



**COURSE: BIBLE HISTORY**

**SUBJECT: CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH – NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY**

**LESSON NO. 73 - HISTORICAL SURVEY OF THE EPISTLES**

- I. Revelation of the Redeeming Purpose *Gen. 1:1-11:9.*
- II. The Hebrew Family *Gen 11:10-50:26.*
- III. The Israelite Nation *Exodus-Nehemiah.*
- IV. New Testament Palestine
- V. The Life of Christ
- VI. Early Apostolic History
- VII. Journeys of The Apostle Paul
- VIII. Historical Survey Of The Epistles
  - A. Paul's Epistles
    1. 1 Thessalonians – Written From Corinth On Second Journey 50 A.D.
      - o Salutations *(1:1)*
      - o State of The Church *(1:2-10)*
      - o Apostolic Relation with The Church *(2:1-3:13)*
      - o Problems of The Church *(4:1-5:11)*
      - o Concluding Exhortations *(5:12-28)*
    2. 2 Thessalonians – Written From Corinth Within A Year From First Letter.
      - o Salutation *(1:1-2)*
      - o Expectation In Persecution *(1:3-12)*
      - o Explanation of Events *(2:1-17)*
      - o Exhortations to Readiness *(3:1-15)*
      - o Benediction and Salutation *(3:16-18)*
    3. 1 Corinthians – Written From Ephesus In 55 A.D.
      - o The Nature of the Local Body *(Chs. 1-4)*
      - o The Challenges of the Local Body *(Chs. 5-16)*
    4. 2 Corinthians – Written A Few Months After First Letter
      - o Defense of the Ministry *(1:1-7:16)*
      - o The Grace of Giving *(8:1-9:15)*
      - o Personal Defense *(10:1-12:13)*
      - o Preparation for Visit *(12:14-13:14)*
    5. Galatians – Written From Ephesus 56 A.D.
      - o Introduction *(1:1-9)*
      - o Biographical Argument *(1:10-2:21)* An Independent Revelation
      - o Theological Argument *(3:1-4:31)* The Failure of Legalism
      - o Practical Argument *(5:1-6:10)* The Effect of Liberty
      - o Conclusion *(6:11-16)*
    6. Romans – Written From Corinth 56 A.D.
      - o Theme Statement *(1:1-17)*
      - o Doctrine of Sin *(1:18-3:20)*
      - o Doctrine of Justification *(3:21-8:39)*
      - o Doctrine of Theological Vindication *(9:1-11:30)*
      - o Doctrine of Practical Vindication *(12:1-16:27)*
    7. Ephesians – Written While In Prison 58-61 A.D.
      - o The Character of The Church *(1:1-3:21)*
      - o The Calling of The Church *(4:1-16)*
      - o The Conduct of The Church *(4:17-6:24)*

8. Philippians – Written While In Prison 58-61 A.D.
  - o Thanksgiving (1:1-11)
  - o Encouragement (1:12-2:18)
  - o Personal Matters (2:19-4:1)
  - o Counsel (4:2-23)
9. Colossians – Written While In Prison 58-61 A.D.
  - o Christ Pre-eminent in Personal Matters (1:1-2:7)
  - o Christ Pre-eminent in Doctrine (2:8-3:4)
  - o Christ Pre-eminent in Ethics (3:5-4:18)
10. Philemon – Written While in Prison 58-61 A.D.
  - o The Family (1-3)
  - o The Fellowship (4-7)
  - o The Favor (8-20)
  - o The Farewells (21-25)
11. I Timothy – Written Between Imprisonments 61 A.D.
  - o Preamble (1:1-17)
  - o Official Commission (1:18-4:5)
  - o Personal Admonitions (4:6-6:21)
12. Titus – Written Between Imprisonments 61 A.D.
  - o Administration of Sound Doctrine (1:1-16)
  - o Preaching of Sound Doctrine (2:1-15)
  - o Counseling by Sound Doctrine (3:1-15)
13. 2 Timothy – Back In Prison 62-63 A.D.
  - o The Pastoral Pattern (1:1-3:17)
  - o The Final Charge (4:1-22)
- B. The Other Epistles
  14. James – The True Standard of Living
    - o The Nature of True Religion (1:1-27)
    - o The Nature of True Faith (2:1-3:12)
    - o The Nature of True Wisdom (3:13-5:18)
    - o Conclusion: The Purpose of Wisdom – An Effective Testimony (5:19-20)
  15. I Peter – Salvation Through Suffering
    - o The Calm of Salvation (1:1-2:10)
    - o The Conduct of the Saved (2:11-3:12)
    - o The Confidence of the Saved (3:13-4:11)
    - o The Counsel For The Saved (4:12-5:14)
  16. 2 Peter – The True Knowledge Of God
    - o The Nature Of True Knowledge (1:1-21)
    - o The Peril of Abandoning Knowledge (2:1-22)
    - o The Hope in True Knowledge (3:1-18)
  17. Jude – A Warning Against Apostacy
    - o Announcement of Emergency (1-4)
    - o Appeal to History (5-7)
    - o Arrangement of Apostates (8-16)
    - o Advice to Believers (17-25)
  18. I John – The Certainty of Eternal Life
    - o Life's Historical Manifestation (1:1-4)
    - o Certainty Through Walking in The Light (1:5-2:29)
    - o Certainty Through Abiding in Love (3:1-4:21)
    - o Certainty Through Exercise of Faith (5:1-21)
  19. 2 John – Christian Fidelity
    - o Salutations (1-3)
    - o Injunction: To Live, Obedience, Vigilance (4-11)
    - o Conclusion (12-13)
  20. 3 John – The Practice of Truth
    - o Encouraging Workers (1-8)
    - o Reproving Opponents (9-11)
    - o Commending The Truth (12-14)

21. Hebrews – The Epistle of Better Things
- o The Better Messenger: The Son (1:1-2:18)
  - o The Better Apostle (3:1-4:13)
  - o The Better Priest (4:14-7:28)
  - o The Better Covenant (8:1-9:28)
  - o The Better Sacrifice (10:1-31)
  - o The Better Way: Faith (11:1-13:25)