

New Testament Seminar & Read-Through (17 weeks)

November 10, 2019 - James, 1&2 Peter, 1&2&3 John, Jude

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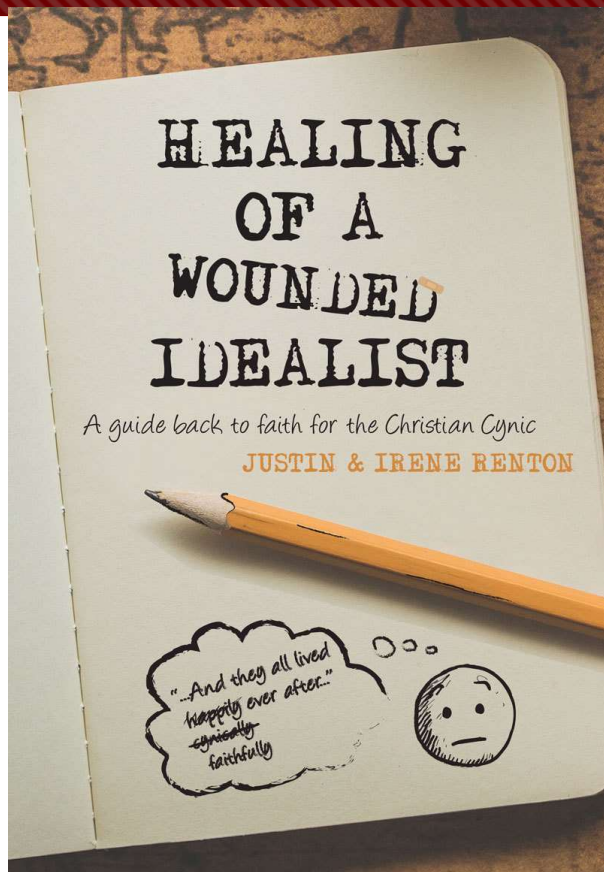




For Next Week!

1-Sep	Luke	13-24	NO CLASS or Sun Night NEXT WEEK (Nov 3rd)
8-Sep	John	1-11	
15-Sep		12-21	
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What's Next?



