

CHRONOLOGY OF THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

This chronology is based largely on the book St. Paul the Traveller and the Roman Citizen, by William Ramsay. Some of the dates are estimates.

The Apostle Paul went by the name Saul up to the time of his first missionary journey. The name change is referred to in Acts 13:9.

Date	The years shown are all AD (after Christ)
30	Year of Christ's resurrection and ascension
30 or 31	Saul (Paul) enters public life in his thirtieth year
30-33	Events leading up to the death of the deacon Stephen
33	Saul journeys to Damascus and is converted
34	Saul spends time in Arabia, possibly for rest and study
35	Saul's first visit to Jerusalem after conversion (Acts 9:26-30; Gal. 1:18-19)
35-43	Saul resides in his home town, Tarsus
43	Barnabas brings Saul to Antioch to help in the work there
44	The prophecy of Agabus about a coming famine (Acts 11:27ff.)
45	The famine begins in Jerusalem with failure of harvest
Winter 45-46	Saul's second visit to Jerusalem to bring relief (Acts 11:30; 12:25; Gal, 2:1-10)
Winter 46-47	Return to Antioch (Acts 12:25)
Spring of 47	Beginning of PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY
Until July 47	In Cyprus
July 47	In Pamphylia (Mark leaves for Jerusalem)
Until Winter 47	In Pisidian Antioch
Until Summer 48	In Iconium
Until Autumn 48	In Lystra
Winter 48-49	In Derbe
Feb-May 49	Return through Lystra, Iconium, Antioch, and Pisidia
June-July 49	Short stay in Perga
Aug 49	Probable time when Paul wrote Galatians
Winter 49-50	Paul 's third visit to Jerusalem: the Council (Acts 15)
Spring of 50	Beginning of PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY
Summer 50	In Galatia revisiting churches
October 50	Across Asia to Troas
Until Dec 50	In Philippi
Dec 50 - May 51	In Thessalonica
May - July 51	In Berea
August 51	In Athens
Sep 51 - Mar 53	In Corinth; wrote 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians during the earlier part of this 18-month stay in Corinth
Mar 53	Paul 's fourth visit to Jerusalem for the Passover

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June 53	Beginning of PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY
Jul - Aug 53	In Galatia revisiting churches
Oct 53 - Jan 56	In Ephesus; wrote 1 Corinthians during this 27-month stay in Ephesus
Feb 56	In Troas
Until fall 56	In Macedonia; wrote 2 Corinthians from Macedonia
Dec 56 - Feb 57	In Achaia for three months; wrote Romans from Corinth
Mar 57	Journey to Philippi
Apr 57	Start from Philippi for Troas on the way to Jerusalem
May 57	Paul's fifth visit to Jerusalem on day before Pentecost; brought collection from Gentile Christians to poor Jewish Christians in Jerusalem
Jun 57 - Jul 59	Imprisonment in Palestine, chiefly at Caesarea
Aug 59 - Feb 60	Voyage to Rome
Feb 60 - Dec 61	In Rome as a prisoner of the Roman government and awaiting trial
Early 61	Wrote Colossians , Philemon , and Ephesians
Late 61	Wrote Philippians
End of 61	Trial and acquittal
61 - 66	Paul's LATER TRAVELS Wrote 1 Timothy and Titus during this period
67	In Rome again for a second trial; condemned to death; wrote 2 Timothy while in prison and awaiting execution