

Lord's Day, June 28, 2009	Jeremiah 1, 11, 12
Monday, June 29	Jeremiah 2-5
Tuesday, June 30	2 Kings 23:31-24:20; 2 Chronicles 36:1-16
Wednesday, July 1	Daniel 1; Jeremiah 6
Thursday, July 2	Jeremiah 7-10
Friday, July 3	Jeremiah 18-20
Saturday, July 4	Jeremiah 25-26

Lord's Day, June 28, 2009	Job 36-37; Acts 15:22-41
Monday, June 29	Job 38-40; Acts 16:1-21
Tuesday, June 30	Job 41-42; Acts 16:22-40
Wednesday, July 1	Psalms 1-3; Acts 17:1-15
Thursday, July 2	Psalms 4-6; Acts 17:16-34
Friday, July 3	Psalms 7-9; Acts 18
Saturday, July 4	Psalms 10-12; Acts 19:1-20

II. FIRST VISIT TO JERUSALEM (39 A.D.)

A. SKEPTICAL RECEPTION BY THE CHURCH

- At first, the church is afraid to receive him - **Acts 9:26**
- Barnabas (cf. **Acts 4:36-37**) introduces him to the apostles - **Acts 9:27; Gal. 1:18-19**
 - He saw Peter, and stayed with him fifteen days
 - He also saw James the Lord's brother

B. PREACHING IN JERUSALEM

- He was given free access to the church - **Acts 9:28**
- He proclaimed boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus - **Acts 9:29**
- He disputed with the Hellenists (Grecian Jews) - **Acts 9:29**

C. ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE

- The Hellenists attempt to kill him - **Acts 9:29**
- Paul is warned by the Lord in a vision - cf. **Acts 22:17-21**
- The brethren send him to Tarsus by way of Caesarea - **Acts 9:30**
- It is evident that Paul has now become a dangerous enemy to his former friends. His testimony concerning the Lord and his own conversion is difficult to answer, and the opposition is willing to do anything to silence him! At this point Paul returns home (Tarsus) and spends... *(to be continued)*

Paul's Early Years Of Service (36-45 A.D.)

INTRODUCTION

- When people think of the life of Paul, they are likely mindful of...
 - His persecution of the church prior to his conversion
 - His vision of the Lord on the road to Damascus
 - His three missionary journeys recorded in the book of Acts
- A period of his life that may not be as well-known are the ten years following his conversion...
 - His conversion likely took place around **36 A.D.**
 - His first missionary journey began **45 A.D.**
 - What was Paul doing between his conversion and the time when the Spirit called him to begin his missionary journeys?
 - Knowing the zeal of Paul, it was not an idle time of his life...
 - It was a time of preparation
 - Combined with activity that would later serve him well
 - In this study we shall survey the first ten years of Paul's life as a new Christian...

I. THREE YEARS IN DAMASCUS AND ARABIA (36-39 A.D.)

A. INITIAL PREACHING IN DAMASCUS

- Immediately after his conversion, Paul begins preaching - **Acts 9:17-20**
- To the amazement of those who heard him - **Acts 9:21-22**

B. TIME IN ARABIA

- Paul did not stay in Damascus long after his conversion - cf. **Gal. 1:15-17**
- He went to Arabia, the desert area east and south of Damascus
 - How long he stayed is uncertain, though it is thought to have been the greater part of three years - cf. **Gal. 1:18**
 - What he did is unknown, though some think it was a time of personal reflection, and revelations from the Lord - cf. **Gal. 1:11-12**

C. RETURN AND ESCAPE FROM DAMASCUS

- He returned from Arabia to Damascus - **Gal. 1:17**
- Some time later an attempt was made to kill him, which he escaped - **Acts 9:23-25**
- Years later he recounted his narrow escape - **2 Cor. 11:32-33**
- Damascus was the first place Paul preached (**Acts 26:19-20**), and the first place he experienced persecution. It would not be the last place for either experience! Leaving Damascus, Paul makes his...