

PAULINE EPISTLES

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PAUL'S TRIAL BEFORE EMPEROR NERO CAESAR

- The book of Acts ended without furnishing us with a detail information of Paul's trial. Acts 28:29-31
- Paul certainly appeared before Caesar or his representative as a fulfillment to the prophecy of the Angel to God to PAUL "saying, fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar...."Acts 27:24
- There is a firm Christian tradition that Paul was tried and released by Emperor Nero for lack of evidence as none of his accusers showed up to ...

PAUL'S TRIAL BEFORE EMPEROR NERO CAESAR

...accuse him before Nero

- According to Jerome of 392 AD who wrote concerning Paul's first imprisonment says that "Paul was dismissed by emperor Nero, that the gospel of Christ might be preached also in the west"
- To understand what happened to Paul, we will implore the advise of Paul in 2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH".

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PAUL'S TRIAL BEFORE EMPEROR NERO CAESAR

- The Angel said Paul must appear before Caesar.
Who was this Caesar? Let us discuss the Caesars.

HISTORY OF THE CAESAR'S DYNASTY

- The new Testament refers to these Emperors as Caesar. And if one is not careful, we would think that the bible is talking about one old Caesar that doesn't die.
- Example 1: Luke 20:22 "Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no"
- Example 2: Acts 28:19 " But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar"

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HISTORY OF THE CAESAR'S DYNASTY

- The above scriptures is actually talking about two different people that lived in two different time but the Bible refers to them both as "CAESAR"

JULIO- CLAUDIUS DYNASTY

- The name Julio- Claudian is derived from two powerful families: the Julii Caesares and Claudii Nerones
- Marriages between descendants of Sextus Julius Caesar and Claudii brought about the Julio- Claudius family tree

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JULIO- CLAUDIUS DYNASTY

- The Julio- Claudian dynasty comprised the first five Roman emperors:

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THE FIRST FIVE ROMAN EMPERORS

- Emperor Augustus Caesar
- Emperor Tiberius Caesar
- Emperor Caligula Caesar
- Emperor Claudius Caesar
- Emperor Nero Caesar
- The above Emperors reigned in the New Testament days and the Bible always refers to them as Caesar or in some cases Augustus **Acts 25:25 compare Acts 26:32** . One will think that the Bible is talking about one Caesar that doesn't die.

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THE FIRST FIVE ROMAN EMPERORS

- The above Caesars are Five different Caesars, If we are not careful, we would think the Bible is talking about a Caesar with Eternal longevity

THE HISTORY OF GAIUS JULIUS CAESAR

- GAIUS JULIUS CAESAR (Grand uncle of Augustus)



- AUGUSTUS CAESAR (Adopted son of Julius Caesar)
- Julius Caesar was a Roman general who defeated his political rival Pompey in a civil war to become the Roman Republic dictator.
- His activities led to the demise of the Roman Republic and the rise of Roman empire.

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THE HISTORY OF GAIUS JULIUS CAESAR

- Before his assassination by Brutus and Cassius, he named his adopted son Augustus (Octavius) as his successor.

AUGUSTUS CAESAR

- Augustus, whose name before adoption was Gaius Octavius, came to power after the assassination of Julius Caesar. In his will, Julius formally identified Augustus as his chief personal heir.

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- He is the first of the five Roman Emperors.
Remember it was Roman Republic under Julius Caesar and now Roman Empire under Augustus Caesar.
- He fought and defeated Mark Anthony to continue his reign as an Emperor
- This Augustus Caesar was only mentioned once in the New Testament. Luke 2:1
- He died shortly after the birth of Jesus and was succeeded by Emperor Tiberius his adopted son who became the second Roman Emperor

EMPEROR TIBERIUS CAESAR

- His father was a captain under Julius Caesar. After the death of Julius, Tiberius father supported Mark Anthony to fight against Augustus Caesar.
- Tiberius family became fugitives after Augustus Caesar defeated Mark Anthony and they later returned to Rome after an amnesty was granted.
- Emperor Augustus snatched Livia the mother of Tiberius from her husband and began to marry her.
- Augustus adopted Tiberius as his son and he became Emperor after the death of Augustus Caesar

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EMPEROR TIBERIUS CAESAR

- Jesus Christ was executed during the reign of Emperor Tiberius Caesar. Luke 3:1
- Note: Christ was born during Augustus Caesar, died during Emperor Tiberius Caesar (two different Caesars)
- Emperor Tiberius was smothered on his sick bed by his commander Macro and died
- Emperor Tiberius adopted Caligula and named him his successor who became the Third Roman Emperor

