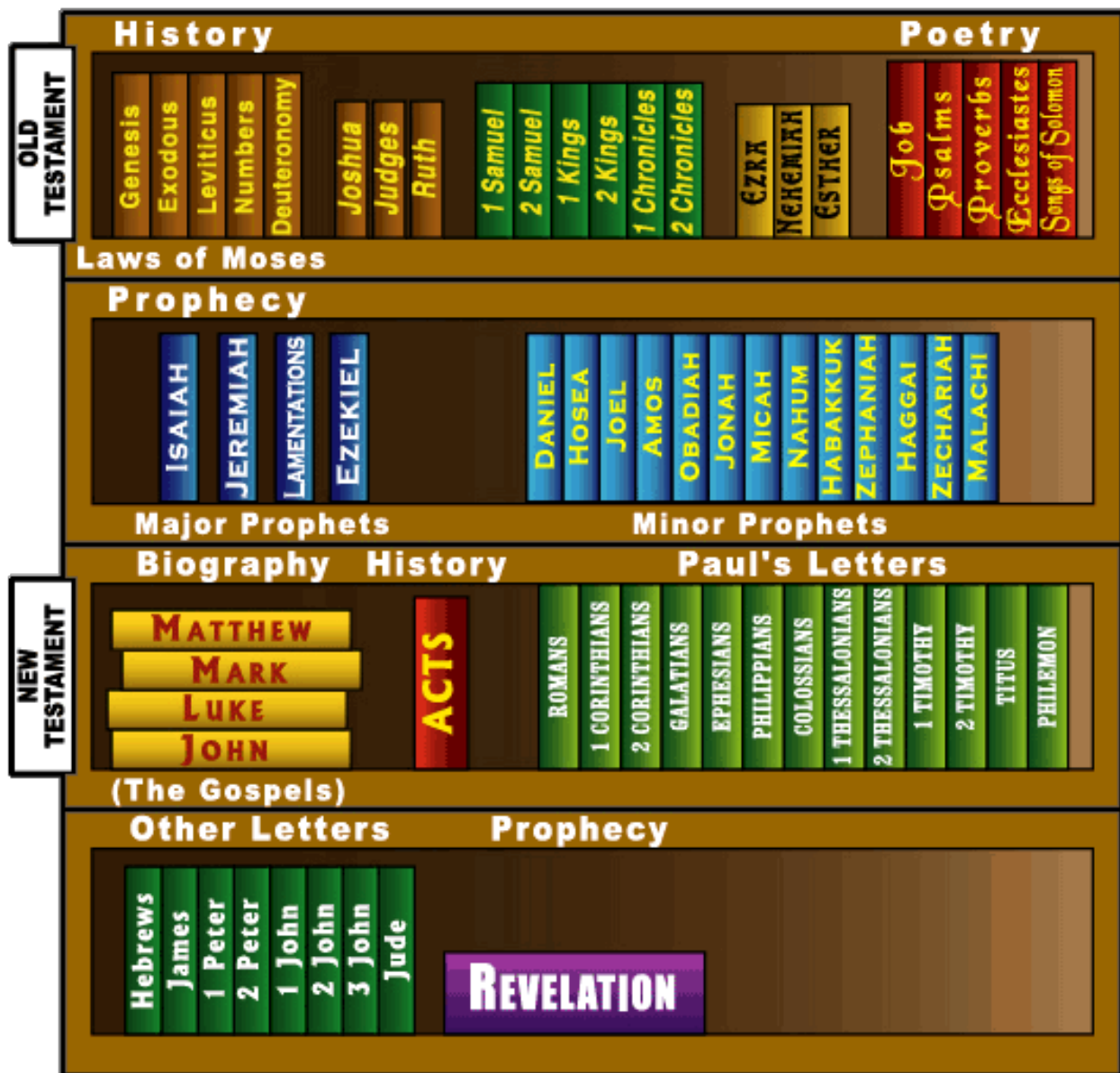


A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF GALATIANS



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INTRODUCTION

1. Who wrote the letter?
 - a. When was he in this region?

2. From where was it written?

3. When was it written?

4. To whom was it written?
 - a. What churches would this include?

5. What do we know of the people of this region?

6. What do we know of each of the cities where the churches are found?

7. What is the main theme of this letter?

CHAPTER ONE

1. How does Paul introduce himself?
2. How does Paul identify Jesus in verse 1?
3. What other letter begins with “grace to you and peace”?
4. What did Jesus do for us?
 - a. What did He rescue us from?
5. Why was Paul amazed?
6. How had they been called?
7. How were they being disturbed?
8. Who was to be accursed?
 - a. What does it mean to be “accursed”?

9. How do verses 8 and 9 differ?

10. Who was Paul seeking to please?

11. From where had Paul gotten the gospel he had preached?

12. What had they heard?
 - a. What do we know of Paul's former manner of life?

13. What had God done for Paul?

14. What did Paul mean when he said, "I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood?"

15. Where did Paul go when leaving Damascus the first time?

16. How long was it before he returned to Jerusalem?

17. Who did he spend 15 days with?

18. Who else did he see?

19. Why the statement in verse 20?

20. When he left Jerusalem where did he go?

21. Where was he still unknown?

a. What were they hearing?

b. What were they doing?

CHAPTER TWO

1. When did Paul go to Jerusalem?
 - a. Who was with him?
 - b. RESEARCH: Review the book of Acts and see when this was.
2. Why did he go to Jerusalem?
 - a. What did he submit to them?
 - b. To whom did he submit it?
3. Why the point about Titus?
4. Who were those that were causing problems?
 - a. What was their purpose?

5. Why had Paul not yielded to these false teachers?

6. Who were those of “high reputation”?
 - a. What had they contributed to Paul?

