## Paul, Places, People, and Letters

With the Help of "Acts" and His Letters

#### ~A.D. 27-30

#### Jerusalem

Crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth, the icon of God, who qualifies to be the final Jewish Messiah, King, and High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek

#### Paul persecutes and imprisons Christians – Acts 8:1-4

#### Jerusalem

Paul, who is assiduously following the Mosaic Covenant, takes care of the cloaks of the men who stone Stephen, agreeing with them (Galatians 1:13,14)

A great persecution of Christians ensues, and many scatter throughout Judea and Samaria, except for the apostles, and they proclaim the message of Jesus as the Messiah

## ~A.D. 31-44

## Paul's Conversion and Meeting with Apostles in Jerusalem – Acts 9:1-30

Jerusalem

- Paul requests permission from the High Priest to go to Damascus and arrest any Jews in the synagogues who are following Jesus and bring them back to Jerusalem to be dealt with by the Jewish leadership and imprisoned
- On the road to Damascus

Out of heaven, Jesus speaks to Paul, who is blinded by a light, and tells him to enter into Damascus, where it will be told to him what he must do (Galatians 1:15-16)

Damascus

Jesus appears to Ananias in a dream, tells him to go to Paul and lay hands on him so that he may regain his sight, and that Paul's responsibility is to proclaim him to kings and the Gentiles, as well as to suffer for his sake

Ananias speaks to Paul, lays hands on him, and Paul can see again

Paul remains for several days in Damascus with the disciples (Acts 9:19)

Into Arabia for three years to restudy the Old Testament (Galatians 1:17-18)

Then back to Damascus briefly where he confounded the Jews (Acts 9:20-22)

Paul escapes Damascus after the Jews plot to kill him (Acts 9:23-25)

#### Jerusalem

Barnabas brings him to meet the apostles, but he meets only Cephas/Peter and James out of all the apostles (Acts 9:27) (three years after his conversion – Galatians 1:18-20)

- He argues with the Hellenistic Jews, and, in the midst of their trying to kill him, his fellow believers brought him to Caesarea Maritima and he continues to Tarsus in Cilicia, his hometown (Acts 9:29-30)
- In Tarsus, i.e., "Cilicia," for approximately eight years Paul proclaims Jesus as the Messiah, with word of his activity getting back to the Jewish believers in Jerusalem/Judea (Galatians 1:21-24)

Tiberius dies; Caligula becomes emperor/Caesar (A.D. 37-41)

## ~A.D. 35-41

#### Peter, Cornelius, and the report to the other apostles - Acts 10-11:18

Caesarea Maritima (not Caesarea Philippi)

Peter visits the house of Cornelius, a Gentile (!) centurion of the Italian battalion, and his family and close friends become believers in Jesus as the Messiah

Peter now understands that all people, Jews and Gentiles, are welcomed by God if they fear Him and pursue morality (δ φοβούμενος αὐτὸν καὶ ἐργαζόμενος δικαιοσύνην)

- Peter describes Jesus as the one whom "God anointed...with the Holy Spirit and with power" (ἔχρισεν αὐτὸν՝ ὁ θεὸς πνεύματι αγίφ καὶ δυνάμει)<sup>1</sup>
- Peter also describes Jesus as the one whom God "appointed...as Judge of the living and the dead" (ὁ ωρισμένος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ κριτὴς ζώντων καὶ νεκρῶν)
- Peter also describes Jesus as the one of whom "all the prophets bear witness that through his name all those who believe in him receives forgiveness of their immoral actions" (πάντες οἱ προφῆται μαρτυροῦσιν ἄφεσιν αμαρτιῶν λαβεῖν διὰ τοῦ Γὀνόματος αὐτοῦ πάντα τὸν πιστεύοντα εἰς αὐτόν)<sup>2</sup>

#### Jerusalem

Peter reports the details of this event to the rest of the apostles and refutes the objections of some of the believing Jews, so that they all express admiration of God, saying, "God has given to also the Gentiles repentance for life" (ἄρα καὶ τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ὁ θεὸς τὴν μετάνοιαν εἰς ζωὴν ἔδωκεν).

