

7:58 and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

8:1 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles

8:2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

8:3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing to prison. 9:1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

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CONVERSION OF SAUL

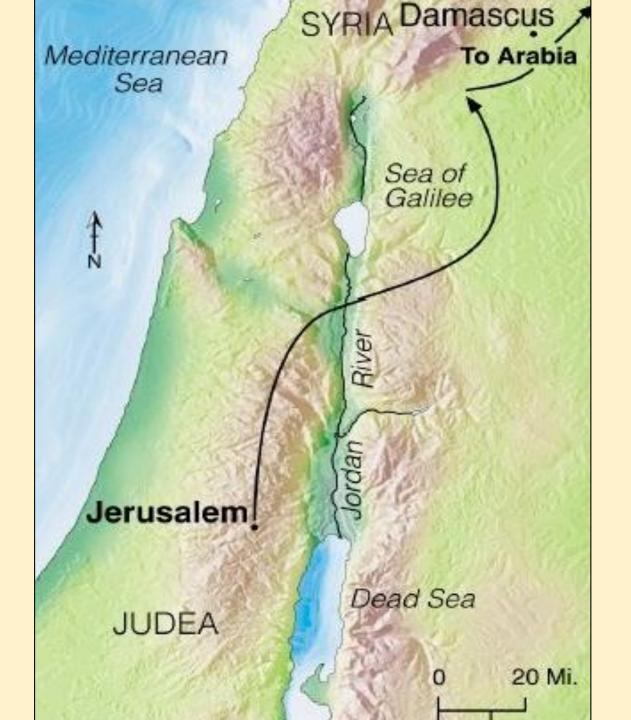
ACTS 9:1-19

Acts Timeline

29 AD	Ascension	Acts 1
29 AD	Pentecost	Acts 2
36 AD	Stephen	Acts 7
37 AD	Saul's Conversion	Acts 9
37-40 AD	Saul in Dessert	Acts 9:25
38 AD	Cornelius	Acts 10
41 AD	Paul in Antioch	Acts 11
44 AD	1 st Journey	Acts 13
51 AD	Jerusalem Council	Acts 15
53 AD	Mars Hill	Acts 17
60-62 AD	Paul in Caesarea	Acts 23 & 26
62-67 AD	Imprisoned at Rome	Acts 28

Phil 3:5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;

3:6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.



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9:2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem 9:3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

9:4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

9:5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It *is* hard for you to kick against the goads."

- 3:7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ
- 3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ
- 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

3:11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

9:6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

9:7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

9:8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. 9:9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

9:10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

9:11 So the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.

9:12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

9:13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.

9:14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

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Apostle to The Gentiles

- Acts 9:15 Bear my name before the Gentiles
- Gal 1:13-16 called by grace from mothers womb
- Gal 1:16 so that I may preach among heathen
- Acts 13:46 we turn to the gentiles
- Acts 13:47 I have set you as a light among gentiles (Is 49:6)
- Acts 26:20 first at Damascus, Jerusalem, Judea, then Gentiles.
- Rom 11:13 I speak to you gentiles, I am apostle to the Gentiles
- Rom 15:16 That I should be the minister of JC to The Gentiles
- Eph 3:8 That I should preach among Gentiles riches of Christ
- 1 Tim 2:7 ordained preacher, apostle, teacher of the Gentiles

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1 Cor 11:23-28 in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴ From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

9:17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the

9:18 Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

9:19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. 9:20 Immediately he preached the Christ^[c] in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

9:21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

9:22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.

9:23 Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him.

9:24 But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him.

9:25 Then the disciples took him by night and let *him* down through the wall in a large basket.

