



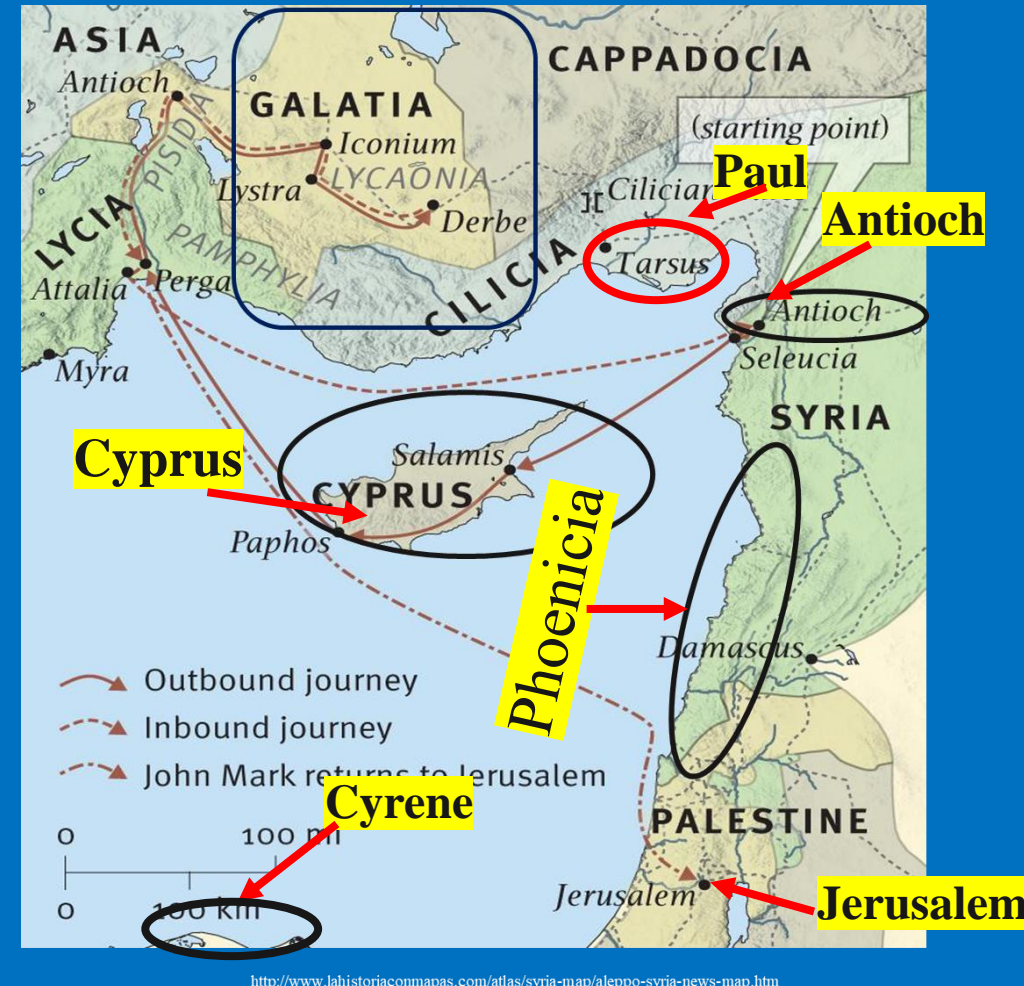
# Chapter 29-Paul's Mission

# Chapter 29-The Book of Acts The First Missionary Journey

## Chapter 11-Antioch

### Vs. 19-22

- Many Christians fled Jerusalem to Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch. This was due to the Christian persecution.
- Christians came from Cyprus and Cyrene (Northwest Africa) and preached to those in Antioch.
- Paul was from Tarsus.







- Antioch was located on the Orontes (or-ON-tees) River about 300 miles from Jerusalem [LA to Lake Havasu City, Arizona] and was the capital of the Roman province of Syria.
- Antioch was the third largest city in the Roman Empire, with a population of about 500,000.
- Antioch was one of the most cosmopolitan centers of the world and a center for commerce. Seleucia was Antioch's seaport.





- Antioch replaced Jerusalem as the number one Christian city and became the center for early missionary activity.
- Believers were first called “Christians” in Antioch (Acts 11:26) [ ].
- Christ’s commission in Acts 1:7-8 was now being fulfilled through persecution [ ].



# Chapter 13- First Missionary Journey 47-48 A.D.

## Vs. 13-36- Cyprus, Pamphylia/Pisidia

- While in Antioch, the Holy Spirit directed Paul and Barnabas to preach the Gospel (Acts 13:1-3). [ ] [ ]
- They took John Mark (the writer of the Gospel of Mark and cousin of Barnabas) with them. Acts 12:12 [ ]
- They went to Seleucia (sa-LU-sha), then on to Cyprus.

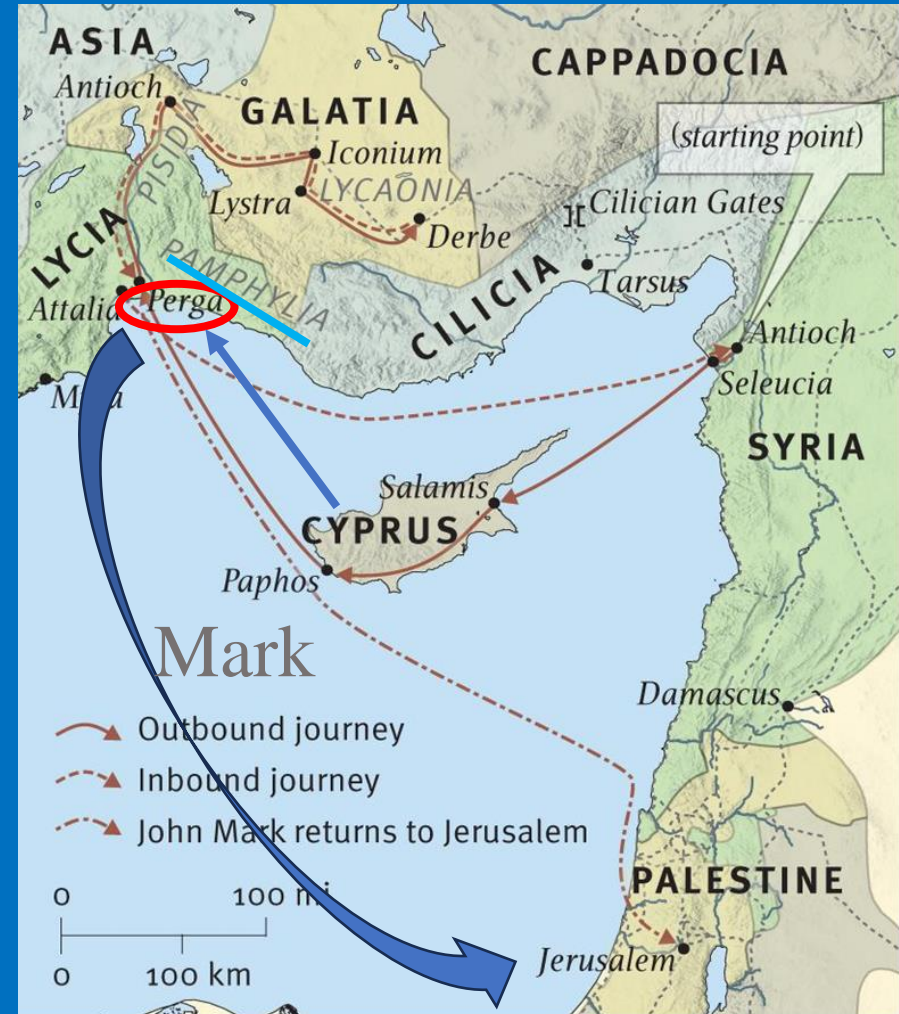


Antioch

Seleucia



- After preaching throughout Cyprus, Paul, Barnabas, and Mark traveled to Perga in the region of Pamphylia.
- Mark left Paul and Barnabas and went back to Jerusalem.
  - This was going to cause tension later between Paul and Barnabas.



