

# Titus: the Evangelist

## The Man

Converted :

By Apostle Paul Titus 1:4a

“To Titus, my true child in a common faith.”

Same language to Timothy (1 Tim 1:2) “My true child in the faith.”

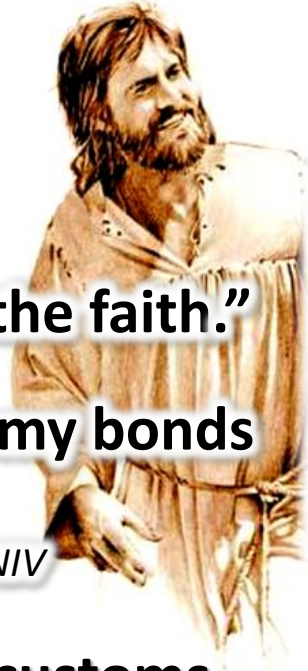
Phile v.10 My child, Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds

1 Cor 4:15 I became your father through the gospel NAS, NIV

Ethnicity: **Greek** [Helleen] By nationality or language & customs.

(Gal 2:1, 3) “After 14 years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking along Titus also... v.3 But not even Titus who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.”

“After his conversion”  
so says, *Pulpit, JFB.*  
*See incident in Acts 15.*



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## His Personality

### His Character

One of Paul's most trusted and close friends.

(2 Cor 8:16-17) Earnest, and willing to serve.

(2 Cor 8:19) Character known & trusted by churches.

### Capable, Strong person

**He handled tuff things in tuff churches.**

(2 Cor 12:18) Sent to Corinth with their troubles.

(Titus 1:5) In Crete to organized churches. Cretans known as (Titus 1:12) "Liars, Evil, lazy."

A stronger personality than Timothy (2 Tim 1:7-8)

So strong that Paul never cautioned churches not to scare him, as with Timothy. (2 Cor 16:10-11)





# Book of Titus: the Date

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1. After his release Paul left **Rome..**

