

### Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Paul Before Gallio in Corinth (Summer 51)

Acts 18:12–17

12 But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat,  
 13 saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."  
 14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you;  
 15 but if there are questions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters."  
 16 And he drove them away from the judgment seat.  
 17 And they all took hold of Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and *began* beating him in front of the judgment seat. But Gallio was not concerned about any of these things.

### Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Ephesus (Fall 51)

Acts 18:18–21a

18 Paul, having remained many days longer, took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria, and with him were Priscilla and Aquila. In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow.  
 19 They came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.  
 20 When they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent,  
 21a but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills,"

### Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Caesarea, Jerusalem and Syrian Antioch (Fall 51)

Acts 18:21b–22

21b he set sail from Ephesus.  
 22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to Antioch.

### Apollos' Ministry in Ephesus and Corinth (c. 51/52)

Acts 18:24–28

#### In Ephesus

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.  
 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;  
 26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

#### In Corinth

27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,  
 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. [cf. [1 Cor 3:1–9](#)]

**Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Return to the Galatian Churches (Spring 52)**

Acts 18:23

23 And having spent some time *there* [Syrian Antioch], he left and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

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**Chronological Notes**1) Paul Before Gallio.<sup>1</sup>

- A) Acts 18:11–12 states that Paul stayed a year and six months in Corinth and then, when “Gallio was proconsul of Achaia,” was attacked by the Jews and brought before the tribunal of the governor. The language seems to suggest that Gallio arrived at that time, and it seems likely that the coming of a new governor, who was inexperienced in that place, would provide a good opportunity for such an attack. It is probable, therefore, that Paul was brought before Gallio (who had arrived perhaps in May/June [§687]) in the early summer of 51. Since at that time he had been in Corinth a year and six months (Acts 18:11), Paul’s original arrival in Corinth may be dated in midwinter 49/50, say perhaps in December 49. This determination of the time when Paul arrived in Corinth provides an important anchor point for the entire chronology of Paul.

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<sup>1</sup> Sourced from Jack Finegan, *Handbook of Biblical Chronology*, Rev. Ed., (Hendrickson Publishers, 1998): 390–393. For more detail on the derivation of the date of Gallio’s governorship, see the extensive discussion in §674 through §679.