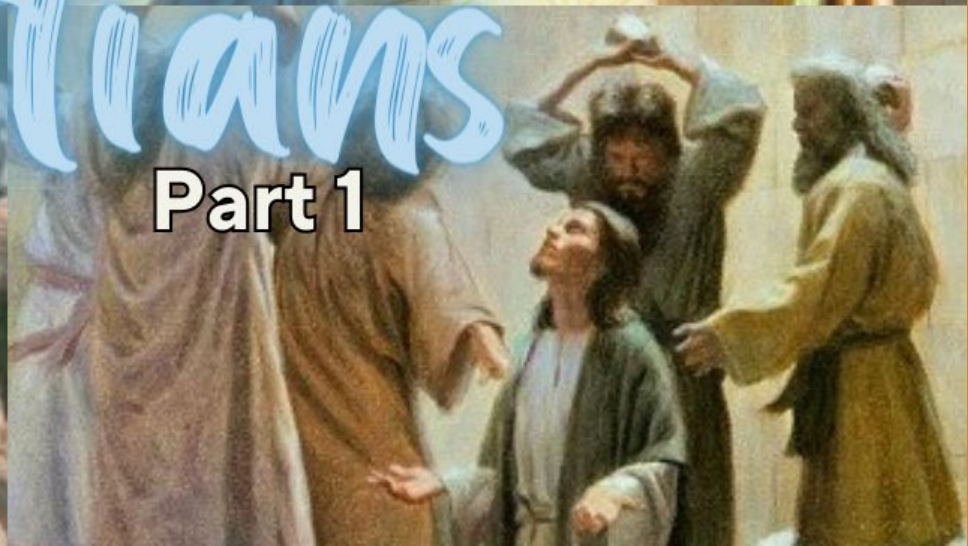


A LOOK THROUGH

Galatians

Part 1







Who is this guy, anyway...



and how did he get here?



What is
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States
Air Force
Tech. Sgt.
Harold
Warr
Doing?



Galatians parachute check -

1. Paul – Life and Apostleship

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What do we know about Paul?



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"A man small in size, bald-headed, bandy-legged, well-built, with eyebrows meeting, rather long-nosed, full of grace"

What do we know about Paul?

- Benjamite (Romans 11:1)
- Pharisee (Philippians 3:5)
- Son of a Pharisee (Acts 23:6)
- Born a Roman citizen (Acts 16:37)
- Born in Tarsus but raised in Jerusalem, too (Acts 22:3)
- Had a sister and a nephew living in Jerusalem (Acts 23:16)
- At least three relatives living in Rome (Romans 16:7, 11)

What do we know about Paul?

- Trained by custom to work with his hands first, as a tentmaker (Acts 18:3)
- Versed in classical Greek literature (Acts 17:24-30)
- Studied to become a rabbi under Gamaliel (Acts 22)
(Professor + Lawyer + Pastor + Historian)
- Persecutor of "Nazarenes" and known to the priests and Sanhedrin; Among the first to be called "Messiah-followers"

Something *happened* to this guy

Acts 9:10 ff -- Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”

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But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”



5. DAMASCUS - DAMAS. LA RUE DROITE

Something *happened* to this guy

Acts 9:20 ff -- And immediately he proclaimed Yeshua in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? . . ." But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the *Iudaioi* who lived in Damascus by proving that Yeshua was the Messiah.

Timeline

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5–10 AD Born in Tarsus

31 AD Stephen's stoning

33 AD **Caught up short** on the way to Damascus

33–36 AD Arabia (Galatians 1:17)

36 AD Escapes Damascus, goes to Jerusalem, meets with Apostles, flees to Tarsus (Acts 9:23 ff)

37–45 AD "The lost years" in Syria/Cilicia (Gal 1:21, 2 Cor 11)

Timeline

2 of 2

44–47 AD With Barnabas in Antioch (Acts 11:25–26)

47 AD 2nd visit to Jerusalem, w/famine relief (Acts 11, Gal 2)

46–47 AD **Missionary Trip 1** (Acts 13 & 14)

48 AD With Barnabas in Antioch (Acts 14); pens Galatians

48–49 AD Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)

48–51 AD Missionary Trip 2



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 13 & 14

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3

→ Paul's Route →

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Paul saw & heard the risen Yeshua – *The testimony of Ananias*

Acts 22:12 ff -- And one Ananias, a devout man according to the Torah, well-spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, came to me, and standing by me said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him.

