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Glossary

- agape** a feast held by the early Christians in connection with the Lord's Supper; also Christian love
- antinomianism** the doctrine that the law is not binding on Christians
- binitarianism** belief in a Godhead of two persons
- bishop** an officer of the early church, who supervised the ministry of the community. The Greek term is *episkopos*, 'overseer'.
- Christ** a title from the Greek *Christos*, translation of Messiah, 'the anointed one'; Christians regard Jesus as the Messiah; *see also* Messiah
- christology** the doctrine of the person of Jesus
- christophany** an appearance or manifestation of Christ, usually from heaven
- codex** an ancient manuscript in book form
- cruciform** in the shape of a cross
- deacon** an officer of the early church. The Greek term is *diakonos*, also translated as 'servant' or 'minister'.
- Decalogue** the Ten Commandments
- diaspora** the dispersal of the Jews among the Gentiles; also the Jews so dispersed
- docetism** the belief that Jesus' body was merely a semblance or else of ethereal substance
- doxology** an ascription of glory to God
- Ebionites** an early Christian sect believing that Jesus was merely human and that the Jewish law was binding on Christians
- ecclesiology** doctrine of the church
- eschatology** the doctrine concerning the last things
- Frühkatholizismus** early Catholicism
- glossolalia** the gift of tongues (strange or unknown languages)
- Gnosticism** a religious system or teaching emphasizing knowledge (*gnosis*), often knowledge available only to the initiated
- grace** the undeserved favour of God
- halakhah** rulings or interpretation of points of Jewish law

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Hauptbriefe 'the principal letters', i.e. 1 and 2 Corinthians, Romans, and Galatians, sometimes regarded as a canon within the Pauline canon

Hellenists Greek-speaking Jews from the Western diaspora

kerygma proclamation, especially of the Christian gospel

Kirchenrecht canon law

Kyrios 'Lord': Greek translation of the Hebrew word for God, used also of Jesus in the New Testament

Manichaeism a religious system founded by Manes or Mani and followed in the third to the fifth century. It taught that there are two basic principles, light and darkness, or good and evil.

Marcionites adherents of the ascetic sect founded by Marcion of Sinope in the second century

Messiah a Hebrew title, 'the anointed one', given to Jesus; *see also* Christ

midrash the Hebrew exposition of the Old Testament

millenarian believing in the millennium, the 1,000 years Jesus was prophesied to reign in person on the earth

Mishnah the Jewish oral law

Montanism a second-century ascetic movement founded by Montanus of Phrygia

nomistic based on law or scripture

parousia 'coming', usually Jesus' second coming

Pastoral Letters the letters to Timothy and Titus

Pharisees a Jewish sect characterized by strict observance of the law

presbyter an officer of the early church. The Greek term is *presbyteros*, 'elder'. The presbyters formed a council with a 'ruling' function, and some of them were engaged in preaching and teaching.

pseudepigrapha spurious writings

Religionsgeschichtliche Schule the 'History of Religions School' of the late nineteenth century. It saw Christianity not just as a list of doctrines but as a religion which was practised, and viewed it in the context of the many religions of its time.

sacraments religious ceremonies or acts regarded as a means of grace

Sadducees a Jewish sect consisting mainly of high-priestly families who controlled the temple in Jerusalem

Shema the traditional Jewish confession of the uniqueness of the God of Israel; it is found in Deut. 6:4

soteriology the doctrine of salvation

Synoptic Gospels the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, regarded as giving a synopsis of the story of Jesus, which can be read side by side (syn-optically)

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Talmud the body of Jewish civil and canon law

Torah the Jewish law; the Pentateuch

Valentinians followers of the Egyptian theologian Valentinus; also members of the Gnostic sect founded by him

