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# The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

## Grace vs. Legalism Acts 15:1–4; Galatians 2:1–10





THRACE

BLACK SEA

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

MARMARA SEA

Sangarius River

GALATIA

Ankara (Angora)

Troas

ASIA

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Smyrna

Ephesus

Hierapolis

Laodicea

Colossae

Antioch in Pisidia

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

CAPPADOCIA

Caesarea

Lake Tuz

Halys River

COMMA...

Samos

CARIA

Patmos

Cos

Rhodes

LYCIA

Patara

PAMPHYLIA

Attalia

CILICIA

Tarsus

Issus

Seleucia Pieria

Antioch

Aleppo

SYRIA

Cyprus

ABILENE

PHOENICIA

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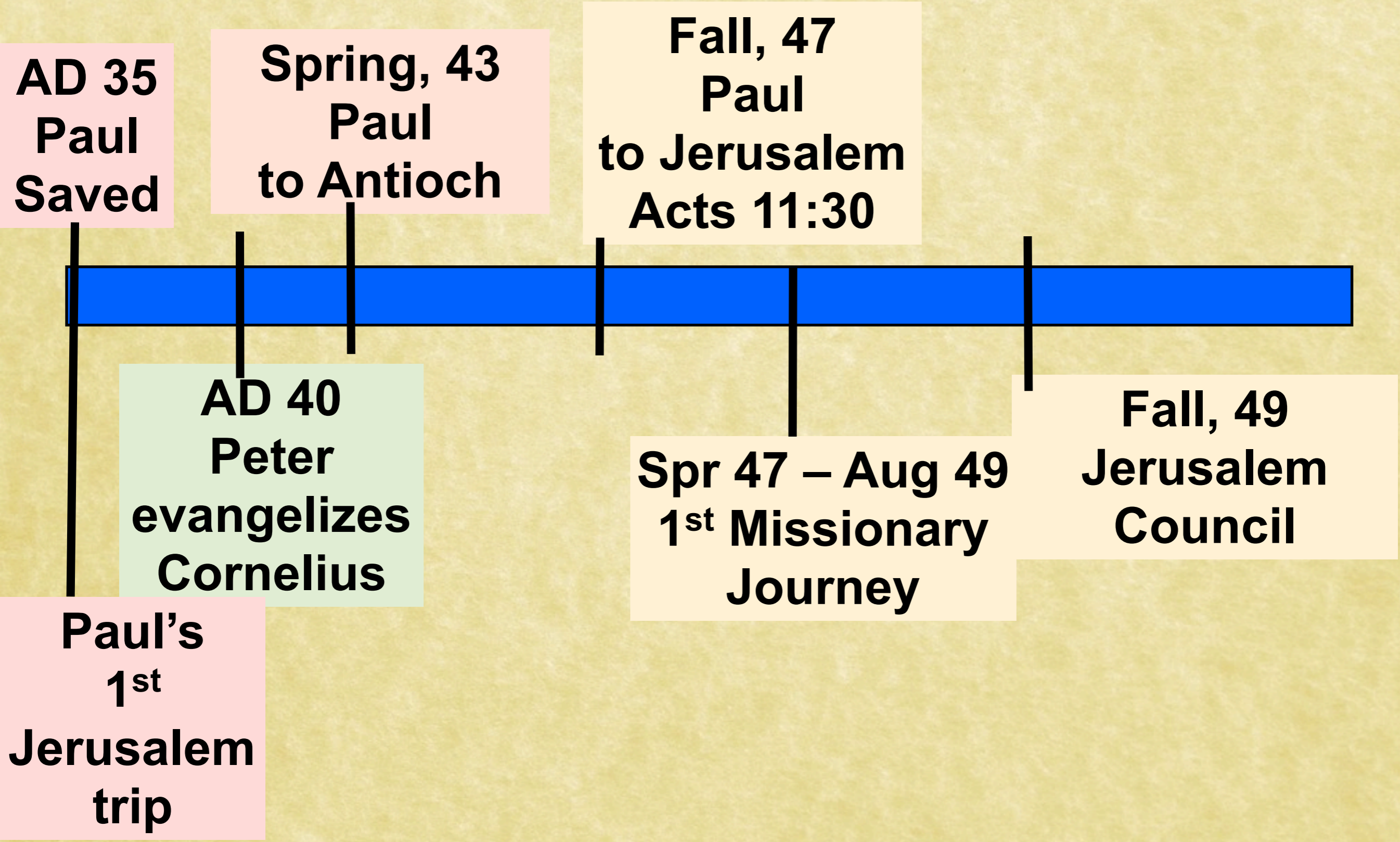
Tyre

Damascus

Ptolemais (Acco)

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

# Timeline for the Apostle Paul



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**Salvation Legalism: Faith + baptism, church membership, etc.**

**Spiritual Life Legalism: Faith + obedience, law, ritual, etc.**

## **1 Macc 1:11–15**

**11 In those days went there out of Israel wicked men, who persuaded many, saying, Let us go and make a covenant with the heathen that are round about us: for since we departed from them we have had much sorrow. 12 So this device pleased them well. 13 Then certain of the people were so forward herein, that they went to the king, who gave them licence to do after the ordinances of the heathen: 14 Whereupon they built a place of exercise at Jerusalem according to the customs of the heathen: 15 And made themselves uncircumcised, and forsook the holy covenant, and joined themselves to the heathen, and were sold to do mischief.**

**Acts 11:18, “When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, ‘Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance [metanoia] to life.’**

