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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 AD**¹⁶

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**