



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Order of Epistles?

Order of Epistles? - posted by madmatg (), on: 2005/1/25 17:25

Does anyone know of any good theories about the order the letters were written in? I've seen that it would probly be imp ossible to find the order but theories would be good.

Re: Order of Epistles?, on: 2005/1/26 12:35

I'll have to dig... I have a book somewhere that came up with the order, tho they admit it could be a little off. It was based on the order of how things happened (missionary journeys, etc.) in the book of Acts.

Right now, tho, they are in order from longest to shortest, with the exception of Revelation.

Krispy

Re: - posted by madmatg (), on: 2005/1/27 18:28

arighty sounds good; I guess if i wasnt such a lazy bum I could have thought of that and looked through acts myself. :)

Book to read - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/1/27 19:29

John Pollock wrote a book entitled "A life of Paul" in it you will get the epistles in thier order plus its an interesting read.

Re: Book to read - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/1/28 3:26

Paul's letters are probably in this order...

Galatians.
1 Thessalonians.
2 Thessalonians
1 Corinthians.
2 Corinthians.
Romans.
Colossians.
Ephesians.
Philemon.
Philippians.
1 Timothy.
Titus.
2 Timothy.

James is almost certainly very early. Either James or Galatians would have been the earliest.

Re:, on: 2005/1/28 8:08

I concur with the previous post. Thats what my studies have uncovered. Alot people (for some reason) also do not realiz e that the Bible was not written in "verses". That wasnt developed until the middle ages... I believe. I like the way Tyndal e's Bible reads... no verse numbers. Just paragraphs. Sometimes it helps you to understand the flow of thought.

Krispy

dates? - posted by Holywarrior, on: 2005/1/29 12:55

Hi Philologos

Can you add dates to those books?

Brother in Christ
Holywarrior

Re: dates? - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/1/29 18:45

Hi Holywarrior

This is not an exact science as there are few events which have a Bible reference and a secular date. However, I have found a chart that sounds very reasonable to my understanding of these things. Dates of the New Testament Documents

There are some anomalies in this list, but we can discuss them if you wish.

I have sent a Powerpoint slide to Greg and hopefully he will find a corner for it on the site. I have designed it to show the dates of the New Testament documents against some key events. It is approximate but should give you the feel of things. Watch this space.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/1/30 21:29

Quote:

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I have gotten up the pdf that Ron sent me. Its a great document to rotate and print out for reference.. great work Ron.

[Image: <http://www.sermonindex.net/pdf/timeline.gif>]

Re: - posted by madmatg (), on: 2005/2/1 0:41

thank yall for this, also got a site that has some dates for NT books. http://www.errantskeptics.org/Dating_the_NT.htm

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/2/1 4:17

hi madmatg

that's an interesting site although the dates are fairly widely spread, and the sources are widely spread too.

One interesting name on this list is J.A.T. Robinson, Ph.D. Robinson caused a furore in the 1970s in Britain with the God is Dead debate. He refused to acknowledge God's personhood. He is not evangelical and does not believe in infallibility but he was a very highly regarded New Testament scholar. Most academics like to make the dates as late as possible, but Robinson went against the trend by giving some of the earliest dates being suggested.

One of his 'selling points' was the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in AD 70. He felt that this was such a culminating act that the NT writers would have majored on it as final evidence that one covenant was ended and another begun.

Re: - posted by madmatg (), on: 2005/2/4 2:07

hmmm, thanks for the info. I knew that was kinda a wide range of scholars, it was just the only one I could find.