**Acts 11:19, “Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only.”**



**Acts 14:15, “and saying, ‘Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,’ ”**

**ἐπιστρέφω *epistrephō***

**pres act infin**

**“to turn back, return, turn”**

**μετάνοια (*metanoia*),**

**change of mind,  
repentance, conversion;**

**μετανοέω (*metanoēō*),**

**change one’s mind,  
repent, be converted**

**שוב *shuv***

**qal perf 2 masc sing  
consec**

**to return, turn**

**נָחַם (*naḥam*) *be sorry,  
repent, regret, be  
comforted, comfort***



**Turn, *epistrepho***

**Repent, change  
your mind,  
*metanoeo***

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*metanoeo***

**Turn,  
*epistrepho***

**Believe,  
*pisteuo***



**Acts 11:20, “But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus.**

**Acts 11:21, “And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.**

**Acts 11:22, “Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.**

**Acts 11:23, “When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.”**

**Acts 11:24, “For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.**

**Acts 11:25, “Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul.**

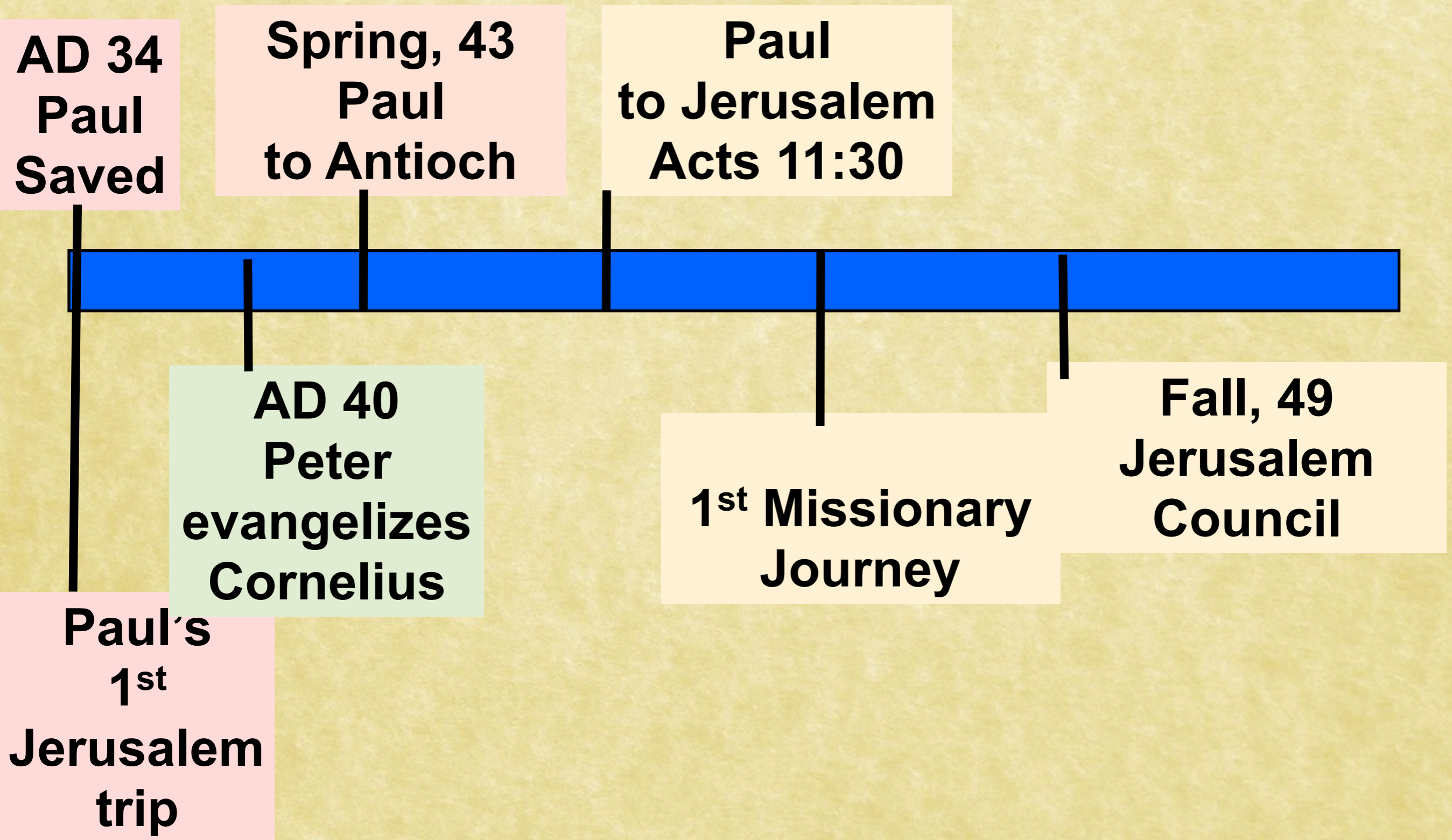
**Acts 11:26, “And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”**

**Acts 11:28, “Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar.**

**Acts 11:29, “Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.**

**Acts 11:30, “This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.”**

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**Any part of a year is considered a year**

**Thus  $35 + 12 = 47$**

**(counting both 35 and 47 as part of the 14)**

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**Gal. 2:3, “Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.”**

**Gal. 2:4, “And this occurred because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage),**

**Gal. 2:5, “to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.”**

**Gal. 2:6, “But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.”**

**Gal. 2:7, “But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter**

**Gal. 2:8, “(for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles),”**



**Gal. 2:9, “and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.”**

**Gal. 2:10, “They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.”**

**Acts 15:3, “So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.**

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**ζήτησις (*zētēsis*),  
“investigation, argument,  
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