

Apostle Paul's Chronology

Many Bible scholars agreed that apostle Paul was born in the same year as Jesus was.

AD 0

- Years listed are approximated and not precise.
- This home work was written based on the outline given during 2015-2016 Chinese speaking 10 months pursuing.

Acts 22:3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city (Jerusalem), educated at the feet of **Gamaliel** according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day.

Acts 26:4 "My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews.

Acts 5:34 But a Pharisee in the council named **Gamaliel**, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.

Paul was born at Tarsus in Cilicia (gentile land) and maybe went to Jerusalem about 12 years old and was educated at the feet of **Gamaliel. Acts 5:34-39 indicate **Gamaliel** was a honorable teacher in the Jewish council. From Acts 5:35-39 it demonstrated that he was a wise man and with a large soul. **Paul** must be much affected by him.**

Gal 1:14a And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people,.....

Acts 26:24a And as he was saying these things in his defense, **Festus** said with a loud voice, "**Paul**, you are out of your mind; **your great learning....**"

Paul was a great learner and earned chief priests' trust (Acts 26:10.. receiving authority from the chief priests) .

Acts 26:10 And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them.

Acts 26:11 And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

Acts 22:4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women,

Gal 1:13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, **how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.**

But Paul did not believe that Jesus is the Christ, he persecuted the saints (churches).

2nd Cor.3:6 who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. **For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

Acts 7:58 **Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him.** And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named **Saul**.

Acts 7:59 And **as they were stoning Stephen**, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Acts 7:60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Saul (Paul) appeared 1st time in the Bible.

Acts 9:3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

Acts 9:4 And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Acts 9:5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

Acts 9:6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

At AD 38 Saul (Paul) met the Lord on his way to and near Damascus and realized that Jesus is the Lord.

Acts 9:11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named **Saul**, for behold, he is praying,

Acts 9:12 and he (**Saul**) **has seen in a vision a man named Ananias** come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

Acts 9:17 So **Ananias** departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, **the Lord Jesus** who appeared to you on the road by which you came **has sent me** so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 22:13 came to me (**Saul; Paul**), and standing by me said to me, '**Brother Saul**, receive your sight.' And at that very hour **I received my sight and saw him (Ananias)**.

Saul (Paul) realized that saints (Ananias who was told by the Lord and received him) are the body of Lord Jesus Christ and Lord's works are through the saints.

Eph. 1:23 which (church) is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

1st Cor. 12:12 For just as **the body is one and has many members**, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Eph. 4:16 from whom the whole body, **joined and held together by every joint** with which it is equipped, when **each part is working properly**, **makes the body grow** so that **it builds itself up in love**.

Acts 9:19 and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

Acts 9:20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Saul was with the disciples at Damascus proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

In Act 9 Luke did not write, there are some Paul mentioned in Galatians.

Gal 1:16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;

Gal 1:17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into **Arabia**, and returned again to Damascus.

Gal 1:18 Then **after three years I went up to Jerusalem** to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days.

Saul (Paul) went to the Wilderness of Arabia for more than 2 years, turning the Old Testament which he was familiar with into the New Testament in his spirit: knowing that Jesus is the Christ and God's will is the building up of His body (church).

Gal 1:17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but **I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.**

Acts 9:22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 9:23 When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, **Acts 9:25** but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

2nd Cor. 11:32,33 At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

Acts 9:26a And when he had come to Jerusalem,

Saul returned to Damascus and again preached gospel by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

AD 41

Acts 9:26 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples.

And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

Acts 9:27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:28 So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord.

Acts 9:29 And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him.

Acts 9:30 And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Gal 1:18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days.

Gal 1:19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

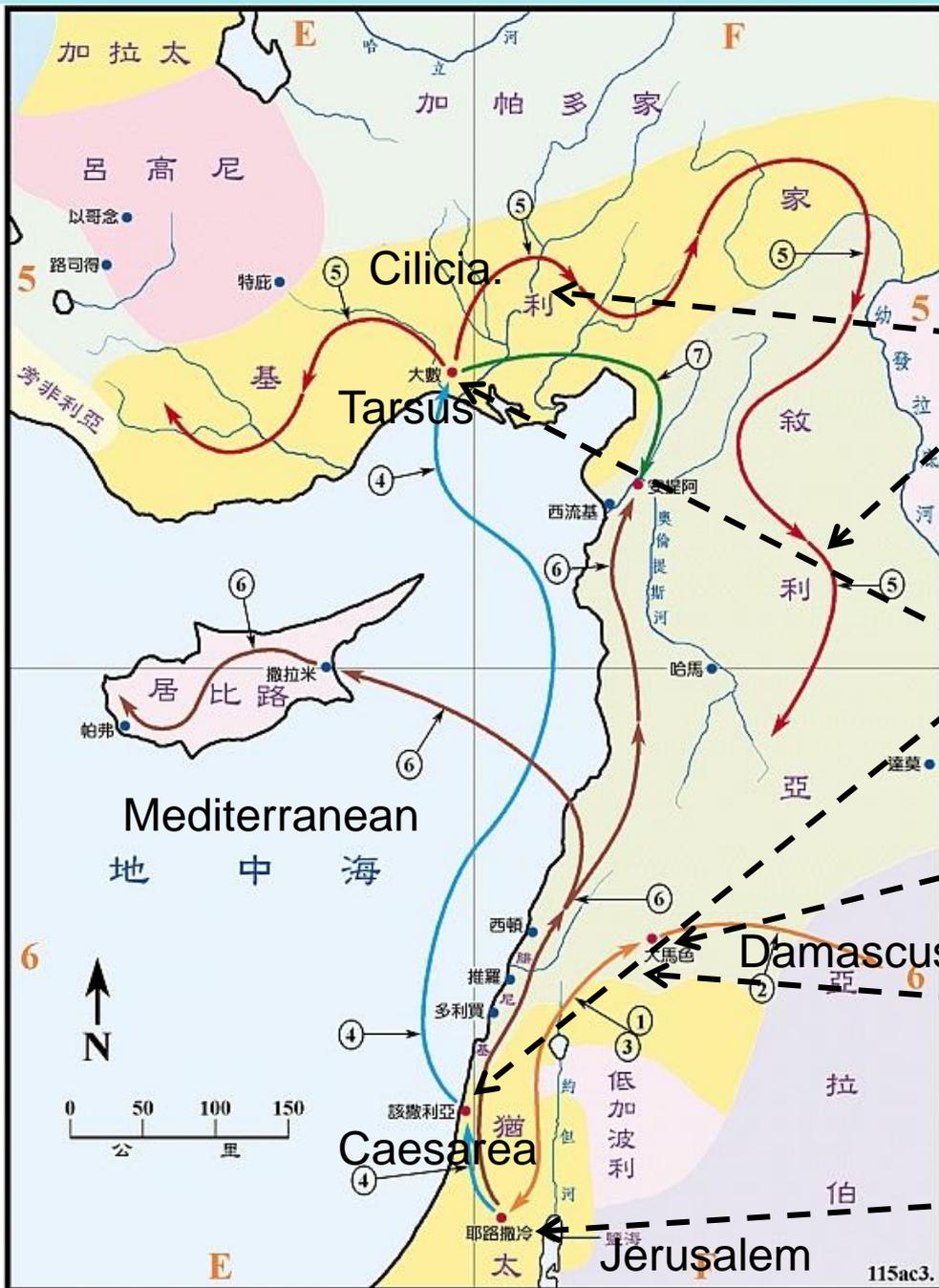
At AD 41 1st time Saul went to Jerusalem. No one desired to receive him except Barnabas who brought him to the apostles including James and Cephas. Saul had intimate fellowship for 15 days with Cephas and they appreciated each other. Also Saul preached boldly in the name of the Lord. The Hellenists wanted to kill him but the others sent him off to Tarsus.

