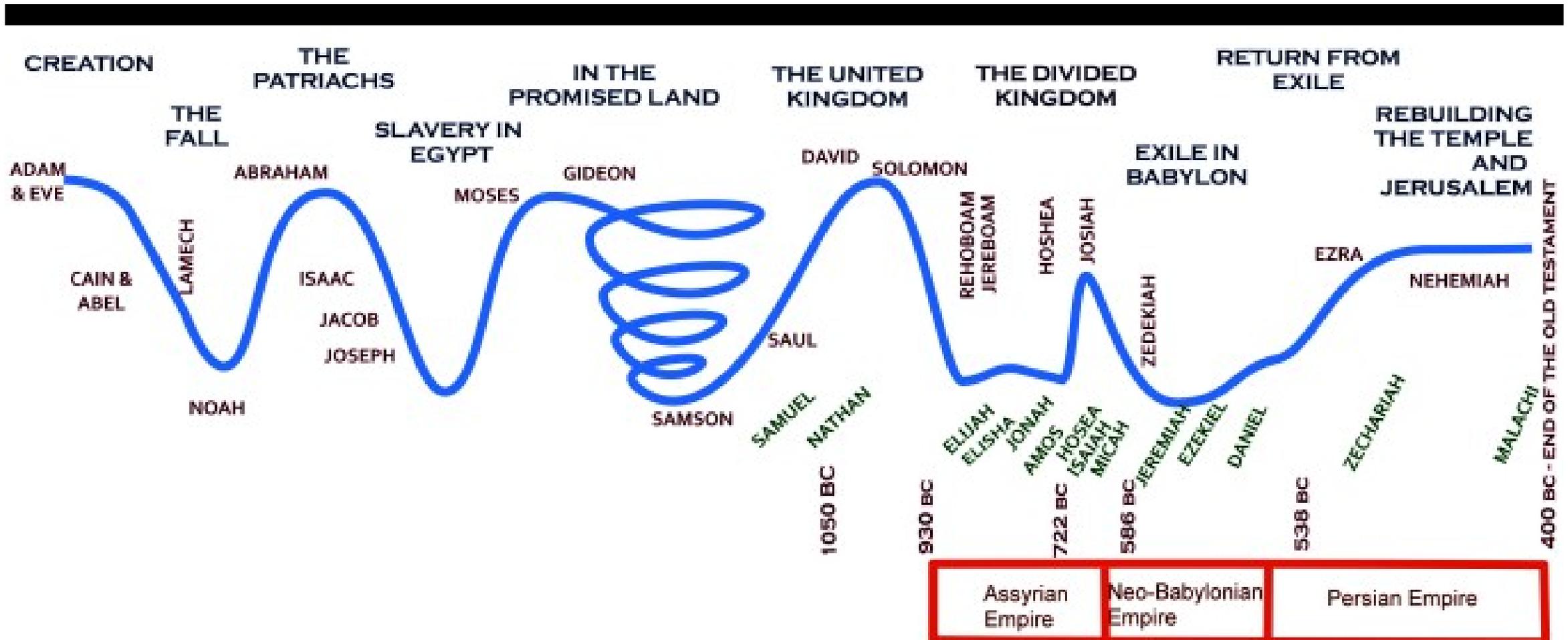

Paul's Letter to the Philippians

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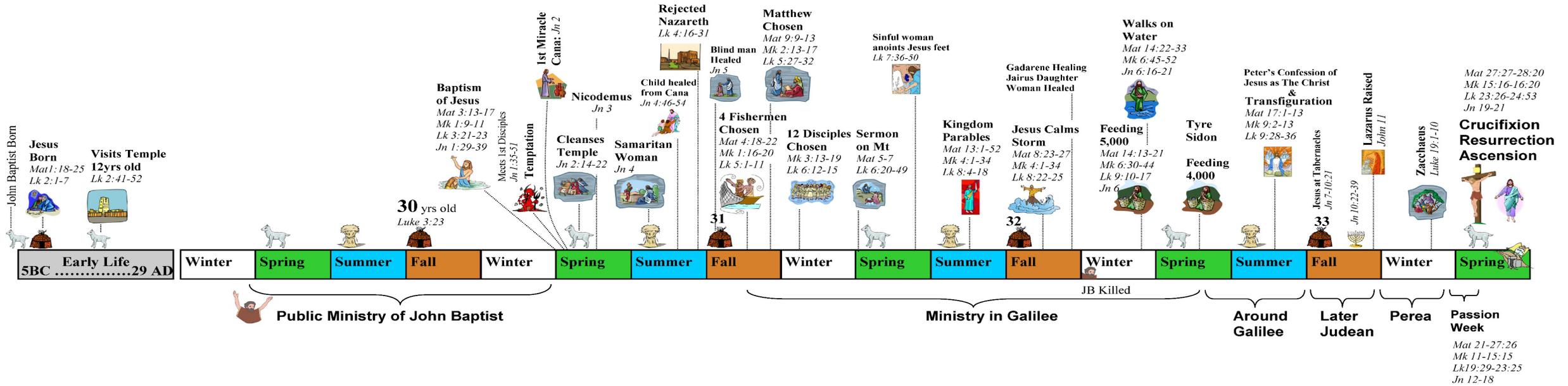