- 4 Week Class
 - Nov 24
 - Dec 1, 8, 15
- Ordered 10 Books
- \$10 each

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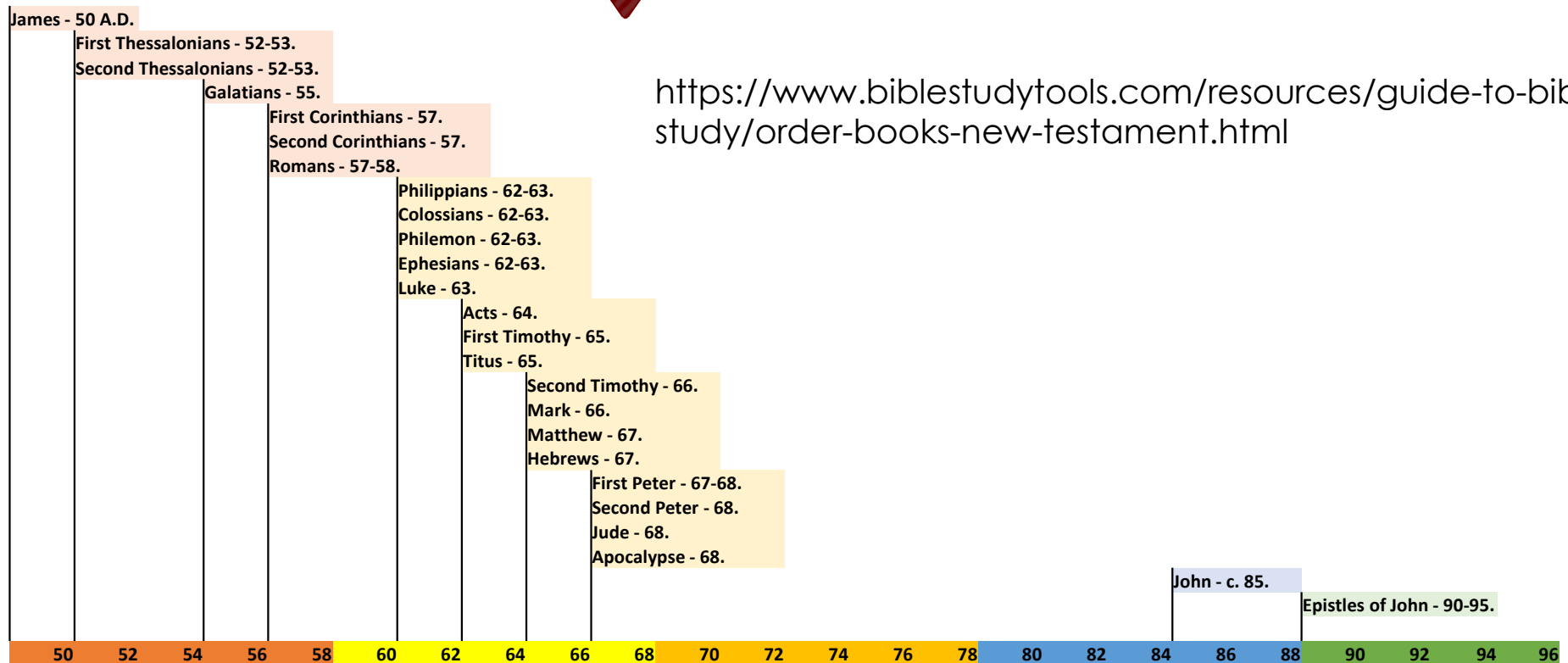
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Nov 23rd
10:30 -
Noon



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James

- Who is James? Many James' in the Bible – probably brother of Jesus
 - Not a believer while Jesus was alive (John 7:2-5)
 - Prominent among the disciples (See Matthew 13:55; Acts 21:15–25; 1 Corinthians 15:7; and Galatians 1:19, 2:9)
 - Probably the leader of the Church in Jerusalem

James

- Probably first New Testament book written – why? (probably before 62AD)
- To who?
- Structure? - not really a 'letter' – more like Proverbs

James 2:14-26

- Faith & Works go 'hand in hand'
- What 'works' are listed?
- What 'works' should we do?

