

# **"PAUL'S DEFENSE OF HIS POST CONVERSION MINISTRY"**

## **GALATIANS 1:16-24**

### **I. STAGE I: A PARENTHETICAL TRIP INTO ARABIA (1:17)**

- A. Blinded From His Salvation Experience, Paul was Led Into Damascus Where He Spent Three Days Without Food Or Water
- B. The Visit To Arabia Comes After Acts 9:22
  - 1. The Center Of Paul's Judaistic Theology Had The Rug Pulled Out From Under It
  - 2. He Needs An Extended Season Of Time (Most Likely With Christ) To Rethink, From The Ground Up, Everything He Had Ever Believed And Lived For
- C. Paul Also Preached During This Time, Finding Himself In Trouble With The Arabian King In Damascus At The End Of That Three Year Period (Acts 9:23-25; II Corinthians 11:32-33)

### **II. STAGE II: UP TO JERUSALEM (1:18-20)**

- A. Primarily To Meet Peter
  - 1. Barnabas Introduces Him To The Jerusalem Community (Acts 9:26-27)
  - 2. Paul Targets The Hellenistic Jews While There (Acts 9:28-29)
- B. Secondarily To Try To Convince The Lord To Let Him Stay And Preach At Jerusalem (Acts 22:17-21)

### **III. STAGE III: BACK AGAIN TO TARSUS OF CILICIA VIA SYRIA (1:21-24)**

- A. The Account Of The Movement Is Given In Acts 9:30
- B. Paul Spent Ten Silent Years In His Home Town Of Tarsus (1:21)
- C. The Judean (Jerusalem) Church Eventually Came To Realize That Paul Was For Real (1:22-24)