

PAULINE EPISTLES

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PAUL FINALLY ARRIVED ROME.

- Paul arrived Rome not as a missionary carrying the gospel message he so envisaged but wearing the legal chains of a prisoner, held for trial before the High Court of Rome.
- We must also note the fact that Paul's projected visit to Rome was thus finally realized.

LET US DISCUSS PAUL'S ACTIVITIES IN ROME

- Upon arriving Rome, Paul is placed under house arrest but allowed to live by himself with a soldier to guard him. Acts 28:16
- Within these constraints, he is free to conduct his ministry in person and by letters from where many other Epistles were written.
- After three days of his arrival, Paul sent for the Chief of the Jews for an interaction Acts 28:17

PAUL PREACHES TO THE JEWS IN ROME

- We know that there is a Christian congregation already in Rome but Paul always wanting to preach where Christ has not been named invited the Jews for a meeting. Acts 28:17
- The Chief of the Jews visited Paul and he explained what had happened in Jerusalem and blamed his arrest on the Jews of Jerusalem. Acts 28:19
- Paul stressed that he had nothing against Israel as a nation to have appealed to Caesar but the plot of the Jews in Jerusalem to kill him forced him to do so. Acts 28:19
- Paul assured them that he is a loyal Jew, not a heretic. it is the “hope of Israel” that I am bound with chains” Acts 28:20
- The “hope of Israel” certainly include that the messiah would be the king of the world and the resurrection of the dead.

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PAUL PREACHES TO THE JEWS IN ROME

- Upon hearing Paul, the Roman Jews became interested to hear Paul's side of the story “ And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came showed or spoke any harm of thee BUT WE DESIRE TO HEAR OF THEE WHAT THOU THINKEST...” Acts 28:21-22

PAUL AGAIN DIVIDED THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN ROME

- The Chief of the Jews informed the Jewish community about Paul. On the appointed day, larger numbers of the Jews came to hear what Paul had to say. Acts 28:23
- From morning till night in his rented lodge, Paul expounded, testified and persuaded them concerning Jesus Christ. Acts 28:23
- Paul preached Christ as the one who fulfills the old Testament prophecies, died for our sins and raised from the dead.
- In the end of his sermon, Paul as usual divided the Jewish community as some believed and some didn't. Acts 28:25
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- The bible says “ when they agreed not among themselves, they departed...” Acts 28:25
- The above shows that some were convinced and believed while some others would not. Acts 28: 24
- Paul closed his sermon with this word “ Be it known therefore unto you ,**THAT THE SALVATION OF GOD IS SENT UNTO THE GENTILES, AND THAT THEY WILL HEAR IT**” Acts 28:28

THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

- By that statement of Paul, we are left with three verses (29, 30, 31) to the end of the book of Acts of the Apostles. I would want us to look at the STRUCTURE and FACTS of the book of Acts before we continue
- According to Erasmus, the book of Acts provides “ the foundation of the newborn church.... through which we hope that the church in ruins will be reborn”

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS:

- In Acts 1:8 Jesus dropped this “ ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in JERUSALEM, and in all JUDEA, and in SAMARIA, and unto the UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH”.
- ACTS CHAPTER ONE-EIGHT: This describes the gospel being preached to the Jews in Jerusalem and Judea as prophesied by the Lord Jesus Christ

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THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS:

- ACTS CHAPTER NINE: In this Chapter, the Jews reject the message, and persecution begins which was ironically led by Paul himself.
- ACTS CHAPTER TEN-TWELVE: As a result of these persecutions, the message goes to the Gentiles in Caesarea, Samaria, and to the Gentiles in Antioch of Syria as prophesied by The Lord Jesus Christ
- ACTS CHAPTER THIRTEEN –TWENTY EIGHT: Paul and his companions placed their focus on the Gentile cities of Galatia, Macedonia, Greece and Asia and finally to Rome fulfilling the prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ in Acts 1:8
- Lets us agree by and large that the Jews have heard the gospel and they rejected it.—” to the Jews first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16)

FACTS ABOUT THE BOOK OF ACTS

- The book of Acts is the link between the Gospel and Paul's Epistles
- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is revealed in the book of Acts
- The book of Acts is about the birth of the church
- The book of Acts tells the story of the first Christian martyr
- Acts reveals the conversion story of Paul
- Acts carefully documents three Pauline mission trips
- Finally among many other points, Acts was completed before Paul's death
- Who is behind this spirit filled book?

WHO IS DR LUKE?

