

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

2 TIMOTHY

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To give Timothy some final instructions and encouragement as he pastors the church at Ephesus.

Author

Paul

Date

Written about AD 66-67 from prison in Rome as Paul awaited execution under Emperor Nero.

Audience

To Timothy and all believers everywhere

Setting

Noting that several have abandoned him during his imprisonment, Paul's recollection of the sincerity and devotion of Timothy is especially poignant. He writes a final exhortation to Timothy to urge him to stand firm and to ask him to come for one final visit before he is executed, also asking for his books and parchments.

Special Features

Because this is his last letter, it reveals Paul's heart and his priorities—sound doctrine, steadfast faith, confident endurance, and enduring love.



Key Verses

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (1:7 ESV)

"I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed." (1:12b ESV)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (3:16 NIV)

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." (4:7-8 ESV)

Key People

Paul, Timothy, Luke, Mark, and others

Key Places

Rome, Ephesus