

Walking in the Sandals of the Apostle Paul

“A Study in the Book of Acts”

Temple Baptist Church
February 20, 2022



Herod the Great (40-4 BC)



Emperors of Rome



27BC-14AD
Augustus



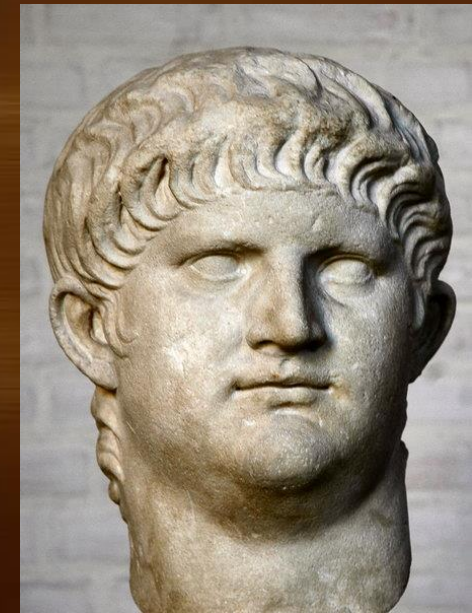
14AD-37AD
Tiberius
Absent-Hedonist



37AD-41AD
Caligula
Murdered



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54AD-68AD
Nero
Suicide

New foreign Roman gods...

Phrygia



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Mithras



Mithras

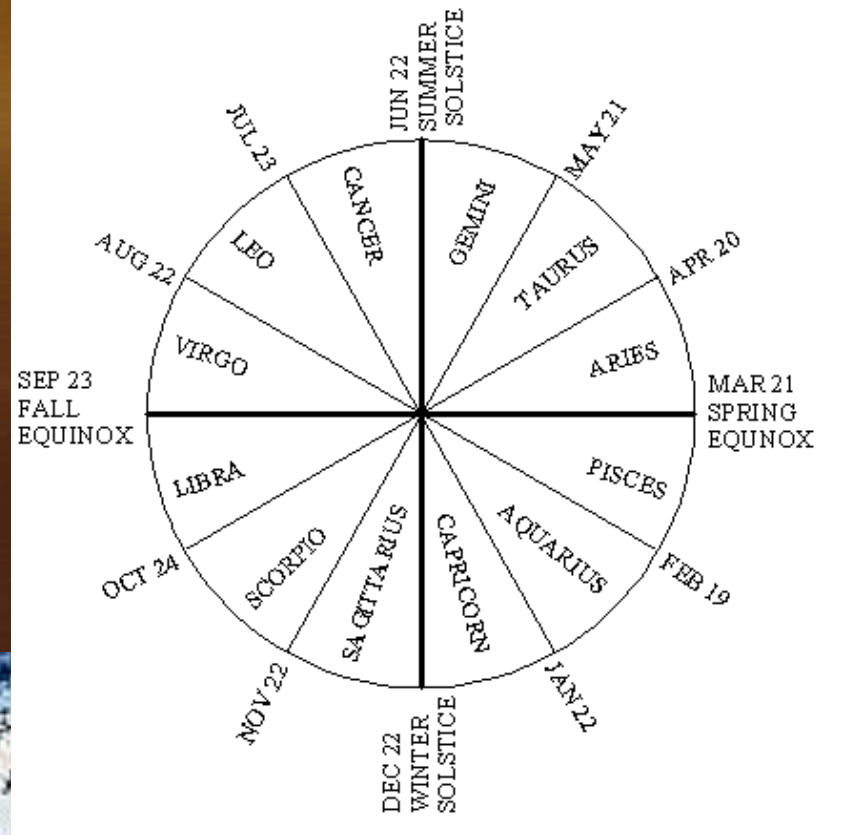




Mithras

New foreign Roman gods... Mithras

- ❖ Men Only, particularly popular with the Roman military
- ❖ Mystery Religion
- ❖ Seven Grades of Initiation
- ❖ Thousands of Mithraeums (places of worship) have been found from Britain to Syria. It is estimated that there were 680 in Rome alone. All built underground.
- ❖ Thousands of Images of Mithras have been discovered.
- ❖ Birth from the rock, bull sacrifice, association with sun and the stars as well as snakes, dogs, and scorpions.