Caligula is assassinated; Claudius is declared emperor by the Praetorian Guard (A.D. 41-54)

### ~A.D. 44-46

## Barnabas brings Paul to Antioch after the Gentiles become Christians – Acts 11:19-26

- Because of the persecution in connection with Stephen and his death, many Jews from Jerusalem/Judea scatter to Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch [on the Orantes in Syria, not Psidian Antioch in central Turkey], speaking *to only Jews* of Jesus as the Messiah
- Then, some men from Cyprus and Cyrene (the capital of the Roman province of Cyrenaica in northern Africa) go to Antioch and begin speaking "to Greeks" (πρὸς τοὺς Ἑλληνιστὰς) of Jesus as the Messiah
- More and more people in Antioch become believers, so that the apostles dispatch Barnabas to them.
- Barnabas goes to Tarsus, finds Paul, brings him to Antioch, i.e., "Syria," and for a year they teach the Christians, with word again of Paul's activity getting back to the Jewish believers in Jerusalem/Judea (Galatians 1:21-24)

The label "Christian" is first applied to the believers in Antioch

# Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem with a financial gift during the famine – Acts 11:27-30

#### Antioch

Agabus' revelation that there will be a famine during the reign of Claudius (A.D. 41-54) Jerusalem

Fourteen years after the persecutions in Jerusalem (Galatians 1:21-24), the Christians in Antioch send, by Paul and Barnabas, a financial gift to the Christians in Judea during their famine (Galatians 2:1-3)

ἐφήλατο πνεῦμα κυρίου ἐπὶ Δαυιδ) from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.  $\pi 2 = 10$  force

entry into. ἐφάλλομαι = leap upon. Isaiah 61:1 – The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me (רְּהָהָ אֶרְנֶי יְהוֶה עֶלֵי) (תְּעָבּשֶׁר יְהוֶה אֹרִי לְבַשֵּׁר), because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news (קשָׁר יְהוָה אֹרִי לְבַשֵּׁר) (פוֹשַר יְהוָה אֹרִי לְבַשֵּׁר)) (פְּשָׁר יְהוָה אַרִי הַנָּה אָרִי לְבַשֵּׁר)) (פּוֹשָׁר אָרִי הָנָה אַרִי לְבַשֵּׁר)) (פּשָׁר יְהוָה אַרִי הַנָּה אָרִי לְבַשֵּׁר)) (פּשָׁר יְהוֹה אַרִי הַנָּה שָׁרָי לָבַשָּׁר)) (פּשָׁר יָהוָה אַרִי הַנָּה אָרִי לְבַשָּׁר)) (פּשָׁר יָהוֹה אָרִי הַנָּה אָרִי הַנָּה אָרִי הַיָּבָשׁר געניין בּשָׁר יָהוֹה אָרִי הַנָּה שָׁרָיָי הַיָּהוֹה אָרִי הַיָּרָה אָרִי הַיָּרָי הַיָּרָי הַיָּר בָשָׁר יָהוֹה אַרִי הַיָּרָי הַיָּרָי שִׁר פּטָׁמיז) (בּוֹש אַר געני אַרָי אַר פּטֹמיזי) (נוֹש געני בי הוּש נוּש בּיהוֹש בי הוּין בי הוּיָה אַרָי בי הַיָּר אָרָי הַיָּרָי הַיָּר

<sup>1</sup> Samuel 16:13 – Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him (וַרְאָשֶׁה אֹתוֹ) (גמוֹ בֹּאָטָסבּע מטֹזטׁי) in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David (וַהִצְּלֵה רְדּת־יְהוָה אֶל־בְּוָר) (גמוֹ

