

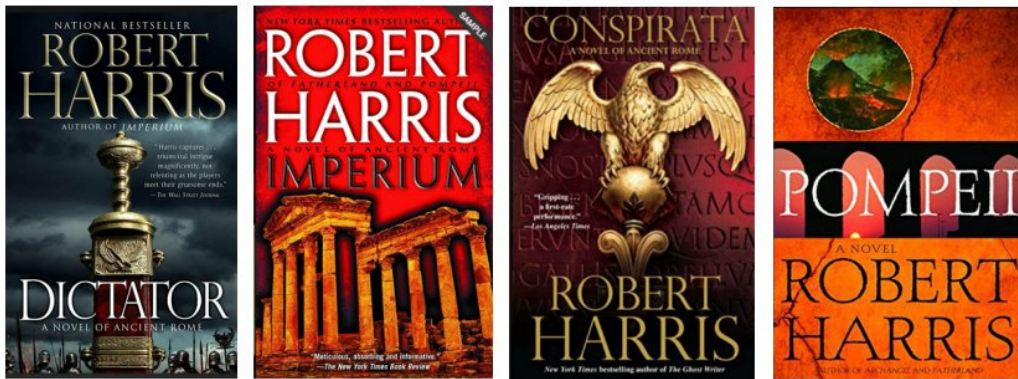
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## Dig Deeper

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- Apocryphal Books – Acts of the Apostles
- Books - Robert Harris's Imperium, Conspiratum, Dictator
- History - Tacitus historian
- Sparticus – the movie
- Gladiator – the movie

## 4 books will help you understand Roman Life



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## Discussion Starters

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1. How do the Scriptures on “*Love not the world*” apply to us today?
2. How is our culture like Rome? What are the cultural sins today?
3. How is our culture like Sodom? Days of Noah?
4. What slippery slopes have we already slidden down?
5. What are issues of public compromise the church faces today?
6. How can YOU make a stand in this wicked generation?
7. **Consider each of the listed Scriptures. What does it say? What does it mean for all time? How can you conform to it?**

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## **Application: Scriptures to Think About**

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### **Tension between Scripture, Politics and Culture**

**Three questions need to be answered as you read each Biblical truth:**

- 1. What does it say? Say it in your own words**
  - 2. What does it mean for every believer?**
  - 3. How can I put it into practice in my life?**
- Mt 22:21 *Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are His.*
  - John 18:36 - *"My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."*
  - 1 John 2:15-17 *Love not the world, neither the things in the world...If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him.*
  - Romans 1:32 *"Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Do we vicariously find pleasure in the sins of the world through the TV, internet, movies, and books we read?*
  - Romans 12:1-2 *"Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold." - Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*
  - 2 Corinthians 6:17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*
  - Hebrews 11:10 *...of whom this world is not worthy, They looked for a city whose builder and maker is God.*
  - Hebrews 11:24-26 *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.*
  - Hebrews 12:3 KJV — *For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your minds.*
  - 1 Peter 3:15 KJV — *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear*

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*"All who live godly in Christ Jesus WILL suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12*

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