- From Perga, Paul and Barnabas went to Antioch in the region of Pisidia (see map above). This was a different Antioch than Paul's launching base in Syria.





- Paul usually met with the Jewish leaders of a city before meeting with the Gentiles.
- Paul delivered a sermon about the Jewish history and the coming of Christ.



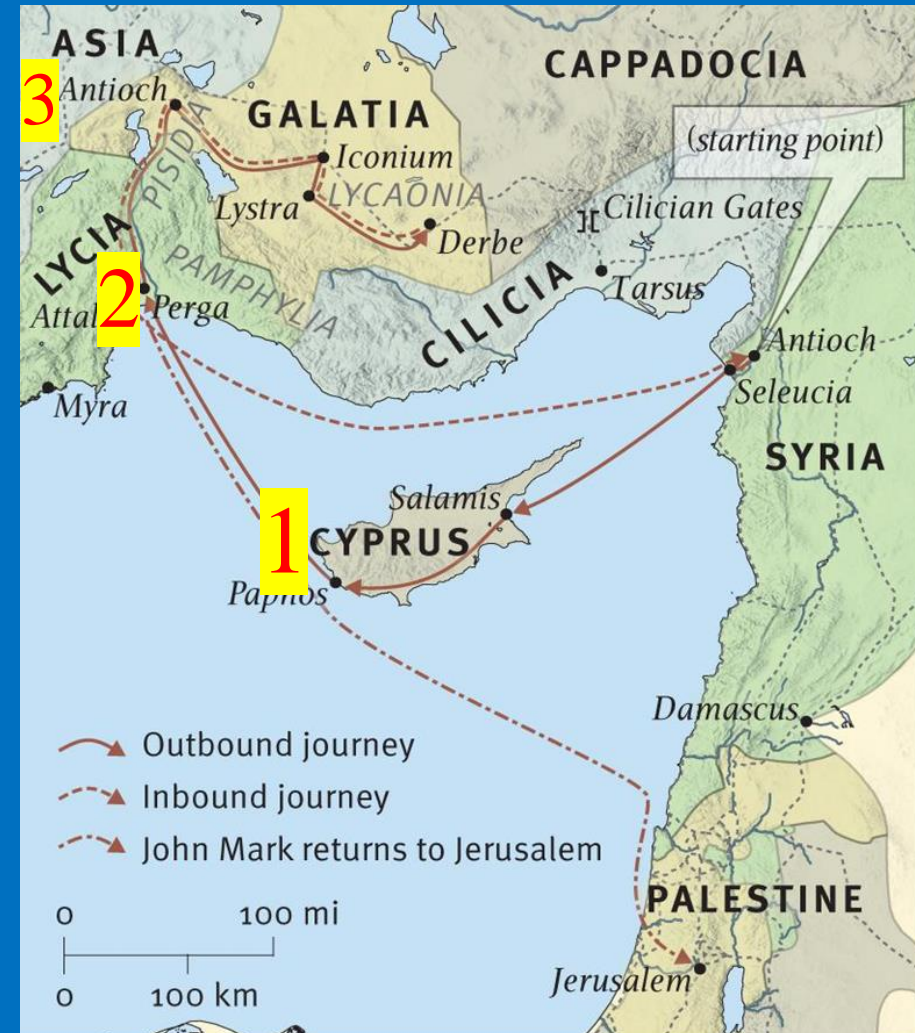
## Vs. 46-52- Paul Preaches to the Gentiles

- Since the Jews refused to become spiritual “lights of the world,” Paul turned to the Gentiles. Since the Jews rejected their Messiah, the Church Age was born.

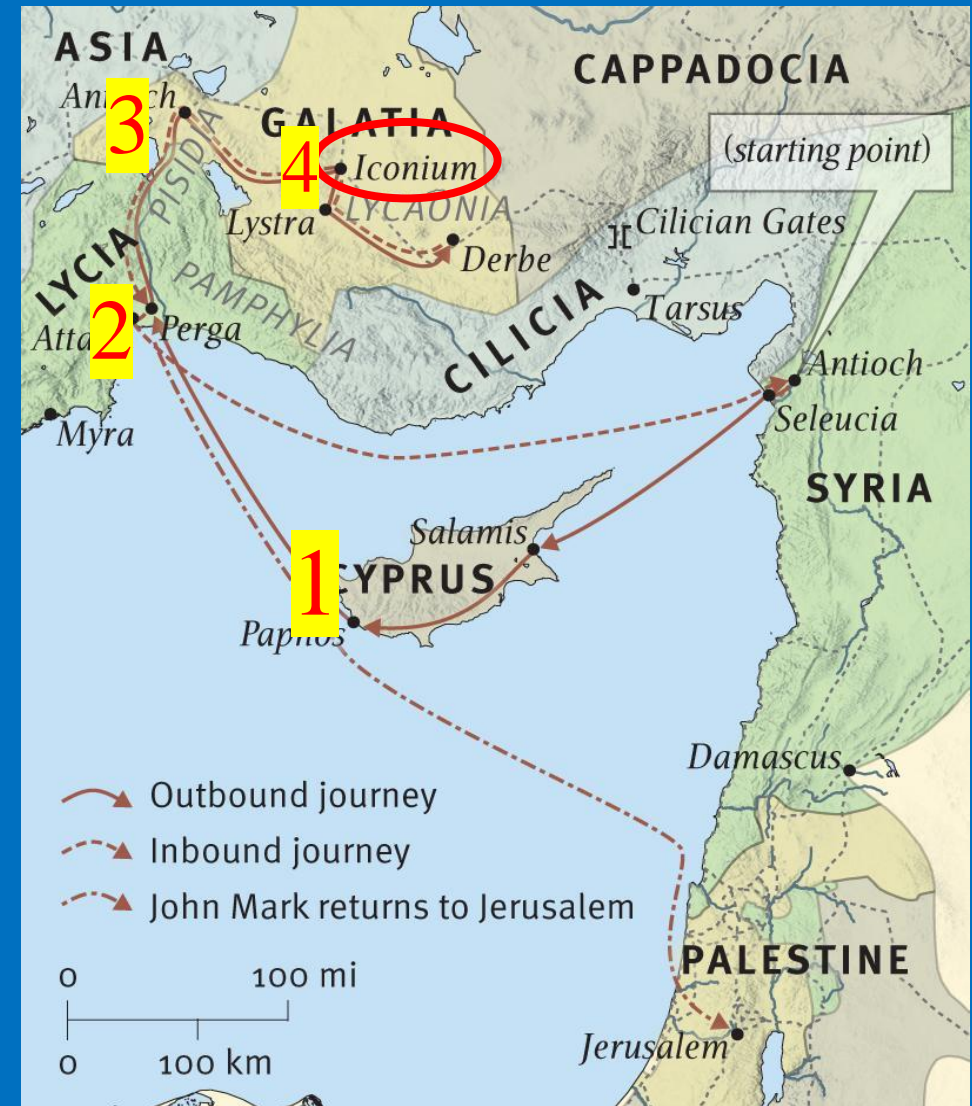




- We are living in the Church Age today.
- The Church today is the body of Christ composed of anyone who believes in Jesus. The Church's mission is to spread the Gospel throughout the world (Matthew 28:19-20) [ ].



