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Introduction

"It teaches us much. You will not be the same. It will transform your life… it will teach you not by precept, and not by law, and not by principle, and not by reasoned argument, it will teach you by example. This epistle will mentor you. It will disciple you as you see Paul revealed… The approach of the letter is not historical. It is not theological, it is not even ecclesialogical, the approach is biographical. It just opens him up and we see what the inside of a devoted man of God looks like…"

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John MacArthur
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“His letters are weighty and strong, but his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible…”

2 Cor 10:10

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“… false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ… ”

2 Cor 11:13

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“For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”

1 Cor 15:9

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I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the **most eminent** apostles, even though **I am a nobody**. The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

2 Cor 12:11-12

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“For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you.”

2 Cor 4:11-12

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“For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.”

2 Co 4:15

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Born

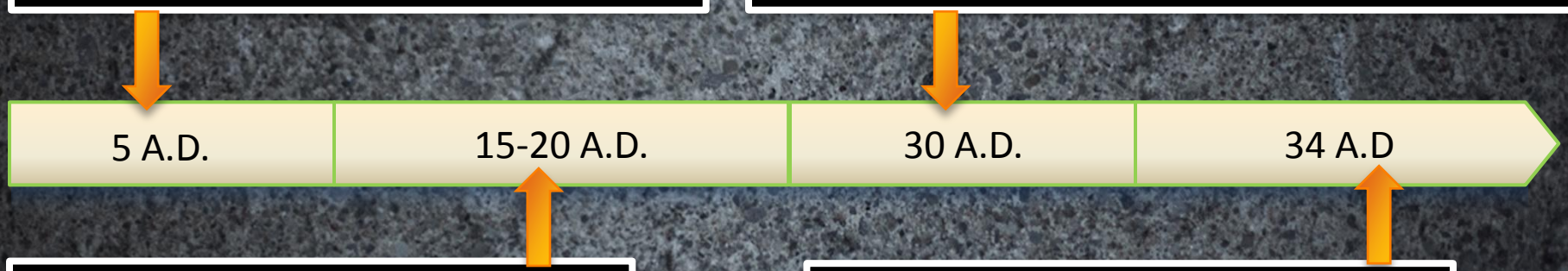
Israelite in Tarsus (Acts 22:3, Phil 3:5)

Roman citizen by birthright (Acts 22:28)

A Pharisee (Phil 3:5)

Present @ Stephen's stoning (Acts 7:58; 8:1)

Persecutor of the Church (Acts 8:1-3, Phil 3:6)

