

INTERACTIVE TRAVEL GUIDE

DESTINATION: *1 Timothy*

Paul, the experienced apostle, writes to young pastor Timothy, who is facing a heavy burden of responsibility in the church at Ephesus. The task is challenging: false doctrine must be erased, public worship safeguarded, and mature leadership developed. In addition to the conduct of the church, Paul talks pointedly about the conduct of the minister. Timothy must be on guard so that his youthfulness doesn't become a liability, rather than an asset to the gospel. He must be careful to avoid false teachers and greedy motives, pursuing instead righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness as befitting a man of God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- c. 58 A.D.
Paul sent to Rome for two years
- c. 63 A.D.
Paul writes the epistle of 1 Timothy
- c. 64 A.D.
Severe persecution of Christians begins
- c. 67 A.D.
Peter and Paul martyred by Nero

TRIP PLANNER:

Paul had four purposes in writing this letter to Timothy. First, he wanted to encourage Timothy to oppose false teaching. Also, he wanted to furnish Timothy with written credentials authorized by himself. Further, he wanted to instruct him in the management of church affairs. Finally, he wanted to exhort him to be diligent in his pastoral duties.

PLACES OF INTEREST:

Macedonia – The northern part of Greece located between the Adriatic and Aegean Seas.

Ephesus – A city on the west coast of Asia Minor where Paul established a major church.

PEOPLE OF INTEREST:

Timothy – A traveling companion of Paul. He was the son of a Jewish mother and a Gentile father. His mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois, were believers in Jesus.

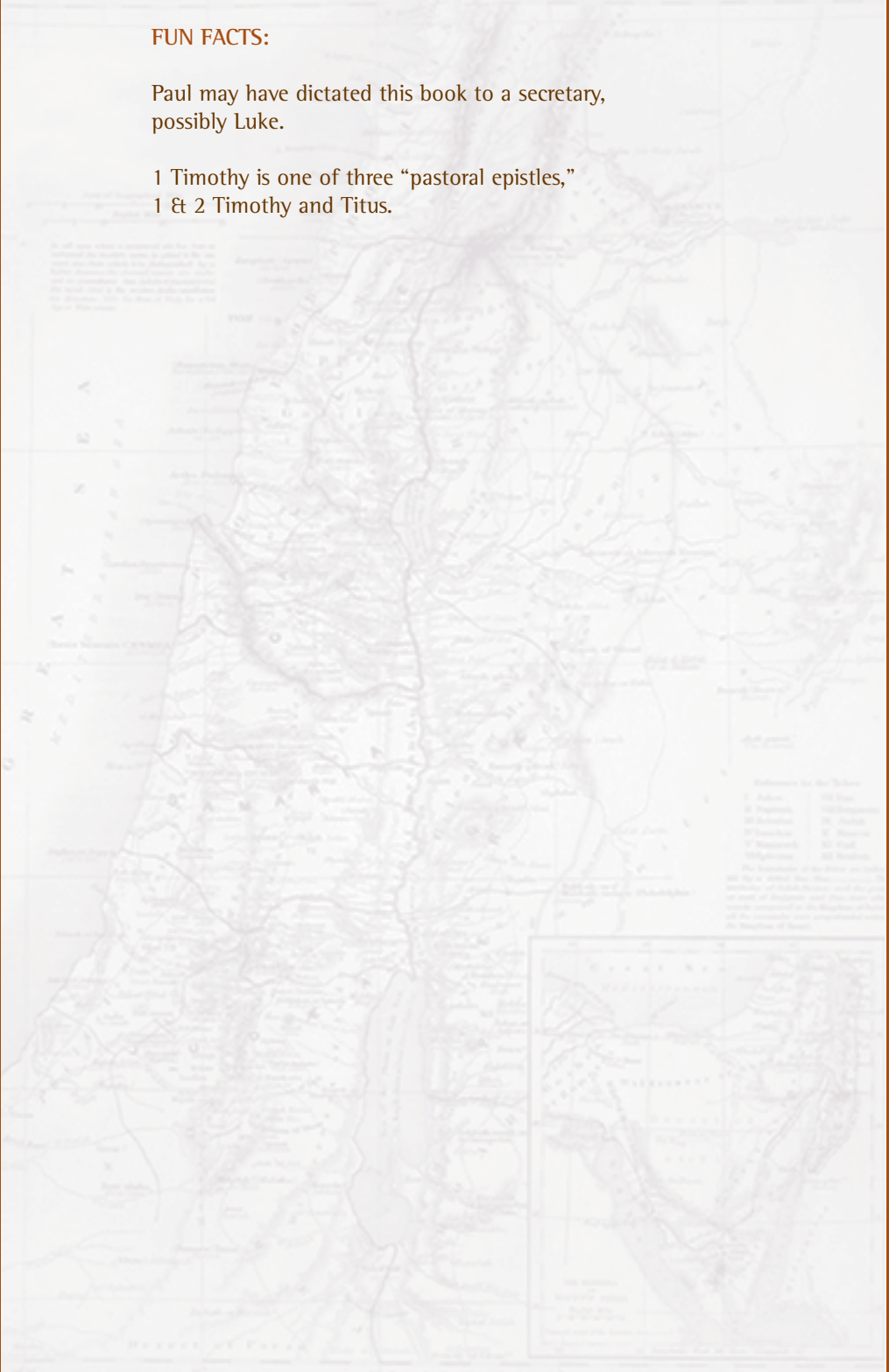
Paul – Known as Saul before he became a Christian. Born in Tarsus in Asia Minor, he studied Jewish tradition under the elder Gamaliel, becoming a zealous Pharisee.

