

CHRONOLOGY OF THE APOSTOLIC AGE¹

Crucifixion of Christ	Fri., Apr. 3, 33
Pentecost: Peter's first sermon and the Birth of the Church (Acts 2)	Sun., May 24, 33
Peter's second sermon and Peter and John brought before the Sanhedrin (Acts 3:1-4:31)	summer 33
Death of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 4:32-5:11)	33-34
Peter brought before Sanhedrin (Acts 5:12-42)	34-25
Prototype Deacons selected (Acts 6:1-7)	late 34-early 35
Stephen martyred (Acts 6:8-7:60)	Apr. 35
The Church Scattered and Phillip Preaches in Samaria and to an Ethiopian (Acts 8:1-40)	Early Summer 35
Paul's conversion (Acts 9:1-7)	summer 35
Paul in Damascus and Arabia (Acts 9:8-25; Gal. 1:18-20)	summer 37
Paul in Jerusalem, first visit (Acts 9:26-29; Gal. 1:18-20)	summer 37
Paul went to Tarsus and Syria-Cilicia area (Acts 9:30; Gal. 1:21)	autumn 37
Peter ministered to Gentiles (Acts 10:1-11:18)	40-41
Barnabas sent to Antioch (Acts 11:19-24)	41
Paul went to Antioch (Acts 11:25-26)	spring 43
Agabus predicted a famine (Acts 11:27-28)	spring 44
Agrippa's persecution, there Apostle James ² martyred (Acts 12:1-23)	spring 44
Relief visit, Paul's second visit to Jerusalem (Acts 11:30; Gal. 2:1-10)	autumn 47
Paul in Antioch (Acts 12:25-13:1)	autumn 47-spring 48
First Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14)	Apr. 48-Sept. 49
Departure from Antioch	Apr. 48
Cyprus	Apr.-June 48
Pamphylia	first of July-middle of July 48
Pisidian Antioch	middle of July-middle of Sept 48
Iconium	Oct. 48-last of Feb. 49
Lystra-Derbe	Mar. middle of June 49
Return visit to churches	middle of June to Aug. 49
Return to Antioch in Syria	Sept. 49
Peter in Antioch (Gal. 2:11-16)	autumn 49

¹The basic outline is taken from the conclusion to Dr. Hoehner's Dissertation of the same name, *The Chronology of the Apostolic Age*, by Harold Hoehner, Th.D. Ph.D., Chairman of the Department of New Testament Literature and Exegesis at Dallas Theological Seminary. *Footnotes, Book Purposes, and emphasis added.*

²This is James the disciple, brother of John, not the author of the epistle and brother of Jesus.

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Galatians written from Antioch	autumn 49
Purpose: To combat the legalism of Judaizers in Galatia who were adding the law to the requirements for salvation and sanctification.	
Jerusalem Council moderated by James ³ , Paul's third visit (Acts 15)	autumn 49
Paul in Antioch (Acts 15:30–35)	winter 49–50
Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36–18:22)	Apr. 50–Sept. 52
Departure of <i>Paul and Silas</i> from Antioch	Apr. 50
Syria and Cilicia	Apr. 50
Lystra–Derbe (<i>Gaius and Timothy Join the Pauline Circle</i>)	May 50
Iconium	last of May–middle of June 50
Pisidian Antioch	middle of June–first of July 50
Antioch to Troas (<i>Luke Joins the Pauline Circle</i>)	July 50
Philippi (<i>Epaphroditus Joins the Pauline Circle</i>)	Aug.–Oct. 50
Thessalonica (<i>Aristarchus and Secundus join the Pauline Circle</i>)	Nov. 50–Jan. 51
Berea (<i>Sophater joins the Pauline Circle</i>)	Feb. 51
Athens	last of Feb.–middle of Mar. 51
Arrival at Corinth	middle of Mar. 51
Silas and Timothy arrive from Berea	Apr.–May 51
1 Thessalonians written from Corinth	early summer 51
Purpose: To encourage a model church to continue in their good works in light of the Lord's return.	
2 Thessalonians written from Corinth	summer 51
Purpose: To encourage steadfast living and correct a misunderstanding about the Lord's return.	
Departure from Corinth	first of Sept. 52
Ephesus (<i>Tychicus and Trophimus join there Pauline Circle</i>)	middle of Sept. 52
Jerusalem, Paul's fourth visit	last of Sept. 52
Return to Antioch	first–middle of Nov. 52
Paul's stay in Antioch	winter 52–53
Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23–21:16)	spring 53–May 57
Departure from Antioch	spring 53
Visits Galatian churches	spring–summer 53
Arrival at Ephesus	Sept. 53
1 Corinthians written from Ephesus	early spring 56
Purpose: To correct divisions reported by Chloe's household and address disorders in the church and answer a number of questions from a letter.	
Departure from Ephesus (riot)	first of May 56
Troas	May 56
Arrival in Macedonia	first of June 56
2 Corinthians written from Macedonia	Sept.–Oct. 56
Purpose: To defend Paul's apostolic authority and expresses his concern for the church, and warn them about the false teachers.	
Departure from Macedonia	middle of Nov. 56
Arrival at Corinth	last of Nov. 56

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Romans written from Corinth

winter 56–57

Purpose: To make a clear presentation of the gospel, which is the righteousness of God, as a preparation for Paul's visit to Rome on his way to Spain.

