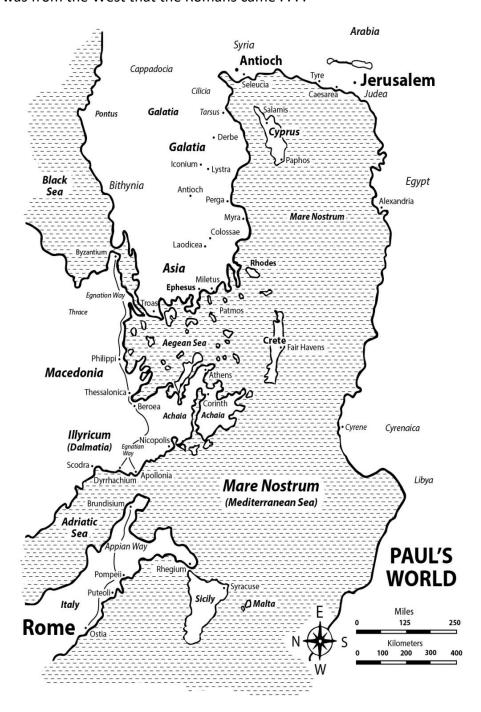
PAUL'S WORLD

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"It is likely that people in Paul's day who were living at the Eastern end of the Mediterranean understood their world to be oriented East and West, rather than North and South. The sun rose in the East and set in the West. And it was from the West that the Romans came "



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CHRONOLOGY OF PAUL

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Revelation and Initial Ministry

Revelation and calling—34 CE

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Ministry in Damascus and Arabia—34-37 CE

1st Visit to Jerusalem (J1)—Acquaintance Visit, 37 CE

Ministry in Syria and Cilicia—37+ CE

Foundation Campaign Around to Illyricum—38-51 CE

Phase 1 of Foundation Campaign, Anatolia (likely 3-5 years),

38-42/43 CE

Phase 2 of Foundation Campaign, Anatolia to Illyricum

(likely 5-8 years), 43-51 CE

2 Thessalonians—early 49 CE, from Achaia?

Previous Letter to Corinth (cf. 2 Cor 6:14-7.1

fragment)—early 50 CE, from Illyricum

Stay in Corinth—Summer, 51 CE, appearance before

Gallio (7/51-?)

1 Thessalonians—early 51 CE, from Corinth

2nd Visit to Jerusalem (**J2**)—Famine Visit, Fall, 51 CE

(+17 yrs.)

Conflict with Judaizers in Antioch— Early Spring, 52 CE

3rd Visit to Jerusalem (J3)—Conference Visit, Spring, 52 CE

Collection Campaign—52-56 CE, from Antioch to Corinth

Conflict with Judaizers in Antioch—Summer, 52 CE

Ministry in Galatia—52 CE

Ministry in Ephesus—52-54 CE

Galatians—53 CE, from Ephesus

Imprisonment in Ephesus—54 CE

Philippians—54 CE, from Ephesus

1 Corinthians—54 CE, from Ephesus

(Painful Letter to Corinth)

Departure for Macedonia—55 CE

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2 Corinthians 1-13—55 CE, from Macedonia

Romans—56 CE, from Corinth

Journey to Jerusalem for Pentecost—

Late Spring, 56 CE

(Pentecost—June 11, 56 CE)

Paul's Post-Collection Years

4th Visit to Jerusalem (**J4**)—Collection Visit—56 CE

(Pentecost—June 11, 56 CE)

Arrest in Jerusalem—Early Summer, 56 CE

Caesarean Imprisonment—Summer, 56-Summer, 58 CE

Travel to Rome—Fall, 58 CE

Winter on Malta—Fall, 58-Winter, 59 CE

Arrival in Rome—Early Spring, 59 CE

Roman Imprisonment—Spring, 59-61 CE

Colossians Early Summer, 60 CE

Philemon Early Summer, 60 CE

Ephesians Early Summer, 60 CE

Romans 16 Early Summer, 60 CE

Note: These four letters of Paul were carried by Tychicus and those who accompanied him to Ephesus and Colossae/Laodicea. Tychicus then returned to Rome.

First Trial before Nero—Midsummer, 60 CE

2 Timothy Late Summer, 60 CE

(Timothy in Ephesus; Tychicus sent again to Ephesus)

Note: Second Timothy is the last literary testament of Paul that we have.

Summary Chronological Listing of Letters

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Letter	Place of Origin Date		
2 Thessalonians		Corinth	49 CE
Previous Letter to	Corinth (cf. 2 Cor. 6.14-7.1)	Illyricum	50 CE
1 Thessalonians		Corinth	51 CE
Galatians		Ephesus	53 CE
Philippians		Ephesus	54 CE
1 Corinthians		Ephesus	54 CE
(Painful Letter to	Corinth)		
2 Corinthians 1-13		Macedonia	55 CE
Romans		Corinth	56 CE
Colossians		Rome	60 CE
Philemon		Rome	60 CE
Ephesians		Rome	60 CE
Romans 16		Rome	60 CE
2 Timothy		Rome	60 CE
1 Timothy?	Pseudonymous, not Pauline on historical and stylistic grounds		
Titus?	Pseudonymous, not Pauline on historical and stylistic grounds		

Note: For a full, detailed chronology of Paul with supporting evidence, see G. Roger Greene, *The Ministry of Paul the Apostle: History and Redaction* (Lexington Fortress, 2019).