

## **A LOOK AT THE BOOK 2 TIMOTHY**

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### **Author and Date**

The arguments concerning the authorship of the pastoral epistles in 1 Timothy apply to 2 Timothy also.

There is sufficient external and internal evidence to support the conclusion that Paul wrote the epistle.

It was written about A.D. 67.

### **Background**

After Paul's release from Rome he traveled throughout the known world.

Finally he was arrested and sent back to Rome.

This time the arrest was by the Romans rather than the Jews.

He wrote this as his last letter, expecting that he would soon be condemned to die.

Tradition confirms that he was beheaded soon afterwards.

Timothy was still ministering to the church in Ephesus.

### **Purpose and theme**

Apparently Paul's main purpose was to use his own experience and ministry as the basis for an exhortation to Timothy to be faithful in the fulfillment of the ministry he had been given.

The letter follows an intensely personal style.

Paul takes advantage of the occasion to warn Timothy of dangers both within the church and outside it.

He also asks him to visit him and to bring some of his personal possessions.

## 2 TIMOTHY

Faithfully fulfill your ministry

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