James

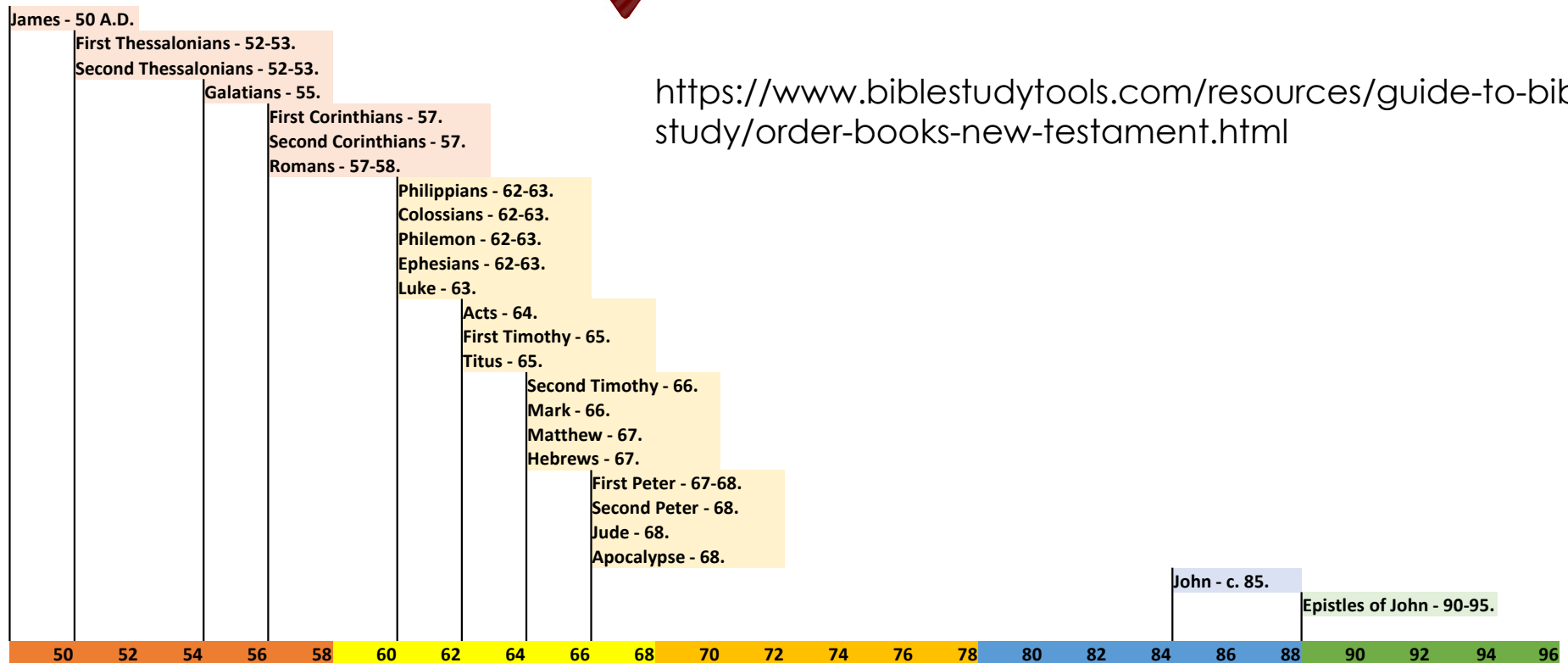
The epistle is renowned for exhortations on:

- fighting poverty and caring for the poor in practical ways (1:26-27; 2:1-4; 2:14-19; 5:1-6)
- standing up for the oppressed (2:1-4; 5:1-6)
- not being "like the world" in the way one responds to evil in the world (1:26-27; 2:11; 3:13-18; 4:1-10)

Worldly wisdom is rejected and people are exhorted to embrace heavenly wisdom, which includes peacemaking and pursuing righteousness and justice (3:13-18).

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1&2 Peter



1 Peter 1:10-12

- History

1 Peter 1:13-16

- The Call

1 Peter 2:9-12

- Issue(s)?