Gal 1:21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

Acts 15:23 with the following letter: "The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings.

Acts 15:41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

During his stay at Tarsus, very possibly, Saul had preached gospels in the regions of Syria and Cilicia because during Paul's 1st Journey he did not visit the churches in Syria and Cilicia but in Acts 15:23 the letter was specifically mentioned to be sent to the churches in these two different places and in Acts 15:41 the churches in these two different places were also mentioned.



Gal 1:21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. **AD 41-45**

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Gal 1:17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. **AD 39-40**

Acts 9:3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. **AD 38**

Gal 1:18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. **AD 41**

2nd Cor. 12:1 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2nd Cor. 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.

2nd Cor. 12:3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—

2nd Cor. 12:4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

2nd Cor. 12:7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

Gal. 4:13,15 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, **(AD 49)**, What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.

Around AD 58 Paul wrote 2nd Corinthians. According to 2nd Cor. 12:2 Paul received high visions and revelations in AD 44 (14 years ago), at that time he was at Tarsus and he might have a serious eye disease (Gal. 4:13,15).

Acts 4:36, 37 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles **Barnabas (which means son of encouragement)**, a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 9:26, 27 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. **But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles** and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 11:22 The report of this came to the ears of **the church in Jerusalem**, and **they sent Barnabas to Antioch.**

Acts 11:23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,

Acts 11:24 for **he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.** And a great many people were added to the Lord.

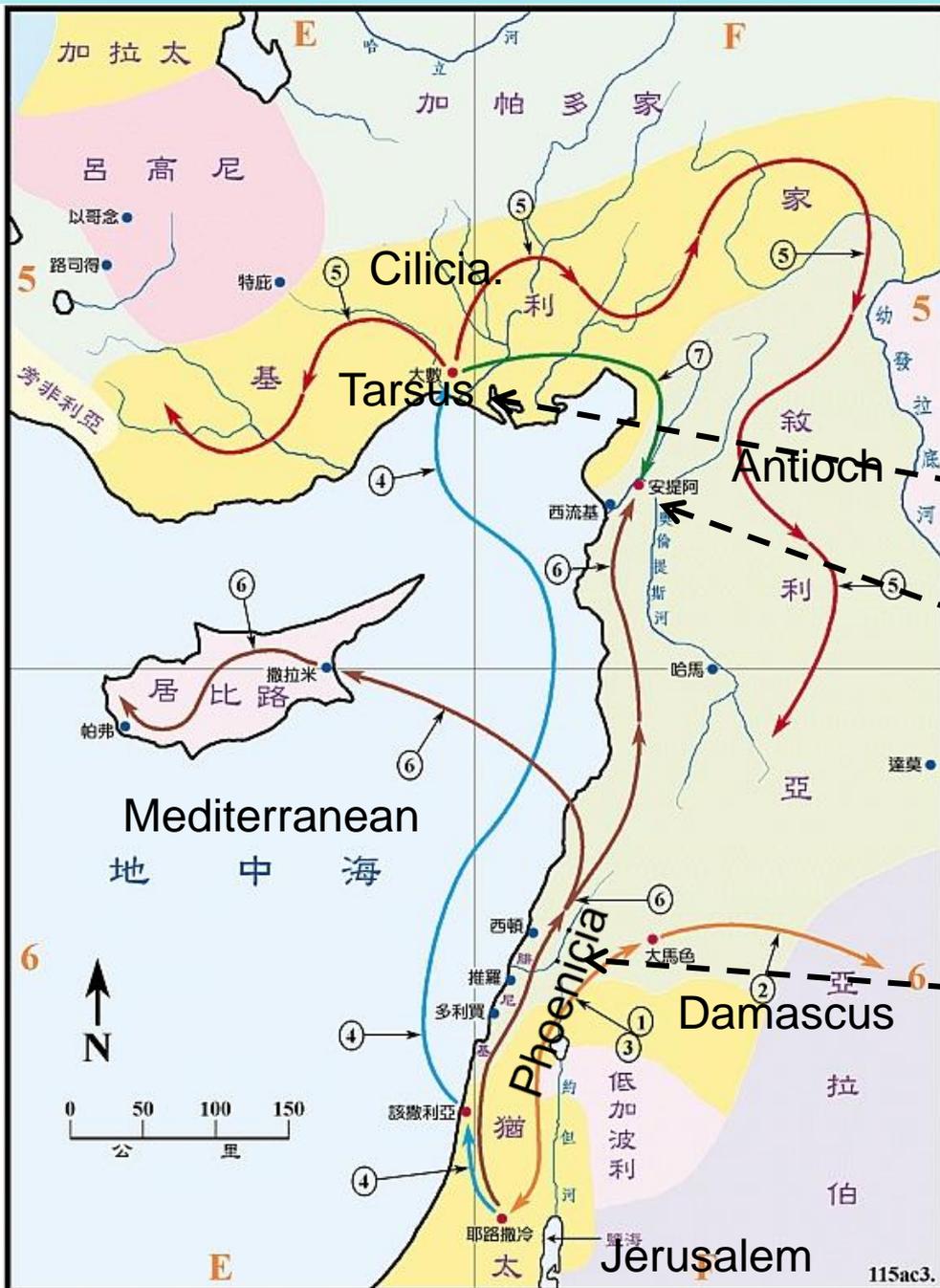
Acts 11:25 So **Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,**

Acts 11:26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

1st Cor. 9:6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?

AD 45 Barnabas went to Tarsus to search for Saul. After had found him, then Barnabas brought him to Antioch and served the Lord and the church together for a whole year. In the early period of Paul's redemption and serving the Lord and the church, the support and the companionship of Barnabas were very precious.

Also Christians need the teachings and fellowship of the saints who have rich ministries in the Lord.



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Acts 11:22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. **Before AD 44**

Acts 11:19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. **Before AD 38**

Acts 11:28 ..there would be a **great famine** over all the world ..

Acts 11:29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to **the brothers living in Judea.**

Acts 11:30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of **Barnabas and Saul.**

Acts 12:25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was **Mark.**

2nd time visiting Jerusalem – There was famine over Judea, so brothers at Antioch sent Saul and Barnabas to bring relief to Jerusalem. They brought back Mark.

Acts 13:4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, **Barnabas and Saul** went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 13:5 When they arrived at **Salamis**, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John (**Mark**) to assist them.

Acts 13:6a When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos,

Acts 13:9a But Saul, who was also called Paul,

Acts 13:13 Now Paul and his companions set sail from **Paphos** and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem,

Acts 13:14 but they went on from **Perga** and came to Antioch in **Pisidia**. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

Acts 13:51b ... went to **Iconium**.