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Psalm 110:4 – Yahweh has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest into perpetuity according to the order of Melchizedek (אַקָּר־בָּרָתִי מַלְבִּרֹדְבְרָתִי מַלְבָּרֹבָן לְעוֹלָם עַלֹ-דְׁבְרָתִי מַלְבָּרֹבָן לְעוֹלָם אַל-דְבָרָתִי מַלְבָּרֹבָן אַרֹבָם אַל־דָּבְרָתִי מַלְבָּרֹבָן אָרָהַ מוּשׁא געזע אַגער אַגער אַגער אַנערי אַנערי געליין אַרַרָּבָרָתִי מַלְבָּרֹבָן אָרָתִי מַלְבָּרֹבָן אָרָהַי מַלָּבָירַאָן אַר

Paul is also accompanied by Titus, who must have lived in the Cilician and Syrian area (Galatians 2:1) (2 Corinthians 2,7,8)

- Some Jewish false Christians try to influence the apostles to force the Gentiles to follow the Mosaic Covenant, but they refuse. Titus, a Gentile, is not compelled to be circumcised. (Galatians 2:3-5)
- James, Cephas/Peter, and John affirm Paul's understanding of the biblical message and encourage him to continue presenting it to the Gentiles, while they will present it to the Jews, led mainly by Peter (Galatians 2:6-10)

#### Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch with John Mark – Acts 12:25-13:3

Simeon/Niger, Lucius of Cyrene (Rom. 16:21?), and Manaen are also teachers at Antioch God says to set apart Barnabas and Paul for the latter's 1<sup>st</sup> official missionary journey

### ~A.D. 47-48

## 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Journey – Paul, Barnabas, and Mark (until Perga when he returns to Jerusalem) – Acts 13:4-14:28 – Galatia

Antioch

Seleucia

Cyprus – Salamis to Paphos

Perga – Mark leaves Paul and Barnabas and returns to Jerusalem

**Pisidian Antioch** 

Hard to overemphasize the Jewish resistance and opposition to Paul and the gospel in this whole region, providing the best reason for his having to write Galatians after this trip

Iconium – Strong Jewish resistance, and the city becomes divided

Lystra – Paul is almost stoned to death Derbe Lystra Iconium Pisidian Antioch Perga Attalia Antioch (specifically Acts 14:26-28 – "a long time with the disciples")

## <u>~A.D. 49</u>

#### Jerusalem Council – Acts 15:1-35

The problem starts in Antioch when some men come down from Jerusalem Paul confronts Cephas/Peter on his hypocrisy toward the Gentiles (Galatians 2:11-21) Galatians

From Paul and "all the brethren who are with" him (1:1,2)

Mentions his conversion (see above, Acts 9:1-30)

Mentions having gone to Jerusalem after 3 years – met Cephas for 15 days; also James (see above, Acts 9:1-30)

Mentions going to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus after 14 years (see above, Agabus' revelation at Antioch, etc. – Acts 11:19-30)

Which means that Titus must have been known to the Galatian churches and therefore on the 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey with Paul

Mentions James', Cephas', and John's affirming his understanding of the gospel (see above, Acts 11:19-30)

Mentions Peter's hypocrisy at Antioch, which Paul could have easily invalidated by referring to the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15 if this had been after it

Paul, Barnabas, "and some others" go to Jerusalem to consult with all the apostles regarding circumcision of the Gentiles

Peter, James, and the other apostles and elders settle the issue – no circumcision for the Gentiles Paul returns to Antioch with Barnabas, Judas/Barsabbas, and Silas

Judas returns to Antioch with Barnabas, Judas/Barsabbas, and Silas

Claudius expels the Jews from Rome

## ~A.D. 50-54

2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey – Paul and Silas (and Luke) – Acts 15:36-18:22

Barnabas takes Mark with him to Cyprus (Acts 15:39)