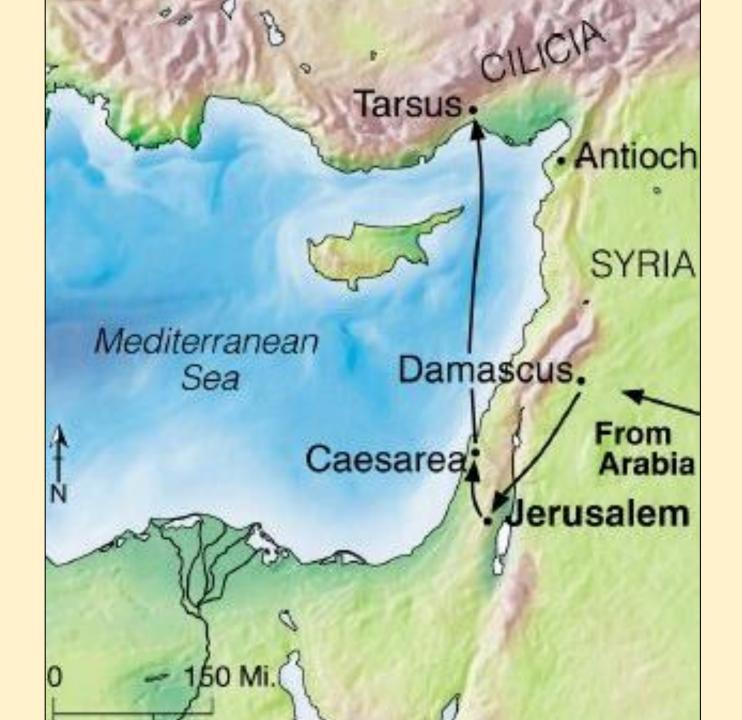
9:26 And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.

9:27 But Barnabas took him and brought *him* to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

9:28 So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out.

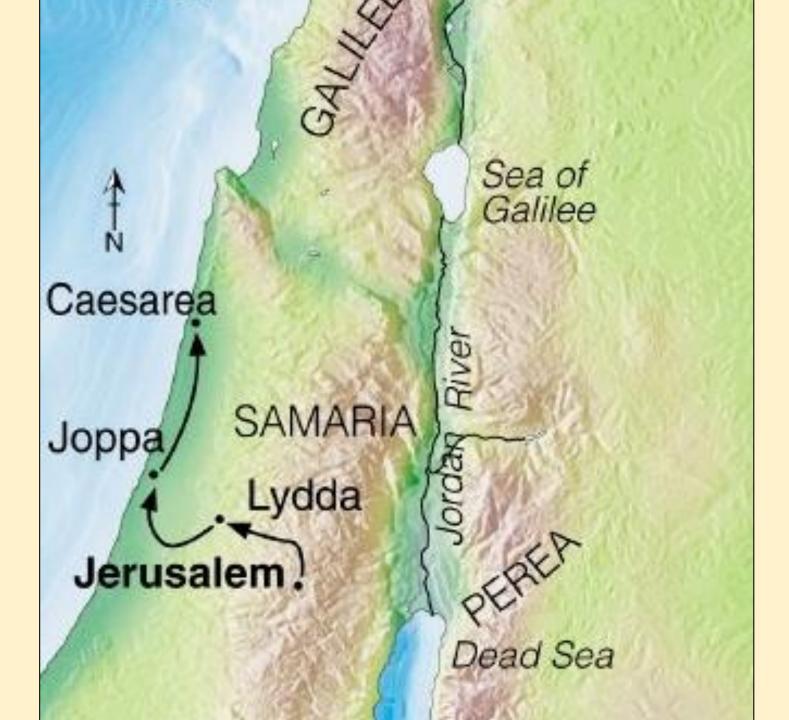
9:29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.

9:30 When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.



9:31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied

9:32 Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all *parts of the country*, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda.



9:33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.

9:34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

9:35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

9:36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.

9:37 But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid *her* in an upper room.

9:38 And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring *him* not to delay in coming to them. 9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought *him* to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

9:40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 9:41 Then he gave her *his* hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

9:42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

9:43 So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.