Acts 14:6 they learned of it and fled to **Lystra** and **Derbe**, cities of **Lycaonia**, and to the surrounding country,

Acts 14:20b ...he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

Acts 14:21b they returned to **Lystra** and to Iconium and to Antioch,

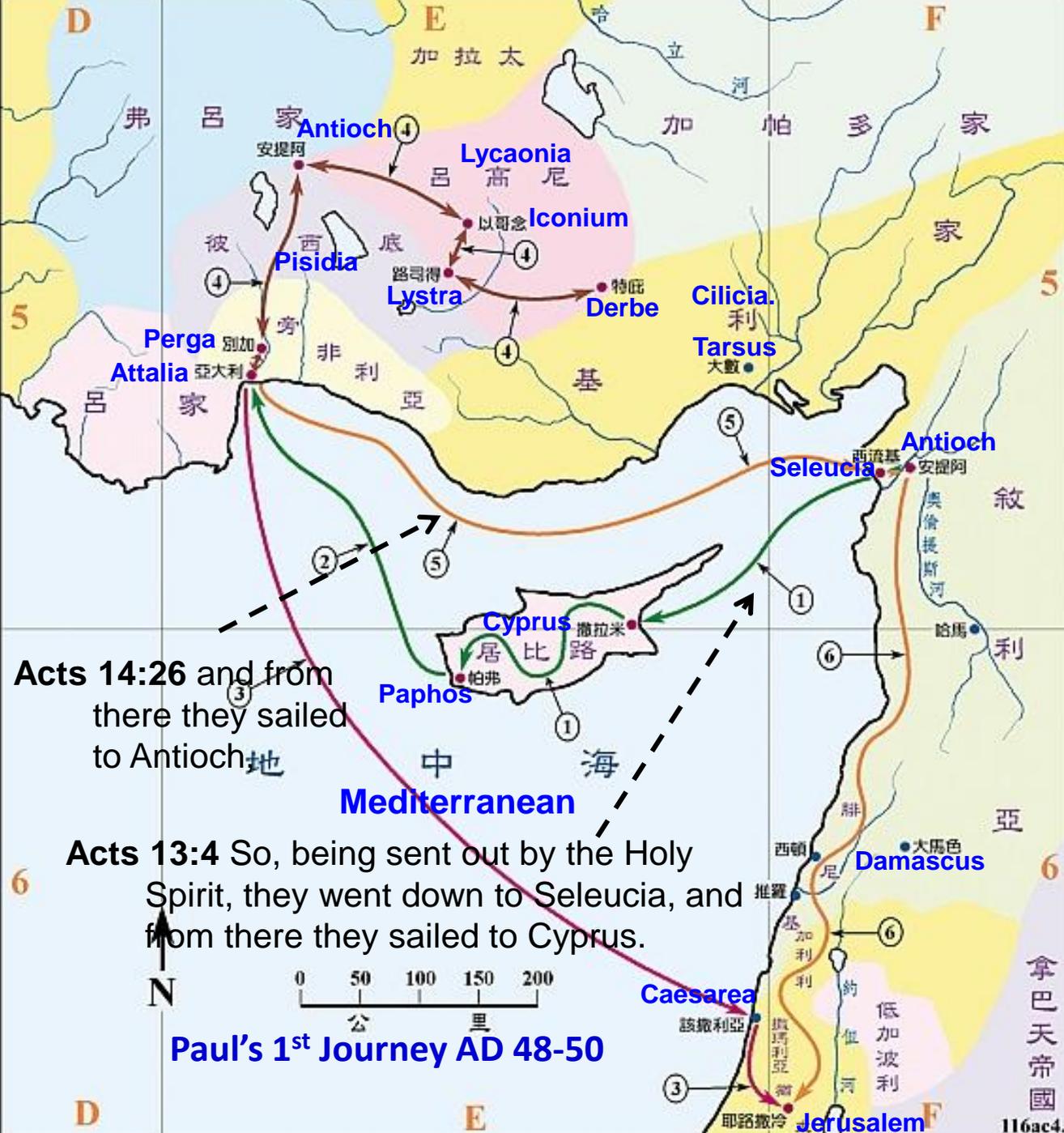
Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Acts 14:24 Then they passed through **Pisidia** and came to **Pamphylia**.

Acts 14:25 And when they had spoken the word in **Perga**, they went down to **Attalia**,

Acts 14:26a and from there they sailed to Antioch,...

1st Journey – Barnabas and Saul were sent off by the church, in Antioch They went down to Seleucid, sailed to Cyprus, arrived at Salamis. They went through the whole island as far as Paphos. Then they sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, then to Antioch in Pisidia, then to Iconium in Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and then returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, appointed elders in each church. Then they went to Pamphylia through Pisidia, preached, and finally sailed back to Antioch in Syria by ship at Atelier (the 1st journey was ended).



Routes

- 1. Acts 13:1-12
- 2. Acts 13:13
- 3. Acts 13:13
- 4. Acts 13:14-14:23
- 5. Acts 14:24-26
- 6. Acts 15:1-5

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Mediterranean

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Paul's 1st Journey AD 48-50

AD 38

Gal. 1:17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but **I went away into Arabia**, and **returned again to Damascus**.

Gal. 1:18a Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem **(AD 41)**。 。 。

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

AD 45

AD 45 Acts 13:1 mentioned that Paul is a prophet and teacher.

Acts 13:4 – Acts 14:26a 1st journey was completed.

AD 48~50

Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

加1:1a Paul, an apostle..

AD 54

After the completion of the 1st journey, at ~AD 54 Gal. 1:1a mentioned that Paul had the apostleship, because he had grown from an evangelist, shepherd and teacher, and prophet onto the apostleship including established the churches, appointed elders, rightly handling the word of truth, etc.

Eph. 2:20 (church) built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

2nd Cor. 11:24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one.

2nd Cor. 11:25 Three times I was beaten with rods (**Acts 16:22,23**), . Once I was stoned (**Acts 14:19**). Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;

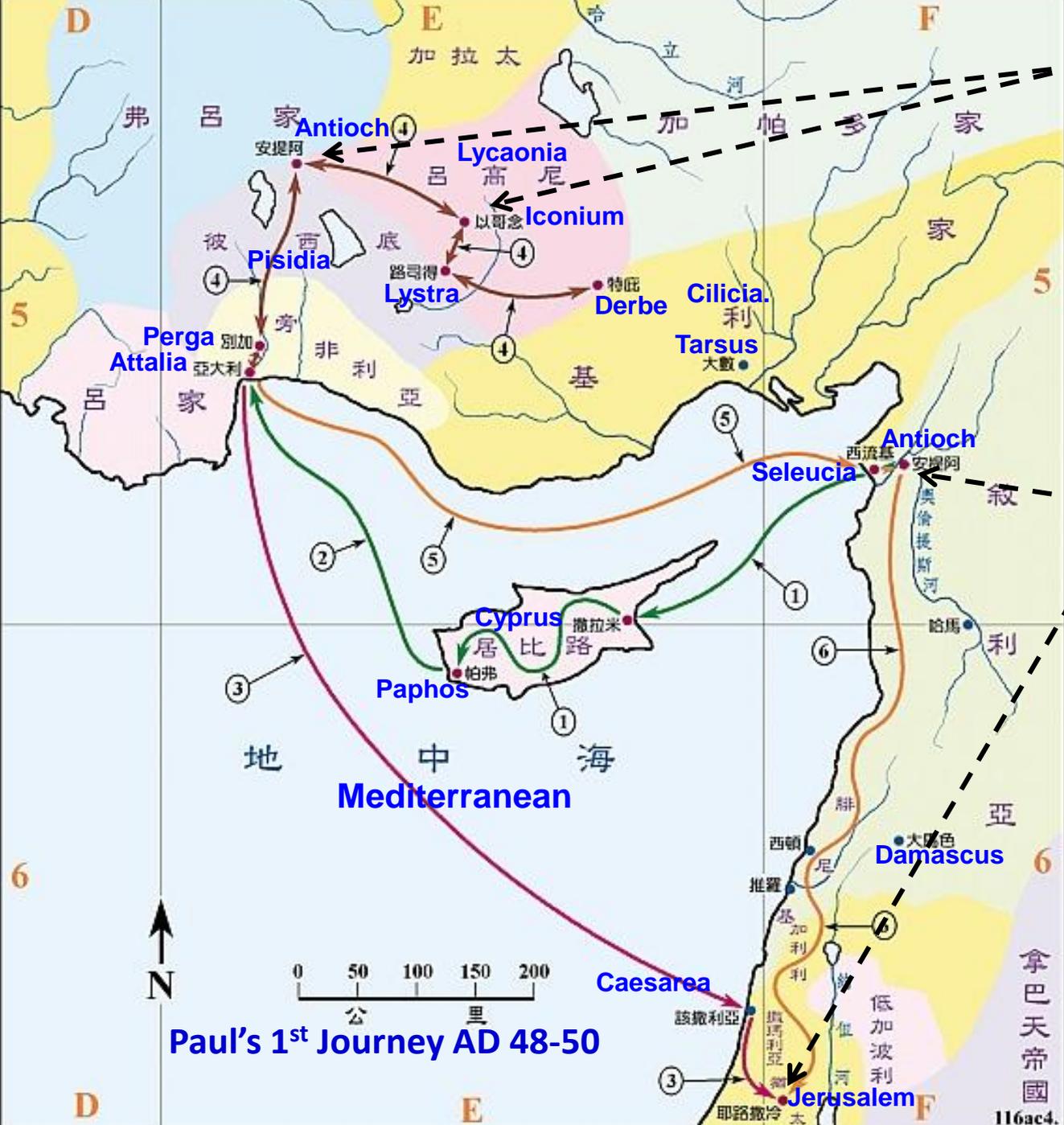
2nd Cor. 11:26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers;

