

Breakdown of the book of Acts

Section	Description
Chapters 1-2	Ascension of Jesus, birth of the church
Chapters 3-6:7	Early life of the church
Chapters 6:8-9	Early church is persecuted
Chapters 10-12	The Gospel goes to the Gentiles
Chapters 13-15	Paul's first missionary journey, Council of Jerusalem
Chapters 16-18	Paul's second missionary journey
Chapters 19-20	Paul's third missionary journey
Chapters 21-23	Paul in Jerusalem
Chapters 24-26	Paul imprisoned in Caesarea
Chapters 27-28	Paul travels to Rome, first Roman imprisonment

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Epistle	When to read
During the Book of Acts	
Galatians	After Acts 14. Written during 1st missionary journey, before the Council of Jerusalem in Acts 15
1 Corinthians	After Acts 16. Paul wrote this near the end of his three-year stay in Ephesus
2 Corinthians	After Acts 16 & 1 Corinthians. Paul wrote 2 Corinthians from Macedonia around a.d. 55/56, a year or so after writing 1 Corinthians and a year before he wrote his letter to the Romans from Corinth (<u>Acts 20:2–3</u>).
1 Thessalonians	After Acts 18:18. Paul likely wrote this early in his 18-month stay in Corinth during his 2nd journey
2 Thessalonians	After Acts 18:18 & 1 Thess. Paul likely wrote this in his 18-month stay in Corinth during his 2nd journey
Romans	After Acts 20:2, 3. During Paul's first missionary journey. Had not visited the Romans before writing them
During first Roman imprisonment	
Ephesians	During Acts 28. Paul wrote this during his first imprisonment in Rome.
Philippines	During Acts 28. Paul wrote this during his first imprisonment in Rome.
Colossians	During Acts 28. Paul wrote this during his first imprisonment in Rome.
Philemon	During Acts 28. Paul wrote this during his first imprisonment in Rome.
Between first and second imprisonment	
1 Timothy	After Acts 28. Likely written after Paul was released from his first Roman imprisonment
Titus	After Acts 28. Likely written after Paul was released from his first Roman imprisonment
During second Roman imprisonment	
2 Timothy	After Acts 28 & 1 Timothy. Likely written during Paul's second Roman imprisonment

*Dates are approximate, based on the research done by the ESV Study Bible team.