Timeline to Jesus

Getting to Philipians

The Life & Ministry of Jesus Christ



| Year | 29AD | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33AD |
|-------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Archelaus | Judea: A Roman Province Under Procurators | | | | |
| Herod The Great | Ambiuius, Rufus, Gratus | Pilate | Pilate | Pilate | Pilate |
| Herod Antipas: | Tetrarch of Galilee & Perea | | | | |
| Herod Philip: | Tetrarch of Patania, Trachonitis, Auranitis | | | | |
| Octavian Augustus | Tiberius | Tiberius | Tiberius | Tiberius | Tiberius |

Paul the Apostle

Philippians

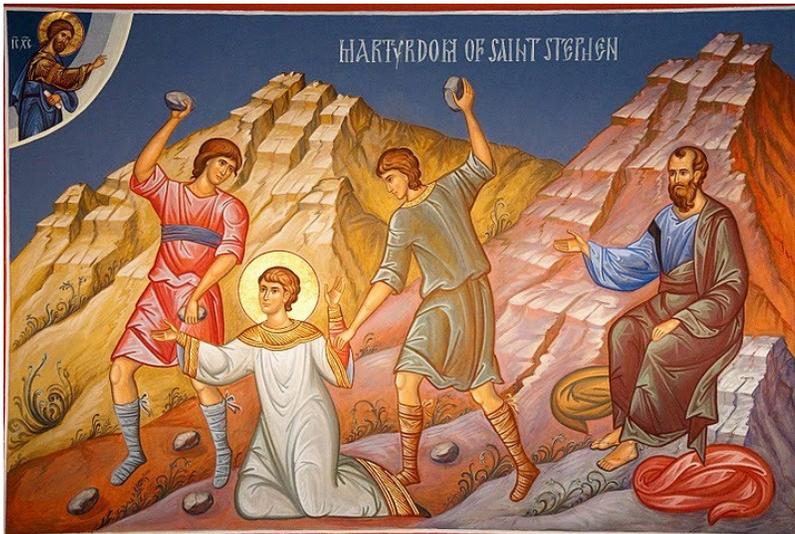


Stephen's stoning; Saul present and approving

- *Event: Stephen is dragged out, stoned, and the witnesses lay their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul; Saul approves of his death.*

- *Text: Acts 7:54–60; 8:1a.*

- *Approx. year: c. AD 33–34.*



Persecution and scattering of the Jerusalem church



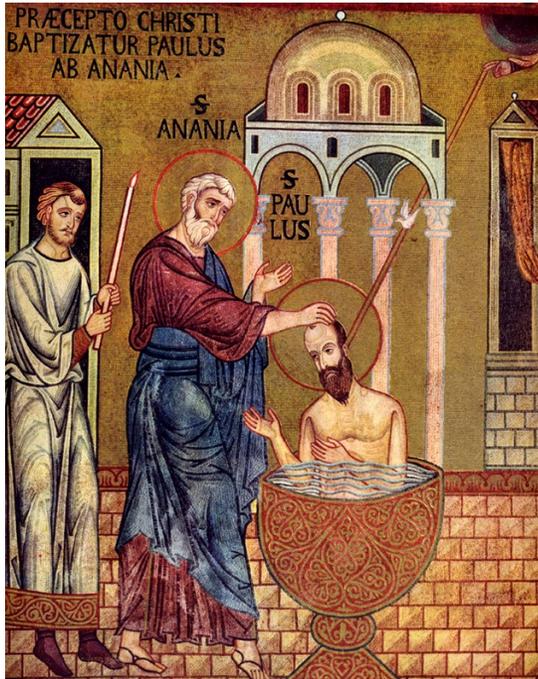
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- *Event: A great persecution breaks out; Saul ravages the church, entering house after house, imprisoning believers; the church is scattered through Judea and Samaria.*
 - *Text: Acts 8:1–3.*
 - *Approx. year: c. AD 33–35*