2nd Cor. 11:27 in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

2nd Tim. 3:11 my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

2nd Tim. 11:24-27 Paul mentioned sufferings could happen during his **1st journey at Antioch (in Pisidia) , at Iconium and at Lystra (Acts 13:50, Acts 14:5,6,19) where he preached the gospel, and also during his time at Tarsus and travelling to Syria and Cilicia. During the 1st journey period Timothy might have seen some of the sufferings of Paul.**

As our divine life grows, the Lord will use various environments (suffering outside) to perfect us. If we rely solely on Him to do His will, He will save us.



Paul's 1st Journey AD 48-50

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Acts 15:2... Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders and fellowship.

Routes 6. Acts 15:1-5

Acts 15 whole chapter

Acts 15:2b Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia.

Acts 14:25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia,

Gal 2:9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave **the right hand of fellowship** to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

Acts 15:22a Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 15:23 with the following letter: "The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of **the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia**, greetings.

Acts 15:30,31 So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement.

Acts 16:4,5 s they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached **by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem**. So **the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily**.

3rd time visiting Jerusalem – The Jerusalem Council (the right hand of fellowship; sweet fellowship) and went back to Antioch with a letter which brought great blessings to the churches in a later time.

Gal 2:1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with **Barnabas**, taking **Titus** along with me.

Gal 2:3 But even **Titus**, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek.

During the 3rd time of Paul's visiting Jerusalem Titus was with him.

AD 51~54

Acts 15:36 And after some days **Paul said to Barnabas**, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are."

Acts 15:39 And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. **Barnabas took Mark** with him and sailed away to Cyprus,

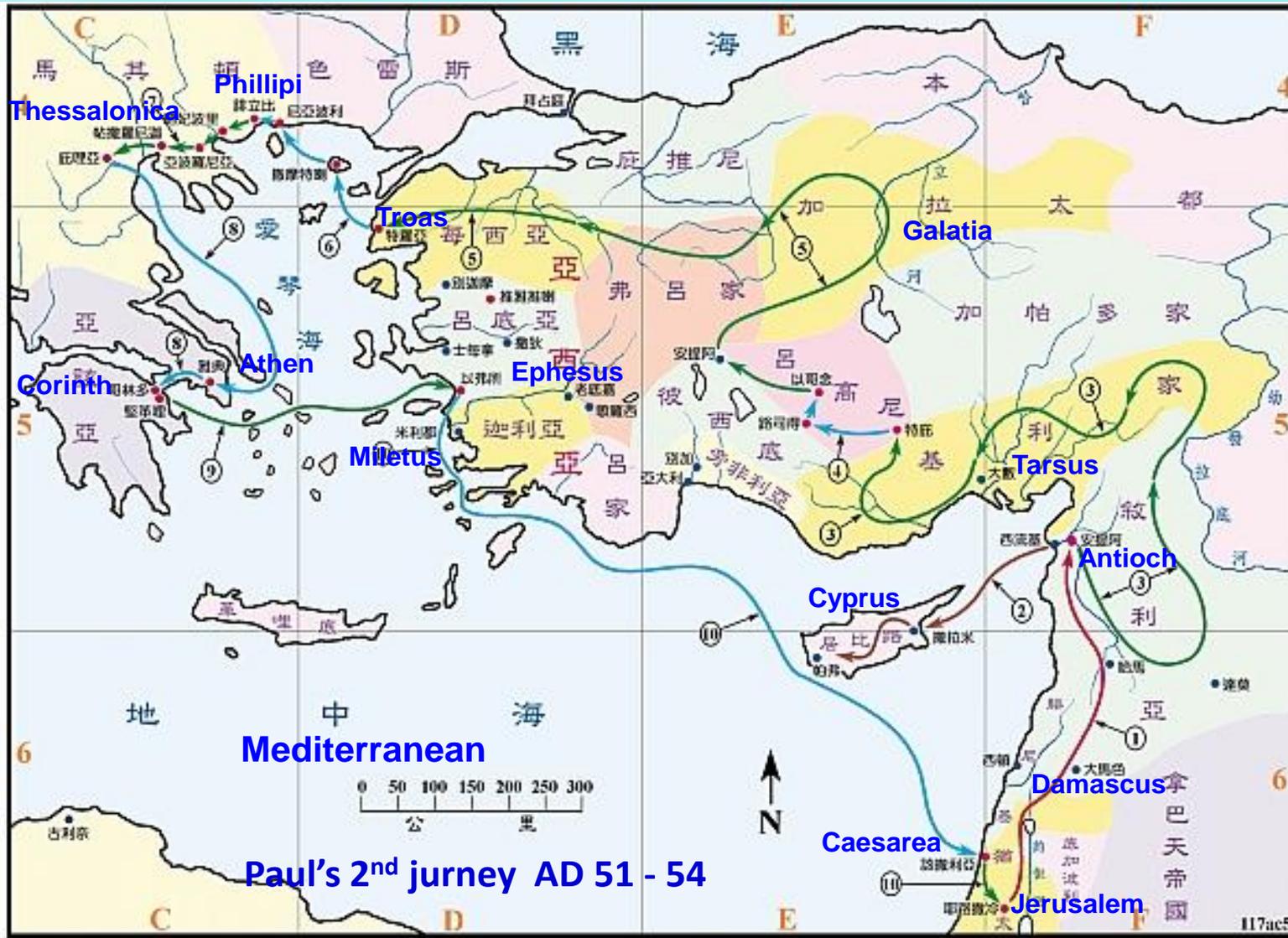
Acts 15:40a but **Paul chose Silas** and departed,...

Acts 15:41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

2nd Journey –Went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. Paul and Baranas separated from each other. Although their operations and burdens were different, disputes arised, but compliance with the Lord's will was consistent and they were not mutually exclusive. Paul still respected Barnabas very much.

1st Cor. 9:6 Or is it only **Barnabas** and I (**Paul**) who have no right to refrain from working for a living?

Col. 4:10 Aristarchus my (**Paul's**) fellow prisoner greets you, and **Mark the cousin of Barnabas** (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him),



- Routes**
1. Acts 15:22-38
 2. Acts 15:39
 3. Acts 15:40-41
 4. Acts 16:1-5
 5. Acts 16:6-10
 6. Acts 16:11-40
 7. Acts 17:1-14
 8. Acts 17:15-18:18
 9. Acts 18:19-21
 10. Acts 18:22

Paul's 2nd journey AD 51 - 54

AD 51~54

Acts 16:1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named **Timothy**, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.

Acts 16:2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

Acts 16:3 Paul wanted **Timothy** to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Acts 16:4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

Acts 16:5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

2nd Journey –Paul came to Derbe and Lystra, took **Timothy** to accompany him. They went on their way through the cities, delivering to them the decisions of Jerusalem council to strengthen the churches and they increased in numbers daily.

