

## Chronology: Abridged Timeline of 1<sup>st</sup> Century

*Dates Shown are very much open to debate*

Paul Converted on Road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19; Gal 1:16) [AD 33-35?]  
 Paul in Arabia and Damascus (Gal. 1:17; Acts 9:19-22) [AD 34-37?]  
 Paul in Damascus between March 17<sup>th</sup> AD 37 up until AD 40 based on reigns of Caligula and Aretas (see commentary on Galatians)

*First Jerusalem visit:* Paul Goes up to Jerusalem "after three years" (Gal. 1:18) [AD 37?]

*Second Jerusalem visit:* To bring famine relief from the Gentile churches Acts 11:30; 12:25

**JAMES** [AD 45 or 48]

First Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14) [AD 47-48]

*Paul spends a year in Antioch; here he writes Galatians*

Syrian Antioch---Cyprus---Pamphylia (Perga) (Mark leaves)---Pisidian Antioch---Iconium---Lystra---Derbe---Lystra---Iconium--- Pisidian Antioch--- Pamphylia (Perga) ---Attalia---Syrian Antioch (**GALATIANS**) [AD 48]

*Third Jerusalem visit: Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35)* [AD 49]  
 The discussion of whether Gentiles have to obey Jewish law. The key issue was circumcision.

Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36-18:22) [AD 50-52]

*Paul was brought before Gallio in Corinth. Gallio entered office [at the earliest in the summer of 51]  
 Paul in Corinth [for a year and six months]; here he writes 1 and 2 Thessalonians*

Syrian Antioch---Syria and Cilicia---Derbe---Lystra---Iconium---Pisidian Antioch---Phrygia and Galatia---Troas---Philippi---Thessalonica---Berea---Athens---Corinth [summer AD 50-fall of AD 51] (**1 and 2 Thessalonians**) [summer or fall of AD 50 for 1 Thessalonians; winter AD50/51 or spring of AD 51 for 2 Thessalonians]

Ephesus---Caesarea---Jerusalem (a 4<sup>th</sup> visit) ---Syrian Antioch

Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23-21:16) [spring AD 52 up to 56]

Syrian Antioch---Galatia and Phrygia---Ephesus [fall AD 52 to spring 55]

(**1 CORINTHIANS** [spring of AD 54]---Troas---Macedonia (**2 CORINTHIANS** [fall of AD 55]---Corinth (**ROMANS**)---Philippi---Troas (picks up Luke)---Miletus---Caesarea---Jerusalem

Paul's Caesarean Imprisonment (Acts 24:27) [AD 57-59]

Paul sets sail from Caesarea to Rome, shipwrecking at Malta. [AD 60]

*Paul in Rome for two years.*

Paul's First Roman Imprisonment (Acts 28:30) [AD 60-62]  
**(EPHESIANS), (COLOSSIANS), (PHILEMON), (PHILIPPIANS)**

*James the Just martyred in Jerusalem [in AD 62]*

Paul's Ministry in Macedonia [AD 62-63]

**(1 TIMOTHY** [AD 62-63 – some believe that this work is AD 64])

*Peter martyred [in AD 65/66 during Nero's reign]*

Paul's Ministry in Asia Minor [AD 66]

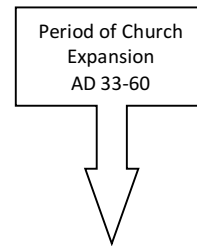
**(TITUS** [AD 66] – some believe that this work is AD 64))

**1 PETER** [AD 64] **HEBREWS** [AD 64 or 65 through to 70] **JUDE** [AD 65]

Paul's Second Imprisonment [AD 67]

**(2 TIMOTHY** [AD 67])

Paul's Death [AD 68 (others believe AD 64)] **2 PETER** [AD 65 or 68]  
**(EPISTLES OF JOHN** [AD 92])



### Paul's Itinerant Ministry

Tiberius d. Mar 16, 37 AD after 22 years 6 mos. in power.  
 Caligula dies Jan 24, 41 AD after 3 years 10 mos. in power.

Jews expelled from Rome around AD 49

Claudius d. Oct 13, 54 AD after 13 years 9 mos. in power.

Most of Rome destroyed in Great Fire 64AD.  
 Heightened accounts of Nero persecuting Christians.

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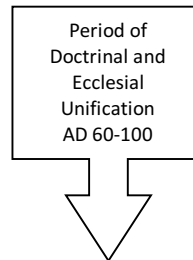
Nero d. Jun 9, 68 AD after 13 years 8 mos. in power  
 [Ending the Julio-Claudian Dynasty]

Destruction of Jerusalem AD 70

After 3 leaders (each with short tenure) Vespasian d. Jun 24, 79 AD after 10 years in power.

Titus d. Sep 13, 81 AD after 2 years 3 mos. in power.

Domitian d. Sep 18, 96 AD after 15 years in power  
 [Ending the Year of the Four Emperors and Flavian Dynasty]



### Paul's Ministry from Prison