Commission to persecute in Damascus; Damascus-road encounter



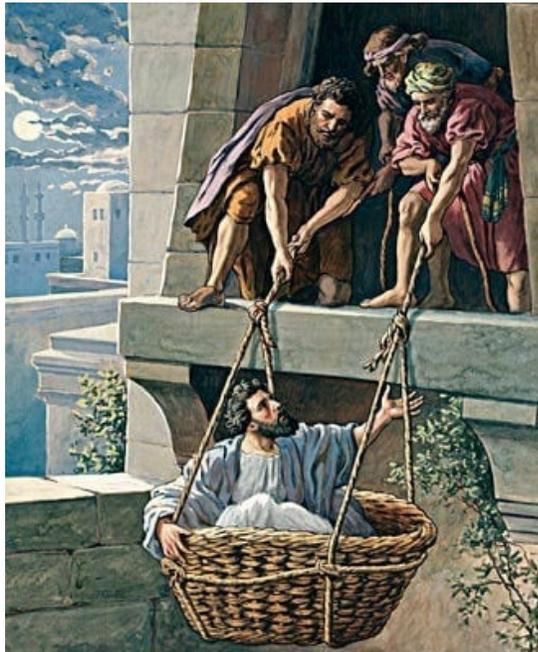
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- *Event: Saul obtains letters from the high priest to the synagogues in Damascus; on the way, the risen Jesus appears to him, he is struck blind and led into the city.*
 - *Text: Acts 9:1–9.*
 - *Approx. year: c. AD 34–36*

Early ministry and first journeys: Baptism and early preaching



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- *Event: Ananias is sent to Saul; he regains his sight, is baptized, and begins proclaiming Jesus in the synagogues of Damascus as the Son of God.*
 - *Text: Acts 9:10–22.*
 - *Approx. window: within the same general period, c. AD 34–37*

Escape from Damascus; first Jerusalem visit as a believer



Event: A plot against Saul leads to his being lowered in a basket through an opening in the wall; he then comes to Jerusalem, is initially feared, then accepted, and speaks boldly there.

Text: Acts 9:23–30. (Basket-escape echoed in 2 Corinthians 11:32–33.)

Approx. year: mid–late 30s, often c. AD 36–37.

Growth of the church and transition toward Antioch



Event: The church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoys peace and growth after this initial persecution phase.

Text: Acts 9:31.

Saul at Antioch and the “famine visit”

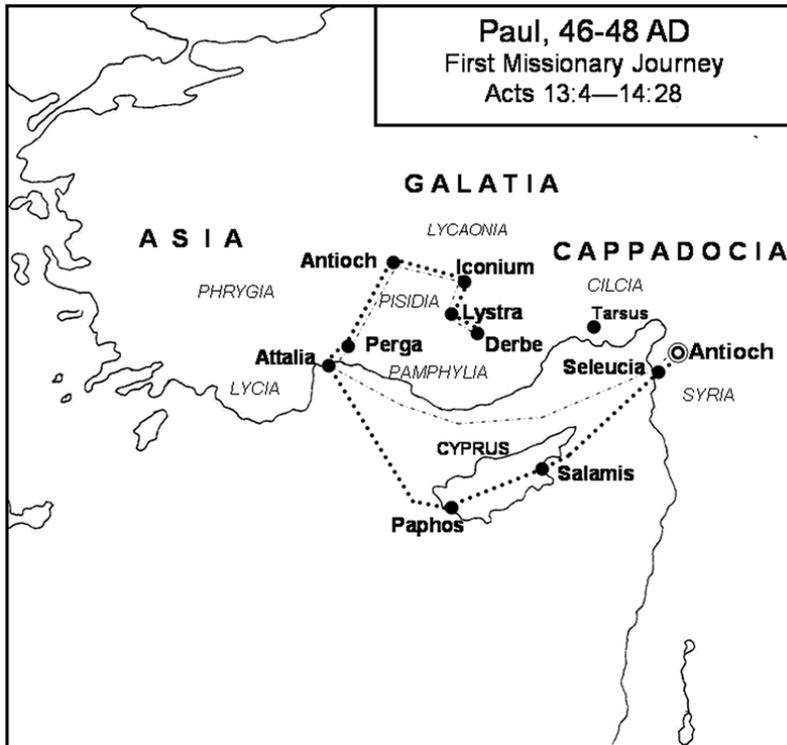


Event: Barnabas retrieves Saul to help teach in Antioch; believers are first called Christians; relief is sent to Judea by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Text: Acts 11:19–30; 12:25.