Yahweh the Hebrew name for God in the Old Testament

Abbreviations

General

AB	Anchor Bible
ABD	<i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> (6 vols., New York: Doubleday, 1992)
AD	Anno Domini (in the year of the Lord) = CE
ANRW	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i> , ed. H. Temporini and W. Haase (Berlin, 1972–)
ANTC	Abingdon New Testament Commentaries
AV	(translation of the Bible)
BC	Before Christ
BCE	Before Christian Era
BNTC	Black's New Testament Commentary
ca	circa = about
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CE	Christian (or Common) Era
cf.	compare
ch(s).	chapter(s)
DPL	<i>Dictionary of Paul and his Letters</i> , ed. G. F. Hawthorne and R. P. Martin (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1993)
ed(s).	editor(s), edited by
e.g.	exempli gratia = for example
ET	English Translation
et al.	et alii = and others
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
GNB	Good News Bible (translation of the Bible)
HTKNT	Herders theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HUT	Hermeneutische Untersuchungen zur Theologie
ICC	International Critical Commentary
IGRom	<i>Inscriptiones graecae</i> (Rome)

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JB	Jerusalem Bible (translation of the Bible)
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JETS</i>	<i>Journal of Evangelical Theological Society</i>
JSJS	Supplement to <i>Journal for the Study of Judaism</i>
<i>JSNT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JSNTS	Supplement to <i>JSNT</i>
<i>JTC</i>	<i>Journal for Theology and Church</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
KEK	Kritisch-exegetischer Kommentar
KJV	King James Version (translation of the Bible)
LCC	Library of Christian Classics
LXX	Septuagint (= Greek translation of the OT)
NCB	New Century Bible
NCBC	New Century Bible Commentary
NCBCS	New Cambridge Bible Commentary Series
NEB	New English Bible (translation of the Bible)
<i>NIB</i>	<i>New International Bible</i>
NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIGTC	New International Greek Testament Commentary
NIV	New International Version (translation of the Bible)
<i>NJBC</i>	<i>New Jerome Bible Commentary</i>
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	Supplements to <i>NovT</i>
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version (translation of the Bible)
NT	New Testament
NTG	New Testament Guides
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
OT	Old Testament
ÖTK	Ökumenischer Taschenbuch-Kommentar
<i>PL</i>	<i>Patrologia Latina</i>
<i>RB</i>	<i>Revue Biblique</i>
RSV	Revised Standard Version (translation of the Bible)
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature
SBS	Stuttgarter Bibelstudien
SNTSMS	Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (= Society of New Testament Studies) Monograph Series
THNT	Theologischer Handkommentar zum Neuen Testament
<i>TübZeit</i>	<i>Tübinger Zeitschrift</i>
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary

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WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament		
ZKG	<i>Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte</i>		
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>		
ZTK	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>		

Books of the Bible

Old Testament

Gen.	Genesis			Jer.	Jeremiah
Exod.	Exodus				
Lev.	Leviticus			Ezek.	Ezekiel
Num.	Numbers			Dan.	Daniel
Deut.	Deuteronomy	Job			
Josh.	Joshua	Pss.	Psalms	Joel	
		Prov.	Proverbs		
1–2 Sam.	1–2 Samuel				
1–2 Kgs.	1–2 Kings	Isa.	Isaiah		
				Hab.	Habakkuk
				Mal.	Malachi

LXX/Deuterocanonical books

1–4 Macc.	1–4 Maccabees	Wis.	Wisdom of Solomon
Sir.	Sirach		
Tobit			

Old Testament pseudepigrapha

Apoc. Abr.	Apocalypse of Abraham	Pseudo	Phocylides
Ascension of Isaiah		T. Isaac	Testament of Isaac
2 Bar.	2 Baruch		
1 Enoch			
4 Ezra			

