Christ is the oikos and Ekklesia Refining fires of Persecution = Holiness Christ Importance & link Oikos- Ekklesia & agape Refuting false teaching which was poisoning them. Jesus, his life through the eyes of a physician. |
| 69-79 | Emperor Vespasian - restored peace and stability after Nero. Son Titus. 70 Titus takes Jerusalem after 4 month siege to end Jewish rebellion 1.1 million killed. 97,000 captured. according to Josephus Diaspora of Jews ends 15-5-1948 | 60-90 JOHN 64 1 Peter 64-65 2 Peter 62-66 ACTS (written by Luke) 62-66 1 Timothy Autumn 67 2 Timothy | Theme Light vs Darkness. The Agape of God Persecution to be endured - it produces Holiness. Strenuously resist false teachers. "Savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock" 20:29 Protection from False Teachers - revere Elders. False Teachers - believe all scripture, not men. |
| 73 | with founding of Nation of Israel MASADA - last Jewish stronghold | 67 Titus 64-68 Hebrews | Key to community living in Ekklesia - good Elders. Dire warnings of false Jewish teachers of The Law Author unknown but intimate with Jewish faith |
| 79-81 81-96 | Emperor Titus a good Ruler Emperor Domitian- "Reign of Terror" against Jews and Christians. Revived Imperial Cult. Younger brother of Titus. Autocratic rule. | 70-80 Jude 90? 1,2,3 John, | New wine's relationship to old wine - fulfilled by Jesus the Christ (Messiah, The Anointed One) Scathing condemnation of false teachers Docetism - false doctrine |
| 96-98 98-117 117-138 | Emperor Nerva - Antonine Dynasty of 7 Emperors. Moderate Ruler. Emperor Hadrian Built Hadrian's Wall in England. Built Temple of Jupiter on Jewish Temple site, abolished circumcision Jewish revolt 135 -137. 580,00 Jews killed. 50 Fortified towns 985 villages razed. Policy to exterminate Jews. | 90-96 Revelations 367 Canon of New Covenant (1/3rd of Holy Bible, 27 Books/Letters) established 367 a.d. by Athanasius Bishop of Alexandra. | Satan, The adversary of Christ The Devil, The accuser of the brethren |
| | | "Holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit " 2 Peter 1:21 | |
| | | "All scripture is is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness, that the man of god may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 | |