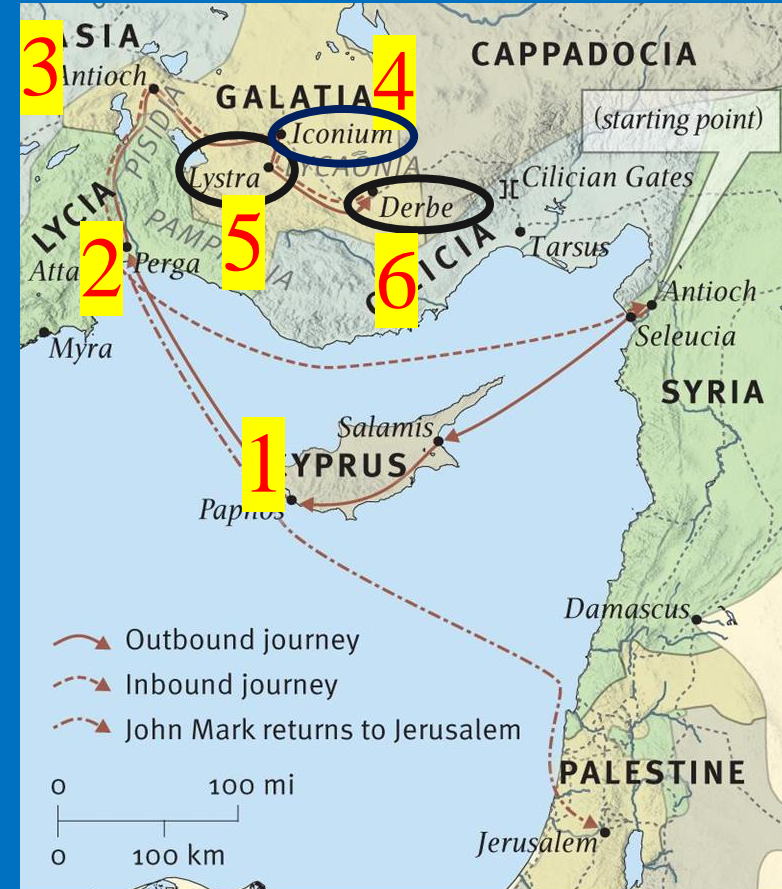
- The Gentiles received the Gospel message with great joy.
- The Jews incited the devout and prominent women and the leading men of the city. They revolted against Paul and Barnabas and drove them out of their district.
- Paul and Barnabas went on to Iconium.





# Chapter 14- Iconium/ Lystra/ Derbe

- Paul and Barnabas preached within the regions of Iconium, Lystra (li-stra), and Derbe. While in Lystra, unbelieving Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and turned the crowds against Paul and Barnabas.



- The people stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city (Lystra).
  - They supposed him to be dead.
- The Lord miraculously restored Paul and he reentered the city.



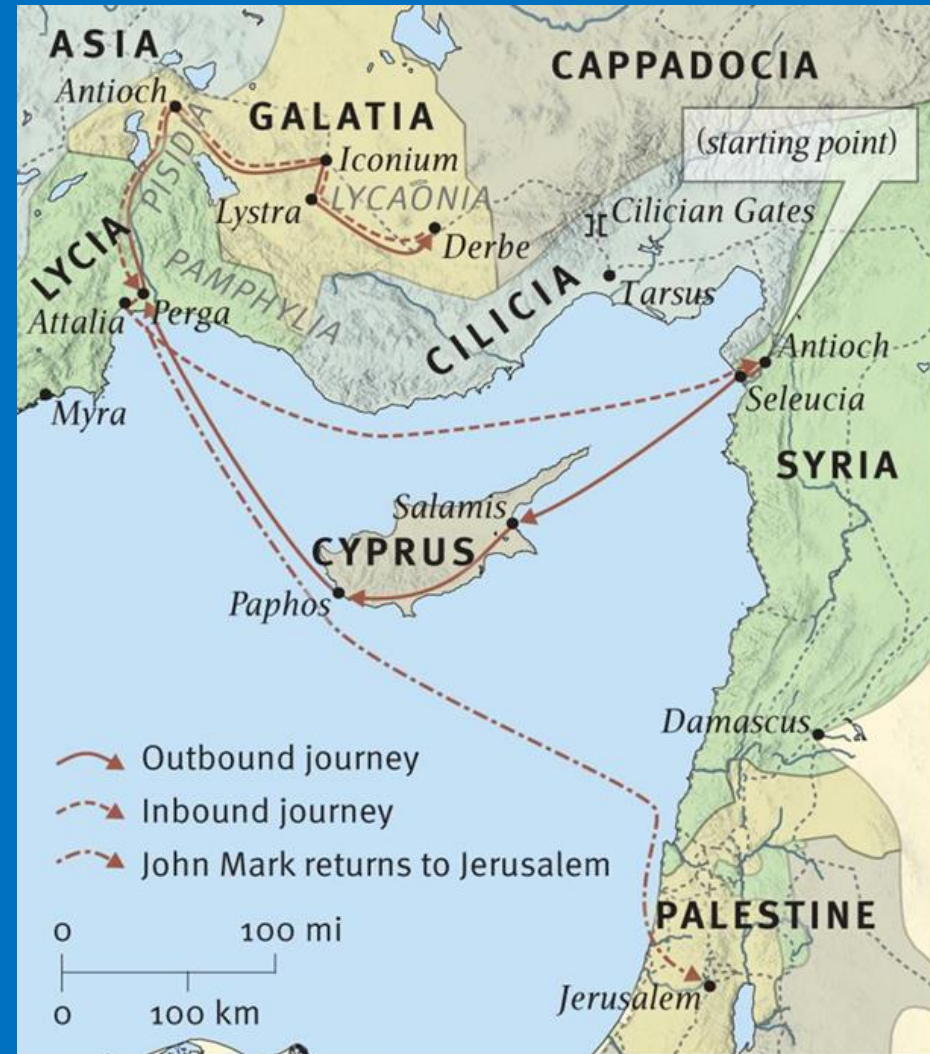


# The Churches Within the Region of Galatia

- The cities of Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe were located within the region of Galatia (see map above).
- It is possible that the book of Galatians was written to the churches within the Galatian region sometime after Paul's first missionary journey.



- If so, the Galatian letter was probably written from Antioch in A.D. 49, making it the earliest of Paul's epistles.