But God led them according to His will. He did not let Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke stay in the churches that had been greatly blessed in Galatia, but led them to Macedonia in Europe.

Acts 16:10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

AD 51~54

Acts 16:6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

Acts 16:7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

Acts 16:8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

Acts 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Acts 16:10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,

2nd Journey –The Holy Spirit forbid them to speak the word in Asia, so they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia. They came up to Mysia and attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them, thus passing by Mysia, down to Troas. A vision of a man of Macedonia appeared to Paul in the night. Although a vision appeared to Paul, but he still fellowshiped with even young saints and then decided to go to Macedonia. Please see another home work on “spiritual companions and teams”.

Luke joined Paul’s journey at Troas.

Acts 16:11 So, setting sail from **Troas**, **we** made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,

Acts 16:12a and from there to **Philippi**, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony...

Acts 16:23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw **them (Paul and Silas)** into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely.

2nd Journey –They made a voyage to Samothrace, and following day to Neapolis. From there they went to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony (they were thrown into prison).

Acts 16:24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Acts 16:25 About midnight **Paul and Silas** were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

Acts 16:26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

Acts 16:40 So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

Strangely led and produced by the Lord, Paul and Silas were actually put in prison in Philippi, but they were in prison, praying, singing and praising God, and still preaching the gospel. God rescued them.

AD 51~54

Acts 17:1 Now when they (Paul and Silas) had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

Acts 17:2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

Acts 17:3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

1st Thes. 2:9 For you remember, **brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.**

2nd Thes. 3:8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

2nd journey ----- Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, and came to Thessalonica. During a period less than a month there, they preached Jesus was Christ, He had to die and then be resurrected . At Thessalonica Paul and Silas labored and toiled, worked day and night to proclaimed the gospel of God (Timothy might have participated and seen) .

AD 51~54

Acts 17:1a Now when they had passed through **Amphipolis** and **Apollonia**, they came to **Thessalonica**,...

Acts 17:5 But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, **they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar**, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd.

1st Thes. 1:6 and you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word **in much affliction**, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 17:10a The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to **Berea**, and when they arrived...

Acts 17:15a Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as **Athens**, ...

Acts 18:1b After this Paul left **Athens** and went to **Corinth**.

Acts 18:11 And **he stayed a year and six months**, teaching the word of God among them.

2nd Journey –Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica. Paul and Silas went to Berea, Athens and Corinth, stayed there for one and a half years, and AD 54 wrote **Galatians** and **1st Thessalonians** (1st Thess. 1:1; 3:6) & **2nd Thessalonians** (2nd Thess. 1:1) .

AD 51~54

Acts 18:2 And he found a Jew named **Aquila**, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with **his wife Priscilla**, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them,

Acts 18:3 and because he was of the same trade **he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers** by trade.

Acts 18:18a After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him **Priscilla and Aquila**.

Acts 18:19a And they (**Priscilla and Aquila**) came to **Ephesus**, and he left them there...

Acts 20:31b remembering that **for three years (at Ephesus)**....

Acts 20:34 ou yourselves know that **these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me**.

2nd Thes. 3:8 or did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

2nd Journey – At Corinth Paul met Aquila and his wife Priscilla, and worked with them as tentmakers. Here Paul's work (in Corinth and possibly Ephesus on the third trip later) was for Paul and to support his co-workers.

AD 51~54

Acts 18:18b ...Paulset sail for Syria, and with him **Priscilla and Aquila**.

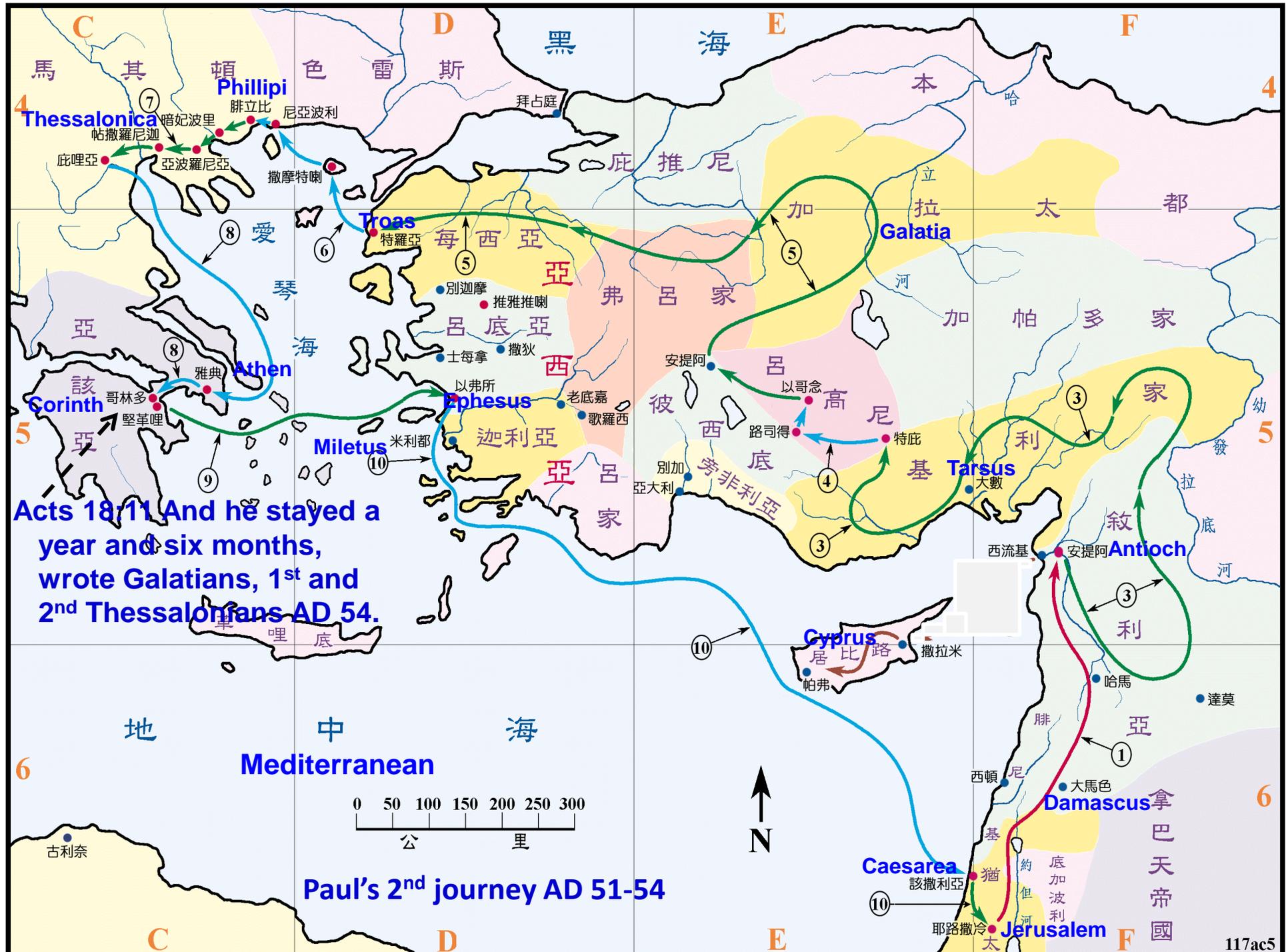
Acts 18:19a And they came to **Ephesus**, and he left them there,.

Acts 18:21b ...he set sail from Ephesus.

Acts 18:22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he **went up** and greeted the church (**at Jerusalem**), and then went down to Antioch.