Departure from Corinth	last of Feb. 57
Philippi	Apr. 6–14, 57
Troas	Apr. 19–25, 57
Troas to Assos	Mon., Apr. 25, 57
Assos to Mitylene	Apr. 26, 57
Mitylene to Chios	Apr. 27, 57
Chios to Trogyllium	Apr. 28, 57
Trogyllium to Miletus	Apr. 29, 57
Ephesian Elders see Paul	Apr. 30–May 2, 57
Miletus to Patara	May 2–4, 57
Patara to Tyre	May 10–16, 57
Stay at Tyre	May 10–16, 57
Tyre to Caesarea	May 17–19, 57
Stay at Caesarea	May 19–25, 57
Caesarea to Jerusalem	May 25–27, 57
Jerusalem, Paul's fifth visit	eve of Pentecost, May 27, 57
Meeting with James ⁴ (Acts 21:13–23)	May 28, 57
Paul's arrest and trial before Felix (Acts 21:26–24:22)	May 29–June 9, 57
First day of purification	Sun. May 29, 57
Second day of purification	May 30, 57
Third day of purification	May 31, 57
Fourth day of purification	June 1, 57
Fifth day of purification, riot, Paul's speech	June 2, 57
Paul before Sanhedrin	June 3, 57
Appearance of the Lord (night) ⁵	June 4, 57
Conspiracy (day)	June 4, 57
Journey to Antipatris (night)	June 5, 57
Journey to Caesarea (day)	June 5, 57
Waiting in Caesarea for trial	June 5–9, 57
Trial before Felix	Thurs., June 9, 57
Paul before Felix and Drusilla (Acts 24:24–26)	June 57
Casarean Imprisonment (Acts 24:27)	June 57–Aug. 59
Trial before Festus (Acts 25:7–12)	July 59
Trial before Agrippa (Acts 26)	first of Aug. 59
Voyage to Rome (Acts 27:1–28:29)	Aug. 59–Feb. 60
Departure from Caesarea	middle of Aug. 59
Myra	first of Sept. 59
Fair Havens	Oct. 5–10, 59
Shipwreck at Malta	last of Oct. 59
Departure from Malta	first of Feb. 60
Arrival at Rome	last of Feb. 60

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⁵In Jewish calculations the night before a day is a part of that day.

First Roman imprisonment (Acts 28:30–31)	Feb. 60–Mar. 62
Ephesians written while in prison Purpose: To encourage the Ephesian believers to live worthy of their calling as children of God.	autumn 60
Colossians and Philemon written while in prison Purpose: Colossians—To demonstrate the supremacy of Christ over all else. Philemon—To encourage Philemon to accept his slave Onesimus as a brother in Christ	autumn 61
Philippians written while in prison Purpose: To encourage the Philippian church to continue in their partnership in the gospel.	early spring 62
James, the Lord's brother martyred	spring 62
Paul in Ephesus and Colossae	spring–autumn 62
Peter went to Rome	62
Paul in Macedonia	late summer 62–early winter 62–63
1 Timothy written from Macedonia Purpose: To encourage Timothy to resume his responsibility as an elder.	autumn 62
Paul in Asia Minor	spring 63–spring 64
Paul in Spain	spring 64–spring 66
Christians persecuted, Peter martyred	summer 64
Paul in Crete	early summer 66
Paul in Asia Minor	summer–autumn 66
Titus written from Asia Minor Purpose: To encourage Titus to set things in order on Crete.	summer 66
Paul in Nicopolis	winter 66–67
Paul in Macedonia and Greece	spring–autumn 67
Paul arrested and brought to Rome	autumn 67
2 Timothy written from prison in Rome Purpose: To encourage Timothy to continue as Paul's disciple and to ask him to visit Paul in Rome.	autumn 67
Paul's death	spring 68
Jewish Revolt against Roma Emperor Nero and First Jewish Roman War (66-74)	
Destruction of Jerusalem under Emperor Vespasian led by Roman General Titus	Sept. 2, 70