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CNTTS apparatus in Bibleworks 9; v. 4's extra **tei** is only in 'psi', #044 Aland Categ III *Athous Lavrensis*, but matches Paul's repeating style and its parallel in prior clause, so is counted. V. 5's extra (emphatic?) **kai**, though in nine witnesses including Cat I #33, seems to throw the meter off, so is excluded.

	Syllable Count	Cumulative	
<sup>1</sup> Παῦλος ἀπόστολος Χριστοῦ <mark>Ἰη</mark> σοῦ	10	10	
διὰ θελήματος θεοῦ	8	18	
καὶ Τιμόθεος ὁ ἀδελφὸς	9	<b>27</b>	
τῆ ἐκκλησίᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ τῆ οὔση ἐν Κορίνθῳ	15	42	
σὺν τοῖς ἁγίοις πᾶσιν τοῖς οὖσιν ἐν ὅλη τῆ ἀχαΐᾳ,	<b>17</b>	<b>59</b>	
$^2$ χάρις ὑμῖν κ $\frac{\alpha \grave{\iota}}{\epsilon \grave{\iota}}$ ρήνη ἀπὸ θ $\epsilon$ οῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν	15	74	
καὶ κυρ <mark>ίου</mark> <u>Ἰη</u> σοῦ Χριστοῦ.	7	81	
<sup>3</sup> Εὐλογητὸς ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ	10	91	
τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰ <mark>η</mark> σοῦ Χριστοῦ,	10	101	
ὁ πατὴρ τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν καὶ θεὸς πάσης παρακλήσ <mark>∈ω</mark> ς,	<b>16</b>	117	
<sup>4</sup> ὁ παρακαλῶν ἡμᾶς ἐπὶ πάση τῆ θλίψει ἡμῶν	16	133	
εἰς τὸ δύνασθαι ἡμᾶς παρακαλεῖν τοὺς ἐν πάσῃ <mark>τῇ</mark> θλίψει	18	<b>151</b>	
διὰ τῆς παρακλήσ <mark>εω</mark> ς ἧς παρακαλούμεθα αὐτοὶ ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ.	21	<b>172</b>	
$^5$ ὅτι καθώς περισσεύει τὰ παθήματα τοῦ $ m X$ ριστοῦ εἰς ἡμᾶς,	19	191	
οὕτως 础 διὰ τοῦ Χριστοῦ περισσεύει καὶ ἡ παράκλησις ἡμῶν	. 19	210	

## **Meter Import**

Paul piggybacks on his 1 Cor formula. It's now well after March 4162 From Adam's Fall (FAF), aka AD 56, because

- o the 28 (10+18) have passed (1st dateline of 1 Cor was 28 years after the Lord started His Ministry, aka the 15th year of Tiberius (counting his co-regency from the start of AD 13). So it's the
- 27<sup>th</sup> year until the <u>payback</u> period on <u>Abraham's too-early maturation</u> completes (4136 start = 4135 end + 54 = 4189 27 = 4162; 1<sup>st</sup> dateline over a year prior, used 28 not 27, but same formula).
- o 42 years since Augustus died. ('Play again on Mary benchmarking Tiberius coming into his own, 4162 -42 = 4120 -4106 = AD 14.)
- o 42<sup>nd</sup> year until the Lord is age 100. Maybe that's a flipside irony: in the year Paul writes, Tiberius would have been 100 years old, having died in the very year the Lord was to die under the Davidic schedule, just after *ides*, as did his legal grandfather Julius Caesar.
- o 4162.75 (42<sup>nd</sup> /2) = 4142, when per the Davidic deadline He should have died (end of prior year, since the schedule was to die two weeks after the vernal equinox start 4143, since that's Passover, per Exodus 12). Means he probably writes just before the autumnal equinox will change the year to 4163; else the 42<sup>nd</sup> split wouldn't resonate. Change from 12 to 10, and from 72 to 74, are added alerts to this timespan (as you can't split a syllable).
- o 4162 + (42nd /2) = 4183 = 80th year of His (actual) Birth per Davidic deadline, playing on 1Kings 6:1; 77th per Abrahamic (='our' AD), irony playing on Isaiah 52:13-15; 50th after His Ministry *START*; 47th from His Death, which year *should have been* His Ministry START per Abrahamic (same 4136), as He was to live *7 more years*; so, 40th per Davidic for His Death, 37th per Abrahamic (2046+2100 to finish Jewish Time). Paul seemingly picks *this* dateline, to show equidistance and switching fiscals display how *GOD RECONCILES TIME*.
- Verse 3 seems to set basis for Ephesians' 10-10 marching cadence that 1Peter interleaves: Εὐλογητὸς ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, slowing kuriou into 3 syllables. Paul uses kuriou both as 2 and 3 syllables, to state doctrine (v.2's two syllables make a 7 clause, stress Perfection; here, kuriou = three syllables to stress Equality with Father). Big surprise.
- o But of course when Paul writes, The Lord's now 59.
- 91 years after Herod the Great finished warring with the Jews to establish his rule vs. Antigonus, but now with focus on the aftermath. So too, it means 91st year to end of countdown in Zecharias+7.

