

INTRODUCTION

Authorship – Paul **Romans 1:1**

Author gives us information that clearly connects the letter to the Apostle Paul.

1. The author states that he is of the tribe of Benjamin.

Romans 11:1; Philippians 3:4-6

2. The author sends greetings to Prisca & Aquilla “his fellow workers”.

Romans 16:3-4

Paul joins up with this couple (**Acts 18:2-3**) and leaves them in Ephesus (**Acts 18:18-19**) on his second missionary journey.

This couple hosted a church in Ephesus. **1 Cor 16:8,19**

3. The author refers to his journey to Jerusalem with the love gift from the Churches in Macedonia and Achaia.

Romans 15:25-27

Confirmed in **Acts 19:21; 1 Corinthians 16:1-5 ;**

2 Corinthians 8:1-12; 9:1-5

4. The author states clearly, his desire to see the church in Rome.

Romans 10: 10-13,15; 15:22-23

Confirmed to be Paul’s desire in **Acts 19:21**

Recipients

Jews

1. Prisca & Aquila – **Rom 16:3 (Acts 18:2, who were both Jews).**

2. Andronicus, Junias, & Herodian (My Kinsmen) **Rom16:7,11**

3. Paul addresses the Jews directly – **Romans 2:17; 4:1**

Gentiles

1. Paul addresses the Gentiles who are a part of the body.

Romans 11:13; 15:14-16

2. Paul had not yet been to Rome and Peter wasn't there because Paul doesn't send him greetings.

We don't know how the church was established but chapter 16

Clearly indicates that Paul had a lot of people he had worked with in the church.

Place and Date of The Writing

1. Written from Corinth, Anchrea being it's Eastern Harbor

Romans 16:1-2

Phoebe is going to Rome and Paul is taking the opportunity to send the letter.

2. The letter was written at the close of Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey, during the 3 months he was in Greece (**Acts 20:3**), just before his return to Jerusalem with the offering.

NOTE: In **Acts 20:4** these individuals accompanied the offering.

After leaving Corinth, Paul was in Philippi during the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread (**Acts 20:6**), desiring to reach Jerusalem by Pentecost (**Acts 20:16**).

3. The letter was written in the late Winter of AD 57 or early Spring of AD 58.

Purpose For the Writing

1. Paul expected to be visiting Rome soon.

Romans 1:1-15; 15:22-23, 29, 32

He wanted to inform them of his plans. He wanted to present a complete and detailed statement of the Gospel message which he proclaimed. Paul was eager to preach the Gospel to those who were at Rome(15) and he wanted them to know what it was.

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