Approx. year: early–mid 40s, often c. AD 44–46.

First missionary journey



Event: From Antioch through Cyprus and into Asia Minor (Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe), then back to Antioch.

Text: Acts 13:1–14:28.

Approx. years: c. AD 46–48

Jerusalem Council



Event: The apostles and elders meet about Gentile believers and the law; Paul and Barnabas report their work among the Gentiles.

Text: Acts 15:1–35.

Approx. year: c. AD 49–50

Second missionary journey and arrival at Philippi



Event: Paul, Silas, and Timothy are led to Macedonia; they come to Philippi, meet Lydia, and a church is planted.

Text: Acts 16:6–15

Imprisonment and earthquake at Philippi



Event: Paul and Silas are beaten and imprisoned, sing hymns at midnight; an earthquake opens the doors, leading to the Philippian jailer's conversion and his household's baptism.

Text: Acts 16:16–40.

Approx. years (second journey overall): c. AD 49–52

Ministry in Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth



Text: Acts 17:1–34; 18:1–17 (18 months in Corinth).

Approx. years: early 50s, often c. AD 50–52.

Third missionary journey and long stay in Ephesus

Event: Paul revisits Galatian churches and spends an extended period in Ephesus.

Text: Acts 18:23; 19:1–41; 20:1–3, 17–38.

Approx. years: c. AD 53–57.



Return to Jerusalem and arrest



Event: Paul returns to Jerusalem, is seized in the temple, and appears before the Sanhedrin and Roman authorities.

Text: Acts 21:17–40; 22:1–30; 23:1–35.

Approx. year: c. AD 57

Imprisonment in Caesarea



*Event: Hearings before Felix, Festus, and Agrippa;
Paul remains in custody about two years.*

Text: Acts 24:1–27; 25:1–27; 26:1–32.

Approx. years: c. AD 57–59/60.

Voyage to Rome and house arrest



Event: Paul appeals to Caesar, sails for Rome, experiences shipwreck, reaches Rome; he lives there two years “at his own expense,” proclaiming the kingdom of God.

Text: Acts 27:1–44; 28:1–31.

Approx. years: arrival c. AD 60 and two-year stay c. AD 60–62.

Imprisonment context for Philippians



Event: Paul writes to the Philippian church he founded in Acts 16, describing his imprisonment and his expectation either of release or death, and speaking of the advance of the gospel “throughout the whole praetorian guard.”

Acts anchor: His two-year Roman custody at the end of Acts, in which he freely proclaims the gospel.

Text: Acts 28:16, 23, 30–31; Philippians 1:7, 12–14, 19–26.