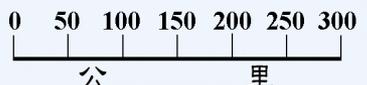
2nd Journey – Paul sailed for Syria with Priscilla and Aquila. They came to Ephesus (Priscilla and Aquila stayed there), and landed at Caesarea.

AD 54 Paul's 4th time to visit Jerusalem and went back to Antioch. It is possible that the church at Jerusalem treated Paul indifferently.



Acts 18:11 And he stayed a year and six months, wrote Galatians, 1st and 2nd Thessalonians AD 54.

Paul's 2nd journey AD 51-54



AD 55~59

Acts 18:23 After spending some time there (**Antioch**), he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

3rd Journey –After spending some time there in Antioch, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phygia, strengthening all the disciples.

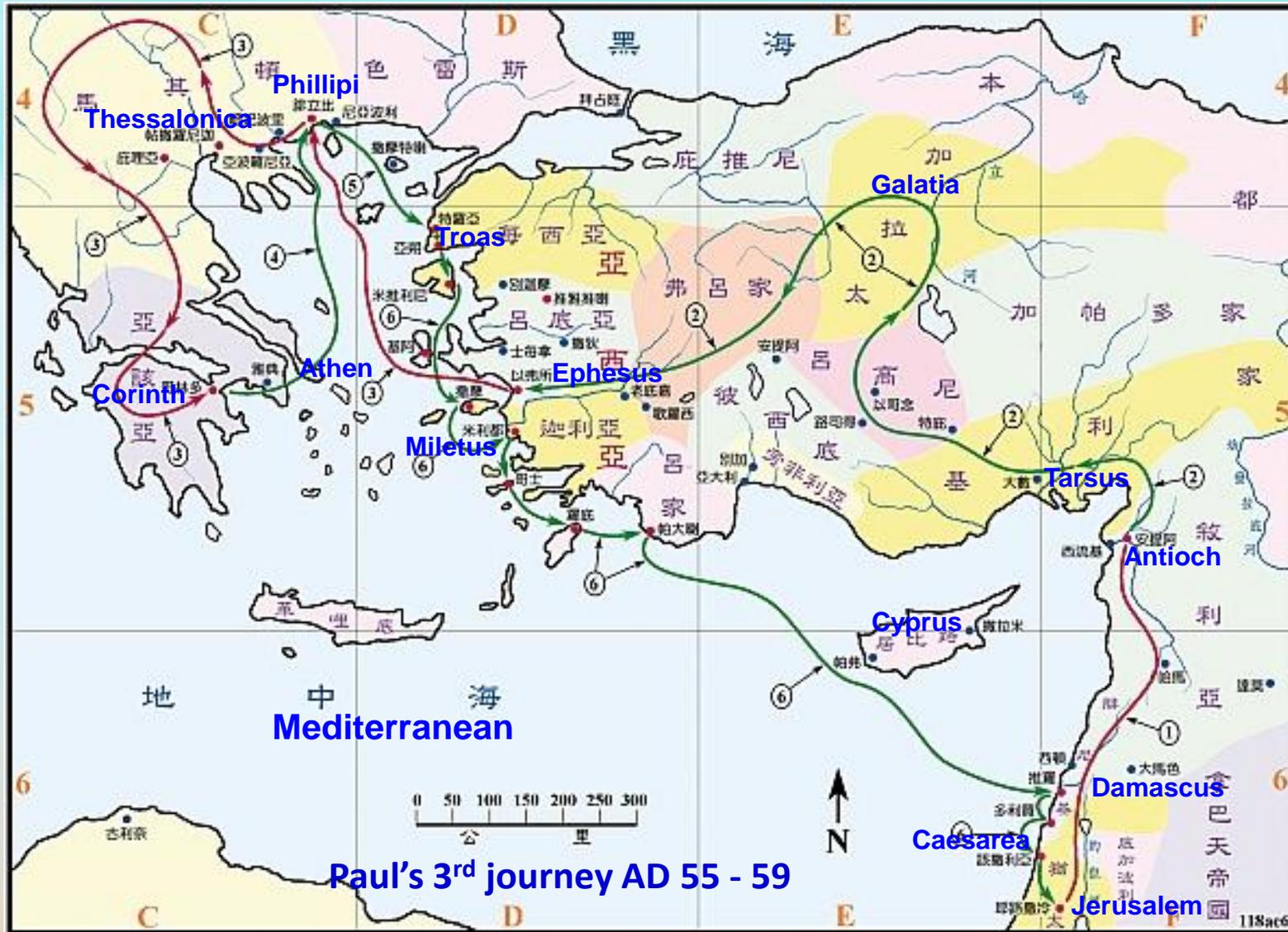
Acts 19:1c ... Paul passed through the inland country and came to **Ephesus**.

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Acts 19:10 This continued **for two years**, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

Acts 20:17,31 Now from **Miletus** he sent to **Ephesus** and called the elders of the church to come to him. Therefore be alert, remembering that **for three years** I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

3rd Journey –Paul went to Ephesus and stayed there for three years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks and **wrote 1st Corinthians**.



Routes

1. Acts 18:23
2. Acts 19:1-40
3. Acts 20:1
4. Acts 20:2
5. Acts 20:6-12
6. Acts 20:13-21:15

AD 55~59

Acts 18:24 Now a Jew named **Apollos**, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures.

Acts 19:1a And it happened that while **Apollos** was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. ..

1st Cor. 16:12 Now concerning our **brother Apollos**, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.

Titus 3:13 Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and **Apollos** on their way; see that they lack nothing.

1st Cor. 1:12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow **Apollos**," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."

During the 3rd Journey Paul met Apollos. Even Apollos is younger, but Paul honored him.

Acts 19:21 Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, **I must also see Rome.**"

Acts 20:1b ... departed for Macedonia.

Acts 20:2a When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement,

2nd Cor. 2:13 my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

3rd Journey –Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaea and go to Jerusalem and Rome also. Paul departed for Macedonia and went through all the regions and gave them much encouragement., and **wrote 2nd Corinthians .**

Acts 20:2b ... he came to Greece.

Acts 20:3a There he spent three months,...

3rd Journey –Paul came to Greece and spent three months there and **wrote Romans AD 59 (Rom. 15:25-32).**

Rom 16:1 I commend to you our sister **Phoebe**, a servant of the church at Cenchreae,
Rom 16:2 that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.
Rom 16:3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,
Rom 16:4 who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well.
Rom 16:5 Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved **Epaenetus**, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia.
Rom 16:6 Greet **Mary**, who has worked hard for you.



Rom 16:12 Greet those workers in the Lord, **Tryphaena and Tryphosa**. Greet the beloved **Persis**, who has worked hard in the Lord.
Rom 16:13 Greet **Rufus**, chosen in the Lord; **also his mother**, who has been a mother to me as well.
Rom 16:14 Greet **Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas**, and the brothers who are with them.
Rom 16:15 Greet **Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas**, and all the saints who are with them.

The book of Romans chapter 16 touches me very much and reminds me that Paul has not been to Rome (~AD 59 when he wrote Romans, and ~AD 63 when he arrived in Rome under house arrest). Romans 16 clearly indicated that Paul knew the saints in Rome very well. I believe when sister Priscilla and brother Aquila were physically together with Paul (Paul was in Corinth for about a year and a half on his 2nd journey; Paul was in Ephesus on his 3rd journey) they had much detailed fellowship concerning the saints at Rome. There were also detailed fellowship (written) with Paul when they were not physically together with Paul.

AD 55~59

Acts 20:3b ... he decided to return through Macedonia.

Acts 20:4 Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus.

3rd Journey –Paul's coworkers were with him from Greece to Asia.

Acts 20:3b ... he decided to return through Macedonia.

Acts 20:6a but we sailed away from **Philippi** ...and in five days we came to them at **Troas**,...

