



“God’s New Community” The Persecutor and the Peace of God!

- II. New Community: Jerusalem (1.12—6.7)
- III. New Community: Judea and Samaria (6.8—9.31)
 - A. Persecution and the Pursuit of God (6.8—8.1a)
 - B. From the Soil of Persecution Comes the Bloom of the Word (8.1b-40)
 - C. The Persecutor and the Peace of God (9.1-31)

Acts 9.4–6. Several textual variants in these verses are not well attested. They represent attempts to bring agreement between the account here and those in Acts 22 or 26. Variants in 9.4, 6 add references to the kicking-against-the-goats remark that appears in 26.14. A variant in 9.5 identifies Jesus as the Nazorean, as appears in 22.8. The variant in 9.6 also adds from 22.10 Saul’s question about what he should do. None of these is original.

Darrell L. Bock, Acts, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2007), 362.

Saul’s Movements Geographically	
Acts 9.1-2	Jerusalem
Acts 9.3-22	Damascus, for a length of time unspecified
Gal 1.17-18	Arabia, without any length of time known, or specificity of location. Likely this is East of Damascus
Gal 1.17; Acts 9.23-25	Damascus, again, for a time unspecified, very possibly with “disciples” from Arabia
Acts 9.26-29; Gal 1.18-20	Jerusalem, some 3 years later
Acts 9.30; Gal 1.21-24	Tarsus, Saul’s home town

A Chronology for Acts	
CRUCIFIXION	Friday, April 3, 33
Pentecost (Acts 2)	Sunday, May 24, 33
Peter’s second sermon and brought before the Sanhedrin (Acts 3.1—4.31)	Summer 33
Death of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 4.32—5.11)	33—34
Peter brought before Sanhedrin (Acts 5.12-42)	34—35
“Seven” selected (Acts 6.1-7)	Late 34—Early 35
Stephen martyred (Acts 6.8—7.60)	April 35
Paul’s conversion (Acts 9.1-7)	Summer 35
Paul in Damascus and Arabia (Acts 9.8-25; Galatians 1.16-17)	Summer 35—Early Summer 37
Paul in Jerusalem, first visit (Acts 9.26-29; Galatians 1.18-20)	Summer 37
Paul went to Tarsus and Syria—Cilicia area (Acts 9.30; Galatians 1.21)	Autumn 37
<small>Adapted from: A Chronological Table of the Apostolic Act, Harold W. Hoehner</small>	