7. How does Paul contrast himself with Peter?

8. How does Paul describe James, Cephas and John?

9. What had they given to Paul and Barnabas?
 - a. What does this mean?

 - b. Why had they done it?

10. What had they asked of them?

11. Why did Paul oppose Cephas when he had come to Antioch?
 - a. What had Cephas done which would cause him to be condemned?
 - b. Who else was led astray by his actions?
 - c. What word does Paul use to describe their actions?
12. How does Paul describe their actions in verse 14?
13. What question did Paul ask Peter?
14. What is Paul referring to when he speaks of “the works of the Law”?
15. How then is a man justified?
 - a. What does this mean?
16. What is Paul’s point in verses 17-18?
17. How had Paul “died to the law”?

18. How is one “crucified with Christ”?

a. Having been crucified with Christ what does Paul say of himself?

19. How could Christ have died needlessly?

CHAPTER THREE

1. How does Paul address them in verse 1 and what would this mean?

2. In verses 1-5 Paul asks them a series of rhetorical questions; be ready to discuss each one with the answer in mind and Paul's point in asking each of them?

3. From where does Paul quote?

4. Who are the sons of Abraham?

5. What was preached to Abraham?
 - a. What did this include?

6. Who are blessed with Abraham?

7. Who were cursed?
 - a. Why?

8. Why is it evident that no one is justified by the Law before God?
9. Why was the Law not of faith?
10. How did Christ redeem us from the curse of the Law?
11. How did the blessing of Abraham come to the Gentiles?
12. What does verse 15 teach us from everyday life?
13. To whom were the promises spoken?
 - a. Who was the “seed” spoken of?
14. What is the point of verse 17?
15. Why if the inheritance is based on Law could it no longer be based on promise?
16. “Why the Law then?”

17. What is Paul's point in verse 20?

18. Was the Law contrary to the promises of God?

19. What does he mean when he says "But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin?"
 - a. Why had that been done?