Hymenaeus and Alexander – Blasphemers whom Paul “delivered to Satan.”

FUN FACTS:

Paul may have dictated this book to a secretary, possibly Luke.

1 Timothy is one of three “pastoral epistles,”
1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.



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Reference to the Bible
1. John 1:1-14
2. Matthew 28:1-10
3. Luke 24:1-12
4. Mark 16:1-8
5. Acts 1:1-3
6. Romans 1:1-16
7. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
8. 2 Corinthians 1:1-7
9. Galatians 1:1-9
10. Ephesians 1:1-14
11. Philippians 1:1-11
12. Colossians 1:1-14
13. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
14. 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
15. 1 Peter 1:1-12
16. 2 Peter 1:1-11
17. 1 John 1:1-10
18. 2 John 1:1-13
19. 3 John 1:1-14
20. Revelation 1:1-3

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DESTINATION: *2 Timothy*

Paul wrote this epistle from a Roman dungeon to his young protégé, Timothy. This was his second letter to Timothy, and the epistle was the final letter written by Paul. In it, Paul encourages Timothy to stand strong for the faith, to endure hardship, and to preach the Word.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- c. 33 A.D.
Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus
- c. 67 A.D.
Paul's second imprisonment in Rome
- c. 67 A.D.
Paul writes 2 Timothy, his final epistle

TRIP PLANNER:

The book of 2 Timothy consists of Paul's final instructions to his "beloved son," a young pastor in Ephesus. The letter can be broken down as follows:

Stand up for the faith – Chapter 1

Stand up in all you do – Chapter 2

Stand up in the battle – Chapter 3

Stand up until the end – Chapter 4

PLACES OF INTEREST:

Ephesus – The most important city in the Roman province of Asia, on the west coast of what is now Turkey. It was where Timothy was a minister and also where Paul sent Tychicus.

Thessalonica – This city was situated at the intersection of two major Roman roads, which led to it being highly prominent. Demas headed here after leaving Paul.

Galatia – A Roman province Paul visited on his first missionary journey. Crescens headed here after leaving Paul.

Dalmatia – A Roman province in the mountainous region east of the Adriatic Sea. It is also called Illyricum in Romans 15:19. This is where Titus headed after leaving Paul.

Corinth – A port city of Greece that was a center of trade and industry. Paul mentions that Erastus stayed there.

Miletus – Part of the Roman province of Asia. Trophemus stayed here because he was ill.

PEOPLE OF INTEREST:

Aquila and Prisca/Priscilla – A leather worker and his wife who were good friends with Paul. This couple helped Apollos come to a fuller understanding of the gospel.

Crescens – Companion of Paul serving in Galatia.

Demas – A co-laborer with Paul; Paul mentions that he deserted him because of his love for the present world.

Erastus – An assistant of Paul who helped in Timothy's mission to Macedonia so that Paul could continue to work in Ephesus.

Eunice – Timothy's Jewish mother who was noted for her faith and raised Timothy in the Scriptures from childhood.

Hermogenes – Asian Christian who turned away from Paul.

Lois – Timothy's grandmother noted for her faith.

Onesiphorus – His name means "profit-bringer;" he brought Paul refreshing when Paul was in chains.

Philetus – A teacher representative of those undermining the Christian doctrine of the resurrection.

Trophemus – An Ephesian Christian who likely accompanied Paul to Europe after the Ephesian riot. Paul had to leave him in Miletus because he was ill.

Tychicus – He went with Paul to Jerusalem with the collection. He likely was the one who took the letters to the Colossians and the Ephesians.

FUN FACTS:

Soldier, athlete, farmer – Paul uses these as pictures of the Christian life.

Christian math (multiplication) – In 2:2 Paul tells Timothy to share what he's learned with faithful men so that they'll tell their friends and so on, and so on...

With a little help from my friends – Paul mentions 15 of his friends in the closing passages of the book.

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