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Historical Proofs for the stoning of Stephen at the end of the last week of the seventy week prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27

34 AD



Inscription dating Gallio's proconsulship A. D. 51-52

The stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:58-60) marked the end of the passage in Daniel 9:24 that says: "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people;" when the gospel spread to the gentiles as mentioned in Acts 8:4: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." Paul was consenting to Stephen's death Acts 8:1. Paul was converted shortly afterwards Acts 9:1-31. To determine this date and the stoning of Stephen we must work back from a well established chronological date found in Acts 18:12 where Paul appeared before Gallio. Gallio's proconsulship can be dated to a short period of A. D. 51-52 on the basis of an inscription found at Delphi which mentions him. Working backwards through the second missionary journey of Acts 16 and 17, we arrive at the spring of A. D. 49 for the beginning of this journey that took Paul to Corinth. This would date the Jerusalem conference of Acts 15 to A. D. 48/49. Since that visit to Jerusalem is the one "after fourteen years" in Galatians 2:1 projecting backwards we come to A. D. 35/36 . Galatians 1:18 speaks of the remaining three years further back to 34 A. D. This proves beyond doubt the historical authenticity of the 70 weeks prophecy shown in these 4 charts.