1 Peter 3:19-20

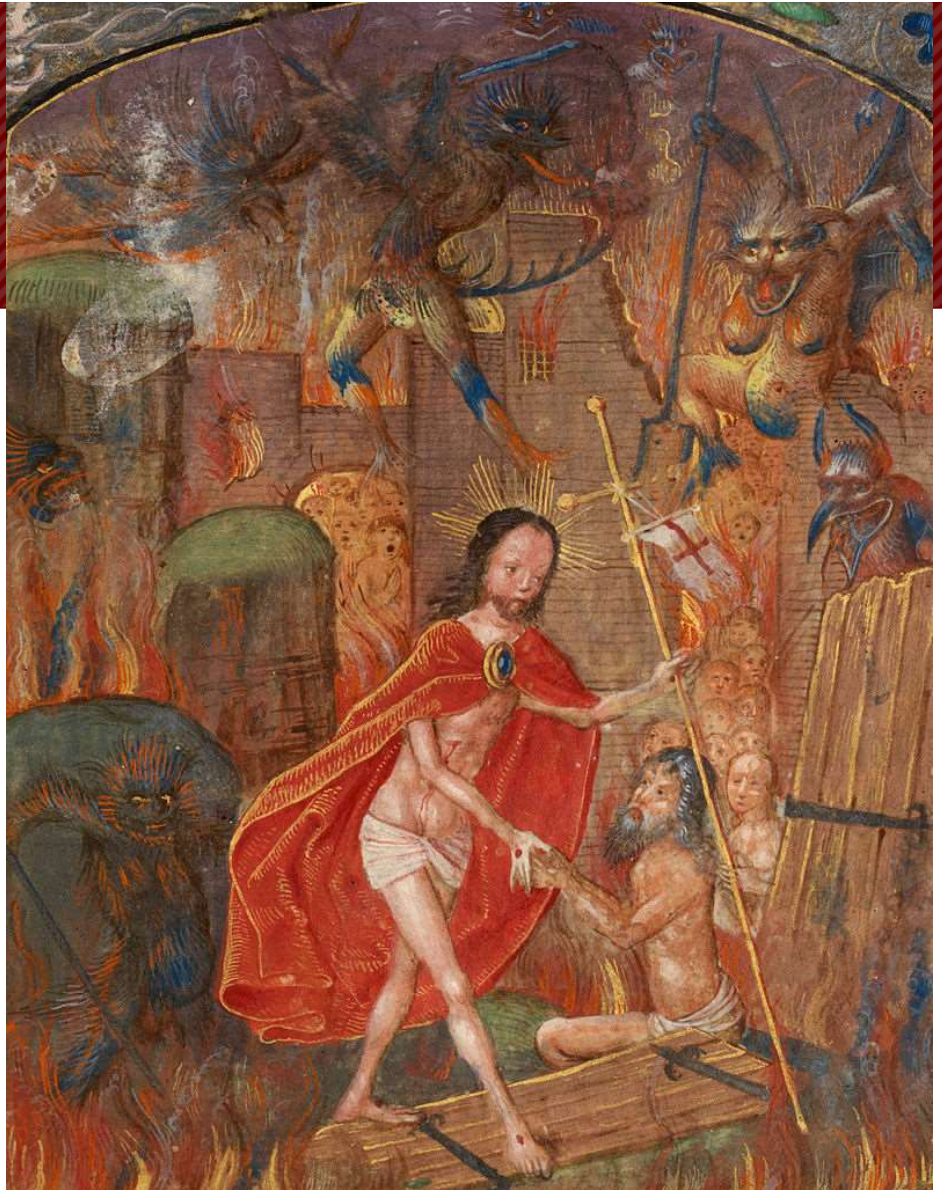
The Harrowing of Hell (also Eph 4:9)

18 For indeed Christ died for sins once for all, the Just and Righteous for the unjust and unrighteous [the Innocent for the guilty] so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit; 19 in which He also went and preached to the spirits now in prison, 20 who once were disobedient, when the great patience of God was waiting in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons [Noah's family], were brought safely through the water.

1 Peter 3:19-20

The Harrowing of Hell *(also Eph 4:9)*

In Christian theology, **the Harrowing of Hell** (Latin: *Descensus Christi ad Inferos*, "the descent of Christ into Hell") **is the triumphant descent of Christ into Hell** (or Hades) **between the time of his Crucifixion and his Resurrection when he brought salvation to all of the righteous who had died since the beginning of the world.** After his death, the soul of Jesus descended into the realm of the dead.



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Christ leads Adam by the hand, depicted in the Vaux Passional, c. 1504



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Before his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ grants salvation to souls by the Harrowing of Hell. Fresco, by Fra Angelico, c. 1430s

2 Peter 1:4-9

4 For by these He has bestowed on us His precious and magnificent promises [of inexpressible value], so that by them you may escape from the immoral freedom that is in the world because of disreputable desire, and become sharers of the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:4-9

5 For this very reason, applying your diligence [to the divine promises, make every effort] in [exercising] your faith to,

