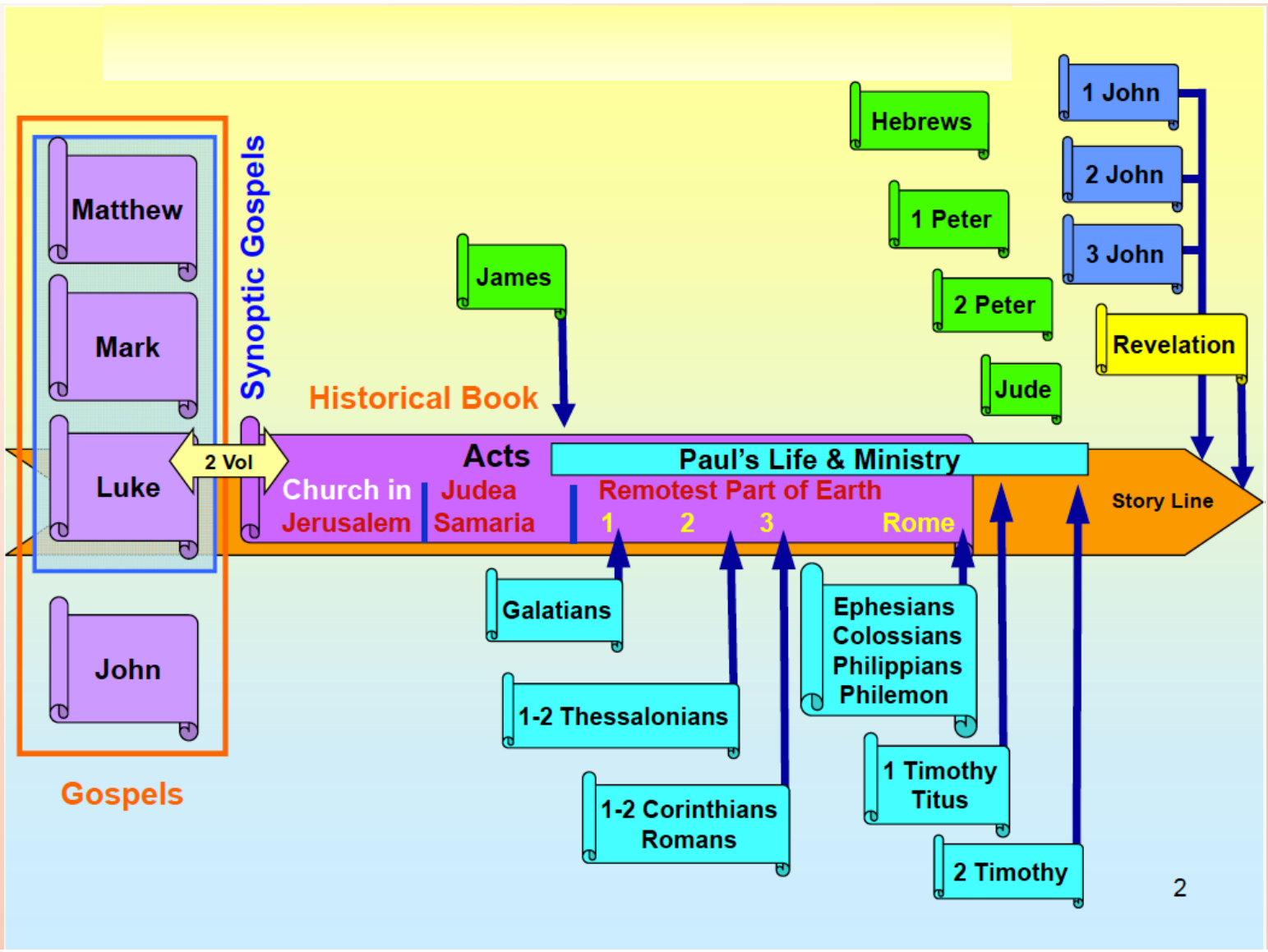


Reliability of HaBreet HaChadashah

Presented to
City of David
Messianic Synagogue
April 15, 2026





Books, Author, Dating

Galatians	Paul	49
1 Thessalonians	Paul	49-50
2 Thessalonians	Paul	50
1 Corinthians	Paul	55
2 Corinthians	Paul	55
Romans	Paul	56
James	James	44?
Mark	Mark	50s - 60s (?)
Philemon	Paul	60-62
Colossians	Paul	60-62
Ephesians	Paul	60-62