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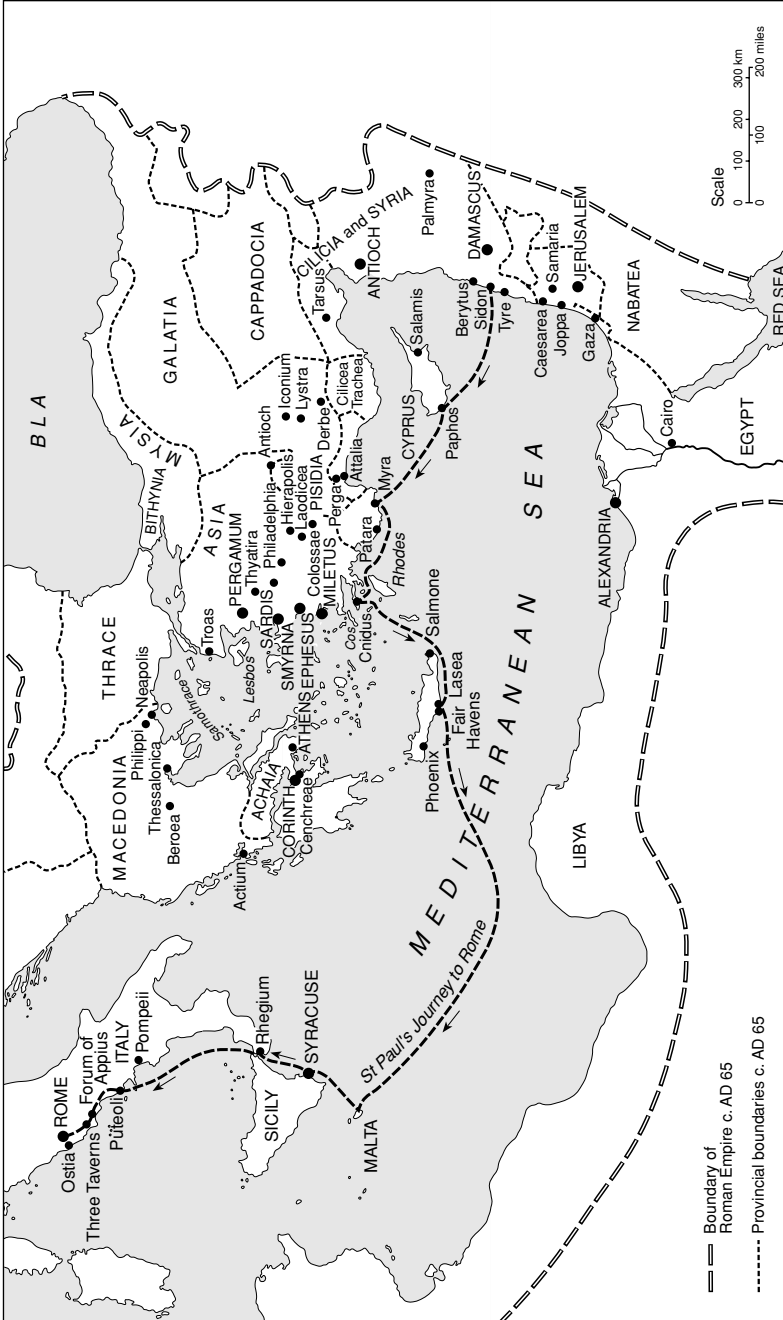
New Testament

Matt.	Matthew	1–2 Thess.	1–2 Thessalonians
Mark		1–2 Tim.	1–2 Timothy
Luke		Titus	
John		Phlm.	Philemon
Acts		Heb.	Hebrews
Rom.	Romans	Jas.	James
1–2 Cor.	1–2 Corinthians	1–2 Pet.	1–2 Peter
Gal.	Galatians	1–3 John	
Eph.	Ephesians		
Phil.	Philippians		
Col.	Colossians		

Chronology

(This is intended as illustrative rather than definitive; most Pauline scholars would agree the broad outline, with divergence on key dates limited to two or three years.)

Birth in Tarsus	around the turn of the century
Education primarily in Jerusalem (Acts 22:3)	
Crucifixion of Jesus	30
Conversion of Saul (Acts 9 etc.)	32/33
First Jerusalem visit (Gal. 1:18)	35/36
Antioch – teacher and missionary (Jerusalem visit? Acts 11:30) – ‘the first missionary journey’ (Acts 13–14)	early and mid 40s
Jerusalem council (Gal. 2:1–10/Acts 15)	48/49
Aegean mission – Corinth (Acts 18:11) 1 and 2 Thessalonians Galatians	50–2
Jerusalem visit (Acts 18:22)	52
Aegean mission – Ephesus (Acts 19:10) 1 and 2 Corinthians (Philippians, Colossians and Philemon?)	53–5
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Arrest in Jerusalem (Acts 21:33)	57
Imprisonment in Caesarea (Acts 24:27)	57–9
Journey to Rome (Acts 27:1–28:16)	59–60
Imprisonment in Rome (Acts 28:30) Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon	60–2
Probable date of execution	62/63
(Possible release and further mission (Ephesians, Pastoral Epistles)	62–4?)



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