

Timeline of Paul and Acts

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| Julius Caesar's reign | 100-44 BC | | |
| Herod the Great ruled in Israel | 39-4 BC | | |
| Augustus Caesar's reign | 27 BC - AD 14 | | |
| Herod Antipas ruled in Galilee | 4 BC - AD 39 | | |
| Jesus born | 6-4 BC | | |
| Paul born | AD 5 | | |
| John son of Zebedee born | 6 | | |
| Tiberius Caesar's reign | 14-37 | | |
| Timothy born | 17 | | |
| Pontius Pilate ruled as procurator (governor) of Judea | 26-36 | | |
| Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection | 30 (or 33?) | | |
| Stephen martyred | 32-34 | | Acts 6-7 |
| Saul's conversion on Damascus road | 32-37 | | Acts 9 |
| Saul in Damascus, Syria | 32-37 | "for several days" then "for many days" | Acts 9.19-26 |
| Saul in "Arabia" (probably near Damascus or in what is modern-day Jordan) | 40 | for 3 years? (see "3 years later" in Gal 1.18) | Gal 1.17-18 |
| Saul returns to Jerusalem "to become acquainted with Peter" | 37-40 | "3 years later," staying for "15 days" | Acts 9.26; Gal 1.17-18 |
| Saul from Syria to Tarsus in Cilicia | 37-40 | | Acts 9.30; Gal 1.21 |
| King Aretas ruled Damascus and Nabatea | 9 BC - AD 40 | | 2 Cor 11.32 |
| Gaius Caligula Caesar's reign | 37-41 | | |
| Barnabas and Saul from Tarsus of Cilicia to Antioch of Syria | 40 | | Acts 11.25-26 |
| Barnabas and Saul in Antioch | 40-41 | "an entire year" | Acts 11.25-26 |
| Herod Agrippa I ruled in Palestine | 39-44 | | |
| Agabus's prophecy of great famine | 41 | | Acts 11.27-28 |
| Claudius Caesar's reign | 41-54 | | |
| James, brother of John, son of Zebedee martyred by Herod Agrippa I | 44 | | Acts 12.2 |
| Great famine occurred during the reign of Claudius | 46 (41-54) | Josephus describes the famine as in 46 | Acts 11.28 |
| Barnabas and Saul take relief offering to Judea during famine | 46 (41-54) | Josephus describes the famine as in 46 | Acts 11.29-30 |
| Possible (but unlikely) trip by Paul, Barnabas, and Titus to Jerusalem "after 14 yrs" per Gal 2.1-3. (Relief trip? Or later for Council at Jerusalem? Or between 2nd & 3rd journeys? Or some other time?) | 46 | "after 14 years" from Paul's conversion? Or from Paul's time in Cilicia and Syria of Gal 1.21? Or from his trip to Jerusalem to meet with Peter and James of Gal 1.18-19 | Gal 2.1-3 |
| 1st missionary journey | 1st missionary journey - Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark | 47-49 | Acts 13-14 |
| | Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus (Salamis and Paphos) on 1st journey | | Acts 13.4-13 |
| | Paul and Barnabas in Pamphylia (Perga) on 1st journey | | Acts 13.13-14 |
| | Paul and Barnabas in Pisidian Antioch on 1st journey | | Acts 13.14-51 |

