

<b>CHRONOLOGY OF PAUL'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CORINTHIANS</b>		
Initial letter from Paul to Corinthians		Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.
	Who	Addressed from Paul to Jesus-followers in Corinth.
	When	After having returned to Antioch (via Jerusalem?) upon the completion of his "Second Missionary Journey," Paul again travels to Ephesus (via Galatian churches) and establishes Ephesus as a sort of staging ground for the journeys that are typically called his "Third Missionary Journey." It is during his time here in Ephesus that he writes this letter.
	Where	Written from Ephesus and sent to the believing community in Corinth.
	Why	Conjecture: Somehow Paul has heard of sexual immorality being practiced by some members of the community of believers in Corinth. He writes to address that problem. Among other things, Paul tells them that they are "not to associate with immoral people."
Letter to Paul from Corinthians		
	Who	Addressed from the believing community in Corinth to Paul.
	When	While Paul is in Ephesus during the time that Paul is using Ephesus as his staging ground for the journeys of his "Third Missionary Journey"—toward the beginning of his "Third Missionary Journey."
	Where	Written from Corinth and sent to Paul in Ephesus.
	Why	There are several issues that are creating controversy among the Corinthian Jesus-followers and they want Paul's wisdom with regard to what the "right" perspective is on these controversies.
1 Corinthians		Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.
	Who	Addressed from Paul and Sosthenes (of Corinth) to Jesus-followers in Corinth.
	When	While Paul is in Ephesus during the time that Paul is using Ephesus as his staging ground for the journeys of his "Third Missionary Journey"—toward the beginning of his "Third Missionary Journey."
	Where	Written from Ephesus and sent to Jesus-followers at Corinth.

	Why	Paul received the letter from the Corinthians where they requested that Paul weigh in on a number of controversial issues. Furthermore, Chloe's people had come from Corinth and reported to Paul on the spiritual state of the Corinthian community. So, Paul writes a letter that responds to the issues raised by Chloe's people as well as the issues raised in the Corinthians' letter to him.
Brief visit to Corinth en-route to Macedonia		
	Who	Paul visits Corinth and Macedonia
	When	In the midst of Paul's lengthy stay in Ephesus, during the time that Paul is using Ephesus as his staging ground for the journeys of his "Third Missionary Journey."
	Where	Paul travels to Corinth directly from Ephesus.
	Why	While Paul's ultimate destiny is to pay a visit to the Macedonians (for reasons that are not clear), Paul has received some information about the Corinthian community that has caused him to want to stop in on them, see for himself, and be available to them.
Letter from Paul to Corinthians		Paul's third letter to the Corinthians. (The letter "that causes great sorrow.")
	Who	Addressed from Paul to Jesus-followers in Corinth.
	When	During his brief (second) visit to Macedonia, before he returns to Ephesus.
	Where	Written from Macedonia and sent to Jesus-followers at Corinth.
	Why	Paul experienced something during his brief visit to Corinth while he was on his way to Macedonia that troubled him. Something about the spiritual state of the Corinthians and circumstances in Corinth concerned him. It seems apparent that Paul writes this letter, including a rather serious rebuke of the Corinthians, in response to what had happened and what he experienced there.
Paul returns to Ephesus		Paul returns to Ephesus, the city that he had established as the staging point for those journeys that are typically called the "Third Missionary Journey."
	Who	Paul
	When	Upon the completion of his visit to Macedonia from Ephesus, after his brief visit to Corinth.

	Where	Paul travels from Macedonia directly to Ephesus. Presumably, either he travelled through Asia or he travelled by sea.
	Why	Paul had originally intended to return to Ephesus via Corinth, paying another visit to the Corinthians. But due to the upset that he and the Corinthians had experienced as a result of his letter and visit among them, Paul decided that it was not a good time for him to visit Corinth. So he bypassed Corinth and returned directly to Ephesus by another route.
Another visit to Macedonia (enroute to Corinth)		
	Who	Paul
	When	After the dangerous city-wide riot against the Jesus-followers in Ephesus, Paul decided to leave Ephesus and pursue his plans to go to Macedonia, then Achaia, then Jerusalem, then Rome, and then Spain. Macedonia was the first stop.
	Where	Paul traveled to Macedonia directly from Ephesus. Either he travelled by way of boat or across Asia.
	Why	Paul now plans to take a “collection” from Gentile Jesus-followers to Jerusalem. He goes to Macedonia in order to receive their “collection.” Then he will go to Achaia to receive their “collection.” Then, he intends to go to Jerusalem, to Rome, and then to Spain.
2 Corinthians		Paul’s fourth letter to the Corinthians.
	Who	Addressed from Paul and Timothy to Jesus-followers in Corinth.
	When	During his third visit to Macedonia, after Titus had arrived and reported to him how the Corinthians have responded after receiving his “sorrowful” letter.
	Where	Written from Macedonia and sent to Jesus-followers at Corinth.
	Why	Encouraged by the Corinthians’ response to his earlier (third) letter and informed by Titus with respect to the spiritual state of the community, Paul decides to respond by letter to prepare for his coming to see them again (after Macedonia).