Antioch Svria and Cilicia Derbe Lystra – Paul enlists the help of Timothy and circumcises him (Acts 16:1-3) Through the Phrygian and Galatian regions, but forbidden to go into Asia (Ephesus) Into Mysia, but forbidden to go into Bithynia Troas – For the first time Luke says "we" when referring to Paul and his journeys (Acts 16:10; 20:6: 27:1) Samothrace Neopolis Philippi (cf. Philippians 1:30; 1 Thessalonians 2:2) Lydia from Thyatira believes First imprisonment – one night Through Amphipolis and Apollonia Thessalonica (1 Thessalonians 1:9,10; 2:1-12; etc.) Jason and others are dragged before the authorities (Romans 16:21) Berea Silas and Timothy remain Paul goes on to Athens after being harassed by Jews from Thessalonica Athens Dionysius the Areopagite, Damaris, and others join him Silas and Timothy come to Athens Paul sends Timothy back to Thessalonica Corinth – a year and six months (1 Thessalonians 3:6) ( $1^{st}$  visit to Corinth – 2 Corinthians 12:14 & 13:1) Finds Aquila and his wife, Priscilla, who as Jews have recently left Rome because of the edict of Claudius Timothy comes from Macedonia/Thessalonica Paul leaves the synagogue and sets up shop in the house of Titius Justus Crispus, the synagogue leader, believes Gallio as proconsul of Achaia rejects the Jews' attempt to prosecute Paul The Jews beat Sosthenes, another leader of the synagogue (1 Corinthians 1:1) 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians From Paul, Silvanus (Silas?), and Timothy (1:1) Mentions that their faith has become known not only in Macedonia but also in Achaia (Corinth) (1:8) Mentions persecutions in Philippi (2:2) Mentions having sent Timothy to them while "we" (Paul and Silas) remained in Athens, and then Timothy's return with a good report regarding their faith and love – probably in the light of strong Jewish objection to the gospel (3:1-10; Acts 17:1-10) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians From Paul, Silvanus (Silas?), and Timothy (1:1)

Mentions their persecutions – probably from Jews who strongly object to Paul's gospel (1:4; Acts 17:1-10) Leaves with Priscilla and Aquila Cenchrea Ephesus Leaves Priscilla and Aquila there Caesarea Maritima Jerusalem? – "When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and

went down to Antioch." (Acts 18:22) Antioch

## ~A.D. 54-58

Claudius is poisoned to death; Nero succeeds him as emperor (Oct. 13, A.D. 54) (54-68) Jews begin returning to Rome

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey – Acts 18:23-21:17

#### Antioch

Galatian region (Lystra, Derbe, etc.) Ephesus – somewhere between 21/4 years (Acts 19:8-10) and three years (cf. Acts 20:31) total; this is Paul's first visit described in Acts 19:1-22 Priscilla and Aquila teach Apollos more accurately Apollos goes to Achaia (Corinth) (Acts 18:27,28;19:1; 1 Corinthians 16:12) Paul writes his first letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 5:9) - the subject is not entirely known The Corinthians write Paul a letter (1 Corinthians 7:1ff.) Apollos returns to Ephesus but encouraged to go back (1 Corinthians 16:12) Paul plans to go to Jerusalem through Macedonia and Achaia, and then to Rome (Acts 19:21) Paul sends Timothy and Erastus ahead to Macedonia (Acts 19:22; cf. 2 Timothy 4:20) 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians (actually Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to them – 1 Corinthians 5:9) From Paul and Sosthenes (of Corinth?) (1:1; Acts 18:17) People divided in name of Paul, Apollos, Cephas, and Christ based upon report from Chloe's people (1:10ff.) Mentions that he has been to Corinth (2:1; 15:1) Paul has written in a previous letter not to "associate" with immoral people, i.e., not to get tangled up in their behavior (5:9; cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:14) There was a letter written from the Corinthians to Paul (7:1) Encourages taking a collection "for the saints" (in Judea) (16:1ff.) Says he will come to them after going through Macedonia (16:5) Says he will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost (16:8) Mentions Timothy's coming to them – see above (16:10; 4:17) But Paul expects Timothy to return to him "with the brethren" (16:11) Apollos may return to them (16:12) Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus from Corinth have come to him (16:17) Aquila and Prisca are with him and greet them (16:19) [Timothy returns to Ephesus – so that Paul can eventually leave him in Ephesus and go on to Macedonia (see below. Acts 20:1-3)] [Corinth – 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to Corinth; so that Paul's mention of a third visit to Corinth in 2 Corinthians 12:14 and 13:1 makes sense] Quick visit by Paul Intends to go on to Macedonia and then back to Corinth on his way to Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 1:15-2:1) Mentions during this second visit that he would always confront sin in the community if necessary (2 Corinthians 13:2)

[Macedonia – so that Paul's mention in 2 Corinthians 1:15-21 of not returning to Corinth makes sense]

Paul writes his third letter ("letter that caused sorrow") to the Corinthians mentioned in 2 Corinthians 2:3ff.; 7:8ff.

