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**Note:** The chronology and dating of the events in Paul's life are still disputed among scholars.

| Year    | The Life of Paul  | Books Written | Historical Events  |
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| AD 4    |   |               | Augustus adopts Tiberius and recognizes him as the successor |
| c. 5    | Born—an Israelite—in Tarsus of Cilicia ( <a href="#">Acts 22:3</a> ; <a href="#">Phil 3:5</a> )   |               |  |
|         | A Roman citizen by birthright ( <a href="#">Acts 22:28</a> )  |               |  |
| 7       |   |               | Judea becomes a Roman Imperial province                      |
| 14      |   |               | Census of Caesar and Tiberius                                |
|         |   |               | Lyvia poisons Augustus; Tiberius comes into power            |
| c.15-20 | At the school of Gamaliel, Jerusalem ( <a href="#">Acts 22:3</a> )  |               |  |
| 26      |   |               | Pilate begins serving as procurator of Judea                 |
| 28      |   |               | John the Baptist executed by Herod Antipas                   |
| 30      |   |               | Crucifixion of Christ  |
| 31(?)   | A Pharisee ( <a href="#">Phil 3:5</a> )   |               |  |
| c. 32   | Present at Stephen's stoning ( <a href="#">Acts 7:58</a> ; <a href="#">8:1</a> )  |               |  |
| c.33-34 | Persecutor of the church ( <a href="#">Acts 8:1-3</a> ; <a href="#">Phil 3:6</a> )  |               |  |
| 34      | Conversion on the Road to Damascus ( <a href="#">Acts 9:1-9</a> )   |               |  |
|         | Goes to Damascus ( <a href="#">Acts 9:10-19</a> )   |               |  |
|         | Travels to Arabia and remains there ( <a href="#">Gal 1:17</a> )  |               |  |
| 35      |   |               |  |
| 36      |   |               | Imprisonment of Herod Agrippa                                |
| 37      |   |               |  |
|         | Returns to Damascus then exits the city for safety ( <a href="#">Gal 1:17</a> ; <a href="#">Acts 9:20-25</a> ; <a href="#">2 Cor 11:32-33</a> ) |               |  |
|         | Goes up to Jerusalem ( <a href="#">Acts 9:26-29</a> ; <a href="#">Gal 1:18</a> )  |               | Caligula becomes emperor at the death of Tiberius            |
|         | Goes back to Tarsus for safety ( <a href="#">Acts 9:30</a> )  |               |  |