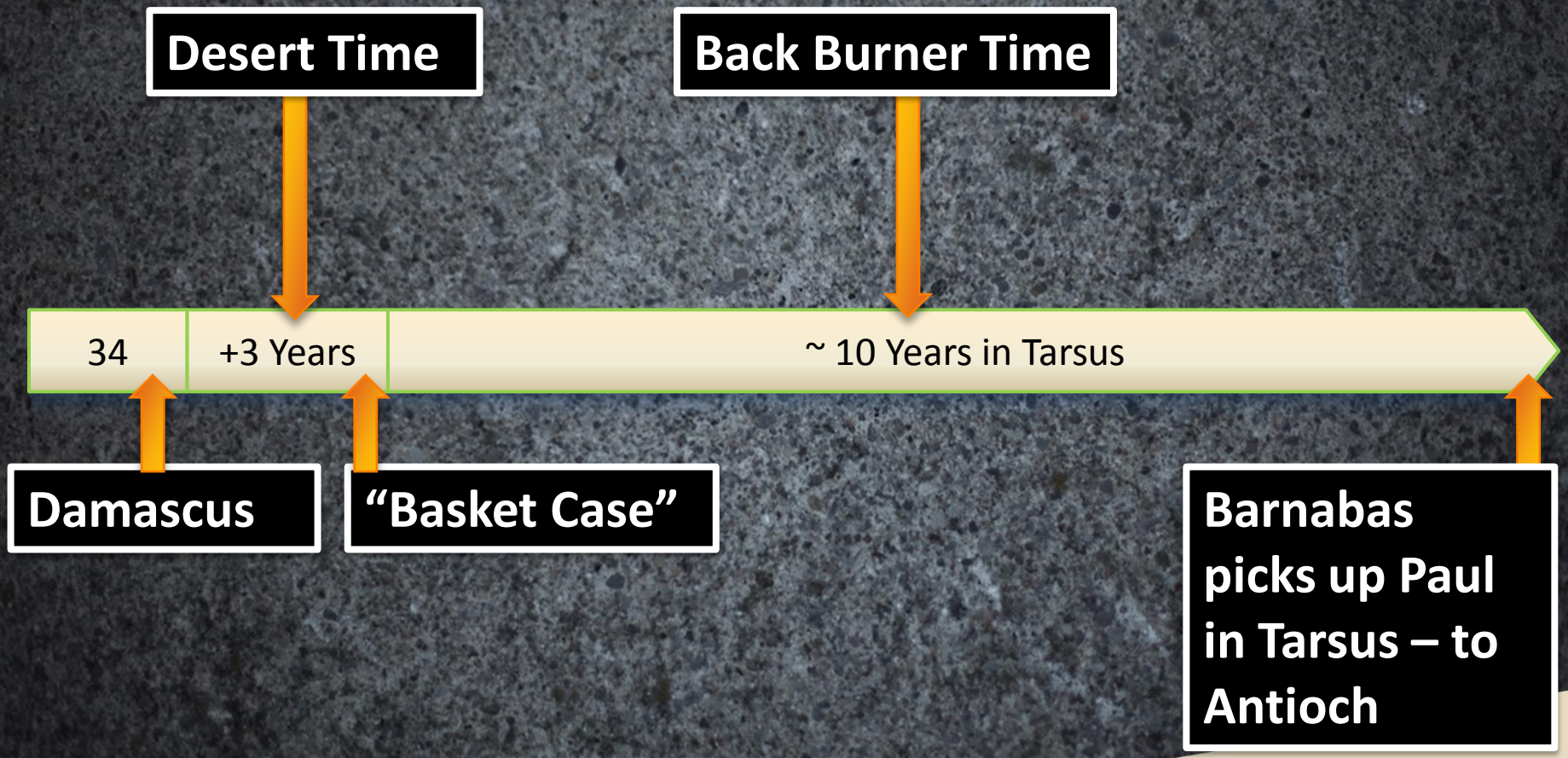


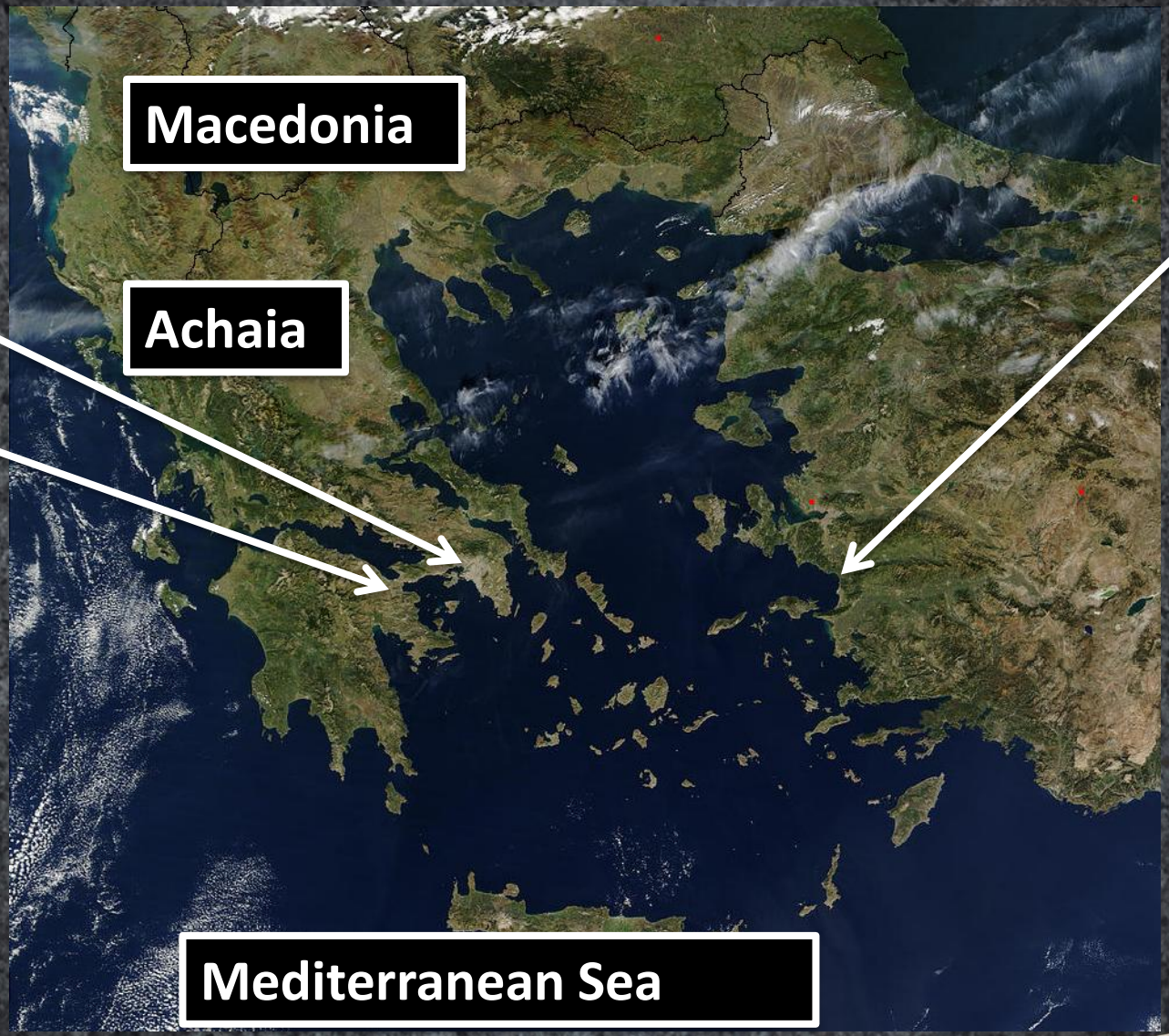
School

School of Gamaliel, Jerusalem (Acts 22:3)

Conversion

On the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9)


Desert Time
Back Burner Time
34
+3 Years
~ 10 Years in Tarsus
Damascus
"Basket Case"
Barnabas picks up Paul in Tarsus – to Antioch



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Visits and Letters

- Paul's second missionary journey
- Corinth 1.5 years
- 45 AD – wrote 1 Corinthians
- First letter (1 Cor 5:9)
- Second letter (1 Cor)
- Third letter "Strong rebuke"
- Fourth letter (2 Cor)