

Paul's Background & New Testament Chronology

- Paul's Background

- Also called "Saul" (name was not 'changed' after conversion; 'Saul' was Jewish name (demanded/lent/asked for/desired), & 'Paul' was his Gentile/Latin name (small/little)
 - Why does Scripture transition in its use of his name in Acts 13?
 - Prior to Acts 13, he was in predominantly Jewish areas. As of Acts 13, his apostleship to the Gentiles is becoming a reality.
- From Tarsus of Cilicia (Acts 21:39)
- Roman citizen (Acts 16:37; 22:25)
 - Roman citizenship obtained by birth, bought, or bestowed (slave rewarded citizenship by master)
 - Paul was freeborn (22:28).
- Educated in Jerusalem by Gamaliel (Acts 22:23; cf. Acts 5:34-39).
- Hebrew of Hebrews (Phil 3:5); Pharisee (Acts 23:6; 26:5; Phil 3:5)
 - His countrymen knew him (Acts 9:1-2; 26:4)
 - Zealously followed Jews traditions (Gal 1:14)
 - Persecutor (Acts 8:3; etc.)
 - Present at Stephen's stoning (Acts 7:58; 8:1)
 - Baptized by Ananias after having seen Jesus on road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-18; 22:12-16; etc.)
 - Not appreciated by his countrymen after his conversion ((Acts 22:18-19; 9:23-24)
 - Spent 3 years in Arabia (Galatians 1:17-18)
 - Apostle out of season (1Co 9:1; 15:8)
 - Apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 22:21; 26:17-18; Ro 11:13; Eph 3:8-9)
 - Meek (2Co 10:1)
 - Able to answer detractors (2Co 10:10; 11:6)
 - Suffered many trials (2Co 11:23-28)
 - Had a 'thorn in the flesh' (2Co 12:7-9; Gal 4:13-14)
 - Died in Rome; apparently beheaded by Nero AD 66 (Easton), AD 67 (ISBE), or AD 68 (Smith)

- Chronology of Paul's life & work

- | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| ○ Born | Acts 22:3, 28 | ~AD 5 |
| ○ Gamaliel's feet | Acts 22:3 | ~AD 17-20 |
| ○ Stephen stoned | Acts 6:9; 7:58; etc | ~AD 32 |
| ○ Saul converted | Acts 9:2-18; 13:9 | ~AD 34-37 |
| ○ *Aretas IV of Nabatea dies | Acts 9:25; 2Co 11:32 | AD 40 |
- Paul escaped from Damascus sometime prior to Aretas's death
Converted in Damascus 3 years before that (Gal 1:17-18)

- Paul's 1st return to Jerusalem Galatians 1:18; Acts 9:26 AD 40
- Returns to Tarsus Acts 9:30 AD 40
- Barnabas seeks Paul in Tarsus Acts 11:25 ~AD 46
- 1st Missionary Journey** Acts 13:2-14:27 ~AD 47
- Return from 1st journey Acts 14:26-27 ~AD 48
- Jerusalem Conference Acts 15:1-30 ~AD 49
- 2nd Missionary Journey** Acts 15:36-18:22 ~AD 49
- Initially intended to be Paul & Barnabas, but was ultimately Paul & Silas.
- *Claudius expels Jews from Rome Acts 18:2 AD 49
- Could not have met Aquilla & Priscilla prior to this...
- Timothy joins Paul's travels Acts 16:1 ~AD 50
- Paul arrives in Europe Acts 16:9ff ~AD 50
- Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth
- Wrote 1-2 Thessalonians; met Aquilla & Priscilla
- *Gallio Proconsul in Corinth Acts 18:12-17 AD 51-52
- Paul appeared before Gallio, putting him in Corinth during this timeframe
- Wrote Galatians Gal 2:1-14 ~AD 51-52
- Written some time after conference in Jerusalem... date uncertain
- Return from 2nd journey Acts 18:22 ~AD 51-52
- 3rd Missionary Journey** Acts 18:23 ~AD 53
- Paul in Ephesus 3 years Acts 19:1-10; 20:17, 31 ~AD 54-56
- Wrote 1 Corinthians (1Co 16:1-2, 8)
- Visits Macedonia/Greece Acts 20:1-3 ~AD 56
- Wrote 2 Corinthians from Macedonia (2Co 8:10; 9:2)
- Wrote Romans from Corinth (Ro 15:25-26; Acts 19:21; 20:3; 1Co 16:1-6; etc.)
- Jerusalem return / end 3rd journey Acts 21:17 ~AD 56
- Arrested in Jerusalem Acts 21:27; 22:30 ~AD 56
- Caesarean prison Acts 23:33-35 ~AD 56-57
- *Festus procurator of Judea Acts 24:27 AD 57-60
- Paul carried to Rome; prison 2 yrs Acts 27:1; 28:16, 30 ~AD 57-59
- Wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon
- Perhaps wrote Hebrews about this time
- Released from Prison; more journeys Romans 15:19; Titus 3:12 AD 60-66
- Wrote 1 Timothy (~AD 60-63)
- Wrote Titus (~AD 63-37; Titus in Crete; would be in Dalmatia by 2Ti 4:10)...
- Paul imprisoned under Nero ~AD 66
- Wrote 2 Timothy (2Ti 2:9; 4:9, 13, 21)
- Paul dies in Rome ~AD 68