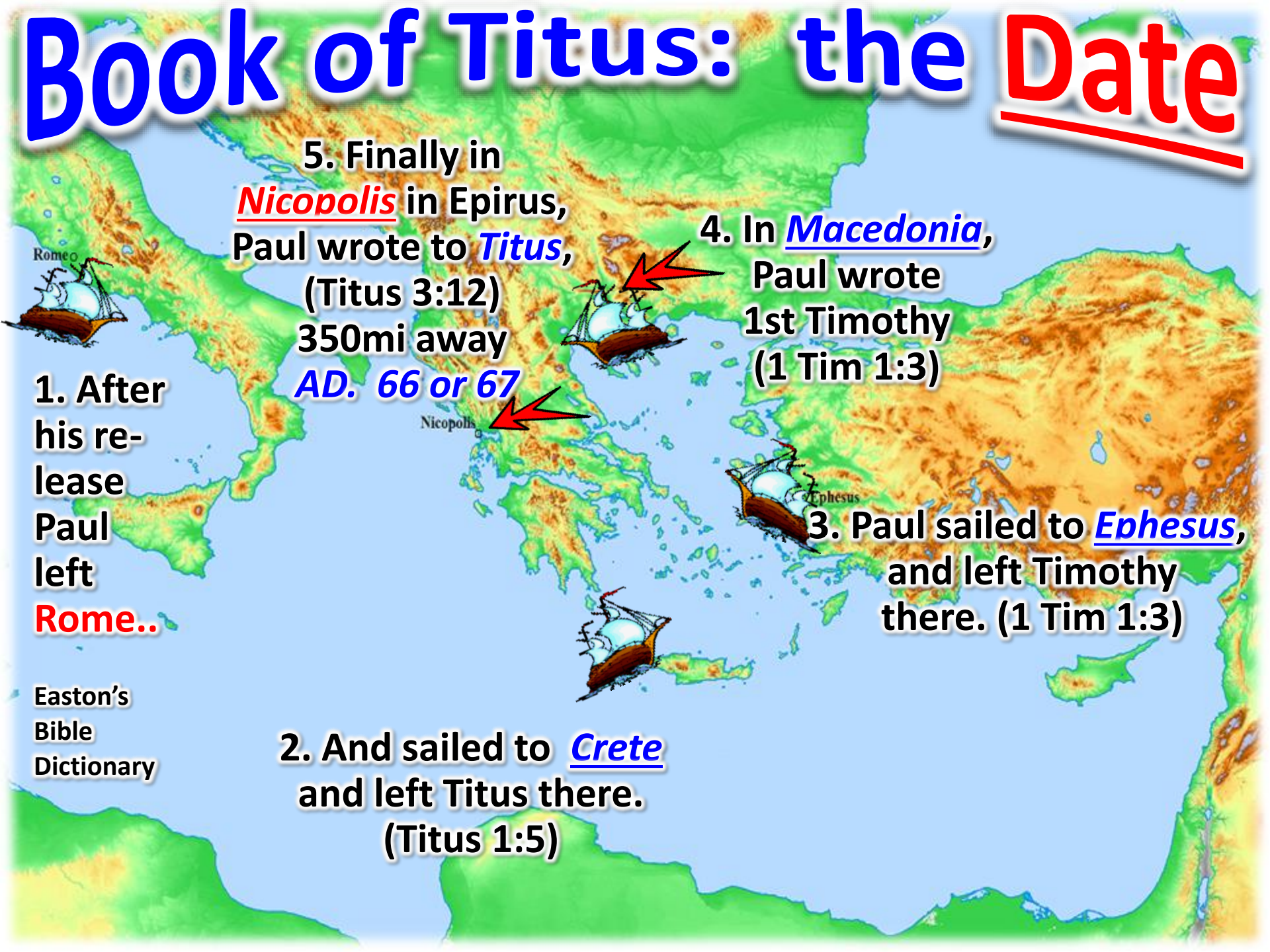
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5. Finally in Nicopolis in Epirus, Paul wrote to Titus, (Titus 3:12) 350mi away **AD. 66 or 67**

2. And sailed to Crete and left Titus there. (Titus 1:5)

4. In Macedonia, Paul wrote 1st Timothy (1 Tim 1:3)

3. Paul sailed to Ephesus, and left Timothy there. (1 Tim 1:3)



# Titus 1:1-4 the Salutation

Titus 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of God.



*Means?*

Doulos, “A slave, *One who gives himself up wholly to another’s will.*” Thayer

“Devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests.” Thayer

Titus 1:1 And an Apostle of Jesus Christ.

“One sent forth with orders.” Thayers

*Means?*

(2 Cor 12:12) The signs of a true apostle were performed among you... by signs, wonders & miracles.

Titus 1:1 For the faith of those Chosen of God.

(Eph 1:4) He chose us... (Rev 22:17) That the one who wishes...



# Titus 1:1-4 the Salutation

Titus 1:2 In the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the beginning of time. NIV

Promised  
from  
eternity  
(2 Tim 1:9)

Rev 17:8 The  
Book of life from the  
foundation of the world.

Dan 12:3 Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.



Titus 1:3 And at His appointed season He brought His word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior. NIV

1 Cor 15:8 And last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. NIV

Acts 9:15 He is My chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kinas & before the people of Israel NIV





# Titus 1:1-4 the Salutation

Titus 1:4 To Titus,  
my True child

**Geseeos teknon:**  
Genuine,  
Sincere.  
Cf Thayer

Possessing reputed good  
character or quality –  
'Genuine, real.'  
Louw

Titus 1:4 Grace and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Titus 1:4  
In a common faith

**Koino:** To have  
in common,  
Shared  
Louw

Jude 3 "I was making  
every effort to write you  
about our common  
[koino], salvation."



