

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND BEHIND GALATIANS

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Acts

death of Stephen (Acts 7)
Paul leads a generalized persecution of
the church (9:1-2; 26:9-12).

is converted at Damascus
(9:3-25; 22:3-16; 26:13-20a)

Paul travels to Jerusalem, feared by
Christians there, meets apostles,
and preaches to Hellenists (9:26-
29a).

Paul returns to Tarsus to escape a
plot against his life (9:29b-30;
22:17-21).

Barnabas brings him from Tarsus to
Antioch, where he teaches for 1 year
(11:25-26).

the famine visit to Jerusalem with
Barnabas (11:27-12:25)

first missionary tour (13:1-14:28)

goes with Barnabas to the conference on
circumcision (15:1-35) and returns
to Antioch with the Jerusalem letter

second missionary tour (15:36-18:22)
through Syria, Cilicia, and Galatia,
where he delivered copies of the
Jerusalem letter (16:4). Points
west include 1½ years
at Corinth.

third missionary tour, including 2 years
and 3 months at Ephesus (18:23-
21:16)

Secular Sources

Pilate deposed? A.D. 36

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Gallio's proconsulship
A.D. 51-52

Galatians

conversion of Paul (1:15-17)

3 years in Arabia (1:18)
goes to Jerusalem by way of Damascus,
stays with Peter 15 days, sees no
other apostles (except James), is not
known on sight by Judean churches
(1:18-19, 22)
comes to regions of Syria and Cilicia
(1:21)

Paul preached the gospel to the Galatians
[τὸ πρότερον] "at first/the first
time/before" (4:13).
goes by revelation to Jerusalem with Titus
14 (11?) years after his conversion and
meets privately with the pillars of the
Jerusalem church (2:1-10)
the dissimulation of Barnabas and Peter
(2:11-21)
writing of Galatians (at Antioch)?

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writing of Galatians (at Corinth)?

writing of Galatians (at Ephesus or
in Macedonia)?

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