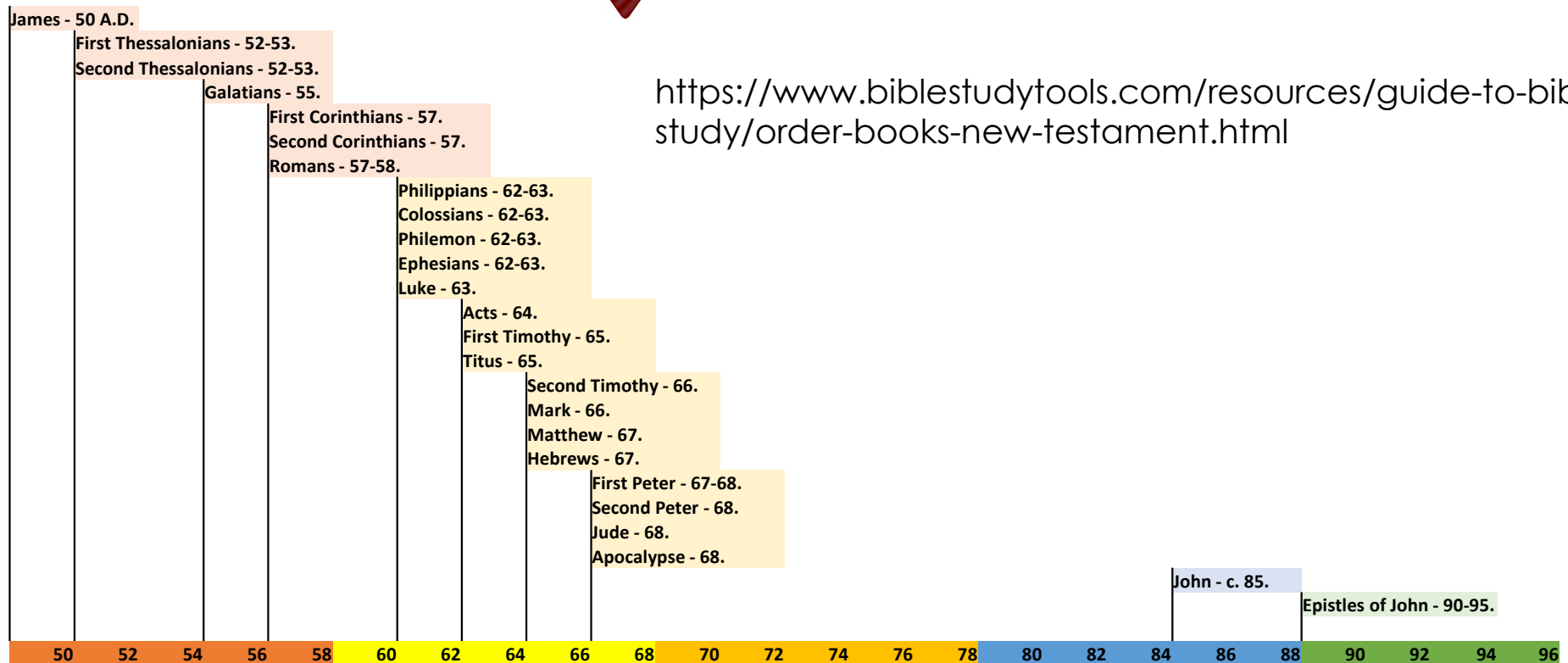
- develop moral excellence,
- and in moral excellence, knowledge (insight, understanding),
- and in your knowledge, self-control,
- and in your self-control, steadfastness,
- and in your steadfastness, godliness,
- and in your godliness, brotherly affection,
- and in your brotherly affection, [develop Christian] love [that is, learn to unselfishly seek the best for others and to do things for their benefit].

2 Peter 1:4-9

8 For as these qualities are yours and are increasing [in you as you grow toward spiritual maturity], they will keep you from being useless and unproductive in regard to the true knowledge and greater understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is blind—shortsighted [closing his spiritual eyes to the truth], having become oblivious to the fact that he was cleansed from his old sins.

