

Giving Thanks for Government

**“This is good and acceptable in the sight of
God our Saviour.”**

I Timothy 2:1-3

Praying for Babylon in 500 B.C.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

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6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Praying for Persia in 400 B.C.

27 Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem:

28 And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

Ezra 7:27-28

Praying for Rome in 60 A.D.

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Giving Thanks for Nero (1)

- **Caesar's power got Paul free passage from Philippi (Ac 16:35-40).**
- **Caesar's power got Paul saved from Jewish rabble (Ac 18:12-17).**
- **Nero saved Paul's life from the Jews in Jerusalem (Ac 21:27-40).**
- **Nero saved Paul's back from a zealous chief captain (Ac 22:22-30).**
- **Nero saved Paul's life from the Jewish rabble again (Ac 23:10-11).**
- **Nero saved Paul's life from a Jewish conspiracy (Ac 23:12-35).**

Giving Thanks for Nero (2)

- **Nero allowed Paul a fair trial before Governor Felix (Ac 24:1-22).**
- **Nero allowed Paul liberty, visitors, and teaching Felix (Ac 24:23-26).**
- **Nero saved Paul's life again from a Jewish conspiracy (Ac 25:1-8).**
- **Nero saved Paul from a trial in Jerusalem by Festus (Ac 25:9-12).**
- **Nero allowed Paul an audience with King Agrippa (Ac 25:13 – 26:32).**
- **Nero provided free transportation to Rome for trial (Ac 27:1-2).**

Giving Thanks for Nero (3)

- **Nero allowed Paul liberty at Sidon to visit his friends (Ac 27:3).**
- **Nero saved Paul's life from zealous, ruthless soldiers (Ac 27:39-44).**
- **Nero allowed Paul to evangelize the island of Melita (Ac 28:1-10).**
- **Nero allowed Paul to see friends on his way to Rome (Ac 28:11-15).**
- **Nero allowed Paul to dwell by himself outside prison (Ac 28:16).**
- **Nero allowed Paul his own place for teaching (Ac 28:17-31; Phil 4:22).**

Giving Thanks for Nero (4)

- **The thanksgivings so far were specific Roman blessings for Paul.**
- **There were also general benefits of Roman roads for him to travel.**
- **There were also general benefits of international peace for travel.**
- **There were also general benefits of a universal language (Greek).**
- **There were also general benefits of law and order by the Empire.**
- **The Jews were publicly disliked in the Empire for his help (Ac 18:2).**

Giving Thanks for America (2013)

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Living Under Obama ... www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/living-under-obama-2.pdf.

Romans 13:1-7 ... www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/romans-thirteen.pdf.

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Thanksgiving (Holiday) ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/bible/holidays/thanksgiving.php>.

Thanksgiving Proclamations ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/today/decline-of-a-nation.php>.

Where Are the Nine? ... www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/where-are-the-nine.pdf.