

PHILIPPIANS - INTRODUCTION

- 1) Authorship – Who wrote Philippians?
- 2) When and where was Philippians written?
- 3) Who is Paul?
- 4) Who is Timothy?
- 5) What is Philippi?

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WHO WROTE PHILIPPIANS?

Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons

~Philippians 1:1

PAULINE AUTHORSHIP CONFIRMED BY:

- 1) Ignatius of Antioch (c. AD 120)
- 2) Clement of Rome (c. AD 99)
- 3) Irenaeus (c. AD 200)
- 4) Clement of Alexandria (c. AD 200)
- 5) Tertullian (c. AD 200)
- 6) Marcion of Sinope (c. AD 150)

WHEN AND WHERE? – 3 PROPOSALS

- 1) Rome – AD 60–62
- 2) Ephesus – AD 52–55
- 3) Caesarea Maritima – AD 58–60

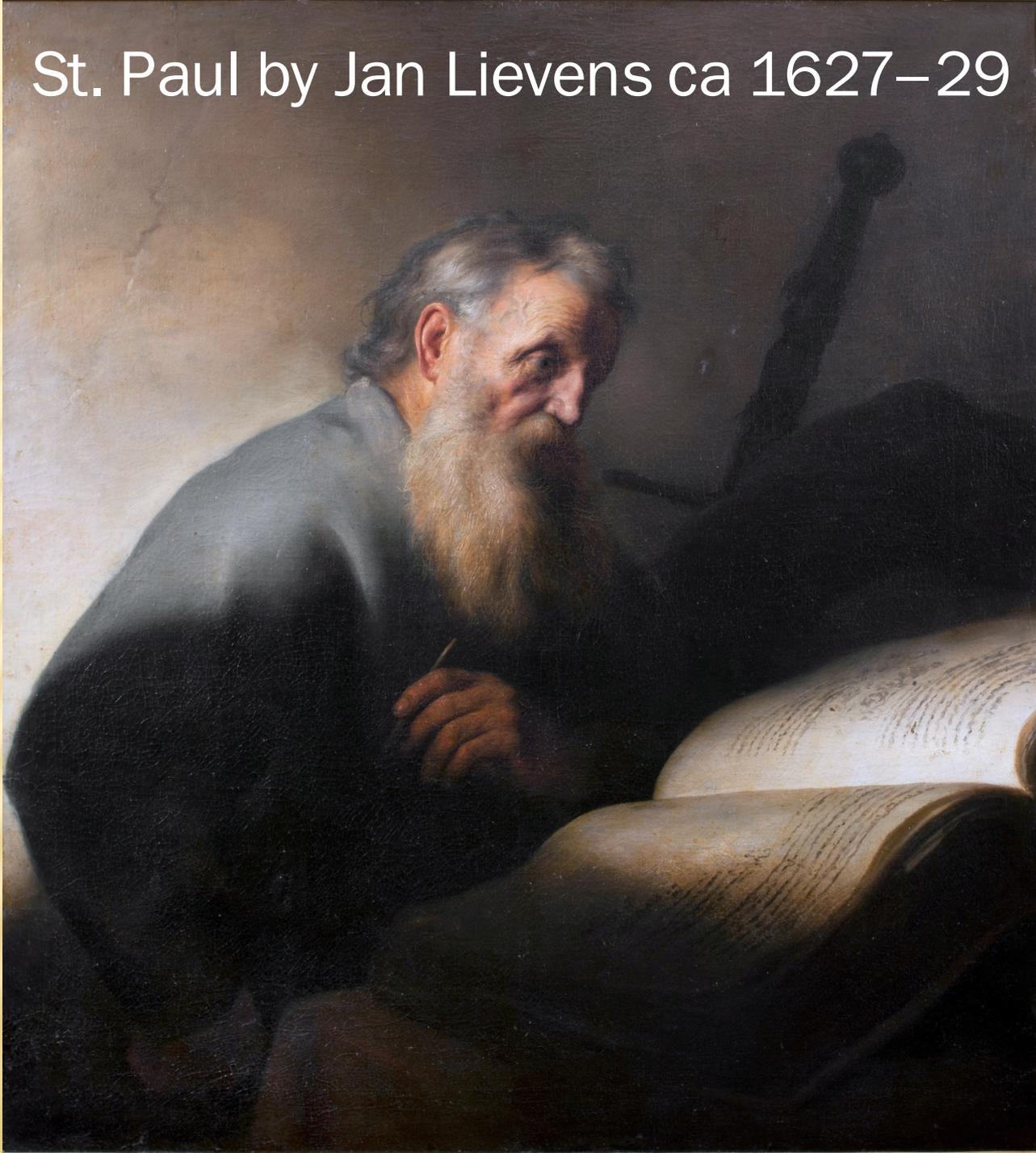
WHEN AND WHERE – ROME IS THE PLACE

- 1) Rome is the traditional view.
- 2) Phil 1:13 mentions the Praetorian Guard, the personal bodyguard of the Emperor which was stationed in Rome.
- 3) Paul views death as a likely result of his imprisonment. His imprisonment and trial in Rome before Caesar would put his life at stake. This would not have been the case in Caesarea.
- 4) An Ephesian imprisonment is, at best, vaguely implied in scripture.
- 5) Timothy is present with Paul when writing Ephesians, and we know that Timothy was with Paul in Rome.

2 KINGS 14:23-26

In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel became king in Samaria, *and reigned* forty-one years. He did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin. He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which He spoke through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher.

St. Paul by Jan Lievens ca 1627–29



PAUL – WHAT'S IN A NAME

- Paul
- Language: Latin
- Meaning: Small, humble
- Saul
- Language: Hebrew
- Meaning: Asked for, prayed for
- *Note: The first anointed king of Israel was named Saul and he was from the same tribe as Paul, Benjamin.*

PAUL – BORN IN TARSAUS OF CILICIA



Israel and Judah at the Time of Jeroboam II