# The Churches in Crete

HOW MANY CITIES ON CRETE?



Titus 1:5 “For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in EVERY city...”

CRETE is a large island in the Mediterranean, about 150 miles in length and a maximum of 35 miles wide. There are 6 principle cities and hundreds of small hamlets.





# CRETE'S WHITE MOUNTAINS



# A VILLAGE IN WEST CRETE







# A CRETAN VALLEY



# Crete's Summit of 7,000 ft Mt Spathi





**Chania** is said to be one of the oldest, still inhabited cities in the world. It has been in existence for over 5000 years.

If true, then **Titus** was **Here!**



# TITUS 1:5 "APPOINT ELDERS IN EVERY CITY..."



**Rethymnon, W Central Crete**



**Agios Nikolaos, East Crete**



**Chania, West Crete**



**Heraklion, Capitol & largest city**



# Titus: His Mission

Titus 1:5 For this reason I left you in Crete,  
that you might set in order what remains...

Titus 1:10-11 Silence deceptive Jews upsetting families.

1:12-13 Reprove Cretans for being liars, evil, lazy...

1:14 Don't pay attention to Jewish myths .

2:2 Tell men to be sensible, and women not to gossip.

2:3 Have younger women be taught to love their  
husbands & children.

2:9-10 Urge slaves to be obedient, and not to steal.



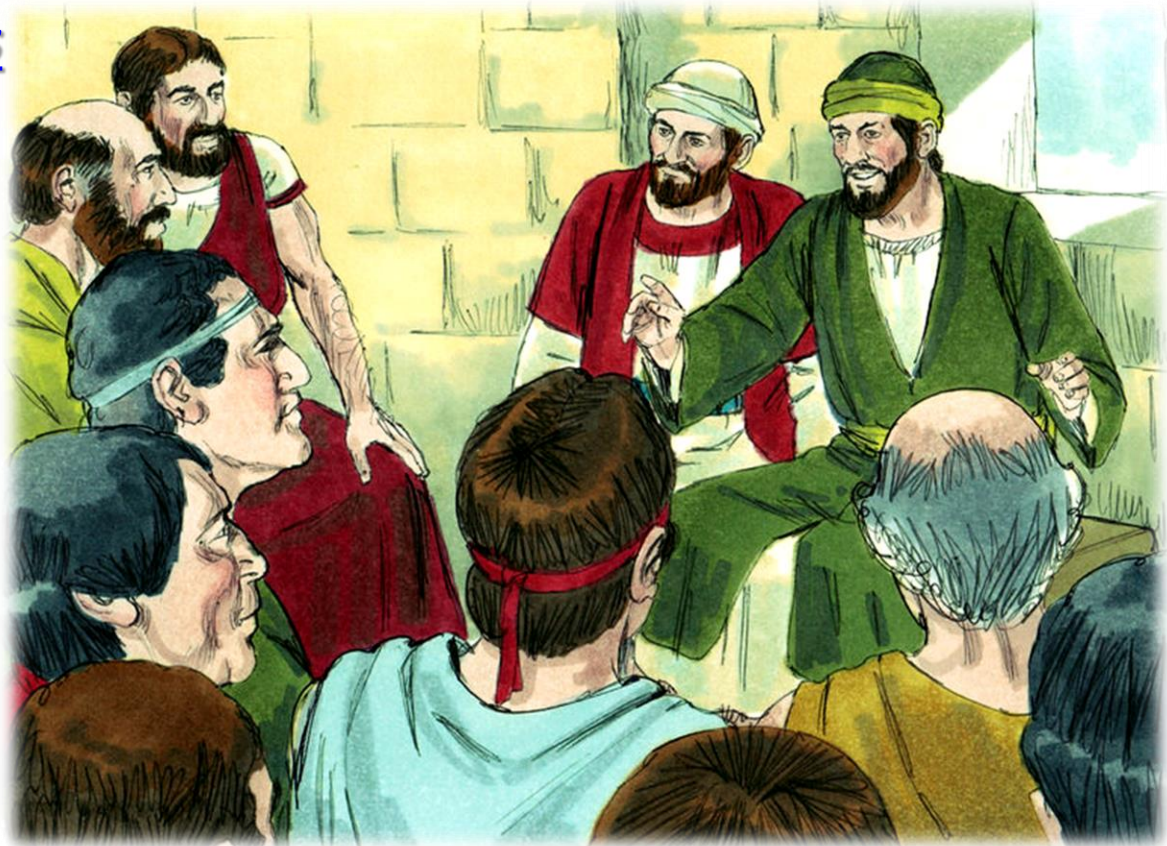
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1. It is the **Congregation's** job to **choose** the men.  
(Acts 6:3) *Not elder's job.*

