

OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT LIBRARY

BOOK	AUTHOR	DATE (approx.)	PLACE OF WRITING	ORIGINAL AUDIENCE	THEME
Matthew	Matthew	58-68	Antioch or Palestine	Jews in Syria & Palestine	Jesus is the Promised Messiah
Mark	Mark	45 50-65	Rome	Gentiles in Rome	Jesus' redemptive ministry
Luke	Luke	58-68	Rome or Greece	Theophilus	Jesus the Son of Man
John	John	80-90	Ephesus	Population of Asia Minor	Jesus the Son of God
Acts	Luke	62- 63 70	Rome	Theophilus et.al.	The formation and early witness of the Church
Romans	Paul	56-57	Corinth	Church in Rome	God's complete plan of redemption provided through Jesus Christ
1 Corinthians	Paul	53-57	Ephesus	Church in Corinth	Correction of carnal living
2 Corinthians	Paul	55-57	Macedonia	Church in Corinth	Paul's vindication of His apostleship - consolation in Christ
Galatians	Paul	48-49 55-57	Antioch	South Galatian churches	By Grace, Not by law - Freedom from the law
Ephesians	Paul	60- 62 64-65	Rome	Churches in Asia Minor (circular letter?)	Unity of the church - To establish believers in the truths of the Church
Philippians	Paul	60- 61 62-65	Rome	Church in Philippi	The worthy walk - its passion, pattern, purpose, possessions
Colossians	Paul	60- 61 62-65	Rome	Church in Colossae	Deity / Preeminence of Jesus
1 Thessalonians	Paul	49- 51	Corinth	Church in Thessalonica	The Lord's Second Coming - The blessed hope is a blissful hope - Holiness in light of Christ's return
2 Thessalonians	Paul	51	Corinth	Church in Thessalonica	The Lord's Second Coming - The blessed hope is a practical hope - Corrections concerning the Day of the Lord
1 Timothy	Paul	62-64	Macedonia?	Timothy	The Care of the church in Ephesus - Conduct in the household of God
2 Timothy	Paul	64- 67	Rome	Timothy	Defending the faith in a time of doctrinal defection
Titus	Paul	66-67	Nicopolis	Titus	Make what you believe look good by the way you act
Philemon	Paul	60- 62 64-65	Rome	Philemon	Reconciliation is possible through the merit of a mediator

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Hebrews	Unknown Paul? Apollos? Barnabas? Silas? Priscilla? Luke? Clement?	64-67	Unknown	Jewish Christians in Rome or in or near Palestine	Christ the Mediator of a New Covenant - The superiority of Christ
James	James, half brother of Jesus	45-49	Jerusalem?	Jewish Christians in or near Palestine	Prove your faith by your works
1 Peter	Peter	63-65	Rome	Churches in the Roman provinces in Asia Minor	Suffering as a Christian and how to endure it triumphantly - Hope in the midst of suffering
2 Peter	Peter	64-67	Rome	Churches in the Roman provinces of Asia Minor?	Prediction of apostasy - Growing in the knowledge of Christ
1 John	John	85-90 85-95	Ephesus	Believers in Asia Churches near Ephesus?	Fellowship with God and the family of God
2 John	John	85-90 85-95	Ephesus	Church or churches near Ephesus The chosen lady & her children	Caution against false teachers
3 John	John	85-90 85-95	Ephesus	Gaius	Christian hospitality
Jude	Jude, brother of James & half brother of Jesus	65-68 45-90	Unknown	Jewish Christians in Egypt? Asia Minor? Antioch?	Contend for the faith
Revelation	John	94-96 96-99	Ephesus	Churches in Asia	Ultimate triumph of Christ

Most probable dates and locations are in bold face.