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New foreign Roman gods... Cybele

- ❖ Mystery Religion worshiped in a Metroon close to the city center.
- ❖ She arrives on a chariot pulled by Lions with Attis as her Consort.
- ❖ Here followers were characterized by their wine consumption as well as wild immoral parties and events.
- ❖ Her rise came in Rome during the 2nd war against Carthage (218 to 201 B.C.)
- ❖ During Augustus Caesar's reign, one week in March was dedicated to her honor with processions, plays, & chariot races.
- ❖ She was portrayed as the protector of Roman Cities and the Empire as a whole.
- ❖ Associated with lions, forests, and violets.



Cybele

Magna Mater – Great Mother



Alexandria



New foreign Roman gods... Isis

- ❖ Ancient Egyptian goddess that watches over the dead and children.
- ❖ Through magic resurrected her brother and husband Osiris
- ❖ The god Horus was her son
- ❖ Center of worship on the Island of Philae located in the center of the Nile River.
- ❖ Temples to Isis were constructed throughout the empire.
- ❖ Even today many neopagans worship Isis and attempt to practice here dark magic.



Osiris

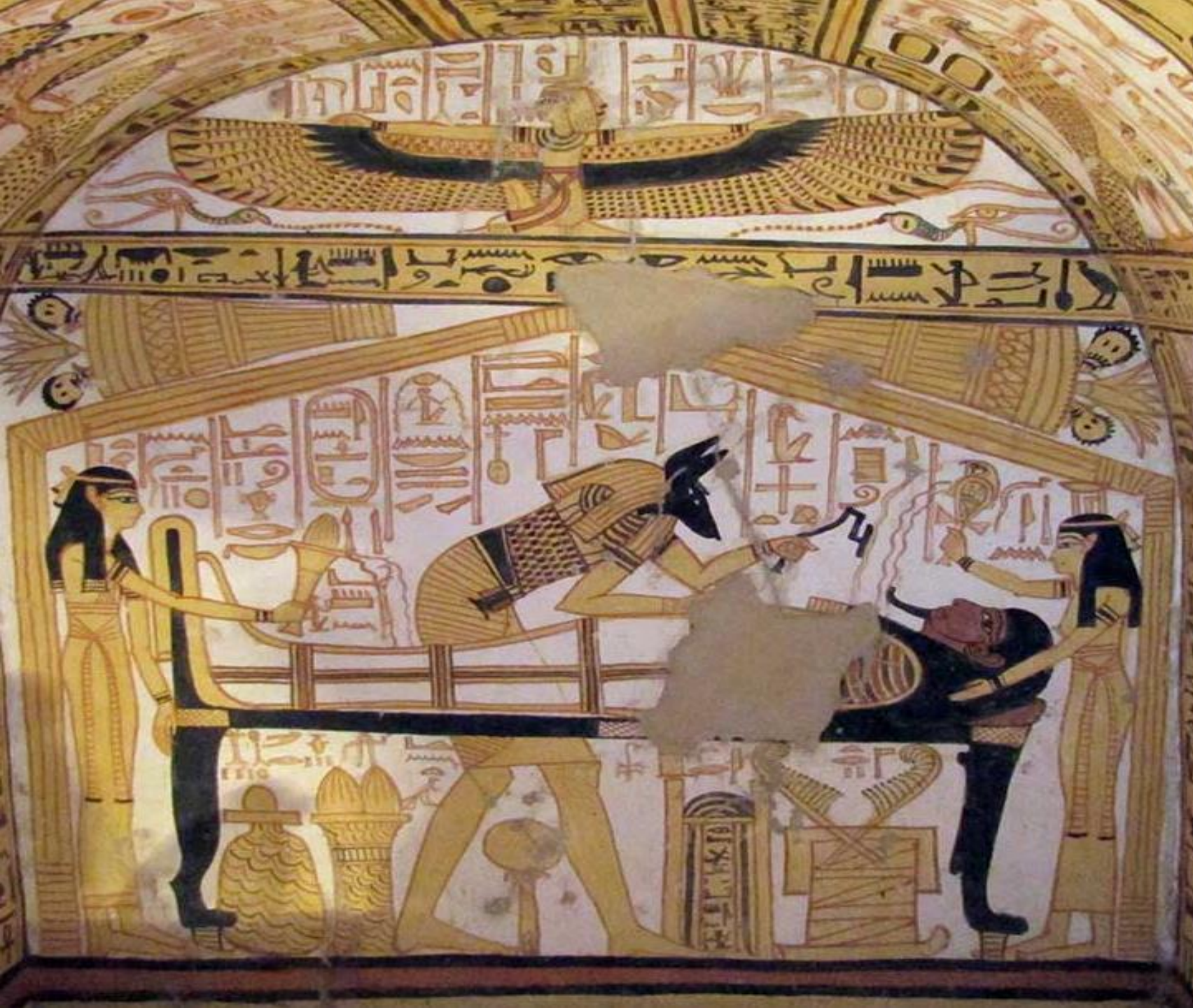


Isis

Isis



Horus



Isis



Isis

Isis



Island of Philae



Sistrum



New foreign Roman gods... Serapis

- ❖ Cult was created promulgated by Ptolemy the first. His intent was to unify the Greeks and Egyptians.
- ❖ Patron god of Alexandria. Associated with abundance and resurrection.
- ❖ Attributes taken from Greek mythology with Egyptian trappings added.
- ❖ Took on chthonic or earthly characteristics of Zeus, Hades, Osiris, and other lesser gods.
- ❖ Worshiped in structures called Serapeum's.

Serapis



Serapis



Serapeum



Roman Currency

Prutah ~1/8th As

(Widows Mite or
Farthing?)



Lepton ~1/4 As



As



Semi = $\frac{1}{2}$ As



Dupondius
= 2 As



Sestartius
= 4 As



Quinarius
= 8 As



Denarius
= 16 As



Aureus~
Quinarius
= 12.5
Denarius



Aureus
= 25
Denarius



First "In God We Trust"



