



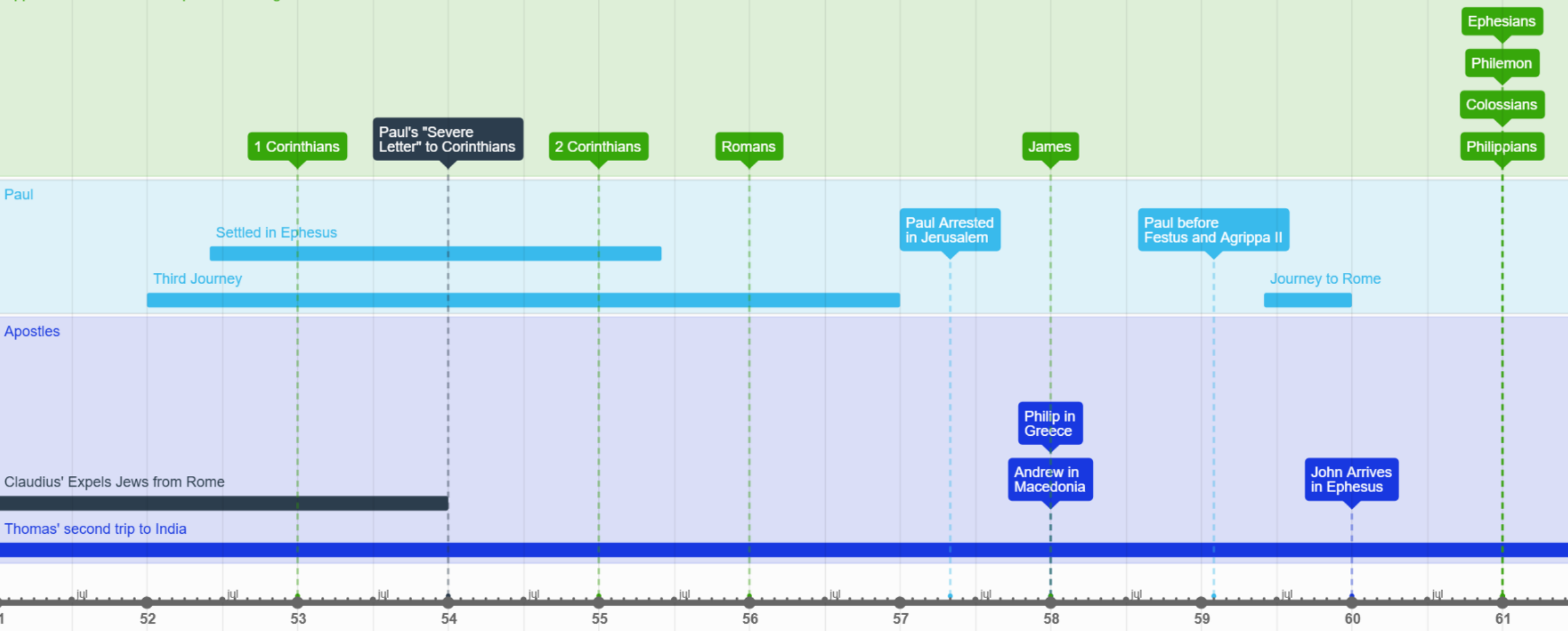
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# Through the Bible

## Colossians & Philemon

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# Approximate Dates of the Apostolic Writings







