

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

2 CORINTHIANS – PART ONE

Lesson 45

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Birth of
Jesus

Death of
Jesus

Paul's
Conversion

1st
Mission.

2d
Mission.

4 b.c.

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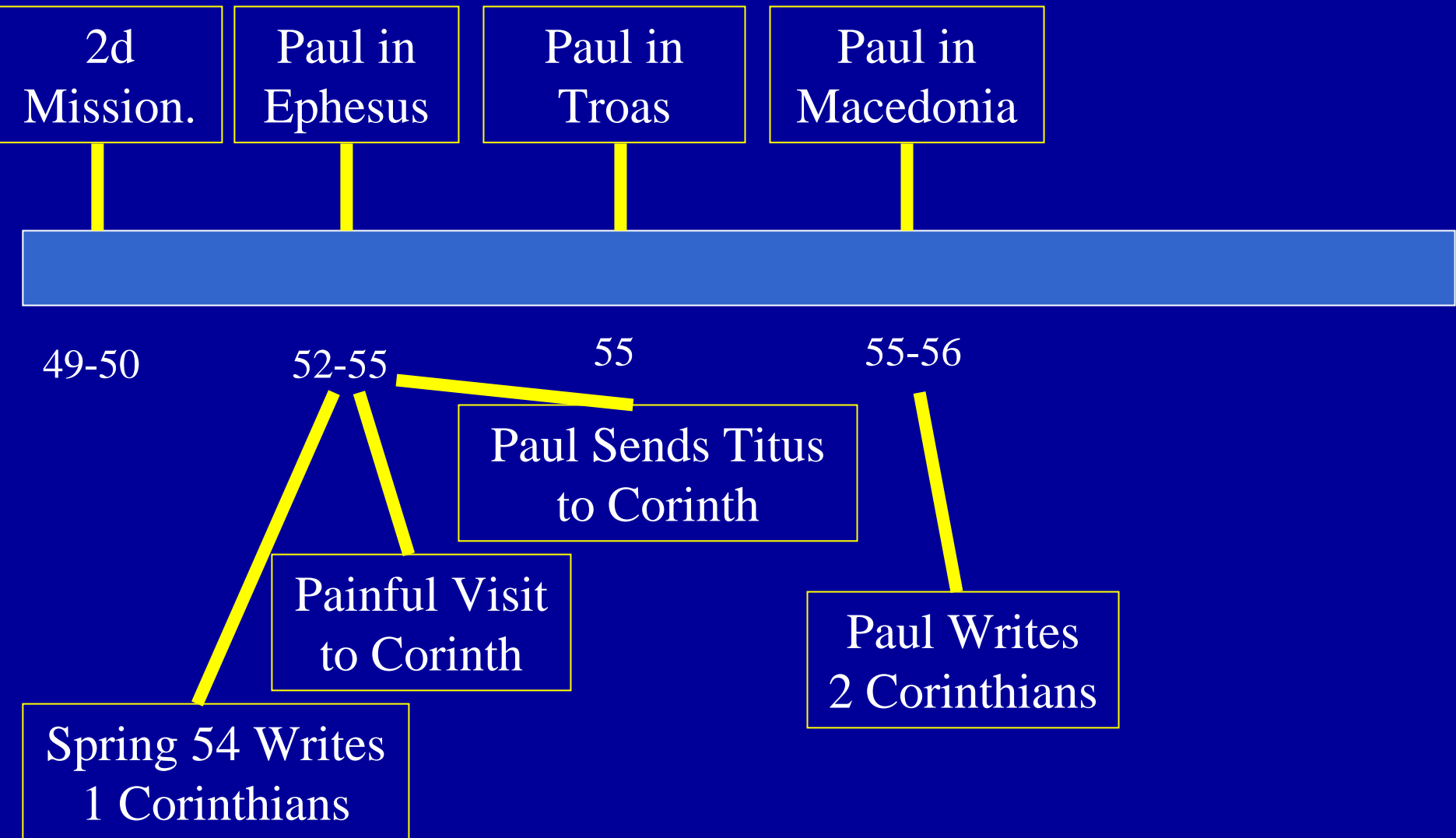
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47-8