- History will not forgive me, if I refuse to recognize the person behind the work with which we understand better the new Testament church.
- Not too many preachers and Christians have taken real time to appreciate the work of Luke.
- Little is known about Luke the author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles who was a physician and also a freelance journalist. Col. 4:14
- In his writing of the Gospel, he played the role of a reporter, compiling the eyewitness accounts of people who saw Jesus. (Luke 1:1-4) But in the book of Acts he's part of the very action.
- He's part of the second missionary Journey in Troas and Macedonia. Acts 16:10-17

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WHO IS DR LUKE?

- Luke talks about himself as being part of the trip from Macedonia to Jerusalem. Acts 20:5-21:18
- He also shows up on Paul's journey to Rome from Caesarea Acts 27:1-28:16
- If we remove the book of Hebrews from Paul's authorship, Dr Luke wrote the most of the New Testament by word count.
- By word count, Dr. Luke is the second writer if we add the book of Hebrews to Paul's authorship. How can we overlook such an important biblical figure?

WORD COUNT OF THE WORK OF LUKE Vs PAUL

“All word counts are the works of computer programmer Dave Whiting. I have checked and doubled-checked his counts with a manual count in 10 of the 66 Books and they all match perfectly. Therefore I believe these word counts to be 100% accurate” Nic Kizziah

BOOK	WORDS	AUTHOR
ROMANS	9422	Paul
1 CORINTHIANS	9462	Paul
2 CORINTHIANS	6046	Paul
GALATIANS	3084	Paul
EPHESIANS	3022	Paul
PHILIPPIANS	2183	Paul
COLOSSIANS	1979	Paul
1THESSALONIANS	1837	Paul
2THESSALONIANS	1022	Paul
1 TIMOTHY	2244	Paul
2 TIMOTHY	1666	Paul
TITUS	896	Paul
PHILEMON	430	Paul
HEBREWS	6897	Paul/Unknown
TOTALL	50,192 Words	43,295 Words

BOOK	WORDS	AUTHOR
LUKE	25640	LUKE
ACTS	24229	LUKE
TOTAL	49,869	

PAUL'S FIRST IMPRISONMENT

- The book of Acts ends abruptly without Luke recording the outcome of Paul's legal trouble in Rome. Acts 28:30-31
- Dr Luke is certainly aware of the outcome of Paul's sojourn in Rome, but didn't furnish us with the details. " And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house..."Acts 28:30-31
- The last words of Luke in the above indicates that the narrative is incomplete.
- We are not informed by Luke, Paul's audience with Caesar, his response and finally his release.
- Luke only recorded the success of Paul's two years ministry in Rome. " Preaching the Kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him" Acts 28:31

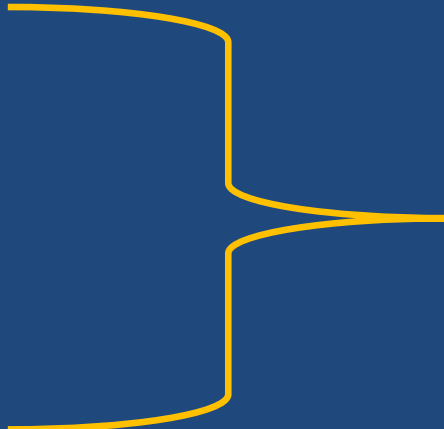
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- This certainly shows that Luke's record of event is not primarily about Paul or Peter but about Jesus Christ and God's work in the world.
- The purpose of writing the book Acts to Theophilus is to present Jesus not Paul, resurrection to life, and among many others, the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The book of Acts is a continuation of his evangelical mission to catch a 'big fish', this time Theophilus as he references his first letter to him which is the Gospel according to Luke Acts 1:1

The book of Acts through Luke helped us to pick up Six Epistles from Paul's fourteen Epistles.

- ❖ GALATIANS
- ❖ 1THESSALONIANS
- ❖ 2THESSALONIANS
- ❖ 1 CORINTHIANS
- ❖ 2 CORINTHIANS
- ❖ ROMANS



Written during his
missionary Journeys

WHEN WAS THESE EPISTLE WRITTEN?

- ❖ EPHESIANS
- ❖ PHILIPPIANS
- ❖ COLOSSIANS
- ❖ 1 TIMOTHY
- ❖ 2 TIMOTHY
- ❖ TITUS
- ❖ PHILEMON
- ❖ HEBREWS

Was Paul convicted in Rome or released? Next week we will find out.