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**Paul's CP Journeys**

# Paul's Church Planting Journeys

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AD. 100 - Roman pop. - 65 Million - Rome to Jerusalem - 25 -30 million (est)

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# Key:

## Red Text: Controllable Activities

- **Entry** (Where / to whom did Paul go)
- **Gospel** (What did Paul say)
- **Discipleship** (How did Paul disciple)
- **Church letters** (How did Paul push towards healthy church with letters)

## Purple Text: Leaders

- Paul *identifying, developing, and mobilizing* leaders

## Green Text: Uncontrollable Activities

- **Response** (How did the people respond)
- **opposition / persecution**
- **S&W** (how did God use signs, wonders or miracles)
- **Favor** (how did God grant favor)
- **Visions and Prophecies**
- **Church start / healthy church**

Entry / Gospel

Gospel Outpost

Church Start

Discipleship or Re-visit

Church / Healthy Church

Revelation Church



Region of New Work

Door Closed

Letter to Church(s)

Leader(s) Mobilized



Region of Established Work

# Paul's 1st Journey

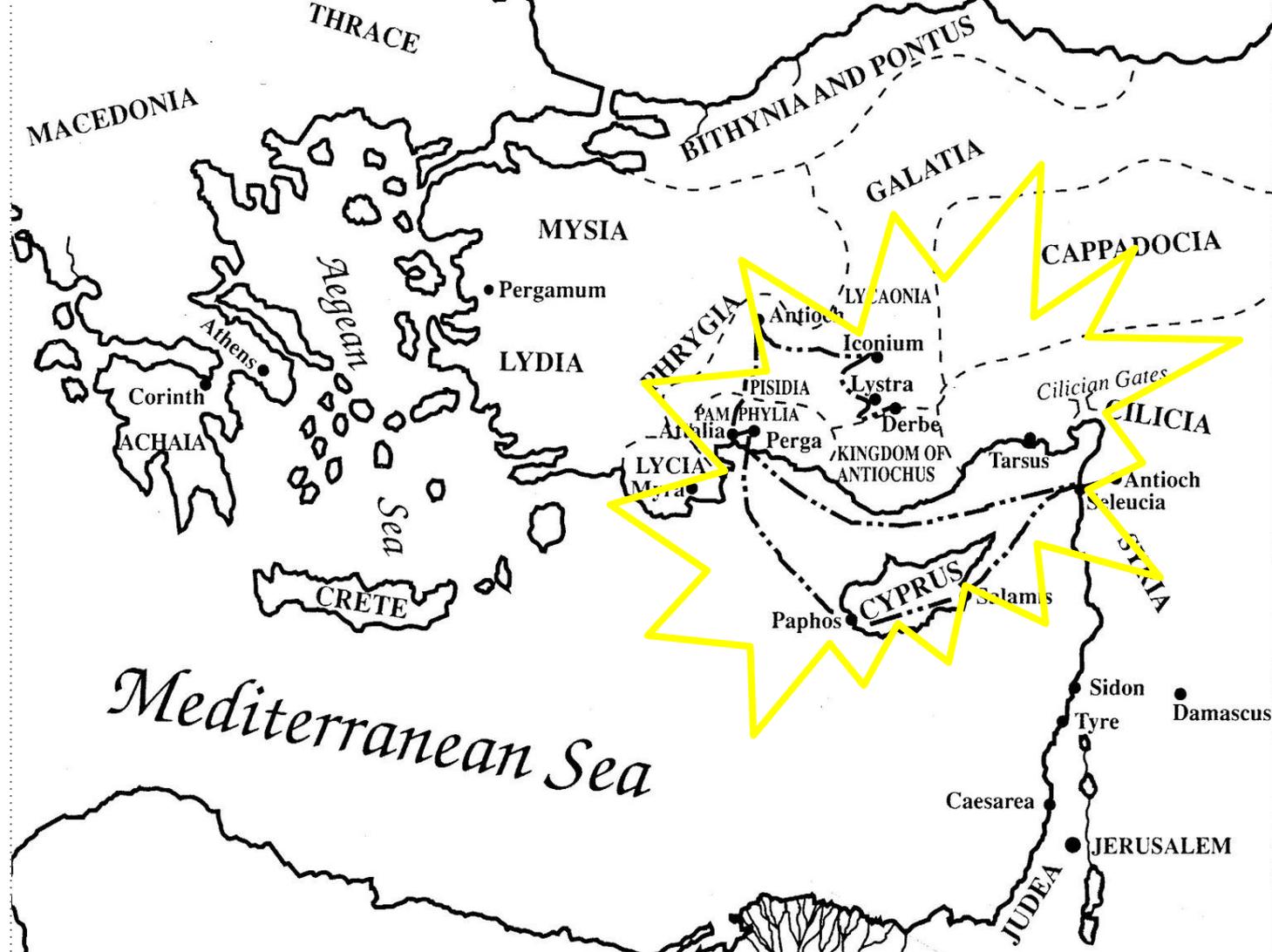
## Acts 13-14

**Date:**  
47-49 A.D.

**Time:**  
Around 2 yrs

**Primary Region:**  
Galatia

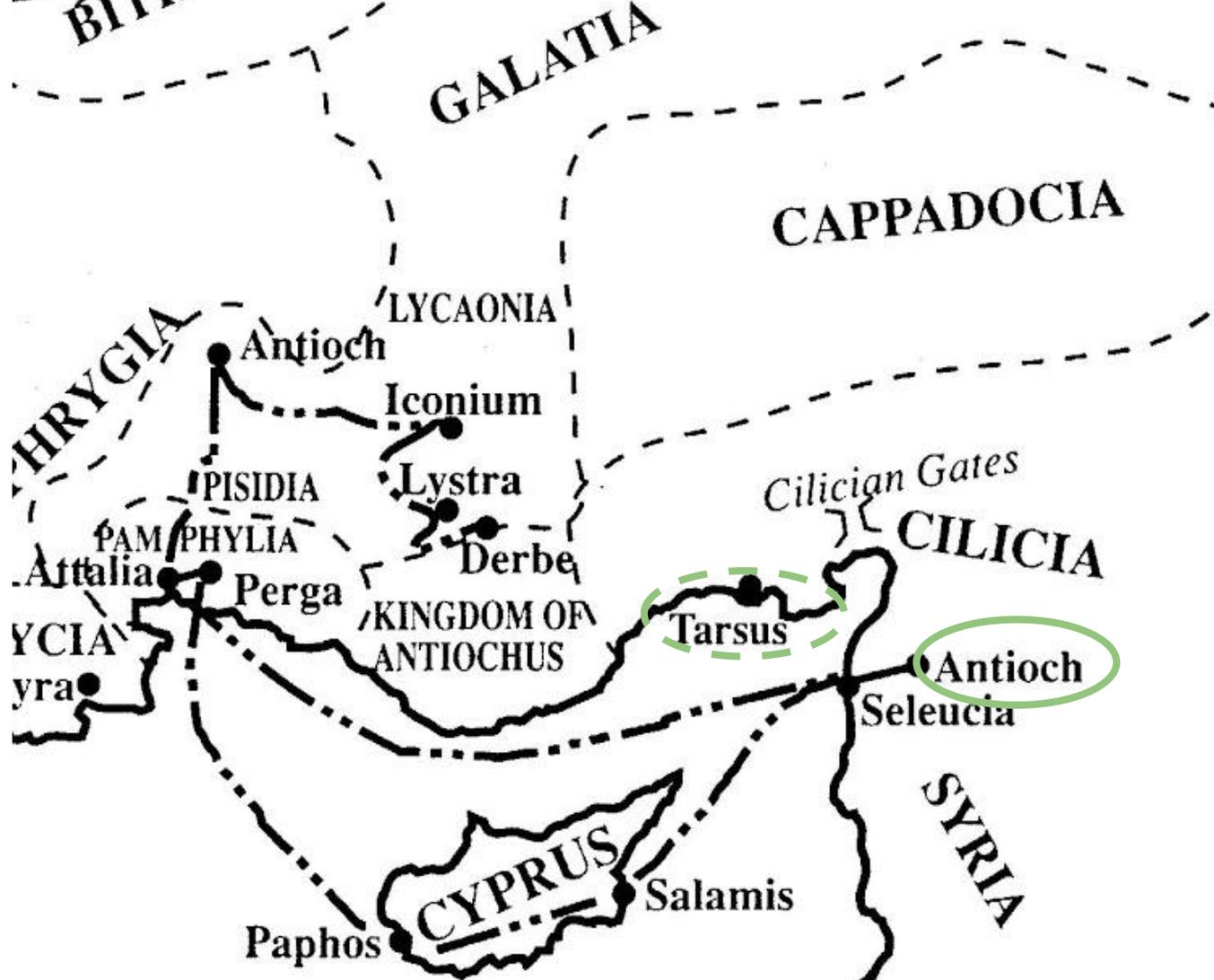
**Churches Started:**  
5 possible



**1. Antioch:** (13:2-3,5)

**Healthy Church:** while the prophets and teachers worshipped, fasted, prayed, the Holy Spirit instructed them to commission: **Paul and Barnabas** (John-Mark came as well) for 1st Journey. Church fasts, prays, and lays hands on them to commission them out.