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1&2&3 John

- written to counter **Docetism** which is the belief that Jesus did not come "in the flesh", but only as a spirit.
- It also defined how Christians are to discern true teachers: by their ethics, their proclamation of Jesus in the flesh, and by their love

1 John 1:5

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1 John 1:6-7

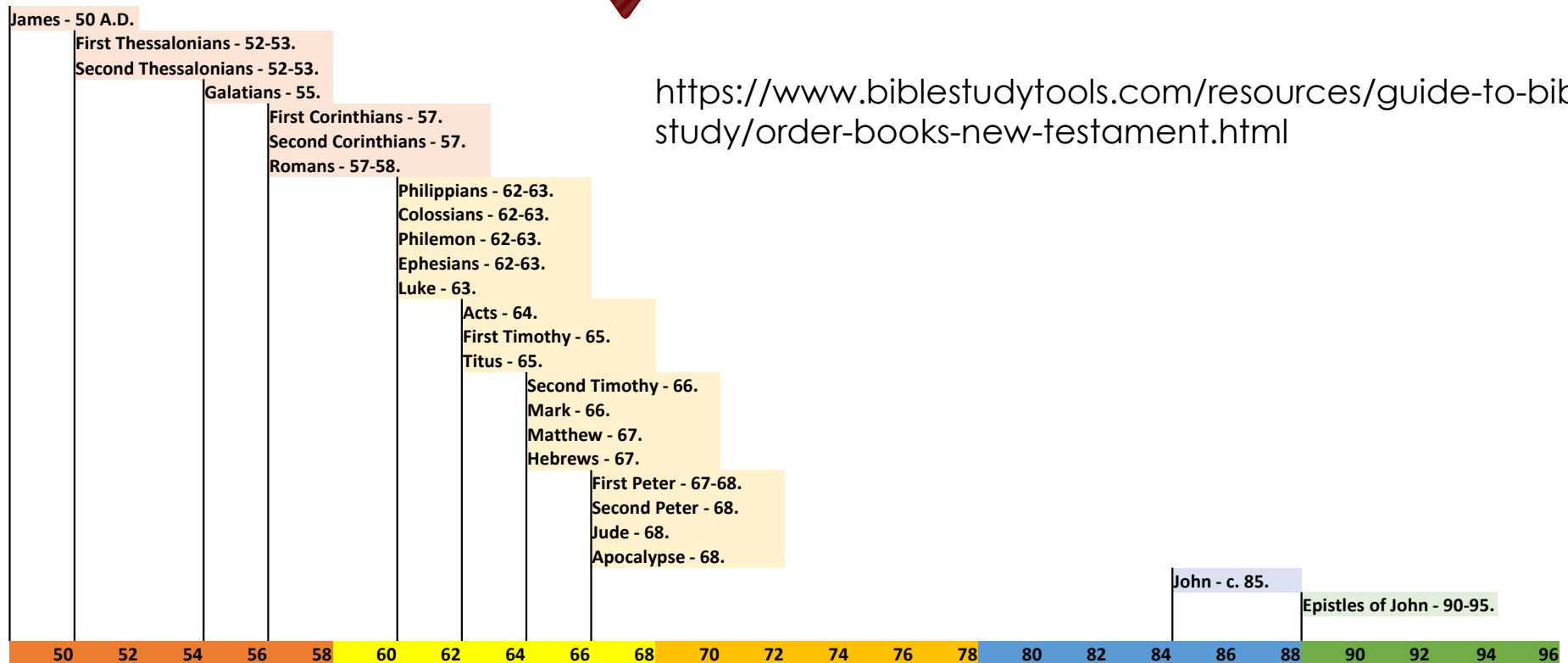
6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness [of sin], we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we [really] walk in the Light [that is, live each and every day in conformity with the precepts of God], as He Himself is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another [He with us, and we with Him], and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin [by erasing the stain of sin, keeping us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].

1 John 2:3(-6)



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Jude

- Who is 'Jude'? In the New Testament:
 - three times as Jude the Apostle (Luke 6:16, Acts 1:13, John 14:22)
 - twice as Jude the brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3)
- Issue(s)?

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Map of the 7 Churches of Asia

Revelation 2 & 3

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