20. What had the Law become?
 - a. What does this mean?

21. What is the result now that faith has come?

22. How are we all sons of God?

23. Why are we sons of God through faith?
 - a. What is accomplished through this?

24. What is the point of Verse 28?

25. If we belong to Christ what are we?

CHAPTER FOUR

1. What example does Paul use from life?
 - a. What is Paul teaching us with this example?

2. Why did Christ die when He did?

3. What was the purpose of His death as stated in chapter 4?

4. Because we are sons, what has happened?
 - a. What does the term “Abba! Father!” mean?

5. Before our relationship with God what were we slaves to?
 - a. Now that we are no longer slaves to these things what are we?

6. Having known God and been known by God what is the danger?

7. What were they observing?
 - a. What did this refer to?
8. What was Paul's fear for them?
9. What did he beg them?
 - a. What did he mean when he says, "I also have become as you are"?
10. What was instrumental in his preaching the gospel to them?
11. How had they received him the first time?
12. What does he say they would have done for him?
13. Why would they think Paul was their enemy?
14. Who sought them and for what purpose?

15. What is good?

16. Why was Paul perplexed by them?

17. Who are the two women spoken of in Verses 21-31?
 - a. Who are the two children?

18. What is the difference between the women and the children?

19. What is an “allegory”?
 - a. How is the story of these two women an allegory?

 - b. What is the point that Paul is making?

20. How are Christians like Isaac?

21. How did Ishmael persecute Isaac?
 - a. How then are Christians so persecuted?

CHAPTER FIVE

1. What were we set free from?
 - a. What were the Galatians doing?
2. Christ is of no benefit to whom?
3. If we receive circumcision what are we obligated to do?
4. Seeking to be justified by Law does what?
5. What are we waiting for?
6. What truly means something in Christ Jesus?
7. How had they been hindered from obeying the truth?
8. Paul uses leaven as an example so what is his point?
9. What did Paul have confidence in?

10. What could the one who was disturbing them expect?

11. Paul not preaching circumcision to them caused what for him?
 - a. If circumcision was required what was the cross?

12. What is the point of the troublers “mutilating” themselves?

13. For what were they called to?
 - a. This was from what?

 - b. What was the danger they faced?

14. In what statement is the whole Law fulfilled?
 - a. RESEARCH QUESTION: Who else made this point and on what occasion did he make it?

15. What should we be careful of?

a. Why?

16. How are we to walk?

a. What will this accomplish?

17. How are the flesh and the Spirit opposed to each other?

18. If you are led by the Spirit what are you not under?

a. Does this mean any Law at all?

19. What are the deeds of the flesh?

a. How are they evident?

b. Are all the deeds of the flesh included?

20. What is the result of practicing these things?

21. What is the fruit of the Spirit?

a. How does it related to law?

22. What have those who belong to Christ done?

23. How are we to live?

a. Thus what should we also do?

24.. What are we not to do?

CHAPTER SIX

1. What are we to do for one caught in any trespass?
 - a. How is this to be accomplished?
 - b. What should we be concerned about?
2. What should we do for one another?
 - a. What does this fulfill?
3. How do we deceive ourselves?
4. What must each one examine?
 - a. Why?
 - b. What is Paul's point here?

5. What will each one bear?
 - a. How does this relate to verse 2?
6. What should the one who is taught the word do?
7. What does Paul mean when he says, "God is not mocked"?
 - a. With this in mind what is the point of the rest of the verse?
8. What does it mean to reap corruption?
 - a. How do we do this?
9. How do we reap eternal life?
10. What are we not to lose heart doing?
 - a. Why?

11. When are we to do good to all people?
 - a. Who does this especially apply to?

12. What is Paul's point when he says "I am writing to you with my own hand"?

13. Who were those who Paul referred to as those who desire to "make a good showing in the flesh"?
 - a. Why were they compelling the Galatians to be circumcised?

14. What were the circumcised not doing themselves?
 - a. Why were they desiring the Gentiles to be circumcised?

15. What does Paul say that he desired to boast in?
 - a. Why?

16. What is the “new creation”?

a. How does the “new creation” transcend circumcision?

17. What “rule” is Paul speaking of in verse 16?

a. What is the result of walking by this “rule”?

b. What is the “Israel of God,” Paul mentions?

18. What is Paul’s request?

19. What does Paul wish for them?