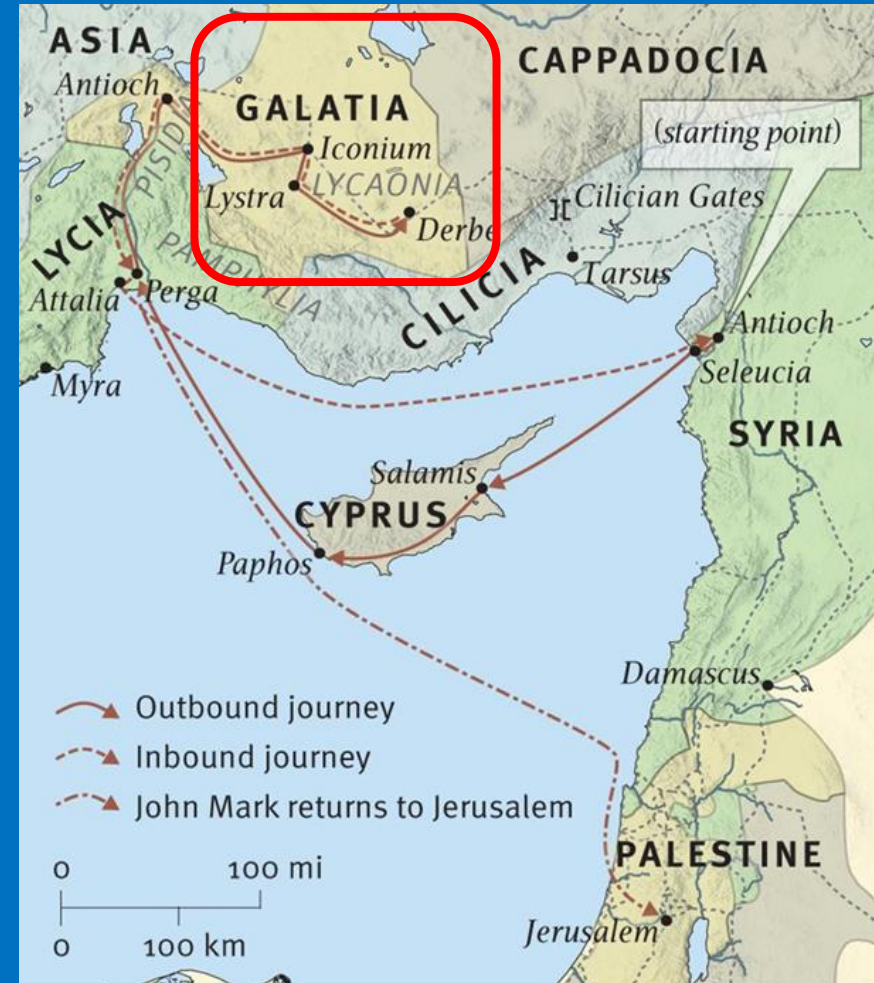


# The Book of Galatians

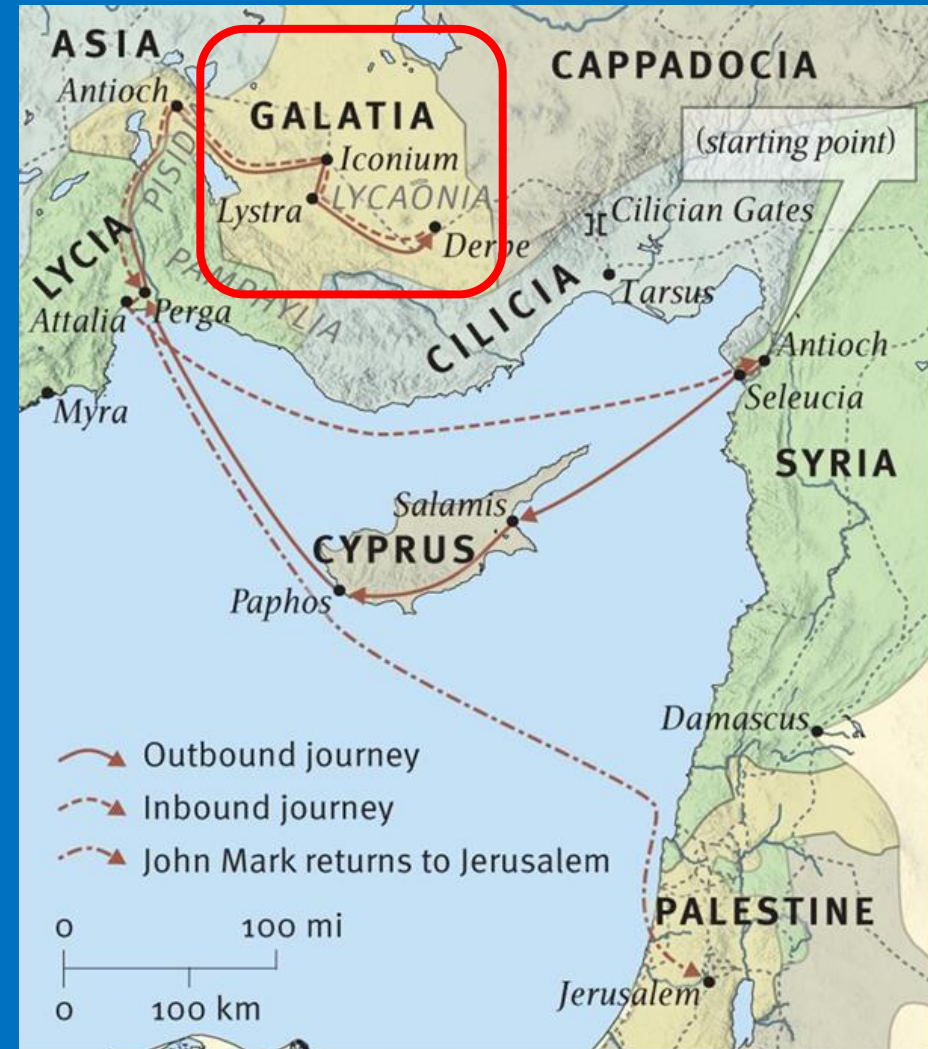
## Chapters 1-2

### Vs. 1-10-Paul's Amazement

- Paul sent his letter to the various churches throughout the region of Galatia.