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| First mission | Paul and Barnabas in Iconium on 1st journey | | "a long time" (Acts 14.3) | Acts 13.41-14.6 | |
| | Paul and Barnabas in Lyaconia (Lystra and Derbe) on 1st journey | | | Acts 14.8-21 | |
| | Paul and Barnabas in Pisidian Antioch on 1st journey | | | Acts 14.21-24 | |
| | 1st journey ends in Antioch of Syria | 49 | | Acts 14.26-28 | |
| | Remain in Antioch of Syria "a long time" | 49 | "a long time" | Acts 14.26-28 | |
| | Probable trip by Paul, Barnabas, and Titus to Jerusalem "after 14 yrs" per Gal 2.1-3. (Council at Jerusalem? Or relief trip? Or between 2nd & 3rd journeys? Or some other time?) | 49-50 | "after 14 years" from Paul's conversion? Or from Paul's time in Cilicia and Syria of Gal 1.21? Or from his trip to Jerusalem to meet with Peter and James of Gal 1.18-19 | Gal 2.1-3 | |
| | .Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem for Council at Jerusalem | 49-50 | | Acts 15.2-29 | |
| | Paul and Barnabas to Antioch of Syria with Council's decision | 49-50 | | Acts 15.22-30 | |
| | Remaining "some days" | 49-50 | "after some days" | Acts 15.36 | |
| | 2nd missionary journey - Paul and Silas | 49-51 | | Acts 15.36-18.22 | |
| Second missionary journey | Paul and Silas to Syria and Cilicia on 2nd journey | | | Acts 15.41 | |
| | Paul and Silas in Derbe and Lystra on 2nd journey; | | | Acts 16.1-2 | |
| | Timothy joins them | | | Acts 16.2-5 | |
| | Paul and Silas in Iconium on 2nd journey | | | Acts 16.6 | |
| | Paul and Silas in Phrygian region on 2nd journey | | | Acts 16.6 | |
| | Paul and Silas in Galatian region on 2nd journey | 49 | | Acts 16.6-10 | |
| | Paul and Silas in Mysia region on 2nd journey | | | Acts 16.8-11 | |
| | Paul and Silas in Troas (Troy) on 2nd journey | | | Acts 16.10-17.16 | |
| | Paul and Silas in Macedonia region on 2nd journey | | | Acts 16.10-17 | |
| | Luke with Paul in Macedonia (a "we" passage) on 2nd journey | | | Acts 16.12-40 | |
| | Paul and Silas in Philippi (in Macedonia) on 2nd journey | | | Acts 17.1-9 | |
| | Paul and Silas in Thessalonica (in Macedonia) on 2nd journey | | | Acts 17.10-15 | |
| | Paul in Athens (in Achaia / Greece region) on 2nd journey | | | Acts 17.16-34 | |
| | Paul in Corinth on 2nd journey | 49-51 (or 51-53?)+C68 | | "a year and a half" (Acts 18.11), then "many days longer" (Acts 18.18); "while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia" (Acts 18.12) | Acts 18.1-18 |
| | Silas and Timothy re-join Paul in Corinth (from Macedonia) on 2nd journey | | | | Acts 18.5 |

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| Paul writes 1 Thessalonians from Corinth on 2nd journey | | | |
| Paul writes 2 Thessalonians from Corinth on 2nd journey | | | |
| Paul to Ephesus on 2nd journey | | | Acts 18.18-21 |
| Paul writes to Galatians, probably from Asia Minor, Ephesus (perhaps on 2nd journey) | 50-57 | | Galatians |
| Paul mentions Titus in Galatians letter, probably written from Asia Minor, Ephesus (perhaps on 2nd journey) | 50-57 | | Gal 2.1, 3 |
| Paul to Caesareas then Antioch of Syria on 2nd journey | | | Acts 18.22 |
| 2nd journey ends in Antioch of Syria | 51 | | Acts 18.22 |
| Possible trip by Paul, Barnabas, and Titus to Jerusalem "after 14 yrs" per Gal 2.1-3. (Between 2nd & 3rd journeys? Or at Council at Jerusalem? Or relief trip? Or some other time?) | 52 (~51-54) | "after 14 years" from Paul's conversion? Or from Paul's time in Cilicia and Syria of Gal 1.21? Or from his trip to Jerusalem to meet with Peter and James of Gal 1.18-19 | Gal 2.1-3 |
| 3rd journey | 52-57 | | Acts 18.23-21.15 |
| Paul in Galatian and Phrygian regions on 3rd journey | | | Acts 18.23 |
| Paul in Ephesus on 3rd journey | | "for two years" (Acts 19.10); "three years" (Acts 20.31) | Acts 18.24-20.1 |
| Paul writes 1 Corinthians from Ephesus | 55-57 | | 1 Cor |
| Paul writes to Galatians, probably from Asia Minor, Ephesus (perhaps on 3rd journey) | 50-57 | | Galatians |
| Paul possibly in Corinth again on 3rd journey | 57 | | 1 Cor 16.5-8 |
| Paul in Macedonia on 3rd journey | | | Acts 20.1-2 |
| Paul in Corinth, Greece on 3rd journey | 52 | "for three months" (Acts 20.3) | Acts 20.2-3; 1 Cor 16.8, 19 |
| Paul writes Romans letter, probably from Corinth on 3rd journey | 57-58 | | Romans |
| Paul in Macedonia on 3rd journey | | | Acts 20.3-6 |
| Nero Caesar's reign | 54-68 | | |
| Paul mentions Titus in 2 Cor, written from Philippi | 56 | | 2 Cor |
| Paul writes 2 Corinthians from Philippi | 56-57 | | 2 Cor |
| Paul mentions Titus in 2 Corinthians, probably written from Philippi on 3rd journey | 57 | | 2 Cor 2; 7; 8 |
| Collection for the saints in poverty and famine in Jerusalem | 56-57 | | 1 Cor 16.1-8; 2 Cor 8.1-15 |
| Luke with Paul on last portion of 3rd journey (a "we" passage) | | | Acts 20.5-21.18 |
| Paul, Luke, and Timothy in Troas (Troy) on 3rd journey | | "stayed seven days" (Acts 20.6) | Acts 20.6-13 |
| Paul and company in Greek islands on 3rd journey | | | Acts 20.13-17 |