Acts 20:13 But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land.

Acts 20:14 And when he met us at **Assos**, we took him on board and went to Mitylene.

Acts 20:15 And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at **Samos**; and the day after that we went to **Miletus**.

Acts 20:16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, **for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem**, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 20:17 Now from **Miletus** he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

3rd Journey –They sailed away from Philippi to Troas. Paul walked to Assos. They then sailed to Mitylene, and from there they came to the opposite Chios, the next day touching Samos, and the day after they went to Miletus. From there Paul sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him for fellowship.

AD 55~59

Acts 21:1 And when we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to **Cos**, and the next day to **Rhodes**, and from there to **Patara**.

Acts 21:2 And having found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

Acts 21:3a When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to **Syria** and landed at **Tyre**,...

Acts 21:7 When we had finished the voyage from **Tyre**, we arrived at **Ptolemais**, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day.

Acts 21:8 On the next day we departed and came to **Caesarea**, and we **entered the house of Philip the evangelist**, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

3rd Journey –They set sail to Cos and the next day to Rhodes, from there to Patara. When they came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left they sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre. They arrived at Ptolemais. They greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. On the next day they came to Caesarea, entered the house of Philip the evangelist and stayed with him several days.

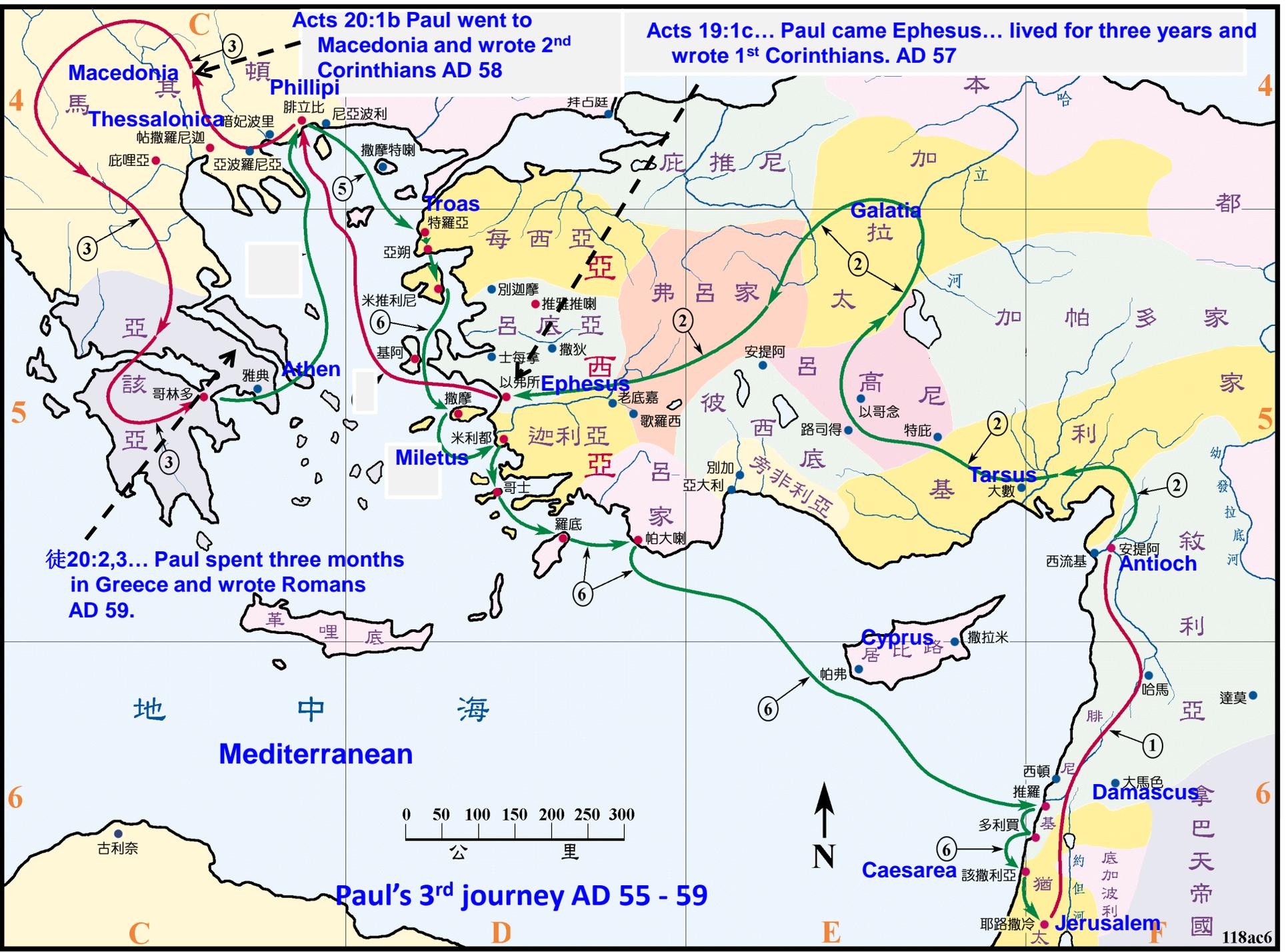
AD 55~59

Acts 21:17 When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers **(those not zealous for the law)** received us gladly.

Acts 21:18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.

Acts 21:20 And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law,

5th time visiting Jerusalem –They went to Jerusalem to meet James, and all the elders were present. But church in Jerusalem were degraded to be zealous for the law.

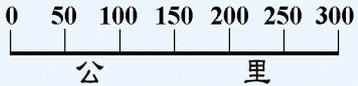


Acts 20:1b Paul went to Macedonia and wrote 2nd Corinthians AD 58

Acts 19:1c... Paul came Ephesus... lived for three years and wrote 1st Corinthians. AD 57

徒20:2,3... Paul spent three months in Greece and wrote Romans AD 59.

Paul's 3rd journey AD 55 - 59



AD 59~61

Acts 21:27the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him,

Acts 21:30 Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut.

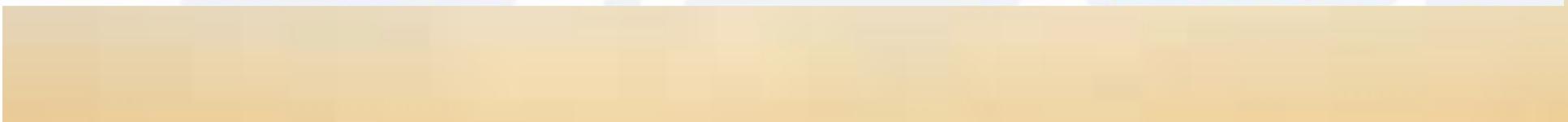
Acts 21:33a Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains....

Acts 23:33 Then he called two of the centurions and said, "Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go as far as **Caesarea** at the third hour of the night.

Acts 24:27 When two years had elapsed, **Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.**

Acts 23:11 The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in **Rome.**"

Paul was in prison at Caesarea for two years. Lord was with him.



AD 61~64

Acts 27 whole chapter

Acts 27:23 For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship,

Acts 27:24 and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

Acts 28:16 And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

Acts 28:30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him,

Acts 28:31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Journey to Rome (maybe one year); Lord was with him.- Paul was imprisoned in Rome for two years. He wrote Ephesians(Eph.3:1,4:1,6:20), Philippians, (Phil.1:13) Colossians (Col. 4:3,10,18), and Philemon (Phile1:23) and then appealed to Caesar.

AD 64~68

After Paul was set free, he might visit Greece, Macedonia, and Asia. He may also go to Spain, but he might not go to Galatia, Cilicia, Pamphylia, Syria (including Antioch), and Judea and Jerusalem. He might **write 1st Timothy** (1st Tim. 1:3) **at Macedonia, pass through Crete and write Titus at Nicopolis, and might write Hebrews at Miletus** (2nd Tim. 4:20).

