

CHARACTERS

Biblical

Paulos — Apostle of Yeshua

Timotheos/Timos — Paulos's travel companion and assistant

Loukas — physician and companion of Paulos

Epaphroditus/Epaphras — believer sent from Philippi

Prisca/Priscilla — wife of Aquila, leader in the early Roman church

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Historical

Sextus Afranius Burrus — Praetorian Prefect under Nero, 52-62 AD

Ophonius Tigellinus/Linus — Prefect of the Vigiles under Nero, ?-62 AD

Nero — Emperor of the Roman Empire – 54-68 AD

Lucius Seneca — philosopher, writer, former consul of Rome, mentor to Nero

Junius Gallio — elder brother of Seneca, former proconsul of Achaia (southern Greece)

Fictional

Gaia — wife of Sextus Burrus

Afranius — son of Sextus and Gaia (deceased)

Tiberia — slave of Sextus Burrus

Marcus — centurion in the Praetorian Guard

Julia — wife of Marcus, believer in Rome

GLOSSARY

praetorian guard — the elite unit of the Roman Army whose members served as bodyguards to the emperor and his family

urban cohorts — the police force of the Roman Empire

vigiles urbani — the Night Watchmen of Rome, who also served as firefighters

castra — fort, barracks

pulsum — a porridge eaten by the Roman Army

lectus - couch or bed

domus — home for the wealthier Romans

cubiculum — bedroom

gladius — sword

cena — dinner

culina — kitchen

triclinium — dining room with three couches and a table in the center

insula (pl. insulae) — apartment building

libum — a dense, sweet bread

medicus — physician

Te amo — Latin for “I love you”

domine (fem. domina) — sir (madam)

consilium — advisory council

centuria — group of 100 soldiers

carcinus — cancer

pharmacopola — pharmacy, or stores that sells ingredients for medicine

manumissio — certificate of manumission

libertini — freed slave