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| 38 |   |                          |  |
| 39 |   |                          | Herod Antipas deposed by Caligula and exiled to Gaul |
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| 41 |   |                          | Caligula murdered                                    |
|    |   |                          | Cladius declared emperor                             |
| 42 |   |                          | Famine in Rome                                       |
| 43 |   |                          | Roman campaigns against Britain                      |
| 44 |   |                          | Death of Herod Agrippa I                             |
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| 46 |   |                          |  |
|    | Barnabas travels to Tarsus in order to seek Saul ( <a href="#">Acts 11:25</a> )   |                          |  |
| 47 | Goes to Antioch with Barnabas teaching and many people ( <a href="#">Acts 11:26</a> )                                     |                          |  |
|    | Agabus prophesies a famine ( <a href="#">Acts 11:27, 28</a> )   |                          |  |
|    | Aid sent to Jerusalem through Barnabas and Saul ( <a href="#">Acts 11:29, 30</a> )  |                          |  |
| 48 | Barnabas and Saul return with John Mark ( <a href="#">Acts 12:25</a> )  |                          |  |
|    | Barnabas and Saul's separation of Paphos and John Mark ( <a href="#">Acts 13:1-3</a> )                                    |                          |  |
|    | John Mark departs for home ( <a href="#">Acts 13:13</a> )   |                          |  |
|    | They travel from Antioch to Seleucia, then to Cyprus ( <a href="#">Acts 13:4</a> )  | First Missionary Journey |  |
|    | While on Cyprus they go to Salamis and Paphos ( <a href="#">Acts 13:5-12</a> )  |                          |  |
|    | In Lystra Paul and Barnabas are mistaken for gods ( <a href="#">Acts 14:8-18</a> )  |                          |  |
|    | Ministry in Antioch of Pisidia ( <a href="#">Acts 13:14-50</a> )  |                          |  |
|    | Departs with Barnabas to Derbe, preaching the gospel ( <a href="#">Acts 14:6-7</a> )                                      |                          |  |
|    | Preaches to Lystra and Derbe, preaching the gospel ( <a href="#">Acts 14:6-7</a> )  |                          |  |
|    | Stoned at Lystra, supposed to be dead, but re-  |                          |  |
|    | From Pisidia they returned to Antioch of Syria and reported their journey to the church ( <a href="#">Acts 14:24-28</a> ) |                          |  |
|    | They return to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch to strengthen disciples and appoint elders ( <a href="#">Acts 14:21-24</a> )  |                          |  |
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| 49 | Goes up to the Jerusalem Council with Barnabas ( <a href="#">Acts 15:1-29</a> ; <a href="#">Galatians 2:1</a> )                            |                           |                 | Claudius expels Jews from Rome and blames it on Chrestus (a possible reference to Christ) |
|    | Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch of Syria, teaching and preaching ( <a href="#">Acts 15:30-35</a> ; <a href="#">Galatians 2:11-14</a> ) |                           |                 |   |
|    | Contention over John Mark; Barnabas and John Mark sail to Cyprus ( <a href="#">Acts 15:36-39</a> )   |                           |                 |   |
|    | Paul and Silas depart, going through Syria and Cilicia strengthening the churches ( <a href="#">Acts 15:40-41</a> )                        | Second Missionary Journey | Galatians (?)   |   |
| 50 | Goes to Derbe and Lystra and picks up Timothy, strengthening the churches ( <a href="#">Acts 16:1-5</a> )                                  |                           |                 | The rise of the Zealots   |
|    | They go to Troas and Paul sees a vision of a Macedonian man ( <a href="#">Acts 16:6-10</a> )   |                           |                 |   |
| 51 | They sail from Troas to Neapolis ( <a href="#">Acts 16:11</a> )  |                           |                 |   |
|    | To Philippi where Paul meets Lydia ( <a href="#">Acts 16:12-15</a> )   |                           |                 |   |
|    | Paul and Silas imprisoned after casting out a demon from a slave girl ( <a href="#">Acts 16:16-25</a> )                                    |                           |                 |   |
|    | Prison doors opened miraculously and the jailer saved ( <a href="#">Acts 16:25-34</a> )  |                           |                 |   |
|    | Departs from Philippi ( <a href="#">Acts 16:35-40</a> )  |                           |                 |   |
|    | They passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia ( <a href="#">Acts 17:1</a> )   |                           |                 |   |
|    | At Thessalonica and preached Christ, but had to flee ( <a href="#">Acts 17:1-10</a> )  |                           |                 |   |
|    | At Berea where he leaves Silas and Timothy ( <a href="#">Acts 17:10-14</a> )   |                           |                 |   |
|    | At Corinth and rejoined with Silas and Timothy ( <a href="#">Acts 18:1-17</a> )  |                           | Galatians (?)   |   |
|    |  |                           | 1 Thessalonians |   |
| 52 |  |                           | 2 Thessalonians |   |
| 53 | Paul returns to Antioch after stopping at Ephesus, Caesarea, and Jerusalem ( <a href="#">Acts 18:18-22</a> )                               |                           |                 |   |
|    | Travels through Galatia and Phrygia strengthening the disciples ( <a href="#">Acts 18:23</a> )   |                           |                 |   |

