

THE ARGUMENT OF THE SECOND EPISTLE OF S. PAUL TO TIMOTHEE.

The cheefe scope of this second to Timothee, is, to open vnto him that his martyrdom is at hand. Which yet he doth not plainly before the end: preparing first his mind with much circumstance, because he knew it would greiue him fore, and also might be a tentation vnto him. Therefore he talketh of the cause of his trouble, and of the reward: that the one is honourable, and the other most glorious: and exhorteth him to be constant in the faith, to be ready alwaies to suffer for it, to fulfil his ministerie to the end, as himself now had done his.

Whereby it is certaine, that it was written at Rome, in his last apprehension and emprisonment there: as he signifieth by these words *Chap. 1: Onesiphorus was not ashamed of my chaine, but when he was come to Rome, carefully sought me, &c.* And of his martyrdom, thus: *For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my resolution (or death) is at hand. Cap. 4.*