

# Paul in Context



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Chronology of Paul		Claudius (41-54)	Herod Agrippa I king of Judea (41-44)	2
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44	James the apostle beheaded (44) <i>Acts 12:1-2</i> Paul's trip to Antioch (44) <i>Acts 11:25-26</i>			
46	Paul's second visit to Jerusalem (46) <i>Acts 11:27-30</i> Paul's first journey (46-48) <i>Acts 13:2 - 14:28</i>			
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50	Judaist contention at Antioch (49) <i>Acts 15:1-2; Gal 2:12-14</i> Jerusalem council (50) <i>Acts 15:2-29</i> Paul's second journey (50-52) <i>Acts 15:40 - 18:23</i>	Galatians from Antioch (49)	<i>Jews expelled from Rome (49)</i>	Herod Agrippa II Tetrarch of Nth. Territory (50-93)
52		1 Thess. from Corinth (51) 2 Thess. from Corinth (51/52)		Felix (52-60) Roman procurator
	Paul's third journey (53-58) <i>Acts 18:23 - 21:17</i>			
54			Nero (54-68)	
56		1 Cor. from Ephesus (55) 2 Cor. from Macedonia (55)		
58	Paul imprisoned in Caesarea (58-60) <i>Acts 23:23-26:32</i> Paul shipwrecked on Malta (60-61) <i>Acts 27:1 - 28:10</i>	Romans from Corinth or Cenchrea (57)		
60	Paul imprisoned in Rome (61-63) <i>Acts 28:11-31</i>	Ephesians, Colossians & Philemon from Rome (61) Philippians from Rome (62)		Festus (60-62) Roman procurator
62	James the Lord's brother stoned (62) Paul's later journeys (63-67)	1 Timothy and Titus from Philippi (64/65)		
64			<i>Fire of Rome (64)</i>	

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- ➡ Recovery in Corinth: Acts 18:11,18

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Was he meant to have taken Barnabas? (See Acts 13:2–3 and 15:36–40)



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I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is **the distinguishing mark in all my letters**. This is how I write.

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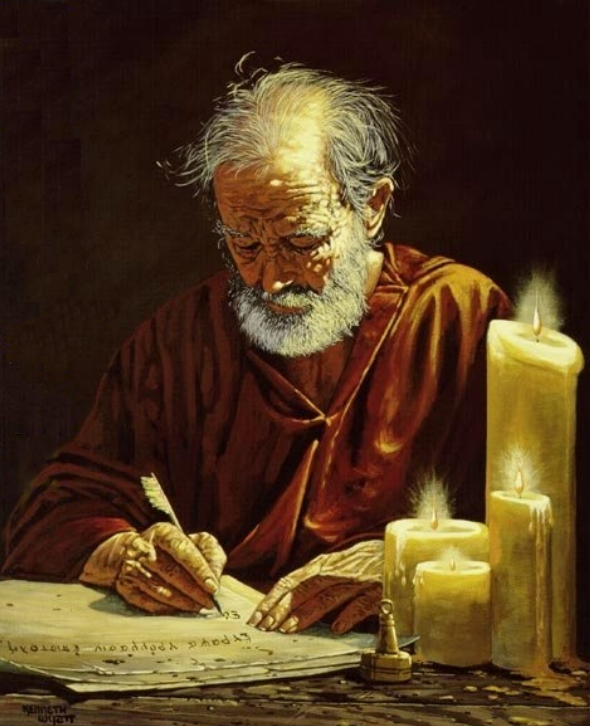


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