

Chronological Order of the NT Books

NT Book	Author	Place Written	Date and Circumstances
James	James (Jesus' half-brother)	Jerusalem	45–48 — following the martyrdom of James the brother of John, but likely before Jerusalem Council
Galatians	Paul	Unknown	49–50 — written shortly after the Jerusalem Council to the churches of Southern Galatia (some scholars take a later date in the mid-50s with the recipients in Northern Galatia)
1 Thessalonians	Paul	Corinth	51 — written during Paul's 2 nd missionary journey, after he planted the church in Thessalonica
2 Thessalonians	Paul	Corinth	51–52 — written several months after his first letter to the Thessalonians
1 Corinthians	Paul	Ephesus	55 — written during Paul's 3 rd missionary journey to the church at Corinth (a response to their questions)
2 Corinthians	Paul	Philippi	55–56 — written several months after 1 Cor. and also after the "severe letter" (2:4)
Romans	Paul	Corinth	56 — written during Paul's 3 rd missionary journey to Christians living in Rome
Matthew	Matthew	Jerusalem (?)	Mid to late 50s — written as an apologetic to the Jews regarding Jesus as the King
Luke	Luke	Rome	60 — written to Theophilus shortly before the book of Acts was written
Ephesians	Paul	Rome	61 — written during Paul's first Roman imprisonment; possibly a circulating letter
Colossians	Paul	Rome	61 — written during Paul's first Roman imprisonment; to those in Colosse
Philemon	Paul	Rome	61 — personal letter written to Philemon about runaway slave Onesimus
Acts	Luke	Rome	61 — follow-up to his Gospel; ends abruptly with Paul's first imprisonment (so likely written then)
Philippians	Paul	Rome	62 — written toward the end of Paul's first Roman imprisonment
1 Timothy	Paul	Macedonia	65 — written during Paul's 4 th missionary journey (cf. 1 Tim. 1:3)
Titus	Paul	While moving	65 — written during Paul's 4 th missionary journey (Titus 1:5)
1 Peter	Peter	Rome (Babylon)	65 — written as Nero's persecution was beginning to break out against Christians
2 Peter	Peter	Rome	67 — written to the same readers as 1 Peter, to warn against false teachers within the church
2 Timothy	Paul	Rome	67–68 — written shortly before Paul's death, during his second imprisonment
Jude	Jude (Jesus' half-brother)	Jerusalem	67–69 — most likely written before destruction of Jerusalem (since not mentioned in the book)
Hebrews	Unknown	Rome	67–69 — written toward the end of Nero's persecution, possibly by Paul
Mark	Mark	Rome	68–69 — written by Mark who recorded the memoirs of Peter regarding the life of Christ
John	John	Ephesus	Late 80s — written as a supplement to the Synoptic Gospels by the Apostle John, brother of James
1–3 John	John	Ephesus	90–95 — written from Ephesus, where John had relocated (from Jerusalem) two decades earlier
Revelation	John	Patmos	95–96 — written toward the end of Domitian's reign from John's exile on the Isle of Patmos

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