2. It is the **Evangelist's** job to **appoint** the men.  
(Titus 1:5) *"To set over"*

3. Elders in **Every City!**  
(Acts 14:23) **Elders in every church!** Not one eldership over many churches! (cf 1 Pet 5:2)





# Titus 1:6-9 The Qualification of Elders

Titus 1:5b And appoint elders in every city... as I directed you.

v.6 "If any be blameless."

He won't be flawless (Jas 3:2; Eccles 7:20)

But is he above chargeable sin in a fair trial?



v.6 Husband of one wife? Or does he have three?

v.6 A man who has believing children NIV (Or are they pagans?)

v.6 And are not open to the charge of being wild & disobedient NIV

v.7 Not overbearing (self-willed). Not "lord" over others. (1 Pet 5:3)

v.7 Nor quick-tempered. (Jas 1:19) "Quick to hear... Slow to anger."



# Titus 1:6-9 The Qualification of Elders

- ❑ v.7 Not addicted to wine NAS

Not “given” to wine or any other addiction.  
“MAST—Alcohol Assessment Test”



- ❑ v.7 Not violent (NIV); Louw “A bully; a violent person.”  
Physically aggressive.



- v.7 Not fond of Sordid Gain (NAS)

Greek: aischrokerdeé  
“Shamefully greedy  
for material gain.”

Louw

“Repulsively greedy.” Vines





# Titus 1:6-9 The Qualification of Elders

- ❑ v.8 But hospitable, (Philoxenon)  
**Fond of guests** (Strong's)  
**Generous to guests** (Thayers)



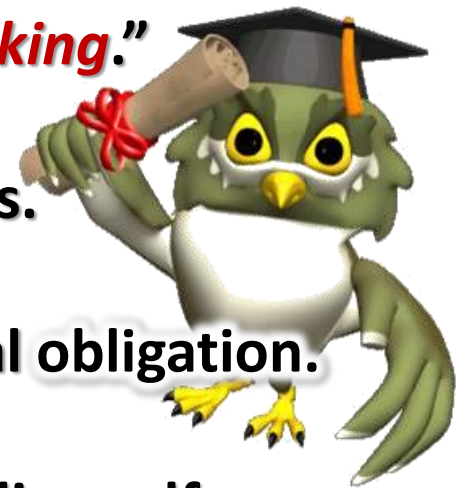
- ❑ v.8 loving what is good?  
(People & things)

- ❑ v.8 Is he sensible, Sophron, "**Balanced, safe thinking.**"

- ❑ v.8 Just, Dikion, **Fair, right**, observing divine laws.

- ❑ v.8 Devout, Hosion, **Holy**, observing every moral obligation.

- ❑ v.8 Self-controlled? **Mastering**, Curbing, Controlling self. Thayer





# Titus 1:6-9 The Qualification of Elders

- ❑ v.9 Holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.



*Must first be able to recognize false teachers and then correct (2 Tim 4:2-4)*

*(Acts 20:30) Note: False teachers to arise among the Ephesian Elders!*