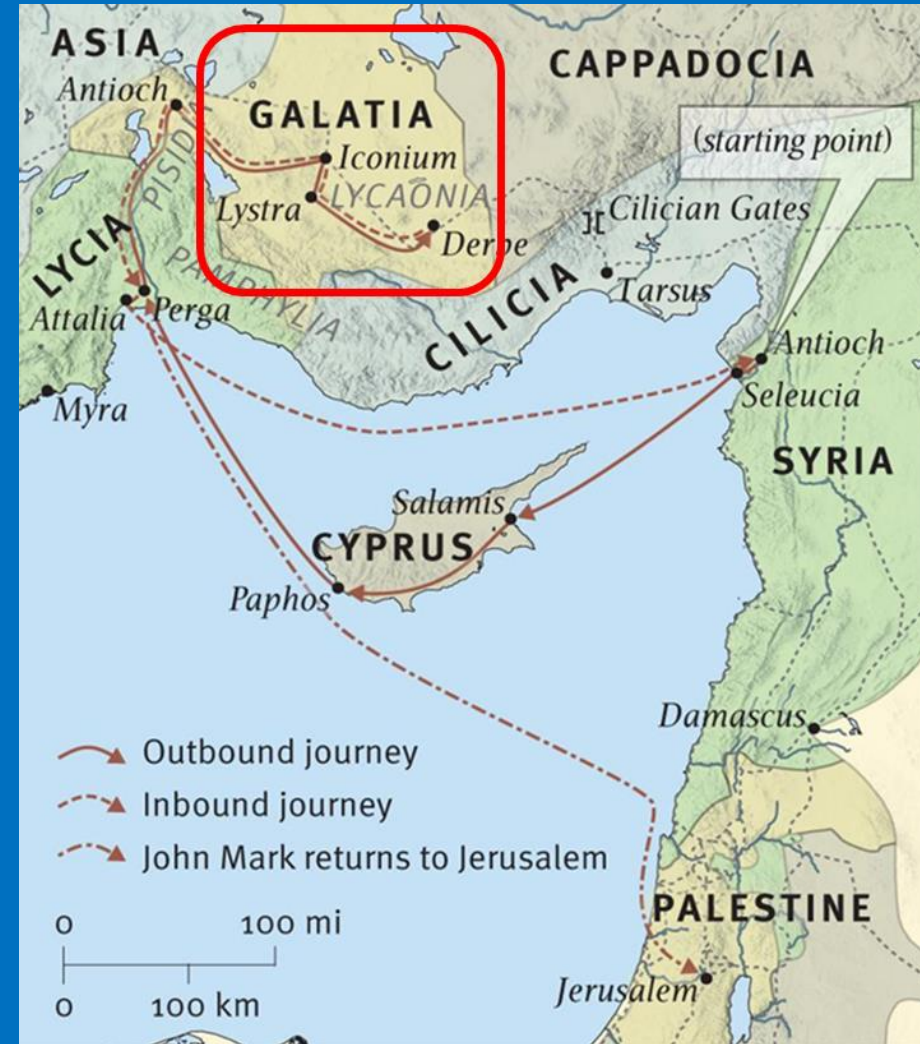


- **Galatians 1:6** indicates that Paul was amazed that the new believers had already turned from the sound teachings of the Gospel. [ ]
  - This did not mean they had lost their salvation, but they were beginning to go back to Jewish traditions.





- After Paul's miraculous stoning, recovery, and after the many miracles God wrought through Paul and Barnabas, it was hard to believe they had left the Gospel message so quickly.



- Human nature tends to quickly revert to old lifestyles and habits. Jesus states in Luke 9:23, “...If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me” [NASV].



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# The Second Missionary Journey

## Acts-49-52 A.D.

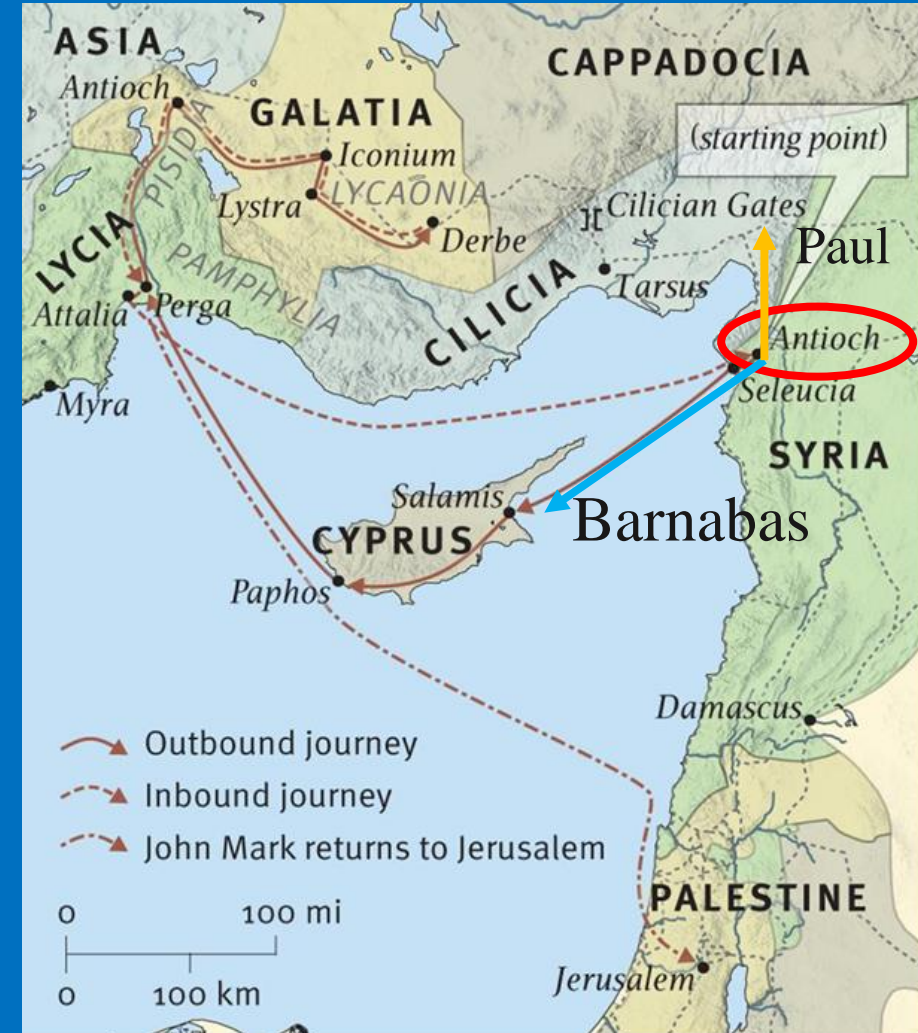
### Chapter 15

#### Vs. 36-41-Paul and Barnabas Separate

- After some time in Antioch, Paul wanted to **revisit** the churches from the first missionary journey.
- Barnabas wanted to take **Mark** with them.



- Paul was adamant against taking Mark since he had abandoned them during the first journey.
- Because of this disagreement, Paul and Barnabas separated.
- Barnabas took Mark with him to Cyprus while Paul chose Silas as a missionary companion.



