

THE PERIOD BETWEEN PAUL'S TWO ROMAN IMPRISONMENTS AD.
63-67

II Tim. 4:16-17 I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. Paul was referring to his release from Roman imprisonment when he said that!

After his release by the Roman authorities Paul spent four or five years traveling to the "*Land of the Gentiles*" and visiting Crete (Tit. 1:5), Nicopolis (Tit. 3:12), Troas (II Tim. 4:13), Miletus and Corinth (II Tim. 4:20).

The prophet Isaiah that the Gospel would reach the isles that belonged to the Gentiles (**Isa. 42:1:12**). From where we derive the term, "*Isles of the Gentiles.*" The UK!

Shaul wrote the Pastoral Epistles of I Timothy and Titus in AD 67 during this time.

It was during this period of release that Paul travelled to Spain (Romans. 15:24, 28,) Gaul, which later became known as France and on to Ludgate Hill which is the present site of St. Paul's Cathedral in London!

"And the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world. Perhaps no more is meant here than the Roman Empire. However, we are under no necessity to restrain the phrase to the Roman empire, as previously to the destruction of Jerusalem, the Gospel was not only preached in the lesser Asia, and Greece, and Italy, the greatest theatres of action then in the world; but was likewise propagated as far north as SCYTHIA; as far south as ETHIOPIA; as far east as PARTHIA and India; and as far west as Spain and Britain. There is some probability that the Gospel was preached in the British nations by St. Simon the apostle; that there is much greater probability that it was preached here by St. Paul; and that there is an absolute certainty that it was planted here in the times of the apostles, before the destruction of Jerusalem."

[Taken from "The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" by Adam Clarke, LL.D, F.S.A., Vol. 1, Mtt. 24:14, page 229]

The historian Eusebius, in his third book of "*Evangelical Demonstrations*", chapter 7, admitted that the apostles "*passed over to those which are called the British Isles.*" Again he wrote: "*Some of the Apostles preached the Gospel in the British Isles.*"

Ma'aseh Schlichim/Acts 29 From the Sonni Mss: Sometime in the late 1700's and before 1800, C.S.Sonnini published his copy of Sonnini's Travels in Turkey and Greece.

It was published and translated into English sometime late in 1799, available at the earliest about 1800.

COPY OF "SONNINI MANUSCRIPT"

Verse 1. And Paul, full of the blessings of Christ, and abounding in the spirit, departed out of Rome, determining to go into Spain, for he had a long time purposed to journey thitherward, and was minded also to go from thence into Britain. Verse 2. For he had heard in Phoenicia that certain of the children of Israel, about the time of the Assyrian captivity, had escaped by sea to "the isles afar off," as spoken by the prophet, and called by the Romans, Britain. Verse 3. And the Lord commanded the gospel to be preached far hence to the Gentiles, and to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. Verse 4. And no man hindered Paul; for he testified boldly of Jesus before the tribunes and among the people; and he took with him certain of the brethren which abode with him at Rome, and they took shipping at Ostium, and having the winds fair were brought safely into an haven of Spain. Verse 5. And much people were gathered together from the towns and villages and the hill country; for they had heard of the conversion of the apostle, and the many miracles which he had wrought. Verse 6. And Paul preached mightily in Spain, and great multitudes believed and were converted, for they perceived he was an apostle sent from God. Verse 7. And they departed out of Spain, and Paul and his company finding a ship in Armorica sailing unto Britain, they went therein, and passing along the South coast they reached a port called Raphinus. Verse 8. Now when it was noised abroad that the apostle had landed on their coast, great multitudes of the inhabitants met him, and they treated Paul courteously, and he entered in at the east gate of their city, and lodged in the house of an Hebrew and one of his own nation. Verse 9. And on the morrow he came and stood upon Mount Lud; and the people thronged at the gate, and assembled in the Broadway, and he preached Christ unto them, and many believed the word and the testimony of Jesus. Verse 10. And at even the Holy Ghost fell upon Paul, and he prophesied, saying, Behold in the last days the God of Peace shall dwell in the cities, and the inhabitants thereof shall be numbered; and in the seventh numbering of the people, their eyes shall be opened, and the glory of their inheritance shine forth before them. And nations shall come up to worship on the Mount that testifieth of the patience and long suffering of a servant of the Lord. Verse 11. And in the latter days new tidings of the Gospel shall issue forth out of Jerusalem, and the hearts of the people shall rejoice, and behold, fountains shall be opened, and there shall be no more plague. Verse 12. In those days there shall be wars and rumours of wars; and a king shall rise up, and his sword shall be for the healing of the nations, and his peacemaking shall abide,

and the glory of his kingdom a wonder among princes. Verse 13. And it came to pass that certain of the Druids came unto Paul privately, and showed by their rites and ceremonies they were descended from the Jews which escaped from bondage in the land of Egypt, and the apostle believed these things, and he gave them the kiss of peace. Verse 14. And Paul abode in his lodgings three months, confirming in the faith and preaching Christ continually. Verse 15. And after these things Paul and his brethren departed from Raphinus, and sailed unto Atium in Gaul. Verse 16. And Paul preached in the Roman garrisons and among the people, exhorting all men to repent and confess their sins. Verse 17. And there came to him certain of the Belgae to enquire of him of the new doctrine, and of the man Jesus; and Paul opened his heart unto them, and told them all things that had befallen him, how be it that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; and they departed, pondering among themselves upon the things which they had heard. Verse 18. And after much preaching and toil Paul and his fellow labourers passed into Helvetia, and came unto Mount Pontius Pilate, where he who condemned the Lord Jesus dashed himself down headlong, and so miserably perished. Verse 19. And immediately a torrent gushed out of the mountain and washed his body broken to pieces into a lake. Verse 20. And Paul stretched forth his hands upon the water and prayed unto the Lord, saying, O Lord God, give a sign unto all nations that here Pontius Pilate, which condemned thine only-begotten Son, plunged down headlong into the pit. Verse 21. And while Paul was yet speaking, behold there came a great earthquake, and the face of the waters was changed, and the form of the lake like unto the Son of Man hanging in an agony upon the cross. Verse 22. And a voice came out of heaven saying, Even Pilate hath escaped the wrath to come, for he washed his hands before the multitude at the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus. Verse 23. When, therefore, Paul and those that were with him saw the earthquake, and heard the voice of the angel, they glorified God, and were mightily strengthened in the spirit. Verse 24. And they journeyed and came to Mount Julius, where stood two pillars, one on the right hand and one on the left hand, erected by Caesar Augustus. Verse 25. And Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, stood up between the two pillars, saying, Men and brethren, these stones which ye see this day shall testify of my journey hence; and verily I say, they shall remain until the outpouring of the spirit upon all nations, neither shall the way be hindered throughout all generations. Verse 26. And they went forth and came unto Illyricum intending to go by Macedonia into Asia, and grace was found in all the churches; and they prospered and had peace. Amen.

If the Church in Rome had let the migrations of Paul be known then they would of lost their stranglehold on identity and thereby power!