GALATIANS. I. 17—24.   
   
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 #sixts.8>T might preach him among the might preach him among   
 a. Gentiles; immediately I conferred the heathen; immediately I   
 e Matt 17, not with ¢flesh and blood : 17 neither | conferred not with Iup   
 Eph. iii. went I away to Jerusalem to them to Jerusalem to them which   
 Ep! were apostles before me; were apostles before me ;   
 which I went away into Arabia, and but I went into Arabia,   
 returned back again unto Damas- and returned again unto   
 Damascus. 8 Then after   
 three years I went up to   
 aactsix., cus. 18 Then after three years 41 Jerusalem to see Peter,and   
 went up to Jerusalem to visit Ce- abode with him fifteen days.   
 phas, and tarried with him fifteen 19 But other of the apostles   
 «conixs.. days. 19 But ¢ other of the apostles   
   
 Mark vi,   
 that part of the Arabian desert which   
 very birth (sce especially xiii. and nearly bordered on Damascus. How long   
 effected by a special calling: viz., on he remained there we are equally at a loss   
 the road to Damascus, carried ont by the to say. Hardly for any considerable por-   
 instrumentality of Ananias. To under- tion of the three years: Acts ix. 23 will   
 stand this “call” of an act in the divine scarcely admit of this: for those “many   
 Mind, is contrary to our Apostle’s usage days” were manifestly passed at Damascus.   
 the word, see ver. 6; Rom. viii. 30 al. —The journey is mentioned here, to   
 This calling first place, then the reve- for the time, and to shew that he did   
 lation, es 16.] to reveal his Son not spend it in conferring with men, or   
 (viz. by that subsequent revelation, of with the other Apostles. and re-   
 which before, ver. not by his turned ....] compare Acts ix. 22, 25.   
 whieh, as above, answers to the “ call”) in 18—24.] But after a very short visit   
 me (strictly ‘within me,’ “the revelation to Peter at Jerusalem, he retired to Syria   
 shining throngh his soul,” Chrysostom : and Cilicia. 18.) At first sight, it   
 the context here requires that his own would appear as if the three years were to   
 personal iNumination should be the point be reckoned from his return to Damaseus :   
 brought out), among the Gentiles | the but on closer examination we see that after   
 inain object his Apostleship: see 9. three years stands in opposition to ‘“im-   
 with flesh and blood] i.e. with mediately” above, and the “not going   
 mankind: these words are used generally away to Jerusalem” here answers to   
 with the idea of weakness and frailty. “going up to Jerusalem” there. So that   
 17.) went away both times refers to we must reckon them from his conversion :   
 his departure from Damascus: “when I the period specified in ver. 15 ruling the   
 left Damascus, I did not go... . but when whole narrative. See also on ch. 1.—This   
 I left Damasens, I went.” into Arabia} is the journey of Acts ix. 26,—where see   
 On the place which this journey holds in note. There is no real discrepancy between   
 the narrative of Acts ix., see notes on that account and this. The incident which   
 verses 19, 22 there. Its ohject does not led to his leaving Damaseus (Acts ix.   
 seem to have been the preaching of the 25; 2 Cor. xi. 32, 33) has not necessarily   
 Gospel,—but preparation for the apostolic any connexion with his purpose in going   
 work; though of course we cannot say, to Jerusalem: a purpose which may have   
 that he did not preach during the time, as been entertained before, or determined on   
 before and after it (Acts ix. 22), in the after, that incident. To this visit be   
 synagogues at Damascus. Into what part referred the vision of Acts xxii. 17, 18.   
 of Arabia he went, we have no means of to visit (i.e. make the acquaint-   
 determining. The name was a very vague ance of) Cephas—not to get information   
 one, soinetimes including Damaseus,—some- or instruction from him. Peter was at   
 times extending even to Lebanon and the this early period the prominent person   
 borders of Cilicia. It was however more among the Apostles: see note on Matt.   
 usually restricted to that Peninsula now xvi, 18, fifteen days] mentioned to   
 thus called, between the Red Sea and the shew how little of his institution as an   
 Persian Gulf. Here we must apparently Apostle he could have owed to Peter.   
 take it in the wider sense, and understand