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- o Paul uses the **91** KING VS. KING analogy, as the Corinthians took his prior censure against their childishness, to heart. So ever the opportunist, Paul uses their recent suffering and his own, to craft an amalgamated panoramic drama (which is snoozy, obtuse, horribly religified and boring in translation) of the highs HRH The Holy Spirit plays YOUR PERSONAL 24/7 ROYAL ADVISOR not 'comforter', for crying out loud! Oh yes many comforts, perquisites too, since we are Royal Family -- and lows, sufferings of the spiritual life; which are ROYAL TOO, tolerating religious nitwits; worse, command pressure of monitoring one's own thought every five seconds, aka 'bring every thought into captivity to Christ' (2 Cor 10:5) and Ambassadorship (2Cor 5:20), NOT BODY STUFF. Rulers are paid to THINK. Peasants, can only doo.
- o Peasants regard body stuff as important, crow all day about their body 'suffering', which isn't even spiritual. A ruler, cannot regard body stuff *at all*; the king's 'suffering' consists of learning how to disregard, grow past peasant preoccupations... and into, thinking like THE KING. And what's the difference? Peasants oooh and aaahhh over appearances, behaviors, sounds, feelings. For, they cannot discern; so instead like the babies they are, 'navigate' their pros and cons, based on what's shallow, visible, popular.
- o The King must be completely independent of all that, and totally discerning. *But the king is human! This is impossible!* But Our King did it. *So His Advisor will teach us how.. if we want to learn.* Get the analogy? It's a killer life. And nothing else can be more enjoyable, not for all the world's money and perqs.
- o So look: THE SPIRITUAL LIFE IS BEING AT WAR WITH SELF, the ultimate civil war. *Herod lost that one!* Yeah, and when Paul later writes Romans Chaps 2-7 (maybe the following year, I'm not sure yet), you'll see him wax universal, from Adam to the Millennium: *this 2 Cor, is just a warm up, a preview of coming contractions!*
- O So this '91', has another value: Tribulation. The pre-Church schedule of the Trib, was to begin when the Lord was in his 91st year. But for a king, the tribulation is internal. Not, body stuff. Royal thought pattern to develop: on the one hand I have Royal Privileges, but on the other, Royal Pains. Text is prophetical from AD 87 forward. Isaiah and Daniel used meter this way; Magnificat and Zecharias updated them; Paul continues that prophetic style: from the 80's onward, it will be a bad ride. (Text here is Εὐλογητὸς ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστου. That's also how he begins Ephesians 1:3; Peter will interleave 1Peter1:1-12 with that text, turning it into a marching song. So when Paul gets to Ephesians several years later, he'll map out how the world depends on the developing few spiritual kings, and how the earthly kings represent the spiritual denouement which becomes Church. By Constantine (syllable = year AD 301, overlapping with Diocletian), Church will be in the toilet. And it never recovers. That creates the perennial 'winter of our discontent', fourth quarter (91 without subdivisions) in Ephesians 1:13-14. During which, we have the DOWNPAYMENT OF THE SPIRIT (ho estin arrabon, in Eph 1:14), ever Our Royal Advisor for the few proelpikotas, handfuls of harvest only God sees, learning His Royal Road. Dramatic, huh. Nothing like what you see in translation, huh.)
- Paul's 133 and 210 here, are cross-reference 'concordance' tags of <u>Isaiah 53</u> and <u>Psalm 90</u>; the latter's syllable paragraphs 133 and 210 are at its verses 7 and 10, respectively. Verse 7 is on how we live in the futility of our lives, angry at God, but calling it HIS anger. Verse 10, is on how short our lives are: 80 years, at best, and then we just vanish. Isaiah 53 took 133 and personalized it to Manasseh: whose apostasy was so bad, God said He'd take down the Temple (Isaiah 53:1-3). Manasseh repented, took the prostitutes out of Temple (!) but the people didn't repent; so <u>Daniel</u> tagged Isaiah's 133 to create his Time Track 2. Isaiah paralleled 133 on both sides of Chapter 53, like candlesticks, to show Israel as a whole, would keep going the way of Manasseh. By Isaiah 53:5 syllable 210, the Temple was down 7 years. ('Going down at syllable 203=586 BC in his timeline, end verse 4, God, Violated, elohim ummuneh!)
- o So Paul already forecasts the same future, for Church. Since the Lord's actual age is **59**, subtract 3 to convert to AD. In Ephesians, the counts are already exactly at our AD years. ('56' in Ephesians, is split; aft, it refers to 28 years after Christ died. 28 forward = when the 50-year Harvesting the Gentiles period, completes.) Read Ephesians raw syllable counts = His originally-scheduled Age, and tally the biting sarcasm to real history you can check. But that doesn't seem to be his method, here. So I'm not sure if Paul's doing a year by year forecast.