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Harmony of Acts 9 and Galatians 1

Paul was called and saved (Acts 9:1-9; Galatians 1:15-16a) in 34 AD. He spent **several days** in **Damascus** and **immediately began proclaiming Yeshua** in the **synagogues** (Acts 9:20). When many days had passed, the **Jews plotted to kill him**. But the **disciples took Sha'ul by night and let him down over the wall, lowering him in a basket** (Acts 9:23-25).

But, **Paul did not go immediately up to Jerusalem** (Galatians 1:17a); instead, he went away to **Arabia** (Galatians 1:17b-18a) for **three years** (**to see link click [An](#) - Arabia during the Time of Paul**) **34-36 AD**

After three years, **Paul returned to Damascus** (Galatians 1:17b), preaching the **gospel again in the synagogues**. After many days the **Jews plotted to kill him**, but the **disciples saved his life by lowering him over the wall of Damascus in a basket** (Acts 9:23-25). Quite naturally, **he found his way back to Jerusalem**. **37 AD**

When **Paul came to Jerusalem** he tried to meet with the **apostles**, but they were all **afraid of him** because **they did not believe that he was truly saved**. **Barnabas took Paul and brought him to Peter and James**, describing to them how **Paul had spoken boldly in the name of Yeshua**. So, **Paul was with them, going in and out in Jerusalem for fifteen days, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord** (Acts 9:26-30). **He saw none of the other apostles**, however, who may have been too afraid or may have been away from **Jerusalem** at the time (Galatians 1:19a). **37 AD¹⁶**

During that same time, **he was speaking and arguing with the Hellenists**, but they were trying to kill him. When the **brothers found out**, they brought him down to **Caesarea** and sent him off to **Tarsus** (Acts 9:27-30). **37 AD**

Then **Paul spent six years in Tarsus**, and **the regions of Syria and Cilicia** (Acts 9:30; Galatians 1:21). **38-43 AD**

After six years, **Barnabas found Paul in Tarsus**, and brought **him** back to **Syrian Antioch** where **he** stayed as a teacher until **the Ruach ha-Kodesh sent him and Barnabas out on their First Missionary Journey** (see the commentary on Acts [Bm](#) - **Paul's First**

Missionary Journey). 44-48 AD

When **they** returned, **Paul** took **Barnabas** and **Titus** with **him** to **the Council in Jerusalem (Acts 15:1-21; Galatians 2:1-10)**, where it was determined that **the Gentiles** did not have to observe **the 613 commandments of the Torah** or be **circumcised** to be saved. **48 AD**