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CNTTS apparatus in Bibleworks 9: v.2's kai kuriou lesou Christou, + v.3 & 6, each w/an extra kai, are alike excluded from UBS text, though in many mss.		
	Syllable Count	Cumulative
1 Παῦλος ἀπόστολος Χριστοῦ <u>Ἰη</u> σοῦ	10	10
διὰ θελήματος θεοῦ	8	18
καὶ Τιμόθεος ὁ ἀδελφὸς	9	27
2 τοῖς ἐν Κολοσσαῖς ἁγίοις καὶ πιστοῖς ἀδελφοῖς ἐν Χριστῷ,	17	44
χάρις ὑμῖν κ <mark>αὶ εἰ</mark> ρήνη ἀπὸ θεοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν.	15	59
καὶ κυρ<u>ίου</u> Ἰησου Χριστοῦ		
3 Εὐχαριστοῦμεν καλ τῷ θεῷ πατρὶ	10	70
τοῦ κυρ <mark>ίου</mark> ἡμῶν <u>Ἰ</u> ησοῦ Χριστοῦ πάντοτε	12	82
περὶ ὑμῶν προσευχόμενοι,	9	91
4 ἀκούσαντες τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ <mark>Ἰη</mark> σοῦ	14	105
καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην ἣν ἔχετε εἰς πάντας τοὺς ἁγίους	16	121
5 διὰ τὴν ἐλπίδα τὴν ἀποκειμένην ὑμῖν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς,	19	140
ἣν πρ <mark>οη</mark> κούσατε ἐν τῷ λόγῳ τῆς ἀληθείας τ <u>οῦ εὐ</u> αγγελ <mark>ίου</mark>	18	158
6 τοῦ παρόντος εἰς ὑμᾶς,	7	165
καθώς καὶ ἐν παντὶ καὶ τῷ κόσμῳ ἐστὶν	11	176
καρποφορούμενον καὶ αὐξανόμενον	12	188
καθώς καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀφ' ἡς ἡμέρας ἠκούσατε	15	203
next clause should begin verse 7		
καὶ ἐπέγνωτε τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν ἀληθείᾳ.	16	219

Meter Import

Paul writes in 4166 Adamic, AD 59, just *before* Chanukah=1st day of Saturnalia. How do we know? Paul's math plays on ENDINGS, using the Lord's Birthday as a 'fiscal'. For the Millennium, which is central to this letter, was to begin at the *end of* His 97th year. But it won't actually happen then, as the meter warns (goes to 203, which is Isaiah 53:4's TEMPLE DOWN meter, syllable=year 586 BC). Even so (theme of Chapter 1), it *will* happen: then the Angelic Conflict, *will* come to an END.

- o So the *shoulda-beens* versus the delayed realities, are metered. Example: the Lord *should have been* age **59** on original Abrahamic schedule: 4106+**59** = 4165, which is your tipoff that the Lord is instead, *about to* turn age 63. (I stated it backwards, in the <u>first video</u>. This page was overhauled post-video.)
- 0 70/2=35th year aft 4132, Ministry START (end-of-year accounting, 66-34=32, so Paul must be writing after Rosh HaShanah). Mary benchmarked it for His Age 30, Messiahship Declaration. (Luke 1:54, μενησθηναι ελεος, MERCY REMEMBERED.) Magnificat thus reconciles both original shoulda been Abrahamic (4106-4146) and shoulda been Davidic (4103-4143) timelines; ergo, START Adamic 4133 AD 26, He actually goes into the wilderness just after Booths (pun: Booths commemorate the 40 years in the wilderness).. in 15th year of Tiberius, Luke 3. (Ministry was AD 27 28 29; He dies, START of 30.)
- o $70/2 = 35^{\text{th}}$ year to shoulda-been Millennium (4166+34=4200, +35=4201. Starts 4201, similar to our Dec 31 vs. Jan 1.)
- 0 4166 91= 4075 aka 31 BC, actual Battle of Actium. Mary benchmarked it as 133 (Luke 1:51, ὑπερηφάνους διανοία καρδίας αὐτῶν 'overweening in their own estimation', context of why rulers fall.) What should have been a peace turned to war, but it was won by a party Israel (and by extrapolation, believers) needed as their secular ruler(s). Preview of coming contractions.

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- o Aft use of 91/2: 4166 -45.5 = 4120.5, aka AD 14 mid-year when the long-suffering, repeatedly rebuffed, belatedly promoted Tiberius, finally began rule solo (lol what precision, based on a March fiscal; since Augustus died in August), Luke 3; Also the Lord's shoulda-been 'toga virilis' age 14.5=15 (4120.5-4106, but He really was age 18 when the year completes). Note the cute shoulda-been equidistance.
- O Fore use of 91/2: 4166 +45.5 = 4211.5, making up for 'lost' 10 years of Christ dying early; parallel to Daniel 9 prayer about restoring the Temple and thus Time itself. Clever of Paul to couple this meter with προσευχόμενοι. (4136 vernal instead of originally-planned 4146. Outer limit of Mill goes like this: 4200 end completes the twin 2100's; so 4201 Adamic starts, but vernal is 6 months later, and each has to play, so by 4201 vernal it's 4201.5 Adamic. So 10 years after that is 4211.5 Adamic. So we know it's Adamic.)
- o 91 = the Lord's age (90th birthday, beginning of his 91st year) when Trib was to start, absent Church.
- o So *yes* Paul omitted the usual *kai kuriou Iesou Christou*, as the prior clause shows His *shoulda-been* age = AD 59. His birthday is at *end* of year, so it becomes AD 60 a week later.
- o *CIVIL WAR, REBELLION, CHURCH BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DELAYS ARE AHEAD* = meters **105 140** and **203**, <u>explained elsewhere</u>; other than generic *HOW LIVING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE WINS CONFLICT*, I'm not sure how else Paul connects these meters and text. <u>Colossians' theme is CHURCH ENDS ANGELIC CONFLICT</u> (Chapter 1). Does Paul now *update* the Eph1:3-14 prophecy? I don't yet know. (203 is Isa53:4's *Temple Down sy*|lable=586 BC in his meter. Dan9 piggybacks on it, NT writers tag it, as Paul does here. **140** = *Israel's Time Budget Will Be Overrun*, is elided in Psalm 90, tagged often in NT meters, esp. by Paul. Prophetically Paul refers to AD 140, when a pig temple replaces 'the' Temple; Jerusalem is razed to become Aeolia Capitolina. **105** =98+7, idea of 'running overtime' due to believer rejection; model is the 7-year civil war from Hebron to crowning over all Israel, 2Sam5-7.)