

STUDY GUIDE ON ELDERSHIP

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<u>Passage</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>#</u>		<u>Reference</u>					<u>Scope</u>
		S	Pl	Old/ Older	Men of Old	Jewish Elders	24 in Rev	Church Office	City/ House Area
44. Acts 22:5	πρεσβυτέριον					x			
45. Acts 23:14	πρεσβύτερος		pl			x			
46. Acts 24:1	"		pl			x			
47. Acts 25:15	"		pl			x			
48. 1 Tim. 4:14	πρεσβυτέριον							eldership (Derbe?)	
49. 1 Tim. 5:1	πρεσβύτερος		pl	old					
50. 1 Tim. 5:2	πρεσβυτέρα		pl	old (f)					
51. 1 Tim. 5:17	πρεσβύτερος		pl					elder (Ephesus)	
52. 1 Tim. 5:19	"	s						x	(Ephesus)
53. Titus 1:5	"		pl					x	cities of Crete
54. Titus 2:2	πρεσβύτες		pl	old					
55. Titus 2:3	πρεσβυτις		pl	old (f)					
56. Phil 9	πρεσβύτες	s		old					
57. Heb. 11:2	πρεσβύτερος				x				
58. James 5:14	"		pl					elder	?
59. 1 Pet. 5:1	"		pl					x	Asia Minor
60. 1 Pet. 5:1	συμπρεσβύτερος	s						apostle	
61. 1 Pet. 5:5	πρεσβύτερος		pl	old					
62. 2 Jn. 1	"							x	
63. 3 Jn. 1	"							x	
64. Rev. 4:4	"						x		
65. Rev. 4:10	"						x		
66. Rev. 5:5	"						x		
67. Rev. 5:6	"						x		
68. Rev. 5:8	"						x		
69. Rev. 5:11	"						x		
70. Rev. 5:14	"						x		
71. Rev. 7:11	"						x		
72. Rev. 7:13	"						x		
73. Rev. 11:16	"						x		
74. Rev. 14:3	"						x		
75. Rev. 19:4	"						x		
a. Acts 13:1?	διδάσκαλος		pl					elder?	Antioch
b. Rom. 12:7?	διδάσκων	s						elder?	(Rome)
c. Eph. 4:11?	ποιμήν		pl					x ?	(Ephesus)
	διδάσκαλος		pl					x ?	x
d. 1 Tim. 1:7?	νομοδιδάσκλος		pl					?	
e. Heb. 13:7?	ἡγούμενοι		pl					elder?	?
f. Heb. 13:17?	"		pl					x ?	?
g. Heb. 13:24?	"		pl					x ?	?

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		S	Pl	Old/ Older	Men of Old	Jewish Elders	24 in Rev		City/ Area	House
A. Acts 1:20	ἐπίσκοπή								(apostle)	
B. Acts 20:28	ἐπίσκοπος		pl					elder	Ephesus	
C. Phil. 1:1	"		pl					x	Philippi	
D. 1 Tim. 3:1	ἐπίσκοπή							x	(Ephesus)	
E. 1 Tim. 3:2	ἐπίσκοπος	s						x	(Ephesus)	
F. Titus 1:7	"	s						x	(Cities of Crete)	
G. 1 Pet. 2:25	"	s						Lord		

Observations

General observations on the work sheet above

1. There is no mention of elders of household churches.
2. Elders are always at the city level. That leaves unaddressed how the elders of a city related to multiple household churches in cities like Rome, where there were at least four house churches at the time Paul addressed his letter to the saints there.
3. Every example of an elder is local, and every local church whose organization is mentioned had elders.
4. Elders existed in Jewish and Gentile territories.
5. Elders existed in connection with the work of Peter (1 Peter 5:1) and the other original apostles as well as Paul.

The statistics on πρεσβύτερος and its cognates are as follows:

- (a) Church office: Acts 11:30; 14:23; 15:2, 4, 6, 22, 23; 16:4; 20:17; 21:18; 1 Timothy 4:14 (πρεσβυτέριον); 5:17, 19; Titus 1:5; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1
- (b) the references to apostles (possibly to be included in the first listing): 1 Peter 5:1 (συμπρεσβύτερος); 2 John 1; 3 John 1
- (c) Jewish elders: Matthew 16:21; 21:23; 26:3, 47, 57, 59; 27:1, 3, 12, 20, 41; 28:12; Mark 8:31; 11:27; 14:43, 53; 15:1; Luke 7:3; 9:22; 20:1; 22:52, 66 (πρεσβυτέριον); Acts 4:5, 8, 23; 6:12; 22:5 (πρεσβύτες); 23:14; 24:1; 25:15; (elders, tradition of: Matthew 15:2; Mark 7:3, 5)
- (d) men of old: Hebrews 11:2 (see *in loco* F. F. Bruce, *The Epistle to the Hebrews: The English Text with Introduction, Exposition and Notes* in *The New International Commentary on the New Testament*, ed. by F. F. Bruce)
- (e) old (wo)men: Luke 15:25; John 8:9; Acts 2:17; 1 Timothy 5:1, 2 (fem.); 1 Peter 5:5; πρεσβύτερος: Luke 1:18; Titus 2:2; Philemon 9; πρεσβυτης: Titus 2:3
- (f) twenty-four elders of the Apocalypse: 4:4, 10; 5:5, 6, 8, 11, 14; 7:11, 13; 11:16; 14:3; 19:4.