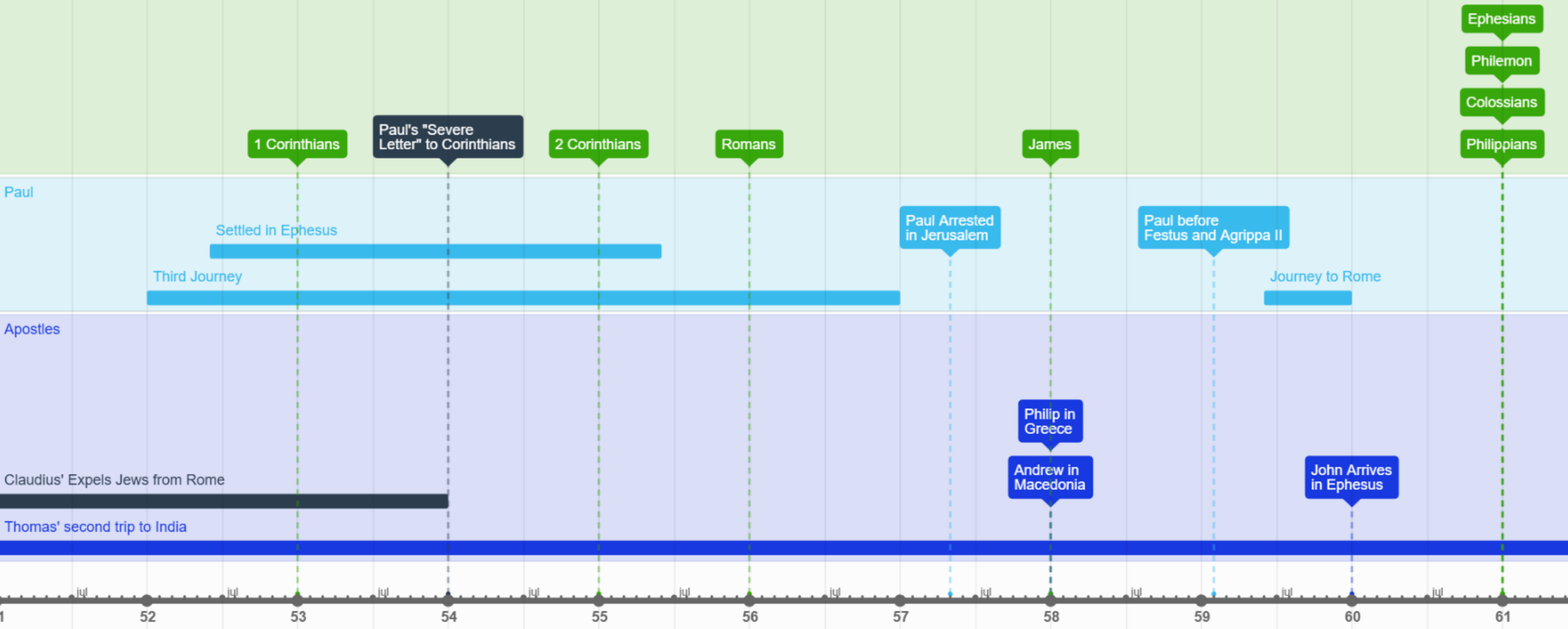








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# **Introduction**

**Colossians 1:1-12**

חכמה

*chochmah*

wisdom



בינה

*binah*

**understanding**

דעת

*da'at*

knowledge

# **Who is Jesus?**

**Colossians 1:13-20**



# **The Gentiles and Paul's Ministry**

**Colossians 1:21-29**

# **Paul's Gospel**

**Gentiles can, as Gentiles, be saved from the wrath of God, the Day of the Lord, that is coming, and gain access to the Kingdom of God.**

# **True Knowledge**

**Colossians 2:1-5**



**“The LORD created me [Wisdom] at  
the beginning (*reisheet*) of His  
way, Before His works of old. From  
eternity I was established, From the  
beginning (*reisheet*), from the earliest  
times of the earth.**

**Proverbs 8:22–23**

**In the beginning (*b'reisheet*) God  
created the heaven and the earth.**

**Genesis 1:1**

**“From the beginning, with Wisdom  
the LORD created and perfected the  
heavens and the earth.”**

**Genesis 1:1, *Targum Neofiti***



**“In Wisdom the LORD created.”**

**Genesis 1:1, *Targum Yerushalmi***

**The word “Beginning” (*reisheet*) does not refer to anything except the Torah, as it says [regarding Wisdom in Proverbs 8:22], “The LORD possessed me at the beginning (*reisheet*) of His way.”**

**Genesis Rabbah 1:1**

**“The Law (Torah) is nothing else but  
the divine Logos prescribing what one  
should do and prohibiting what one  
should not do.”**

**Philo**

**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.”**

**— John 1:1**

# **The Colossian Heresy**

**Colossians 2:6-23**

# **The New Self**

**Colossians 3:1-17**



# **Relations to Others**

**Colossians 3:18-4:1**

# **Closing Thoughts and Greetings**

**Colossians 4:2-18**