786-746 BCE

- Israel
- Judah



PAUL – WHO IS HE?

- A Roman citizen by birth. Acts 22:28
- Paul was trained as a Pharisee/Rabbi by Gamaliel, one of the leaders of the Sanhedrin and one of the foremost Jewish scholars. Acts 5:34, Acts 22:3
- Paul was zealous in persecuting the church, aiding in the martyrdom of Steven and organizing an expedition to destroy the church in Damascus. Acts 7:58, Acts 9:1–2
- Paul encountered the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus and was blinded. Paul regained his sight at the hands of Ananias, was baptized and became a Christian. He then retreated to the desert of Arabia for three years where he was prepared for his ministry. Acts 9
- Paul lead four (one being the journey to trial in Rome) missionary journeys recorded in the book of Acts and one missionary journey to Spain, according to the Apostolic and Church Fathers.

PAUL – HIS SUFFERING 2 COR. 11:24–28

Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine *lashes*. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; *I have been* in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure on me *of* concern for all the churches.

PAUL – RESCUED FROM LIONS 2 TIM. 4:17



"and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth."

TIMOTHY – MARTYRED AD 97



In AD 97, at the age of 80, in Ephesus, Timothy attempted to halt a pagan precession in honor of the goddess Artemis/Diana through proclamation of the Gospel. This so enraged the pagan crowd that, in a scene reminiscent of Acts 19, the worshipers of Artemis dragged Timothy through the streets, beat him with clubs, and then stoned him to death.

PHILIPPI - THE ROMAN COLONY

**ANCIENT
PHILIPPI**



PHILIPPI – THE EGNATIAN WAY



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Ancient sign for the Egnatian Way in Philippi

Modern Sign for the Egnatian Way



The Egnatian Way in Philippi Today



PHILIPPI – A GREAT AND WEALTHY CITY

