

“Acts and the New Testament Letters”

While most believers enjoy reading the New testament epistles for their practical nature, we don't think of how they connect with the timeline in the book of Acts. While they follow Acts in book order many of them were actually written during the time frame recorded in the book of Acts. How does that help us understand these letters better?

In trying to understanding the prophets it's important to see how they all revolved around key historical (or better theological) events – namely the Assyrian & Babylonian attacks, destruction of Jerusalem and return from exile in the 8th and 7th centuries. In the book of Acts we shouldn't be surprised that there are some key historical/theological movements that we can build a 'frame' around. These are:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Passage</u>	<u>Event</u>
33	2:1-36	P _____, the descending of the _____
34-35	8:1-3	The church s_____ from J_____ to _____ and _____
	9:1-18	S_____ of Saul/Paul; disappears to A_____ (Gal. 1:11-17; 2 Cor. 12:1-4)
37-43	9:19-35	returns to D_____ and ___ years later goes to J_____ (Gal. 1:18-19)
	11:19-20	persecution continues and church spreads to Phoenicea, Cyprus and An_____ primarily to J_____ but slowly spreads to _____ also
43-44	12:1-2	martyrdom of the apostle J_____
47-50	13:1-14:28	Paul's 1 st missionary journey with _____ spending lots of time in G_____ region
*48-49		The letter of J_____ written predominantly to a j_____ Christian audience(1:1)
*50-51		Paul's letter to the G_____ is written; dealing with Jewish I_____
51	15:1-35	The J_____ council dealing with the inclusion of _____ converts
51-54	15:36-18:22	Paul's 2 nd missionary journey with S_____ - Picks up Timothy (16); Galatia, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens (17); Corinth (18) for 18 months
*52-54		Paul's two letters to the T_____

- 54-58** **18:23-21:26** Paul's 3rd missionary journey being joined by various disciples including Timothy & Luke
 - Paul spends almost 3 years in E
- *57-58 *Paul writes two letters to the C and returns to Corinth for __ months (20:3) and most likely wrote his letter to the R where he hoped to travel westward eventually toward*
- 58-60** **21:26-32** Paul arrives in J and is arrested, imprisoned to Caesarea
- 61-63** **27-28** Paul's trip to Rome where he is under house arrest for ____ years (28:30)
- *61-62 *Paul writes the prison epistles: C, P, E and Ph*
- *55-65 *M writes his gospel*
- *63-64 *Luke writes his gospel and _____*
- 63-64** *Paul writes 1 and T*
- 65** **2 Tim** Paul is arrested again and writes 2
- *65-67 *P writes his two letters; predominantly to a G audience*
- The letter to the H is written*
- 68** _____ and _____ are martyred
- In the same year N dies*
- *68-69 *The letter by J is written*
- 70** _____ is destroyed by the Romans

Observations

Many of Paul's letters were written after a recent j _____

Some of Paul's letters were written because of his d _____ to see them

God used Paul's p _____ so that we would have His Word