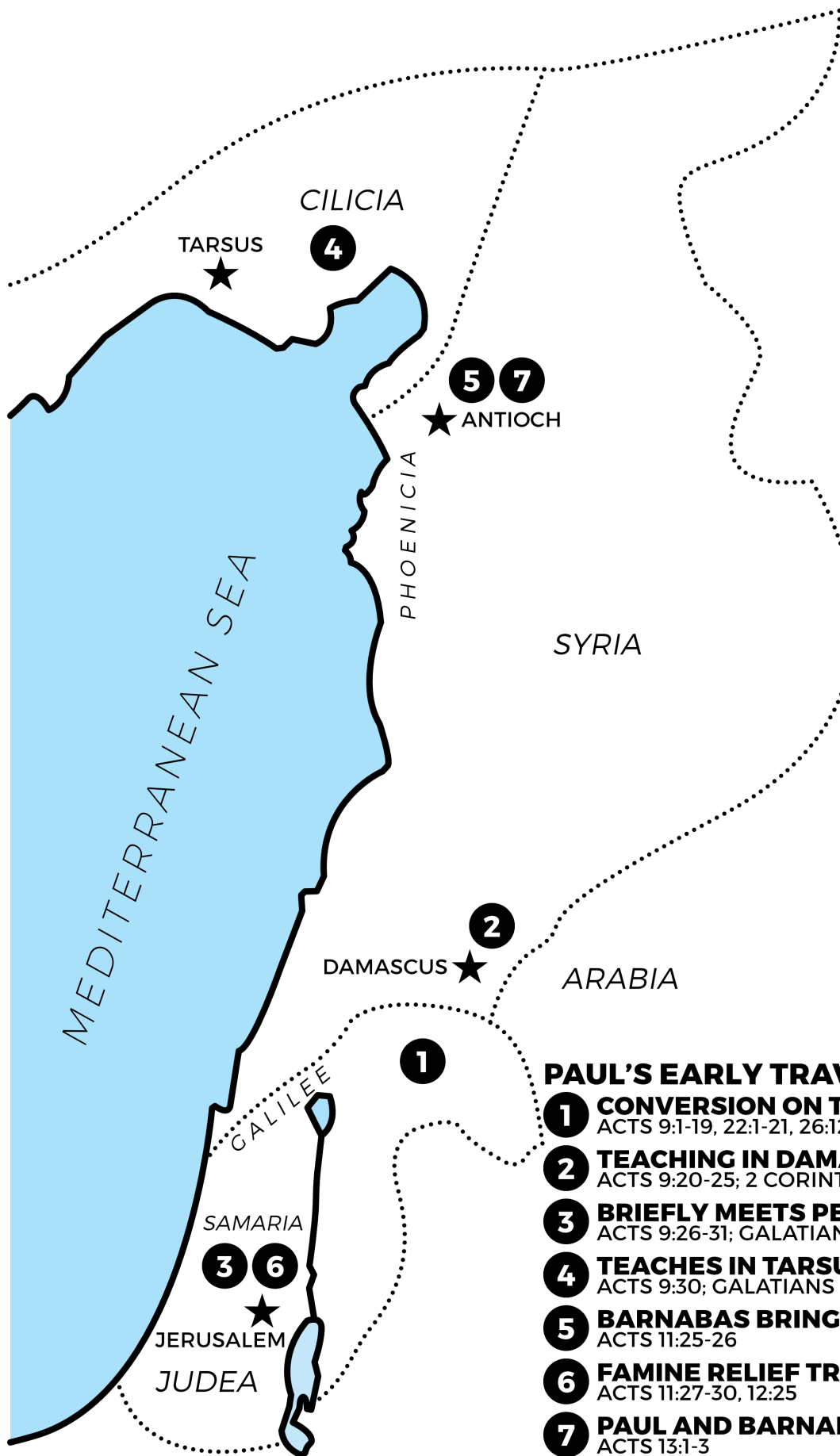


# PAUL'S EARLY TRAVELS

PAUL'S MINISTRY FROM HIS CONVERSION TO THE CALL IN ANTIOCH (34-47/48 AD).

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## DATING NOTES

- » MOST SOURCES DATE THE COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM IN **ACTS 15** AROUND 48-50 BC. PAUL GIVES AN EXPLICIT 17 YEAR SPAN BETWEEN HIS CONVERSION AND HIS RETURN FOR THE COUNCIL IN **GALATIANS 1-2**. SINCE CHRIST ASCENDED IN 33, WE CAN REASONABLY CONCLUDE THAT PAUL WAS CONVERTED IN 33-34, AND THE COUNCIL WAS HELD IN 49-50, ASSUMING THAT THE TWO SPANS OF YEARS IN **GALATIANS 1:18** AND **GALATIANS 2:1** INCLUDE PARTIAL YEARS.
- » ARETAS (MENTIONED IN **2 CORINTHIANS 11:32**) RULED DAMASCUS UNTIL 40 BC.
- » HEROD DIED IN 44 BC.
- » THE FAMINE FORETOLD IN **ACTS 11:27-30** OCCURRED AROUND 45-47 BC.
- » LUKE (THE AUTHOR OF **ACTS**) AND PAUL MAKE NO EFFORT TO SYNCHRONIZE THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF PAUL'S VISITS TO JERUSALEM. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE VISIT DESCRIBED IN **GALATIANS 2:1-3** IS THE COUNCIL DETAILED IN **ACTS 15**, BASED ON THE SPANS OF YEARS PAUL GIVES IN **GALATIANS**.
- » THE STORY IN **ACTS 12:1-24**, THEN, IS LIKELY PUT IN THE NARRATIVE WHERE IT IS IN PART TO EXPLAIN WHY PAUL AND BARNABAS SENT THE FAMINE RELIEF TO THE ELDERS, IN ADDITION TO THE APOSTLES (INSERTED AS IT IS BETWEEN THEIR ARRIVAL IN JERUSALEM IN **11:30** AND THEIR DEPARTURE IN **12:25**).

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- 1 CONVERSION ON THE ROAD (33-34)**  
ACTS 9:1-19, 22:1-21, 26:12-23; GALATIANS 1:11-17
- 2 TEACHING IN DAMASCUS AND ARABIA (34-37)**  
ACTS 9:20-25; 2 CORINTHIANS 11:32-33; GALATIANS 1:17-18
- 3 BRIEFLY MEETS PETER IN JERUSALEM (37)**  
ACTS 9:26-31; GALATIANS 1:18-21
- 4 TEACHES IN TARSUS, SYRIA, AND CILICIA (37-??)**  
ACTS 9:30; GALATIANS 1:21-22; 2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25?
- 5 BARNABAS BRINGS HIM TO ANTIOCH (??)**  
ACTS 11:25-26
- 6 FAMINE RELIEF TRIP TO JERUSALEM (??)**  
ACTS 11:27-30, 12:25
- 7 PAUL AND BARNABAS SET APART (47-48)**  
ACTS 13:1-3