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EMPEROR CALIGULA CAESAR

- Emperor Caligula was the third Roman emperor that ruled over Rome
- He was born Gaius Caesar but nicknamed as Caligula by his father's foot soldiers
- There are few surviving sources of information about the reign of Caligula, though he is described as a noble and moderate emperor during his first six months of his rule and later became horrible.
- So many Christians were killed during his reign

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EMPEROR CALIGULA CAESAR

- He was a close friend of Herod Agrippa I who was mentioned in Acts 12 who beheaded James
- He was later assassinated and his uncle Claudius was declared emperor

EMPEROR CLAUDIUS LYSIAS CAESAR

- Emperor Claudius was one of the many Roman emperors that ruled over Rome
- He came to power after the assassination of his nephew Caligula and was mentioned two times in the New Testament.
- His reign experienced several famine arising from unfavorable harvest which lead Paul to organize contribution for the church in Jerusalem. Acts 11:28
- He was the one that banished the Jews from Rome Acts 18:2

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EMPEROR CLAUDIUS LYSIAS CAESAR

- During his reign persecution of Christians by the Jews took place in the dominion of Herod Agrippa I, in one of which the apostle James was killed Acts 12:1-3
- After his death his legally adopted step-son, Nero succeeded him as Emperor. This was the Caesar Apostle Paul was extradited to.

FACTS ABOUT EMPEROR NERO CLAUDIUS CAESAR

- He was born Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus on 15 December AD 37.
- His father and mother were the grandchildren of Emperor Augustus Caesar
- At age three Emperor Nero was sent to live with his aunt after the death of his father and exiled of his mother by Emperor Caligula
- His fate changed when Claudius Caesar became emperor, adopted him as his son and recall his mother from exile and married her

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FACTS ABOUT EMPEROR NERO CLAUDIUS CAESAR

- It was through this adoption that his name changed from Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus to Nero Claudius Caesar.
- Emperor Claudius Caesar favored Nero more than his natural son, Britannicus ,thereby making Nero the heir apparent to his throne.
- Emperor Nero ascended to power in AD 54 aged 16 after the death of Claudius Caesar and was guided by his mother.

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FACTS ABOUT EMPEROR NERO CLAUDIUS CAESAR

- By his ascension to the throne, Emperor Nero became the 5th emperor of Rome and the last of Rome's first dynasty, Julio-Claudians. This dynasty was founded by Augustus Caesar, the adopted son of Julius Caesar.
- Emperor Nero is known as one of Rome's most notorious ruler
- At age 21, the Roman historians Tacitus, Suetonius and Cassius in their write ups claimed that Emperor Nero had his mother killed after he became fed up of her interference

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FACTS ABOUT EMPEROR NERO CLAUDIUS CAESAR

- He executed his wife Octavia on adultery charges
- He killed Apostle Paul and Peter.

EMPERORS

KINGS

THE CHURCH

AUGUSTUS CAESAR
LUKE 2:1

HEROD THE GREAT
MATTHEW 2:1

BABY JESUS CHRIST

TIBERIUS CAESAR
LUKE 3:1

HEROD ANTIPAS
LUKE 3:1

BEHEADING OF JOHN
AND THE EXECUTION
OF JESUS MATT 14:1-12

CALIGULA CAESAR
ACTS 11:28

HEROD AGRIPPA I
ACTS 12 : 1 - 2

BEHEADING OF JAMES
AND THE MIRACULOUS
ESCAPE OF PETER

CLAUDIUS CAESAR
ACTS 11:28

HEROD AGRIPPA I

FAMINE AND HUNGER
OF THE JERUSALEM
CHURCH

NERO CAESAR
ACTS 28:19

HEROD AGRIPPA II
ACTS 25:13

HE EXAMINED PAUL
BEFORE SENDING HIM
TO ROME

THE FALL OF JULIO- CLAUDIUS DYNASTY

- When the heat became too hot for him, emperor Nero committed suicide
- Following Nero's death, Rome was plunged into chaos. In the space of over a year, Rome had three leaders. Servius Galba, Marcus Otho and Vitellius before they were brutally murdered.
- After the death of Nero, there was no heir to succeed him, the Senate named Servius Galba as the new emperor
- After Seven month of being named Emperor, ...

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THE FALL OF JULIO- CLAUDIUS DYNASTY

...Galba was assassinated by Marcus Otho lead plot which paved way for him to become the new emperor

- He engaged himself with his rival army and was heavily defeated in April and thus killed himself
- Vitellius took over power. He was the third emperor in a year and was later killed by his own soldiers.
- After his death, Vespasian became emperor and started a new dynasty.

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THE FALL OF JULIO- CLAUDIUS DYNASTY

- Vespasian is the biological father of the famous Emperor Titus of AD 70

Now that we are familiar with the Caesar's family tree, we will start up Paul's trial under Emperor Nero next week.

THANKS AND GOD BLESS US