



55 AD – Paul in Ephesus; Paul writes **1 Corinthians**

56 AD – Riot in Ephesus; Paul Goes to Macedonia; Paul writes **2 Corinthians** (Acts 19:23-20:21)

Acts 20:1 – Paul leaves Ephesus, goes through Troas (2 Cor. 2:12-13). While Paul is in Macedonia he may have taken time to go into Illyricum at this time along the Egnatian Way and possibly reaching the Adriatic Sea.

57 AD – Paul is in Corinth for 3 months. Paul writes **Romans**. Spring of 57 AD Paul leaves Corinth.

Acts 20:3 – Jews plan to kill Paul on the ship when he sails from Corinth/Cenchrea for Jerusalem.

- Note Paul's enemies:
 - Ephesian Riot by Gentile Unbelievers
 - Corinthian False Believers
 - Jews

Acts 20:4 – Paul leaves Corinth on land going back through Macedonia. Paul is on his way to Jerusalem with the collection of money from the Gentile believers for the financially poor Jewish believers. Representatives from the churches were gathering with Paul for the journey which might give more insight into his closing lines in Romans 16:16, "all the churches of Christ" greet you.

- Paul was accompanied by:
 - Sopater of Berea (same as Romans 16:21)
 - Aristarchus of Thessalonica in Macedonia, Acts 19:29, and was seized in the Ephesus riot. He is with Paul in Roman apartment/arrest, Colossians 4:10 and Philemon 1:24. In Acts 27:2 Aristarchus is with Paul when he boards the prison ship headed for Rome.
 - Secundus of Thessalonica
 - Gaius from Derbe
 - Timothy (may have also served as a representative of Macedonia since he worked there)
 - Tychicus from Asia (Colossians 4:7 indicates he carried the letter back to the Colossians; may be sent to replace Titus in Titus 3:12)
 - Trophimus from Asia (From Ephesus in Acts 21:29; still working with Paul in 2 Tim.4:20)
 - Luke may have represented Philippi's offering?
 - Paul may have represented Corinth's offering?
- Luke has rejoined Paul in Macedonia. This is the first use of the word "us" (Luke is writing.) since Acts 16:17 when Luke stayed behind in Philippi. Luke ("the brother") may have went with Titus ahead of Paul to Corinth in 2 Corinthians 8:18? And, then return to the Macedonian churches with Paul at this time or after Paul's arrival in Corinth? Luke rejoins Paul at this point in his writing.