

## Acts 11:19-30

### Growth of the Church at Antioch

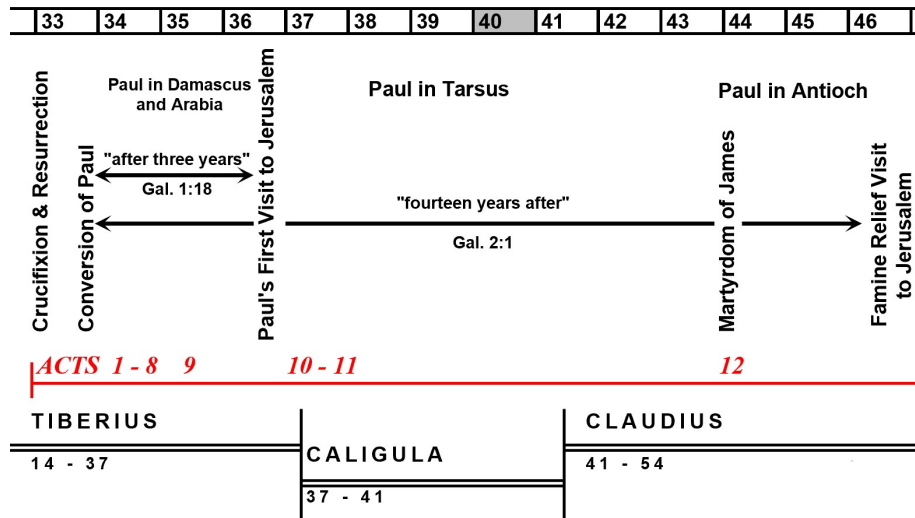
Phoenicia -

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*"... there would certainly be a great famine all over the world; and this took place in the reign of Claudius"*

Claudius ruled as emperor of the Roman Empire from AD 41-54. The Syria/Palestine/Egypt area suffered several years of famine in AD 45-47. A drought in Egypt would have been devastating for Rome, which shipped much of its 400,000 tons of annual grain consumption from Egypt.



### Food for Thought

- Persecution was an effective \_\_\_\_\_ for the spread of the gospel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is difficult, but Greeks are being accepted into the church.
- The famine relief visit indicates reconciliation, \_\_\_\_\_, and harmony, despite racial and geographical distance.