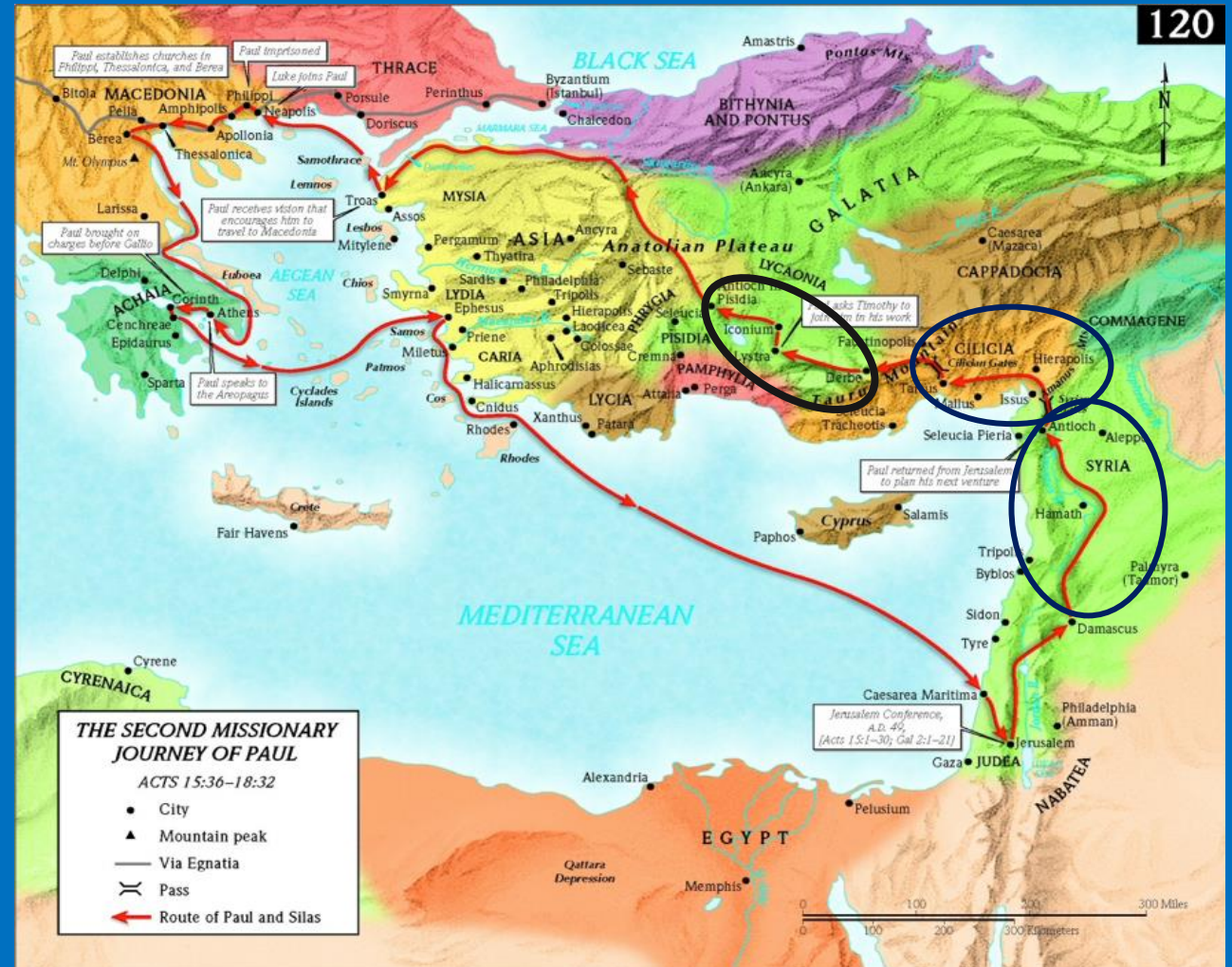


# The Churches Revisited

## Chapter 16

### Vs. 1-5-Timothy Accompanies Paul

- Paul and Silas traveled up through Syria and Cilicia and strengthened the believers.
- During their travels, they revisited Derbe and Lystra. Lystra was the city where Paul was stoned during the first missionary journey.





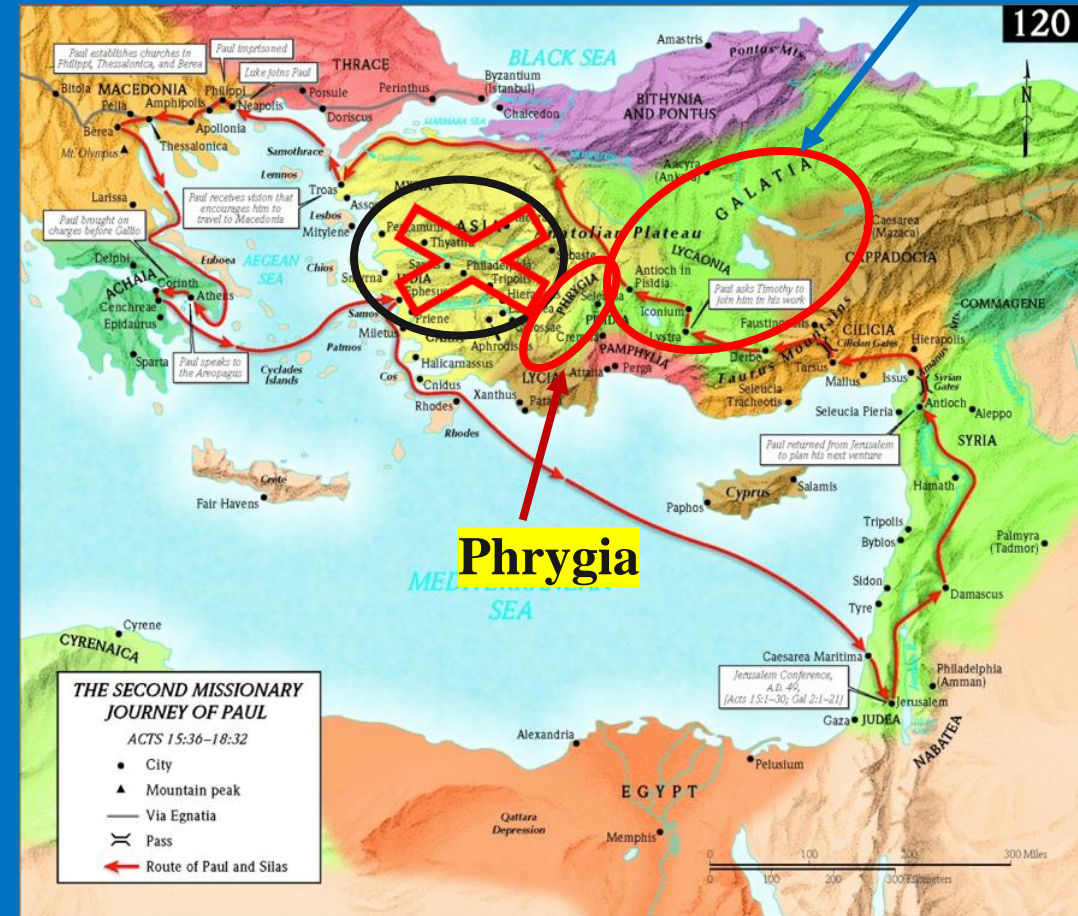
- While at Lystra, Paul became acquainted with Timothy.
- Paul had Timothy accompany him on the rest of the journey.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy was written by Paul to Timothy (1<sup>ST</sup> Timothy 1:1-2). [ ]



# Ch. 16-10-The Call to Europe

Galatia

- Paul traveled throughout the Phrygian and Galatian regions. However, he was forbidden by the Holy Spirit to go into Asia (Asia Minor today).