And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to **see the righteous one** and to **hear a voice from his mouth**; for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have **seen and heard**.

Paul saw & heard the risen Yeshua –

The approval of the Apostles

Acts 9:26 ff -- And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and **declared to them how on the road he had seen the Master, who spoke to him**, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Yeshua. So **he went in and out among them** at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Master.

Paul saw & heard the risen Yeshua – *The testimony to Agrippa, Festus, and Bernice*

Acts 26:15 ff -- 'I am Yeshua whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet, for **I have appeared to you** for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things which you have seen of me and to those which I will show to you' . . . Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to **the heavenly vision**, but declared . . . that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.

Paul was filled with the spirit, and spirit-led

Acts 9:17 -- So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Master Yeshua who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and **be filled with the holy spirit.**”

Acts 16:6 ff -- And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the holy spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they

Paul was filled with the spirit, and spirit-led

Acts 16:6 ff cont'd -- attempted to go into Bithynia, but the spirit of Yeshua did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: A man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Paul received a calling from Yeshua to be an Apostle to the Gentiles

Acts 4:33 -- And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Master Yeshua . . .

Acts 10:40 ff -- God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people, but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

Paul received a calling from Yeshua to be an Apostle to the Gentiles

Acts 26:16 ff -- I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a **slave** and **witness** to the things which you have seen of me and to those which I will show you, delivering you from your people and from **the Gentiles — to whom I am sending you** to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

Paul received a calling from Yeshua to be an Apostle to the Gentiles

Acts 22:17 ff -- When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance and saw Yeshua saying to me, 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.' . . . And he said to me, '**Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.**'

1 Corinthians 9:1 -- Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Yeshua Messiah our Master? Are you not my work in the Master?

Paul received his message (gospel) directly from Yeshua via revelation

2 Cor. 11:16 ff & 12:1 ff -- I repeat, let no one think me foolish. But even if you do, accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little. What I am saying with this boastful confidence, I say not as in the Lord but as a fool. Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast. For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! . . . I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Messiah who fourteen years ago was caught up

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to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses — though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may

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think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

Paul had a ministry confirmed by acts of divine power

- Acts 13: Elymas
- Acts 16: Philippian Jail
- Acts 19: Seven sons of Sceva

Acts 19:17 -- And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Master Yeshua was extolled.

What do we know about him? Paul --

- Saw & heard the risen Yeshua
- Was filled with the spirit, and spirit-led
- Received a calling from Yeshua to be an Apostle to the Gentiles (and still named himself the "least" of them)
- Received his message (gospel) directly from Yeshua via revelation
- Had a ministry confirmed by acts of divine power

Galatians parachute check -

1. Paul – Life and Apostleship
2. Galatia – Where in the world?
- 3.





Galatia

- Perga (Pamphylia) - Via Sebaste only 54 years old
- Pisidian Antioch



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- Perga (Pamphylia) - Via Sebaste only 54 years old
- Pisidian Antioch - Roman military and cultural center, favored by Augustus
- Iconium, Lystra, Derbe - Hinterlands famous for growing _____, _____ worship, and the cult of _____.



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KYBELE (Cybele) was the great Phrygian mother of the gods, and goddess of motherhood, fertility and the mountain wilds.



Colonia Iulia Felix Gemina Lystra –

Conse Gravit

"It Was Heavy" ?













Acts 13:13-41

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Now Paul and his companions . . . came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.”

So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: “Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it . . .

Acts 13:13-41

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Wilderness / Canaan / Judges / Samuel / Saul / David /
David's offspring Yeshua, "a savior" / John the Immerser

“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him.