Instead of returning to Corinth, Paul goes back to Ephesus after Macedonia to avoid causing the Corinthians more sorrow (2 Corinthians 1:15-2:1)]

Ephesus – this would mean that Luke's explanation in Acts 19:1-41 of Paul's time in Ephesus leaves out a lot of details and involves both visits to Ephesus; so this is Paul's second visit described in Acts 19:23-20:1

"No small disturbance in Ephesus" where Demetrius the silversmith provokes others to oppose Paul because he is hindering the idol business and their livelihoods (Acts 19:23-41; 2 Corinthians 1:8-11)

Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, get dragged into the theater

Troas (2 Corinthians 2:12,13)

Looks for Titus coming from Corinth, but does not find him; goes on to Macedonia Macedonia (Acts 20:1-3)

Leaves Timothy in Ephesus (1 Timothy 1:3,4)

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy

From just Paul (1:1)

- Urges Timothy to stay in Ephesus after he has left for Macedonia (1 Timothy 1:3) Because Timothy has returned from going ahead to Macedonia and even from Corinth (Acts 19:22; see above, 1 Corinthians 16:11)
- Hymenaeus and Alexander have blasphemed and abandoned the faith (1 Timothy 1:20)

Meets up with Titus coming from Corinth and is encouraged by the Corinthians' response to his "letter that caused sorrow (2 Corinthians 2:3ff.; 7:5-16)

Macedonia and Illyricum (Romans 15:19; Acts 20:1-3?)

Becomes familiar with Nicopolis where he will eventually spend a winter (Titus 3:12)

[Timothy rejoins Paul after being in Ephesus and receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy – so that Timothy is present to help write 2 Corinthians (see below) (1 Timothy 1:3)]

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians (actually Paul's 4<sup>th</sup> letter to them, following the "letter that caused sorrow" mentioned in 2 Corinthians 2:1-11)

From Paul and Timothy (1:1) (mostly in defense of Paul's apostleship)

Mentions the trouble in Asia (Ephesus?) where he feared for his life (1:8-11) (Acts 19:23-41?)

Mentions having gone to Troas, but because he did not find Titus he went on to Macedonia (2:12,13)

- Mentions having come into Macedonia and experiencing troubles along with Titus' coming to him from Corinth with comforting news (7:5-16)
- Mentions the gift of the Macedonian churches to the Judean Christians (?) as an encouragement to the Corinthians through Titus (with some other brothers) who is returning to them (with this letter?) to help collect their own gift to the Judean Christians, implying that he will take it to Jerusalem (8:1-24; see above, the mention by Luke of Paul's plan to go to Jerusalem before going to Rome (Acts 19:21))
- Mentions, as part of his defense against the false apostles, his having been let down in a basket over the wall of Damascus when the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city (11:32,33)

The next visit to Corinth will be his third (12:14; 13:1)

Greece – Achaia, including Corinth – three months in "Greece" (Acts 20:1-3) 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to Corinth (2 Corinthians 12:14; 13:1)

Because of sparse details and no "we" Luke may not have been with Paul for first part of the journey through Macedonia and Greece up to the time when Paul reaches Macedonia/Philippi on the way to Jerusalem (Acts 20:1-6)