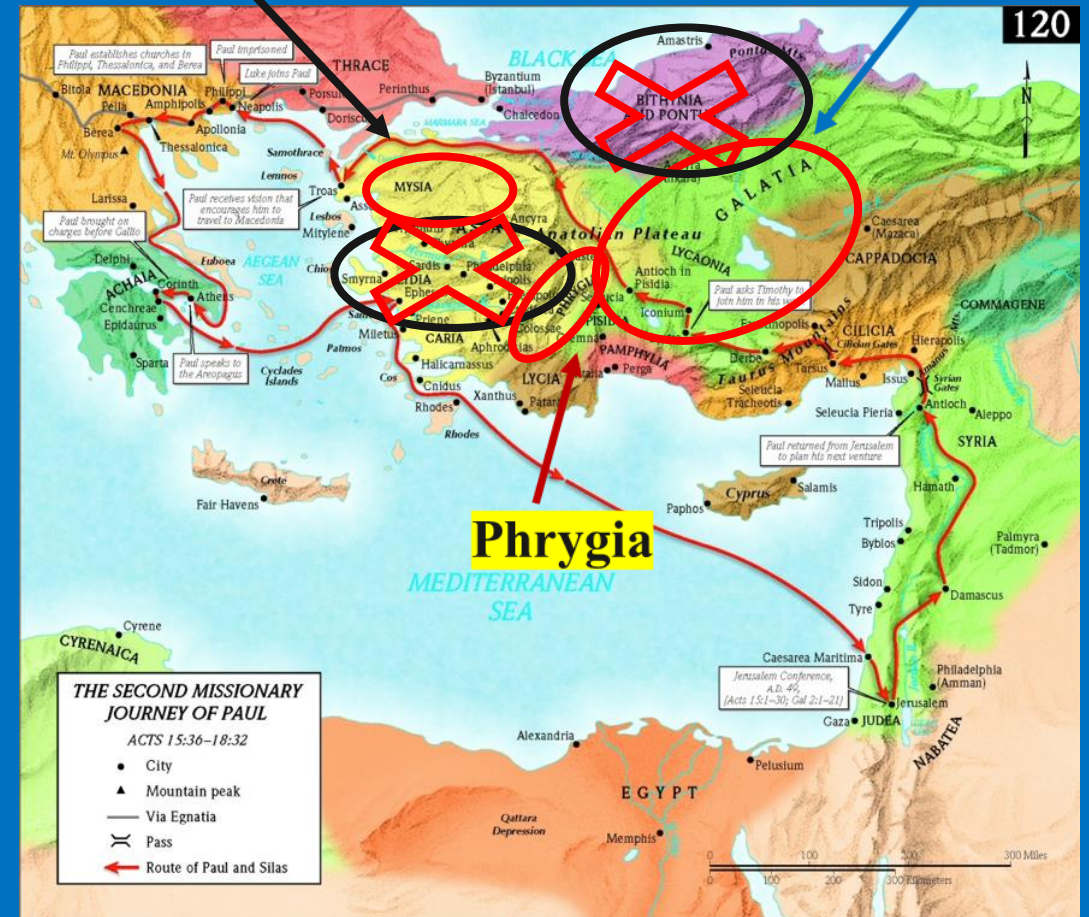




Mysia

Galatia

- After journeying into the region of Mysia (meh-SE-a), Paul and Silas prepared to go into Bithynia. However, the Holy Spirit prevented them from making those plans.





- Paul continued west and came to the port city of Troas.

- Troas was the launching point for those entering Macedonia.

- Paul received a vision of a man giving an appeal for Paul to preach in Macedonia.
- Paul immediately made plans for Macedonia.



# Vs. 11-15-Philippi

- Paul went to the island of Samothrace, then to Neapolis, and on to Philippi.
- King Philip of Macedonia founded the city of Philippi.
  - Philip was the father of Alexander the Great.
- Philippi eventually became a Roman colony and a military outpost.





- Paul established the first European church at Philippi.
- Because of Paul's preaching, the chief magistrate had Paul and Silas beaten with rods and thrown into prison.
- At midnight, as Paul and Silas were singing hymns and praying, a great earthquake shook the prison doors open.





- The punishment of death was given to a Roman guard who lost a prisoner.
  - Paul stopped the guard from committing suicide when he shouted that none of the prisoners had escaped.
- Immediately, the guard brought Paul and Silas to his house, washed their wounds, and became a believer (Acts 16:31) [ ]



# The Book of Philippians

- Paul eventually wrote the book of Philippians while in prison at Rome.
- His writing occurred after the third missionary journey.





# Thessalonica

- The Philippians had remained faithful to Paul.
- Twice, the Philippians sent money to Paul while he ministered in Thessalonica (Phil. 4:16) [ ].





- Philippians 4:19- “And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” [NASB]
- A church that gives to missionary work will have its needs met.



# Chapter 17

- From Philippi, Paul traveled through Amphipolis, Apollonia, and Thessalonica.





# The Books of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians

## 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians

- After Paul left Thessalonica, he traveled down to Athens.
- From Athens, Paul sent Timothy back to Thessalonica to encourage the believers.
- Since Paul and Silas had to leave the city so quickly, they were concerned with the believers' spiritual well-being.



- Paul traveled to Corinth after Timothy left for Thessalonica.
- Timothy went to Corinth and gave Paul a positive report about the church.
- At Corinth, Paul meets Aquila and his wife Priscilla.

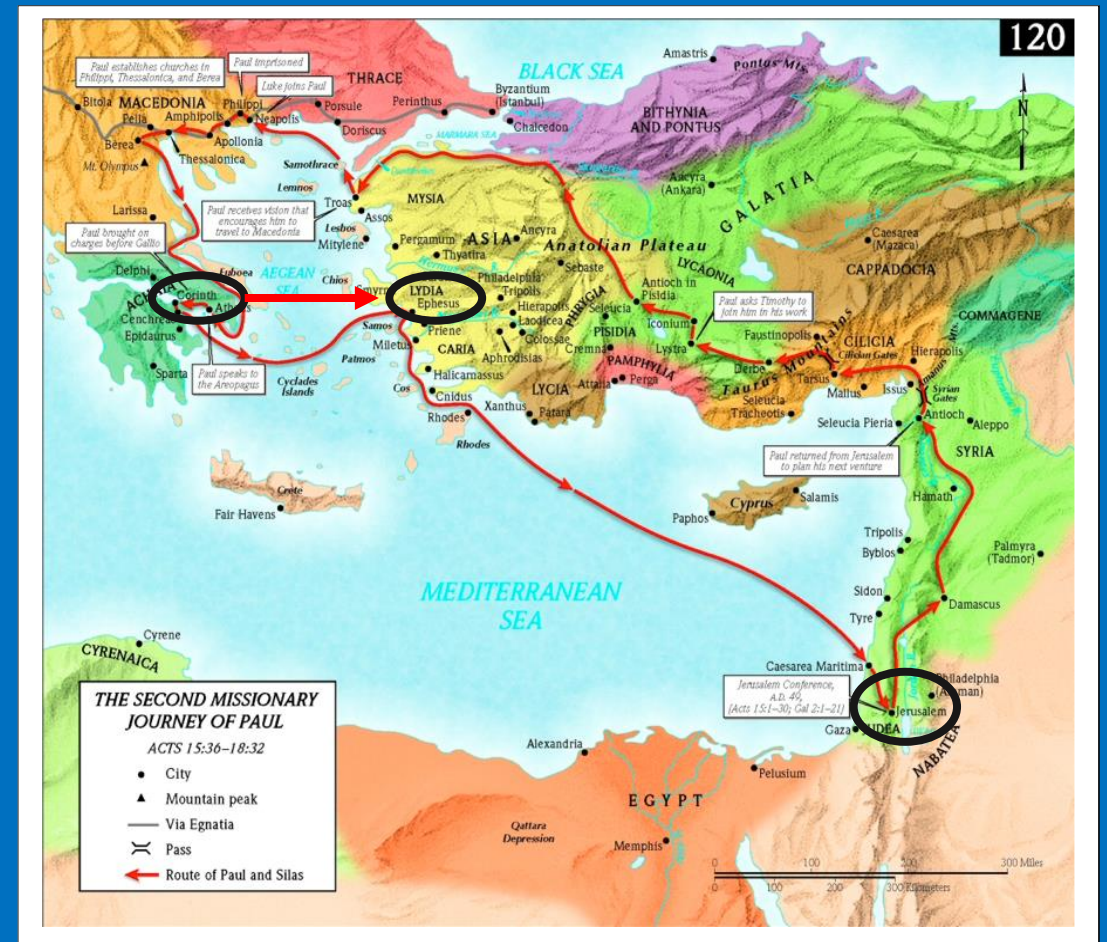




- Paul was very pleased about the report and wrote 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3:1-2, 5-8-Paul gives an account of his contact with the Thessalonians. [ ]



- From Corinth, Paul left Priscilla and Aquila at Ephesus and quickly left for Jerusalem.