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Wrote
Galatians

18 Months - Corinth
Wrote Thessalonians







Macedonia

Troas

Corinth

Ephesus

The Letter Itself

Different From 1 Corinthians

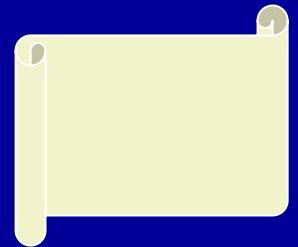
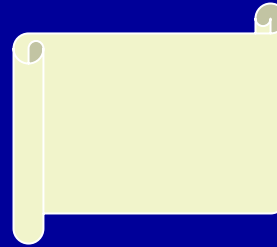
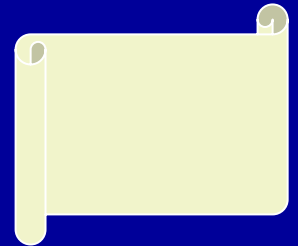
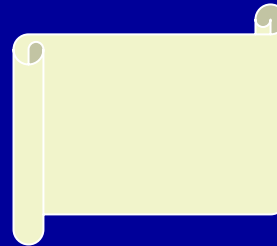
Orderly
Practical
Problem
Centered

“1st” Corinthians

Jumpy
Theological
Paul Centered

“2d” Corinthians

One Letter or Many?



Is 2:14 - 7:4 an Insert?

I went to Troas ... I did
not find Titus there... so
I went to Macedonia

(2:13)

For When we came into
Macedonia, this body...

(7:5)

New Covenant,
Jars of Clay,
Heavenly Bodies



A satellite map of the Aegean Sea region. The map shows the Greek peninsula to the west, the Balkans to the north, and the coast of Asia Minor to the east. The Aegean Sea is in the center, with numerous islands. A blue arrow points from the label 'Corinth' to the Peloponnese. The labels 'Macedonia', 'Troas', and 'Ephesus' are placed over their respective landmasses.

Macedonia

Troas

Corinth

Ephesus

Some Here,
Some There,
Some Now,
Some Later



Macedonia

Troas

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Ephesus

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No Editing!

Why Does It Matter?

- Ultimately All Inspired
- Aid to Understanding Text
- Aid to Answering Critics
- Importance of Reading Closely

2 Corinthians - Themes

- Suffering
- Glory
- Covenant
- Transformation
- Dwellings on Earth and in Heaven

Paul's Plans and Interactions

(1:1 - 2:4)

Paul's Suffering

- “Distress” - Great Hardships and Pressures
“The Sentence of Death” in His Heart
- Received God's Compassion and Comfort

Paul's Lessons

- Join Christ's Comfort and Suffering (1:5)
- Comfort of God/Saints Gives Patience to Endure (1:6)
- Suffering Produces Reliance on God (1:9)
- Hope for Deliverance from God (1:10)
- Prayer for Suffering Helps (1:11)
- Paul Received Comfort, Paul Comforts Others (1:3-5)

Paul's Plans

- Changed on Extra Visit
- Not Wishy Wasby
- Not Made Lightly
- Save From Grief

Paul's Message and Eternal Life

(2:5 - 5:10)

“We are the Aroma of Christ” (2:15)



“We are the Aroma of Christ” (2:15)



A New Covenant

Old



On Stone

Moses Veiled

A New Covenant

Old



On Stone
Moses Veiled

On Hearts

Unbelievers
Veiled

New



And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory are being transformed into his likeness (3:18)

So...

- Walk Plainly
- No Deceit, Pretense or Show
- A Shining Light of Truth
- The Lord Jesus

Transformed, but Still

- Vessels of Clay
- But the Will Change Too
- We will Receive our Due

Points for Home

1. Suffering Comes
2. God Comforts
3. So Should Believers
4. Be a Good Aroma
5. Walk in the Glory of His Light