Julio-Claudian Emperors of Rome



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Augustus



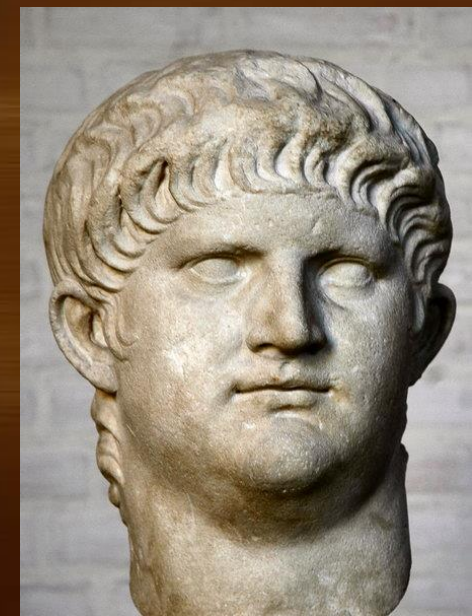
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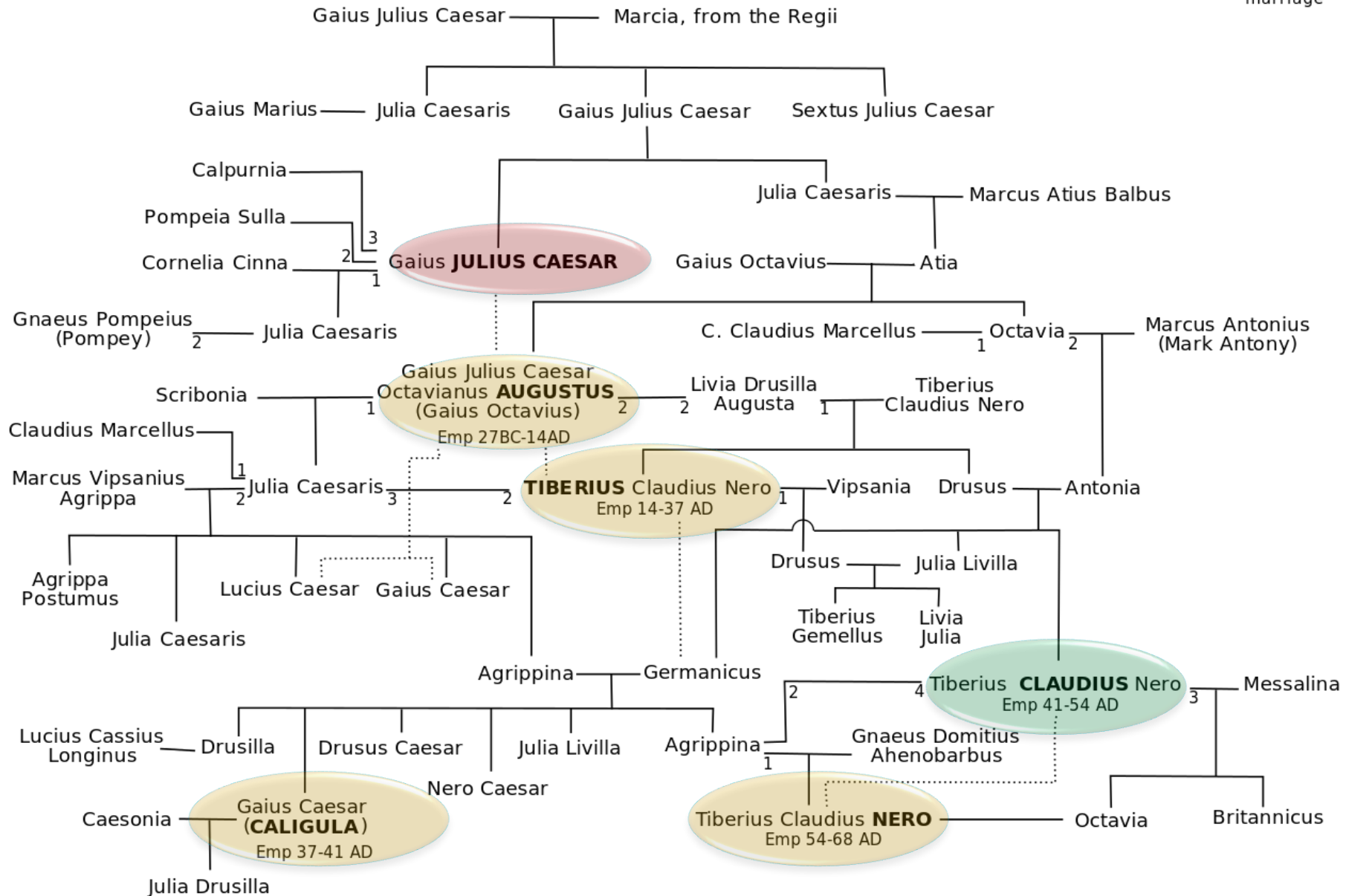