Luke	Luke	57-62
Acts	Luke	60-62
Philippians	Paul	61-62
1 Timothy	Paul	62-64
Titus	Paul	62-64
2 Timothy	Paul	62-64
1 Peter	Peter	Early 60s
2 Peter	Peter	Early 60s
Matthew	Matthew	40-60
Hebrews	?	60s
Jude	Jude	50s - 70s
John	John	80s - 90s
1 John	John	80s - 90s
2 John	John	80s - 90s
3 John	John	80s - 90s
Revelation	John	by 95

*Peter and Paul are believed to have been executed in Rome during AD 64 under Nero.

**Domitian was Emperor of Rome from AD 84 – AD 96. Nerva became Emperor in AD 96.



Archaeology



The Nazareth Decree

- Dated to Emperor Claudius (AD 41-54)
- “Ordinance of Caesar. It is my pleasure that graves and tombs remain undisturbed in perpetuity for those who have made them for the cult of their ancestors, or children, or members of their house. If, however, any man lay information that another has either demolished them, or has in any way extracted the buried, or has maliciously transferred them to other places in order to wrong them, or has displaced the sealing or other stones, against such a one I order that a trial be instituted, as in respect of the gods, so in regard to the cult of mortals. For it shall be much more obligatory to honor the buried. Let it be absolutely forbidden for anyone to disturb them. In the case of contravention I desire that the offender be sentenced to capital punishment on charge of violation of sepulture.”

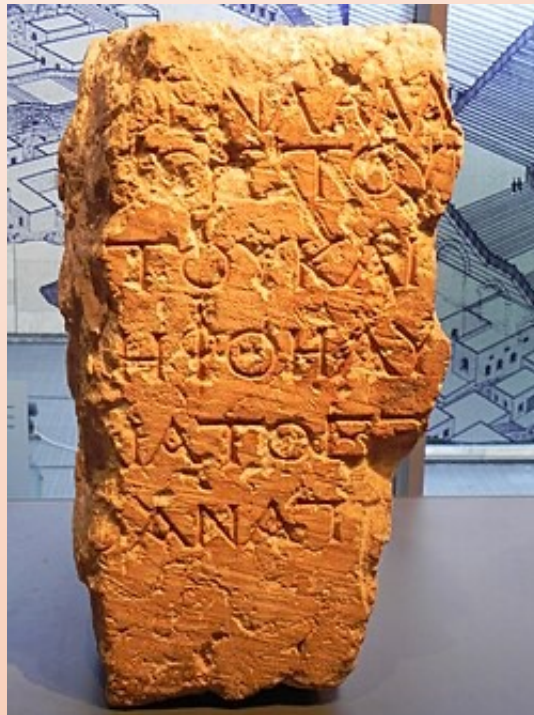
Archaeology



Archaeologists uncovered Bethesda's five porticoes, matching the Bible's John 5 healing pool precisely in Jerusalem.

- John 5
- Was dismissed as “legend” or embellishment beginning in 1700s through modern times.

Archaeology – Temple Warning Inscription



Creeds

...who, although He existed in the form of G-d, did not regard equality with G-d a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. **8** Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** For this reason also, G-d highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Yeshua every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and that every tongue will confess that Messiah Yeshua is Lord, to the glory of G-d the Father.

Phil. 2:6-11

Importance

- Creeds pre-date the written text of the HaBreet HaChadashah
- Creeds demonstrate Paul did not “create” Christianity
- Creeds affirm the centrality of the resurrection within HaBreet HaChadashah
- Scholars:
 - James D. G. Dunn – Circulating within months of the cross
 - Bart Ehrman (Atheist) – Circulating within weeks of the cross
 - Larry Hurtado – Circulating within DAYS of the cross



Creeds

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;
7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;
8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

1 Cor 15:3-8

Importance

- Creeds pre-date the written text of the HaBreet HaChadashah
- Creeds demonstrate Paul did not “create” Christianity
- Was in Corinth AD 50-51
- Letter was written AD 55
- No New Theology in the letter...just reminders of what Paul had already taught them



Q&A

