

# TITUS

The book of Titus is another epistle written to one of Paul's ministry protégé's. Titus had served with Paul in Galatia (Gal 2:1-3) and at Corinth (2 Corinthians 8:23). Now Paul was sending him to the island of \_\_\_\_\_ for a ministry assignment, to help several house churches. Crete was an island in the Eastern Mediterranean sea. The Cretans had a reputation that preceded them. First of all they were known as rugged warriors, hired by the likes of the Romans and even King \_\_\_\_\_ as mercenaries for war. They were also known as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and gluttonous (Titus 1:12). Many Jews would immigrate to Crete for various reasons. They would also return back to their homeland for various \_\_\_\_\_ celebrations. One such celebration was the festival of Pentecost. We learn from Acts 2:11 that it is very possible that some Cretans were present at the evangelistic explosion during that festival (Acts 2:8 & 11). If so, that would bring a \_\_\_\_\_ influence to an otherwise unevangelized area. We also know that \_\_\_\_\_ sailed by Crete several times on his missionary journeys according to Acts 27.

## **Chapter 1**

Paul opens with his signature greeting, addressing it to Titus and stating his \_\_\_\_\_ for the letter (v1-5). Since Paul had given Titus the responsibility of ordaining elders, he gives him the \_\_\_\_\_ for those elders (v6-9). Paul now exposes the reason for this assignment. \_\_\_\_\_ men posing as believers had infiltrated the house churches and gained leadership positions. This was recking \_\_\_\_\_ on the house churches (v10-16).

## **Chapter 2**

Paul gives instruction about the **content** of what Titus should be teaching (v1-7). His teaching would be age and gender specific. Paul now address those who are involved in \_\_\_\_\_ servitude (v9-10). Paul ends this section with truths about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the reason for the believer to make these teachings part of how they live (v11-15).

### **Chapter 3**

Paul starts with more exhortations for the Christians in Crete which includes a look at their lives \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ salvation (v1-7). He gives them somewhat of a \_\_\_\_\_ to live by (v8-9) and a final instruction on dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ (v10-11). The letter ends with Paul's final instructions for Titus (v12-15).