# Third Missionary Journey Acts

## Chapter 18-Paul's Third Missionary Journey

- After spending time in Antioch, Paul left for his third missionary journey.
- Paul went through the Galatian and Phrygian sections of Asia strengthening all the disciples.



# Chapter 19

- Vs. 1-7-Paul's Mission in Ephesus
- After ministering throughout the Galatian and Phrygian regions, Paul went to Ephesus.

Ephesus





- The Gospel possibly came first to Ephesus after Paul left Priscilla and Aquila there on his second missionary Journey.
- You do not have this below
- Apollos, a powerful Christian missionary came to Ephesus and received instruction from Priscilla and aquila.
- He then went on to Corinth.



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- Ephesus was known as a commercial, political, and religious center.
  - The great temple of Artemis (Diana) was the central point of Ephesus' religion.
- Ephesus was a major trading center much like Alexandria and Antioch.



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# The Book of Ephesians

- Paul wrote the book of Ephesians while imprisoned in Rome around A.D. 61.
- The book was possibly a circular letter in that it was meant to be sent to various churches throughout Asia.



- Reasons for being circular:
  - Ancient manuscripts do not contain the word “Ephesus” in the introduction.
  - There is an absence of a controversy within any one church.



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- Paul preached in Ephesus for about three years during the third missionary journey. The fact that this letter does not mention specific names appears to indicate that it was meant to be passed on.



# Chapter 20

## Vs. 1-6-Paul Ends His Third Missionary Journey

- While in Ephesus, a riot broke out due to Paul's evangelism. The silversmiths were losing money since people were not buying the souvenir statues of the goddess Diana.





- After the uproar, Paul left for Macedonia (see map above).
- From Ephesus, Paul went to Troas and followed the same route to Corinth as he did on the second missionary journey.



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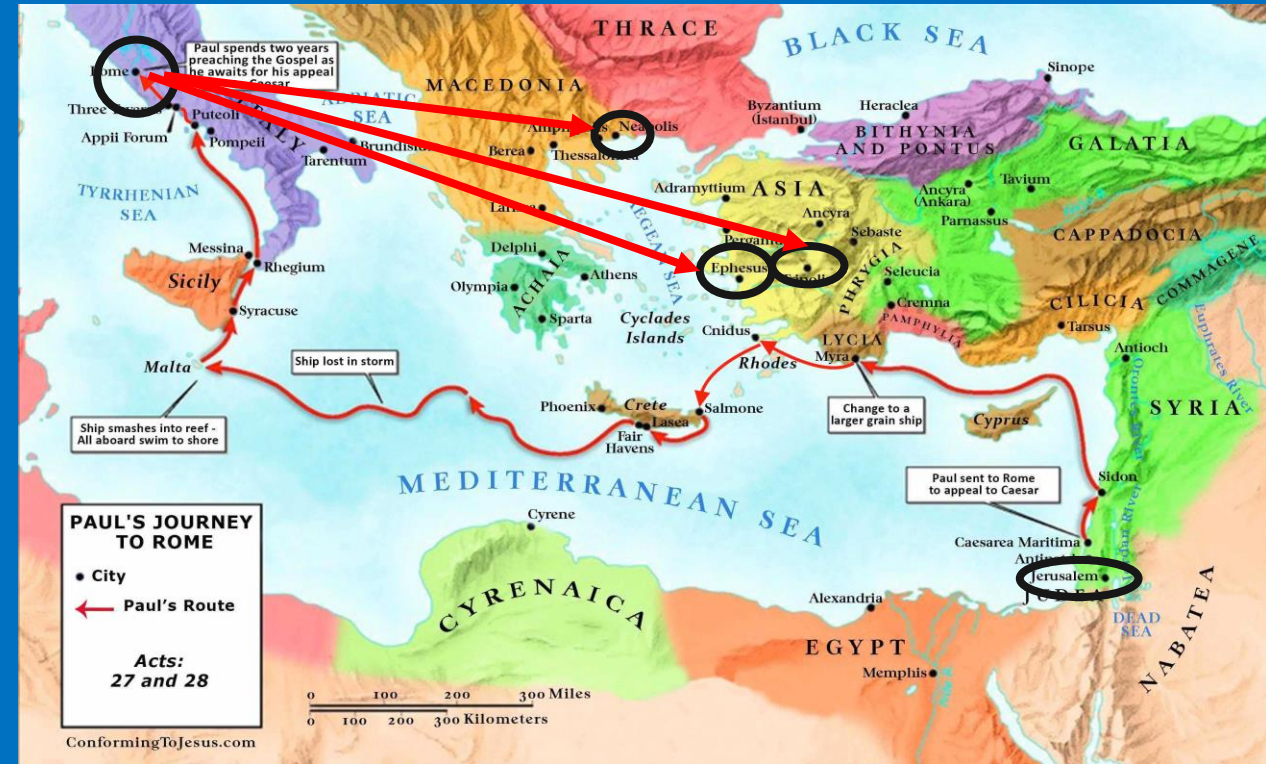
- Paul wrote the book of Romans while in Corinth (see map above) during his **third** missionary journey. Paul intended to take an offering to the poor in Palestine. He intended to deliver the money while in Jerusalem.
- From Jerusalem, Paul planned on visiting the Roman church while on his way to **Spain** (Romans 15:24) [ ]



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- This plan did not materialize according to Paul's plans since he was arrested while in Jerusalem and sent to Rome as a prisoner.
- It was during this Roman imprisonment that Paul wrote the books of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.



## Summary

Ephesus was a very large and wicked city. However, it was this city in which Paul was able to spread the Gospel throughout Asia. Demetrius, the silversmith, caused Paul much trouble. Despite his opposition, God was in control. We may not fully understand why certain trials and tribulations come our way. Even when there appears to be no “end in sight,” our hope must rest in God. Psalm 23 states, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me...” [NASB].



## Acts 11:26

26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. [ ]

## Acts 1:7-8

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." [ ]



## Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” [ ]

## Philippians 4:16

16 for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs. [ ]



## 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3:1-2, 5-8

- 1 Therefore when we could endure *it* no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone, 2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith...

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- 5 For this reason, when I could endure *it* no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain. 6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, 7 for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; 8 for now we *really* live, if you stand firm in the Lord. [ ]

## Romans 15:24

24 whenever I go to Spain-for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while... [ ]



## 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and Christ Jesus our hope; 2 unto Timothy, my true child in faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. [ ]

## Acts 13:1-3

1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger (NI-ger), and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. [ ]

Acts 16:31

31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved... [ ]



## Luke 4:36-37

36 Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement), 37 and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. [ ]

## Acts 12:12-16

12 And when he [Peter] realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark [Mary-aunt of Barnabas], where many were gathered together and were praying. 13 When he knocked at the door of the gate, a servant-girl named Rhoda came to answer. 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate. 15 They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she kept insisting that it was so. They kept saying, "It is his angel." 16 But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened the door, they saw him and were amazed. [ ]

## Galatians 1:6

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. [ ]