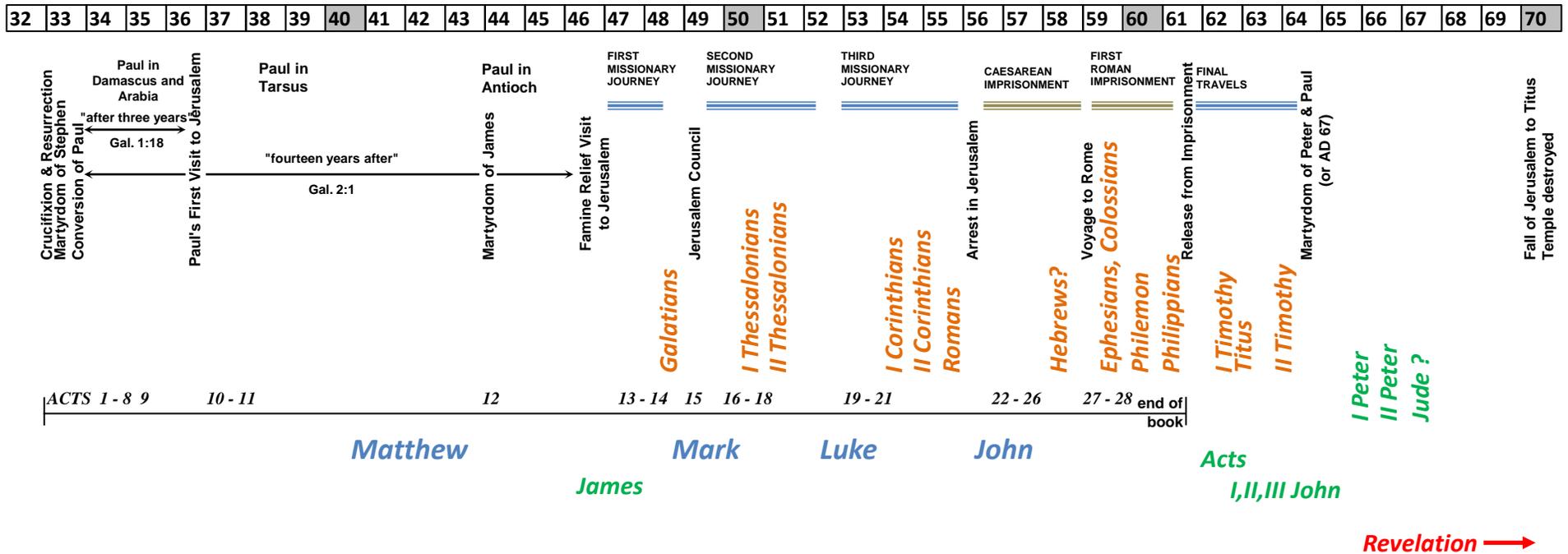


Approximate Dates of Authorship for the Books of the New Testament



- Eusebius placed the date of Matthew in AD 41. It has traditionally been recognized as the first Gospel to be written.
- All three gospels (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21) predict the destruction of the temple, so appear to predate AD 70.
- Acts ends in about AD 62, and was preceded by Luke, since Luke is the first half of the set.
- John mentions the sheep gate as still standing (5:2), so it was likely penned before AD 70.
- For a defense of the date of Revelation prior to the persecution under Nero (r. AD 54-68), see <http://www.biblecenter.de/bibel/studien/e-std310.php>.