Acts 13:13-41

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And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.

But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Yeshua . . .

(Three Psalms affirming the resurrection)

Acts 13:13-41

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Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is justified from everything from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

“Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish;
for I am doing a work in your days,
a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.”

Acts 13:42-52

The Aftermath

As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the *Ioudaioi* saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by

Acts 13:42-52

The Aftermath

Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and

Acts 13:42-52

The Aftermath

glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

But the *Ioudaioi* incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the holy spirit.

Galatians parachute check -

1. Paul – Life and Apostleship
2. Galatia – Where in the world?
3. The biggest issue of Paul's day



Expansion of Jews

- 550 BC – (mid-exile) eastern Mediterranean, 250K-500K
- 331 BC – Alexandria includes Jewish boom
- 200 BC – From Alexandria to Rome
- Every where the Romans went, the Jews were already there
- c. 60 BC – c. 65 AD – Judaism was favored

Expansion of Judaism

- Hellenism inside Israel
- Hellenism outside Israel
- The Greeks and Romans became hungry for monotheism
- This gives rise to: Proselytes vs. God-fearers, AND the million-dollar question. Are you . . .



Clubhouse rules

- One “gets in” by belonging to the group – only three ways for this to happen
- Initiation(s) for Judaism(s)
- Resurgence of Judean-based national identity gave the lead to which POV?
- What happens if you don't agree to the rules?

**Expansion of
Judaism**

**Adult
circumcision**



Clubhouse rules

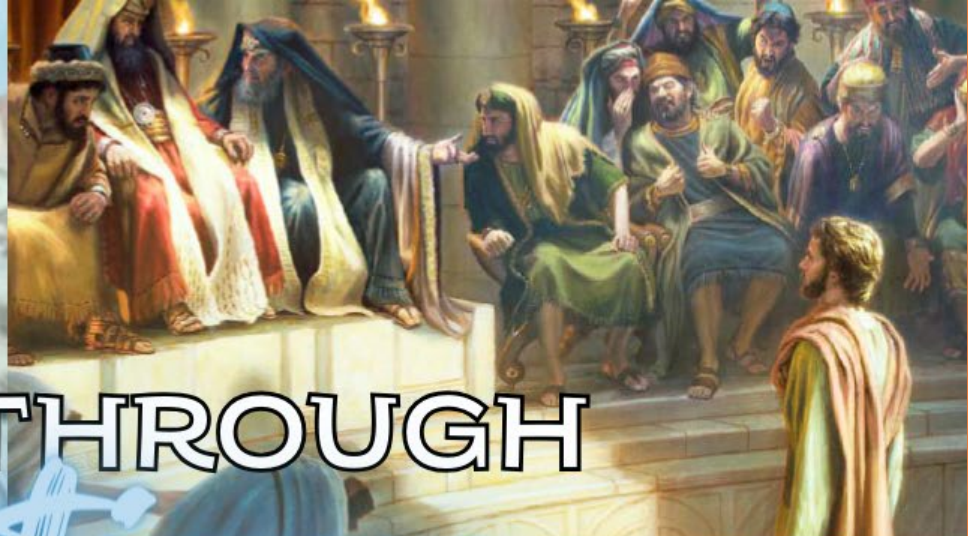
It appears that ancient Isra'el turned circumcision into a mark of **Jewish identity**, and then created social policies that enforced a Jewish-only membership into its **covenant** communities.

We have historic Isra'el abusing vital aspects of their covenant status and Torah obligations, based in part on her developing **ambivalent attitude towards foreigners** joining Isra'el in connection with her own self survival mechanisms as a marginalized people group . . .and we end up with the developments of Ethnocentric Jewish Exclusivism.

-Ariel ben-Lyman HaNaviy

Clubhouse rules

- One “gets in” by belonging to the group – Salvation comes from . . .being Jewish?
- Is this idea backed up by the Tanakh?
- The Gospel of the Red Sea
- The Gospel of Psalm 32



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