



"A Fortnight in Jerusalem"

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Galatians 1:18-24



18 Then, after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas and I remained with him fifteen days. **19** But I did not see any of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. **20** (Now, I testify, before God, that I am not lying in what I write to you!) **21** Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. **22** But I was still unknown by face among the

churches of Judea in Christ. **23** But they were only hearing that, "he who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." **24** And they were glorifying God in me.

– Galatians 1:18-24, translated by T. Bartolucci

*Paul's first trip to Jerusalem following his conversion was to be introduced to Peter
– not to the gospel!*

I. Paul's Second Defense: Only A Fortnight In Jerusalem (vv. 18-24)

A. **Purpose:** "To Know Peter Not the Gospel" (18-19)

For I would have you to know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but [I received it] through a revelation of Jesus Christ. – *Paul's Thesis Statement from 1:11-12* [translated by T. Bartolucci]

Three views on Jesus' "brothers" (*adelphos*):

- * Helvidian (Jesus had biological brothers)
- * Epiphanian (Jesus had step-brothers)
- * Hieronymian (Jesus' 'brothers' were first cousins)

B. **Promise:** "The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth" (20)

C. **Polemic:** "Getting out of Dodge" (21)

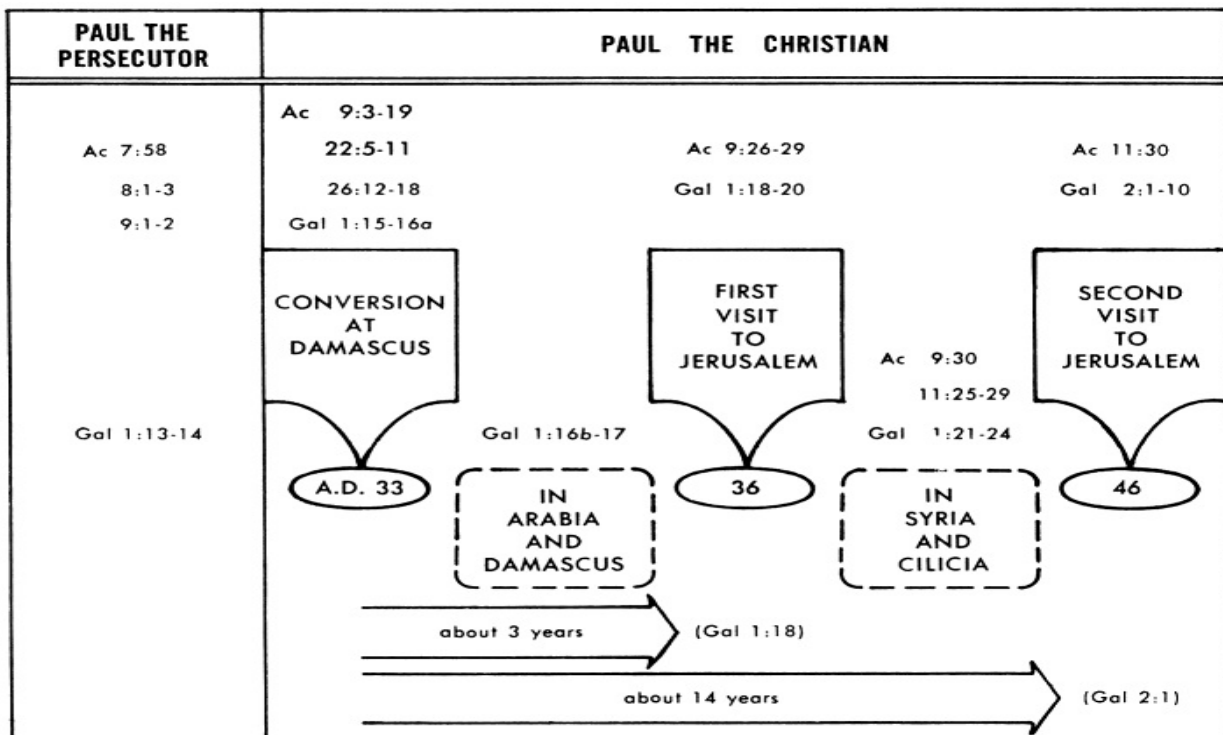
1. Connection to Acts chapter 9 . . .

G. **Privacy:** "Incognito in Judea" (22)

H. **Power**: “From Persecutor to Preacher” (23)

I. **Praise**: “Soli Deo Gloria!” (24)

Timetable comparing Galatians 1:13-2:10 and Acts 9-11



II. Observations . . .

A. What Do We Make of Paul's “Revelation From Jesus” (v. 12)?

B. Be Content With Where God Has You

C. What Do Others See In You (v. 24)?