Plot against Paul – does not travel by boat, but goes back to Jerusalem over land through Macedonia Cenchrea - Romans 16:1 Romans From just Paul (1:1) Paul wants to go to Rome (1:9,10) Mentions he has preached the gospel from Jerusalem to Illyricum (15:19) Mentions he desires to go to Spain through Rome (15:24) Mentions he is going to Jerusalem with a gift from the Macedonian and Achaian (mainly Corinthian?) churches (15:25-33) Commends Phoebe from Cenchrea to them (16:1) Encourages them to greet Jews who are returning to Rome after having been expelled under Emperor Claudius who has died (16:3-15) Prisca and Aquila Epaenetus – first believer in Asia Marv Andronicus and Junias Ampliatus Urbanus Stachys Apelles Aristobulus Herodion Narcissus Tryphaena and Tryphosa Persis Rufus Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas Philologus, Julia, Nereus, Olympas Timothy, Lucius, Jason, Sosipater, and Tertius are with Paul (16:21,22) Gaius, Erastus, and Quartus greet the Roman Christians too (16:23) Paul sends Sopater, Pyrrhus, Aristarchus, Secundus, Giaus, Timothy, Tychicus, and Trophimus ahead to Troas Where's Titus? Macedonia (Philippi for sure) - Second time Luke uses "we" to refer to Paul and his journeys (Acts 20:6; Acts 16:10; 27:1) Troas Eutychus falls out of the window Assos Mitylene Chios Samos Miletus - Speaks to the elders from Ephesus Cos, Rhodes, Patara Tyre Ptolemais Caesarea Philip the Evangelist with four daughters who are prophetesses Message through Agabus, the prophet from Judea, that Paul is facing imprisonment and being handed over to the Gentiles in Jerusalem Jerusalem Stays with Mnason of Cyprus James encourages Paul to go to the temple to purify himself Trophimus the Ephesian is seen in Jerusalem with Paul (Acts 21:29)

## <u>~A.D. 58-63</u>

#### Arrest in Jerusalem, Imprisonment in Caesarea, Travel to Rome – Acts 21:33-28:31 Jerusalem

Caesarea

**Before Felix Before Festus** Before Agrippa and Bernice Third time Luke says "we" when referring to Paul and his journeys (Acts 27:1; Acts 10:16; 20:6) On an Adramyttian ship with Luke and Aristarchus of Thessalonica Sidon Past Cyprus Myra in Lucia – on an Alexandrian ship going to Italy Cnidus Fair Havens near Lasea Past Crete and the small island of Clauda Driven about in the Adriatic Sea Malta - shipwrecked; three days in Publius' house; three months on the island Syracuse - on an Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island Rhegium Puteoli Rome - two years **Philippians** From Paul and Timothy (1:1) Paul says the gospel has become known throughout the Praetorian Guard during his imprisonment (1:12-14) He hopes to send Timothy to them soon (2:19) He has sent this letter to them via Epaphroditus - see below (2:25) Urges Euodia and Syntyche to get along (4:2) Epaphroditus has brought a financial gift from them: they had sent a gift to him after his first preaching the gospel to them and he had moved on to Thessalonica during his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey (4:15-18) Colossians From Paul and Timothy (1:1) He learned of their faith through Epaphras (1:3-8) "the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned" – provides the reason for concluding that this letter is from Rome even though Luke is mentioned as a companion Paul sends this letter via Tychicus (Ephesians 6:21; Acts 20:4) and Onesimus, who is a Colossian (4:7-9), which means that Philemon was too Sends greetings from Aristarchus, "my fellow prisoner," Barnabas' cousin Mark, who may come to them, Jesus called Justus, Epaphras, Luke, and Demas (4:10-14) Mentions the letter he wrote to the Laodiceans (4:16) Wants them to tell Archippus to fulfill his ministry (4:17) Philemon From Paul and Timothy (1) To Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, and the church in Philemon's house (1,2) Appeals to Philemon to receive Onesimus, through whom he is sending this letter, as a fellow Christian (10-21; Colossians 4:7-9) Paul hopes to come to Colossae (22) Sends greetings from Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke (only

mentioned also in Colossians 4:14 and 2 Timothy 4:11) (23,24; Colossians 4:10-14)