Third missionary journey

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| | Paul and company in Miletus near Ephesus on 3rd journey | 54-57 | | Acts 20.15-21.1 |
| | Paul and company return to Jerusalem on relief trip with collection for the saints | 57 | | Acts 21.1-17 |
| | 3rd journey ends in Jerusalem | 57 | | Acts 21.15-17 |
| Trial and prison in Palestine | .Paul's arrest, trials, and imprisonment in Palestine | 57-58 | | Acts 21.27-26.32 |
| | Paul's arrest in Jerusalem under commander Claudius Lysias, and speech to crowd | 57-58 | | Acts 21.27-22.30 |
| | Trial in Jerusalem under Sanhedrin | | | Acts 22.30-23.23 |
| | Claudius Lysias commander of Roman garrison in Jerusalem | | | Acts 21.27-23.23 |
| | Trial under Felix in Caesarea | | "after two years had passed" (Acts 24.27) | Acts 23.23-24.27 |
| | Antonius Felix ruled as procurator (governor) of Judea | 52-58 | | |
| | Trial under Festus in Caesarea | 58 | | Acts 24.27-25.22 |
| | Porcius Festus ruled as procurator (governor) of Judea | 59-62 | | |
| | Herod Agrippa II ruled in Palestine | 50-93 or -100 | | |
| | Trial under Agrippa in Caesarea | 58 | | Acts 25.23-26.32 |
| Journey & prison in Rome | .Journey to Rome | ~57-62 | ----- | Acts 27.1-28.16 |
| | Luke with Paul on journey to Rome (a "we" passage) | ~57-62 | | Acts 27.1-28.16 |
| | .Paul's first imprisonment in Rome | 61-63 | "two full years" (Acts 28.30) | Acts 28.11-30 |
| | James the half-brother of Jesus martyred | 62 | | |
| | Paul writes Ephesians from Rome | 60-64 | | Ephesians |
| | Paul writes Philippians from Rome | 62 | | Philippians |
| | Paul writes Colossians from Rome | 62 | | Colossians |
| | Paul writes Philemon from Rome | 60-68 | | Philemon |
| | Hebrews letter written, probably from Rome | 60-69 | | Hebrews |
| | Paul released from prison, journeys in Mediterranean world | 63-67 | | |
| er Acts | .Paul's probable 4th missionary trip. Probably to Crete, Miletus, Colossae, Troas, Philippi, Corinth, Nicopolis (not necessarily in that order) | 63-64 | | |
| | Paul writes to Titus from prison in Rome or after release | 64 | | Titus |
| | Great fire of Rome (under Nero) | 64 | | |
| | Rome burns | 64-68 | | |
| | Paul writes 1 Timothy from Rome or after release | 64-65 | | 1 Timothy |

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| Paul after | <i>.Paul's probable 5th missionary trip. Possibly to Spain. Then probably to Miletus, Troas, Corinth, and possibly Nicopolis</i> | 65-67 | | |
| | Roman-Jewish war in Israel | 66-73 | | |
| | <i>Paul's second imprisonment in Rome</i> | 67-68 | | |
| | <i>Paul in prison in Rome on death row (tried by Nero)</i> | 66-67 | | |
| | <i>Paul writes 2 Timothy from death row in prison in Rome</i> | 65-67 | | 2 Timothy |
| | <i>Paul mentions Titus in 2 Tim, written from prison in Rome</i> | 65-67 | | 2 Tim 4.10 |
| | <i>Peter and Paul martyred in Rome (by Nero)</i> | 64 or 68 | | |
| | Nero Caesar dies | 68 | | |
| | Caesar Vespasian's reign | 69-79 | | |
| | Titus Caesar's reign | 79-81 | | |
| Caesar Domitian's reign | 81-96 | | | |
| | John, son of Zebedee, brother of James dies in exile on island of Patmos | 95-100 | | |