Titus 1:5 This is why I left you in **Crete**, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you

Titus 3:12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me **at Nicopolis**, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

Paul might pass through Crete and write Titus at Nicopolis.

AD 68~69

Paul was imprisoned in Rome and martyred; wrote 2nd Timothy (2nd Tim. 1:16,17;4:6).

Reference: New Testament and St. Paul the Traveller and the Roman Citizen (by Sir William Mitchell Ramsay)

Acts 28:30 Paul lived in his rented house (Rome) for two years and wrote Ephesians, Phippines, Colosians and Philemons AD 64

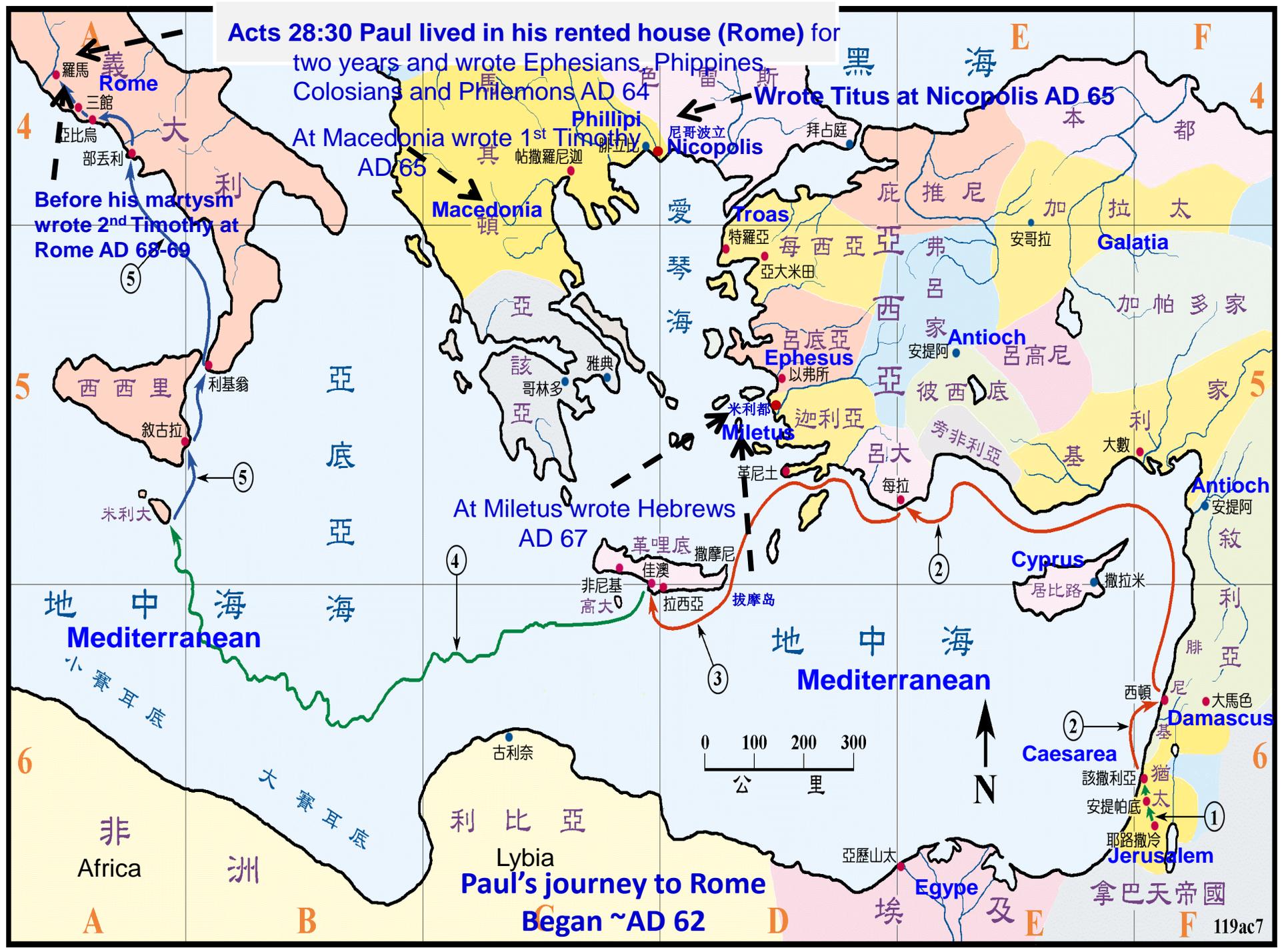
Wrote Titus at Nicopolis AD 65

At Macedonia wrote 1st Timothy AD 65

Before his martyrism wrote 2nd Timothy at Rome AD 68-69

At Miletus wrote Hebrews AD 67

Paul's journey to Rome Began ~AD 62



AD 64 Paul wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon while under house arrest in Rome

Paul's ministry team (with him, and mentioned in his epistles in other cities)

Eph 6:21 So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, **Tychicus** the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything.

Eph 6:22 I have sent him to you (*Ephesus*) for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

Php 4:17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

Php 4:18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from **Epaphroditus** the gifts you (*Philippi*) sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

Col 4:9 and with him **Onesimus**, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

Col 4:10 **Aristarchus** my fellow prisoner greets you, and **Mark** the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him),

Col 4:11 and Jesus who is called **Justus**. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

Col 4:12a **Epaphras**, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you,

Col 4:14 **Luke** the beloved physician greets you, as does **Demas**.

Phm 1:23 **Epaphras**, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you,

Phm 1:24 and so do **Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke**, my fellow workers.

**AD 65 Paul wrote 1st Timothy in Macedonia and Titus in Nicopolis; AD 67 wrote Hebrews in Miletus; AD 68-69 wrote 2nd Timothy in Rome before his martyrdom.
Paul's ministry team (with him, and mentioned in his epistles in other cities)**

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Tit 3:12 When I send **Artemas** or **Tychicus** to you, do your best to come to me at **Nicopolis**, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

Tit 3:13 Do your best to speed **Zenas** the lawyer and **Apollos** on their way; see that they lack nothing.

Heb 13:23 You should know that our brother **Timothy** has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.

2nd Ti 4:9 Do your best to come to me soon.

2nd Ti 4:10 For **Demas**, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. **Crescens** has gone to Galatia, **Titus** to Dalmatia.

2nd Ti 4:11 **Luke** alone is with me. Get **Mark** and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

2nd Ti 4:12 **Tychicus** I have sent to Ephesus.

2nd Ti 4:13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with **Carpus** at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

2nd Ti 4:19 Greet **Prisca and Aquila**, and the household of **Onesiphorus**.

2nd Ti 4:20 **Erastus** remained at Corinth, and I left **Trophimus**, who was ill, at Miletus.

2nd Ti 4:21 Do your best to come before winter. **Eubulus** sends greetings to you, as do **Pudens** and **Linus** and **Claudia** and all the brothers.

Matthew AD 37- 40	Romans	AD 59	James	AD 50
Mark AD 67-70	1st Corinthians	AD 57	1st Peter	AD 64
Luke AD 60	2nd Corinthians	AD 58	2nd Peter	AD 69
John AD 90	Galatians	AD 54	1st John	AD 90-95
Acts AD 67- 68	Ephesians	AD 64	2nd John	after 1st
	Philippians	AD 64	3rd John	after 2nd
	Colossians	AD 64	Jude	AD 69
	1st Thessalonians	AD 54	Revelation	AD 90
	2nd Thessalonians	AD 54		
	1st Timothy	AD 65		
	2nd Timothy	AD 68-69		
	Titus	AD 65		
	Philemon	AD 64		
	Hebrews	AD 67		

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