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|    | Passes through the (upper regions) on his way to Ephesus ( <a href="#">Acts 19:1</a> )   |               |   |
| 54 |  | 1 Corinthians | Nero becomes Emperor<br>Claudius poisoned by his wife |
| 56 | Goes to Macedonia ( <a href="#">Acts 20:1</a> )  | 2 Corinthians |   |
| 55 |  |               |   |
|    | Goes back to Macedonia ( <a href="#">Acts 20:3</a> )                                     |               |   |
|    | Travels to Greece ( <a href="#">Acts 20:2</a> )  | Romans        |   |
|    | Assos. Mitylene. Chios. Samos. Togyllium. At Troas ( <a href="#">Acts 20:4-12</a> )      |               |   |
|    | Paul extracts the Ephesian elders (at Miletus, 2) ( <a href="#">Acts 20:15-38</a> )      |               |   |
|    | At Ptolemais ( <a href="#">Acts 21:7</a> )   |               |   |
|    | At Tyre ( <a href="#">Acts 21:3-6</a> )  |               |   |
| 57 | At Jerusalem ( <a href="#">Acts 21:15-25</a> )   |               |   |
|    | At Caesarea ( <a href="#">Acts 21:8-14</a> )   |               |   |
|    | Paul gets arrested in the temple and causes a mob ( <a href="#">Acts 21:26-36</a> )      |               |   |
|    | Paul's citizenship saves him from scourging  |               |   |
|    | Addresses the mob ( <a href="#">Acts 21:37 - 22:21</a> )                                 |               |   |
|    | Before the Sanhedrin ( <a href="#">Acts 22:30 - 23:10</a> )                              |               |   |
|    | Jesus tells Paul that he will bear witness of him in Rome ( <a href="#">Acts 23:11</a> ) |               |   |
|    | The plot against Paul's life ( <a href="#">Acts 23:12-22</a> )                           |               |   |
|    | Sent safely to Felix the governor ( <a href="#">Acts 23:23-35</a> )                      |               |   |
|    | Paul before Felix ( <a href="#">Acts 24:1-27</a> )                                       |               |   |
| 59 | Paul before Festus ( <a href="#">Acts 25:1-12</a> )                                      |               |   |
|    | Paul's appeal honored - turning point towards Rome ( <a href="#">Acts 25:12</a> )        |               | Assassination of Agrippina, the mother of Nero        |
|    | Paul before Agrippa ( <a href="#">Acts 25:13 - 26:32</a> )                               |               |   |
|    | Paul departs for Rome and sails to Myra ( <a href="#">Acts 27:1-5</a> )                  |               |   |
|    | They sail to Fair Havens on Crete ( <a href="#">Acts 27:6-8</a> )                        |               |   |
|    | In spite of Paul's warning, they set sail again ( <a href="#">Acts 27:9-12</a> )         |               |   |

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|    | In the midst of a terrible storm they get shipwrecked on the island of Malta ( <a href="#">Acts 27:13 - 28:1</a> ) |                           |                      |   |
|    | At Malta ( <a href="#">Acts 28:2-10</a> )  |                           |                      |   |
|    | Sails to Syracuse ( <a href="#">Acts 28:11, 12</a> )   |                           |                      |   |
|    | Sails to Rhegium then Puteoli ( <a href="#">Acts 28:13</a> )   |                           |                      |   |
| 60 | Arrives in Rome ( <a href="#">Acts 28:14-16</a> )  | First Roman Imprisonment  |                      |   |
|    | Meets with the Jews ( <a href="#">Acts 28:17-28</a> )  |                           |                      |   |
| 61 | Preaches the gospel without hindrance for two whole years in his rented house ( <a href="#">Acts 28:30-31</a> ).   |                           | Philemon             |   |
|    |  |                           | Colossians           |   |
| 62 |  |                           | Ephesians            |   |
|    |  |                           | Philippians          |   |
|    | Released from Roman imprisonment   |                           | 1 Timothy (c. 62-64) |   |
| 63 | Further missionary work  |                           | Titus (c. 62-64)     |   |
| 64 |  |                           |                      | The Great Fire in Rome; Major persecution of Christianity begins<br>Josephus pleads the interests of the Jews before Rome |
| 65 |  |                           | 2 Timothy (c. 64-66) | Nero constructs the Domus Aurea   |
| 66 | Second imprisonment and martyrdom under Nero   | Second Roman Imprisonment |                      | The beginning of the Jewish Revolt against Rome   |
| 67 |  |                           |                      | Josephus surrenders to the Romans   |
| 68 |  |                           |                      | Nero commits suicide  |
| 69 |  |                           |                      | Vespian prevails as the Emperor amidst civil war  |
| 70 |  |                           |                      | Destruction of the temple under Titus   |

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