54AD-68AD
Nero
Suicide

son/daughter Emp, emperor
Dict, dictator

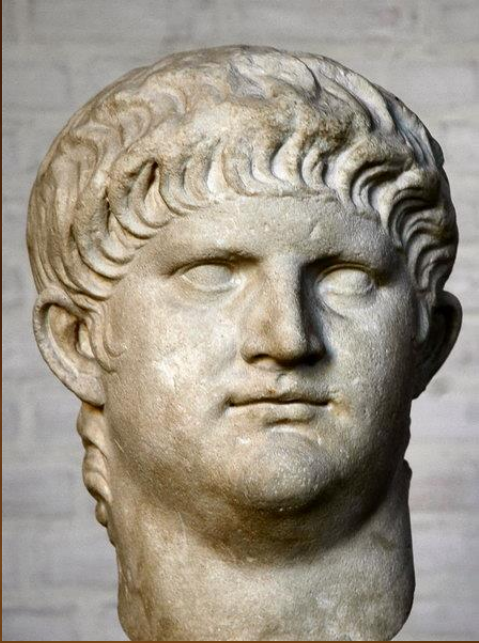
adopted son

— marriage 1,2,... number of marriage



Year of the Four Emperors

68 to 69 AD



54 AD - June 8, 68 AD

Nero
Suicide



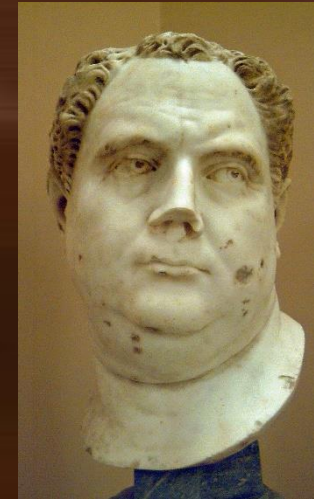
June 9, 68 AD -
January 15, 69 AD

Galba
Murdered by
Pretorian Guard



January 15, 69 AD
- April 16, 69 AD

Otho
Suicide



April 16, 69 AD -
December 20, 69
AD

Vitellius
Murdered by
Soldiers of the
Danube Legions


December 21, AD 69 -
June 23 79 AD
Vespasian



