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**“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”**

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**“Rather, Paul concentrates on his relationship (or lack thereof) with the distant churches in Judea. The point is clear enough: during all of these years, Paul felt no need to stay in Jerusalem and learn about the gospel. He pursued a ministry in other regions for which in fact, Christians in Judea gave glory to God.”**

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