Ephesians (or circular via multiple copies to various churches/cities in the Asian region that may have included the Laodiceans as referenced in Colossians 4:16; this could be why the similar language to Colossians – cf. Acts 19:10) From just Paul (1:1)

Has heard of their belief, etc., indicating perhaps that it has been a long time since he has been to Ephesus (nine years earlier during his 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey) (1:15) Indicates he is writing to Gentiles (or to mainly Gentiles) (2:11)

Calls himself a "prisoner" of Christ Jesus and the Lord (3:1; 4:1)

Says they may have heard about his being the apostle to the Gentiles, indicating probably that he has not been to Ephesus in a long time, allowing for some of them not to have been Christians when he was there for three years during his 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey approximately nine years earlier (3:2ff.)

Speaks of his tribulations for their sake (3:13)

Calls himself an "ambassador in chains" (6:20)

Paul sends this letter via Tychicus (6:21,22; 2 Timothy 4:12; Colossians 4:7-9; Acts 20:4)

#### <u>~A.D. 64-67</u>

Rome burns; Nero blames the Christians and severe persecution begins

## Release in Rome and 4<sup>th</sup> Missionary Journey around the Aegean (or to Spain – Romans 15:22-24; or both)

Crete (? – or did Paul send a delegation and Titus was supposed to stay behind?) Left Titus there (Titus 1:5)

## Nicopolis

Titus

From just Paul (1:1)

Tells Titus why he "left" him in Crete (as part of a delegation?) (1:5ff.)

When he sends Artemas and Tychicus to him, he wants Titus to come to him at Nicopolis where he will be wintering (3:12)

Wants him to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way (3:13)

#### Corinth

Erastus remained in Corinth (2 Timothy 4:20 below)

#### Miletus

Left Trophimus sick there (2 Timothy 4:20 below) Spain (?)

## ~A.D. 68

#### Perhaps a 2<sup>nd</sup> major arrest and return to Rome by Paul

Rome

Paul's second imprisonment in Rome

2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to Timothy

From just Paul (1:1)

- Everyone from Asia has turned away from him, including Phygelus and Hermogenes (1:15)
- Paul wants God to grant "the house of Onesiphorus" (who served him in Ephesus as Timothy knows) mercy since he refreshed him while imprisoned in Rome. This is why 2 Timothy could not have been written while Paul was imprisoned in Jerusalem or Caesarea. (1:16-18)
- Mentions his persecutions and sufferings at (Pisidian) Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra (most likely during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journeys unless Timothy actually witnessed his persecution during the 1<sup>st</sup> one prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> one when he joined Paul) (3:11)

He thinks he is near the end of his life (4:6)

Wants Timothy to come to him as soon as possible (4:9)

- Demas has deserted him and gone to Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia (Illyricum) (4:10)
- Only Luke is with him (4:11)
- He wants Timothy to bring Mark and the cloak, books, and parchments which he left with Carpus at Troas (4:11,13)
- He has sent Tychicus to Ephesus (4:12)

Warns Timothy to be on guard against Alexander the coppersmith who did him much harm (4:14,15; 1 Timothy 1:20?)

No one supported him at his "first defense" (4:16)

- Wants Timothy to greet Prisca and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus (in Ephesus?) (4:19)
- Says that Erastus has remained at Corinth (4:20)

He has left Trophimus sick at Miletus (4:20) – see above, end of 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey and Trophimus' being in Jerusalem

- Wants Timothy to come before winter (4:21)
- Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren greet Timothy (4:21)

Possible execution of Paul in Rome Nero commits suicide

## <u>A.D. 70</u>

Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed by the Roman general Titus during the reign of Vespasian (A.D. 69-79)

## A.D. 132-135

Bar Kokhba Revolt Jerusalem destroyed by General Sextus Severus during the reign of Hadrian 580,000 Jews killed 50 fortified towns and 985 villages razed Remaining Jews either exiled or sold into slavery Effects lasted for 1700 years, until the Zionist Movement of the 19<sup>th</sup> century