

Modern Chronologies of Paul

N. T. Wright, *Paul: A Biography*

Period	Event / Travel	Writing (in suggested sequence)	Date	Scripture / external event
Early Years, 33–36	apostolic commission near Damascus		33?	
	Paul in Damascus, Arabia, Damascus		33-36	Gal 1:17 2Cor 11:32-33
	Paul in Jerusalem		late 36	Gal 1:18–24; 2:1
Paul in Tarsus; brought to Antioch by Barnabas, 36–46	Caligula plans to erect statue in Jerusalem		40	
	Famine visit to Jerusalem		46/47	Acts 11:30; Gal 1:18-24
1st Missionary Journey with Barnabas, 47–48	missionary work in Cyprus and South Galatia		47	
	Peter in Antioch; Crisis in Galatia	Galatians	48	Gal 2:11–21
	Jerusalem Conference		48/49	Acts 15
2nd Missionary Journey, 49			49?	<i>Claudius's expulsion of Jews from Rome</i>
	Paul and Silas in Greece		49	
	Paul in Corinth	1–2 Thess (50/51)	early 51 – late 52	
3rd Missionary Journey, late 52 – 53	Paul in Jerusalem, then Antioch		late 52 – early 53	
	Missionary work in Ephesus, etc.		53	
Paul in Ephesus, 53–56	Difficult visit to Corinth	1 Corinthians	53/54	
			54	<i>Death of Claudius; accession on Nero</i>
	Imprisonment in Ephesus	Philippians, Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians	?55–56	
	Prison release and travel to Corinth	2 Corinthians	56	
	Travel from Corinth to Jerusalem	Romans	57	
Arrest and Journey to Rome, 57–64	Trials and imprisonment in Jerusalem and Caesarea		57–59	
	Travel to Rome; shipwreck in Malta		59	
	arrival in Rome and house arrest		60–62	
	?possible further travels to Spain and/or to the east?	?pastoral epistles?	?62–64?	
	Death of Paul		64 (or later)	

Douglas Campbell, *Framing Paul: An Epistolary Biography* & *Paul: An Apostle's Journey*

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Early Years, 34–36	apostolic commission near Damascus		mid 34	
	Paul in Arabia		34-mid 36	Gal 1:17 2Cor 11:32-33
	Escape from Damascus under King Aretas IV of Nabatea		late 36	
	Paul in Jerusalem		late 36	Gal 1:18; 2:1
mission work in Syria & Cilicia, 37–38	Conversion of Sergius Paulus		37	Acts 13:5-12
mission to Macedonia 39/40–41	Philippian church established		39/40	
	Thessolonian church established		40	
mission to Achaia, 41–42	Athens church established		41	
		1-2 Thessalonians	41	<i>partly in response to Caligula's plan to erect a statue in Jerusalem</i>
	Paul, Prisca and Aquila, in Corinth		41-42	
years of shadow, 43–49	Illyricum, Galatia, Moesia, Thrace, Bithynia, Pontus, Cappodocia, sufferings, 2nd Corinth visit		43-49	
	Paul in Ephesus		49	
Extensive writing, frequent travel, and imprisonments	Jerusalem Council; collection begun		late 49 - early 50	Acts 15 / Gal 2:11-14
	Imprisonment in Apamea / Lycus valley	<i>lost letter to Corinthians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon</i>	50	
	return to Ephesus, visiting Colossae, Hieropolis, and Laodicea along the way	1–2 Corinthians	51	
	Paul in Corinth	Galatians	mid 51	
	jailed in Corinth (a couple of months)	Philippians	late 51	
Journey to Jerusalem, 52	Paul in Corinth	Romans	51 - spring 52	
	churches visited (Philippi, Troas, Assos, Mitylene, Miletus, Cos, Rhodes)		52	
	Return to Jerusalem with offering.		52	Acts 20
Arrest and Journey to Rome, 52–58	Arrested and appeal to Caesar		52–53	Acts 21–28
	Executed in Rome		57 or 58	

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