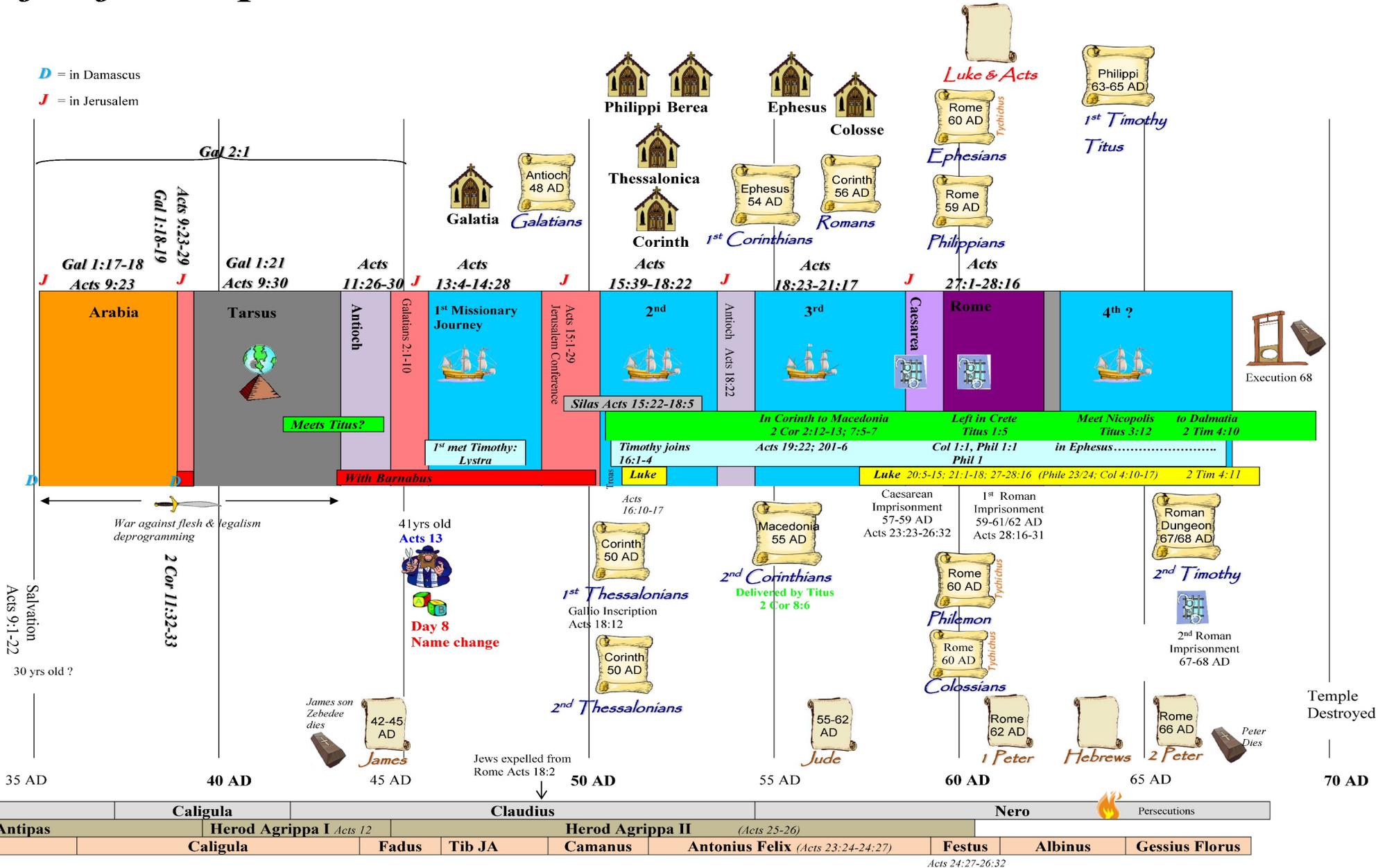
Common dating: During Roman imprisonment c. AD 60–62 (many place Philippians around AD 61–62, within that Acts 28 window)

The Life of the Apostle Paul & New Testament Timeline

D = in Damascus
J = in Jerusalem



Legalism
 Babylon/Jerusalem
 Tribe of Benjamin
 Pharisee
 Trained by Gamaliel (Acts 22:3)
 ? Sanhedrin (Acts 4:5-22; Acts 8:1)

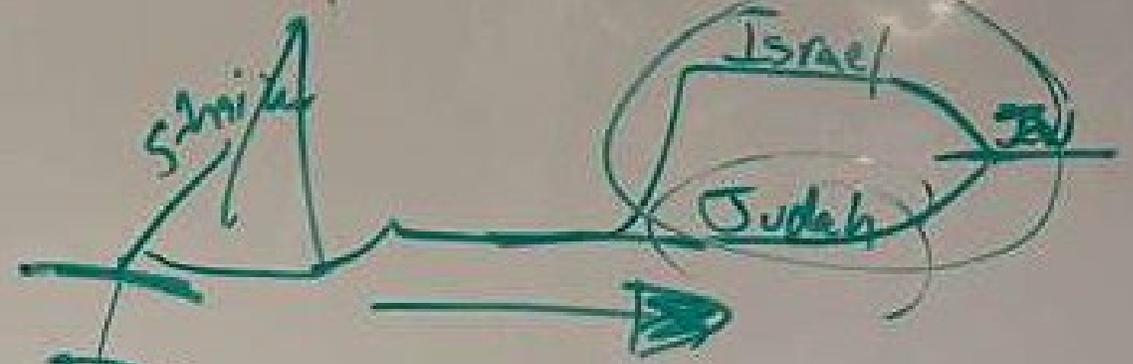


Acts 24:27-26:32

Abram

Covenant People

(Israel)



Jews (Believers)

Egypt

Jews



Progressive

Gen - Abr - k - Acts → Act 28

nurtured / transform into Christ-likeness

John

Ignacius
"Iggay"

Polycarp

Papius