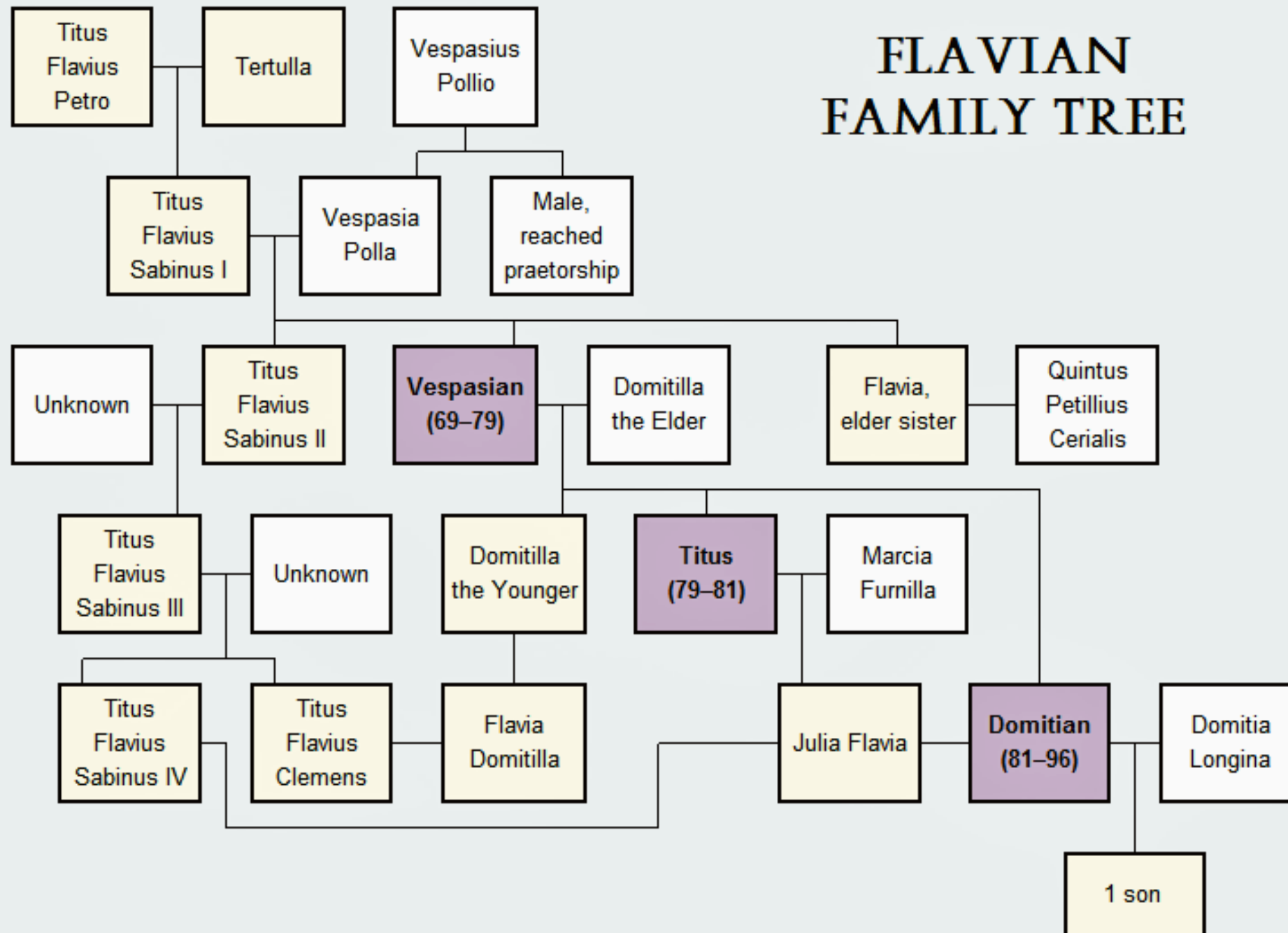
IMPERIUM ROMANUM

68 - 69 AD



	GALBA	8 jun 68 - 15 jan 69
	OTHO	15 jan 69 - 16 apr 69
	VITELLIUS	17 apr 69 - 20 dec 69
	VESPASIANUS	21 dec 69 - 23 jun 79

FLAVIAN FAMILY TREE



Flavian Emperors of Rome



December 21, AD 69 –
June 23 79 AD
Vespasian



June 23 79 AD –
September 14, AD 81
Titus



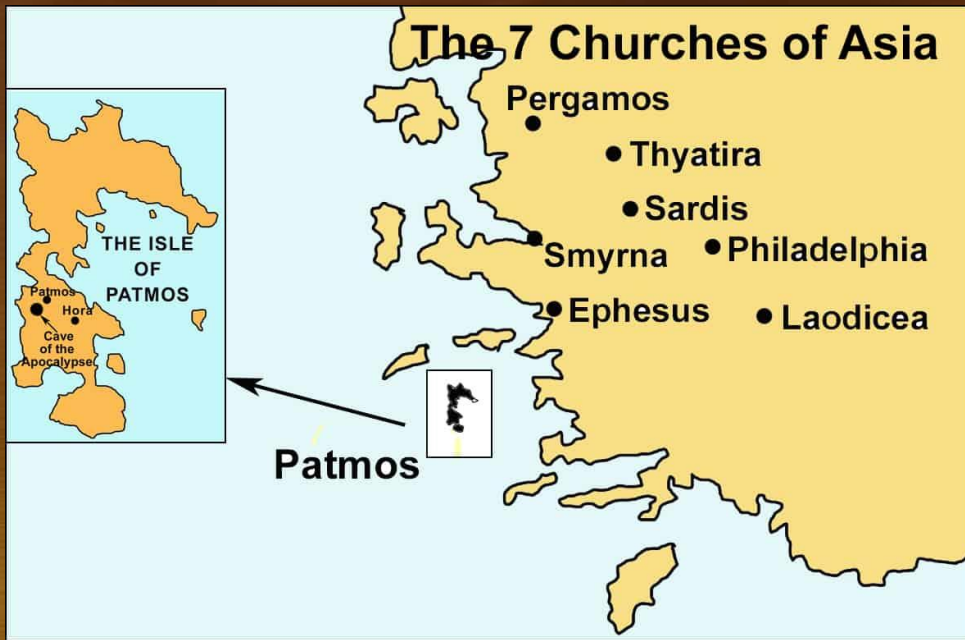
September 14, 81 AD –
September 18, 96 AD
Domitian
Murdered by Senate

Flavian Emperors of Rome



Flavian Emperors of Rome

John on the Island of Patmos



Next Week:

“Luke and Theophilus”