(There was most likely a healthy church in Tarsus. Paul spent 14 years there, after becoming a Christian and made disciples - Acts 9:29-31; 11:25-26; Gal 2:1-2)



**2. Cyprus (13:4-13)**

**Sent:** by the Holy Spirit

**Entry:** Synagogue and whole Island

**Gospel:** Proclaimed Word of God

**Response:** Sergius Paulus is interested, but Bar-Jesus (the magician) tried to turn him away.

**S&W:** Bar-Jesus is blinded, then Sergius Paulus (The Proconsul) believes.

**Church: #1 start**

**Exit:** leave in peace, then John-Mark returns to Jerusalem at Perga



### 3. Antioch in Pisidia

(Galatia) (13:14-52)

**Entry:** Synagogue, Jews

**Gospel:** Abraham-Christ (13:17-41)

**Response:** many "followed Paul and Barn."

**Discipleship:** "continue in the grace of God"

**Gospel:** Whole city (next sabbath)

**Response:** Jews oppose

**Gospel:** to the gentiles

**Response:** gentiles believe and spread word throughout region. Filled with joy and Holy Spirit.

**Church:** #2 start

**Exit:** persecution by Jews, shook dust off against them



#### 4. Iconium (Galatia) (14:1-6)

**Entry:** Synagogue, Jews and Greeks

**Gospel:** “spoke”

**Response:** Jews and Greeks believe

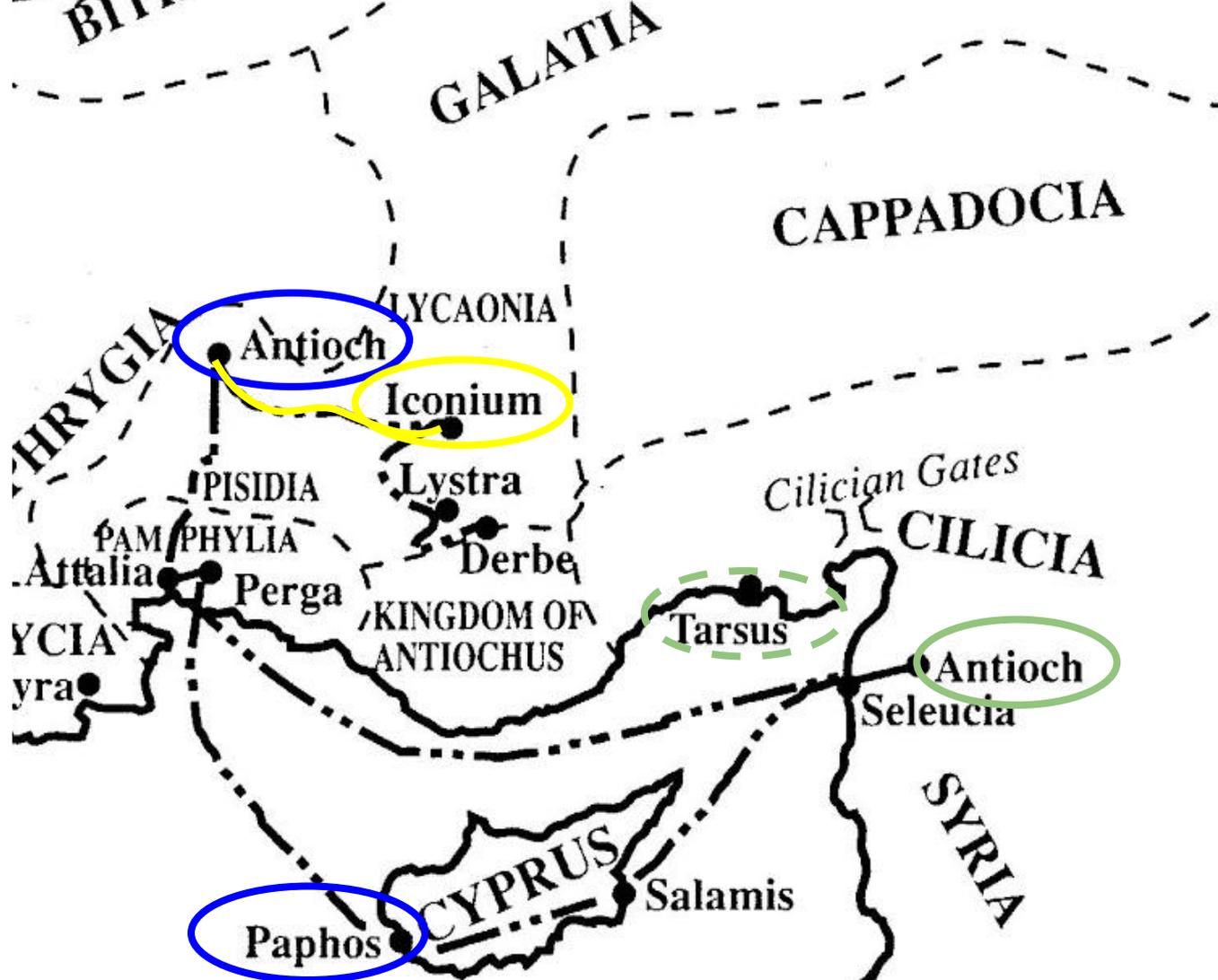
**Discipleship:** Spoke boldly for a time, taught the “word of grace”

**S&W:** Paul performs signs and wonders.

**Response:** divided city, some with Jews, others with Apostles

**Church: #3 Start**

**Exit:** persecution from Jews and Gentiles, so they leave



**5. Lystra (Galatia) (14:6-21b)**

**Entry/S&W:** Spoke the Gospel and healed crippled man with faith

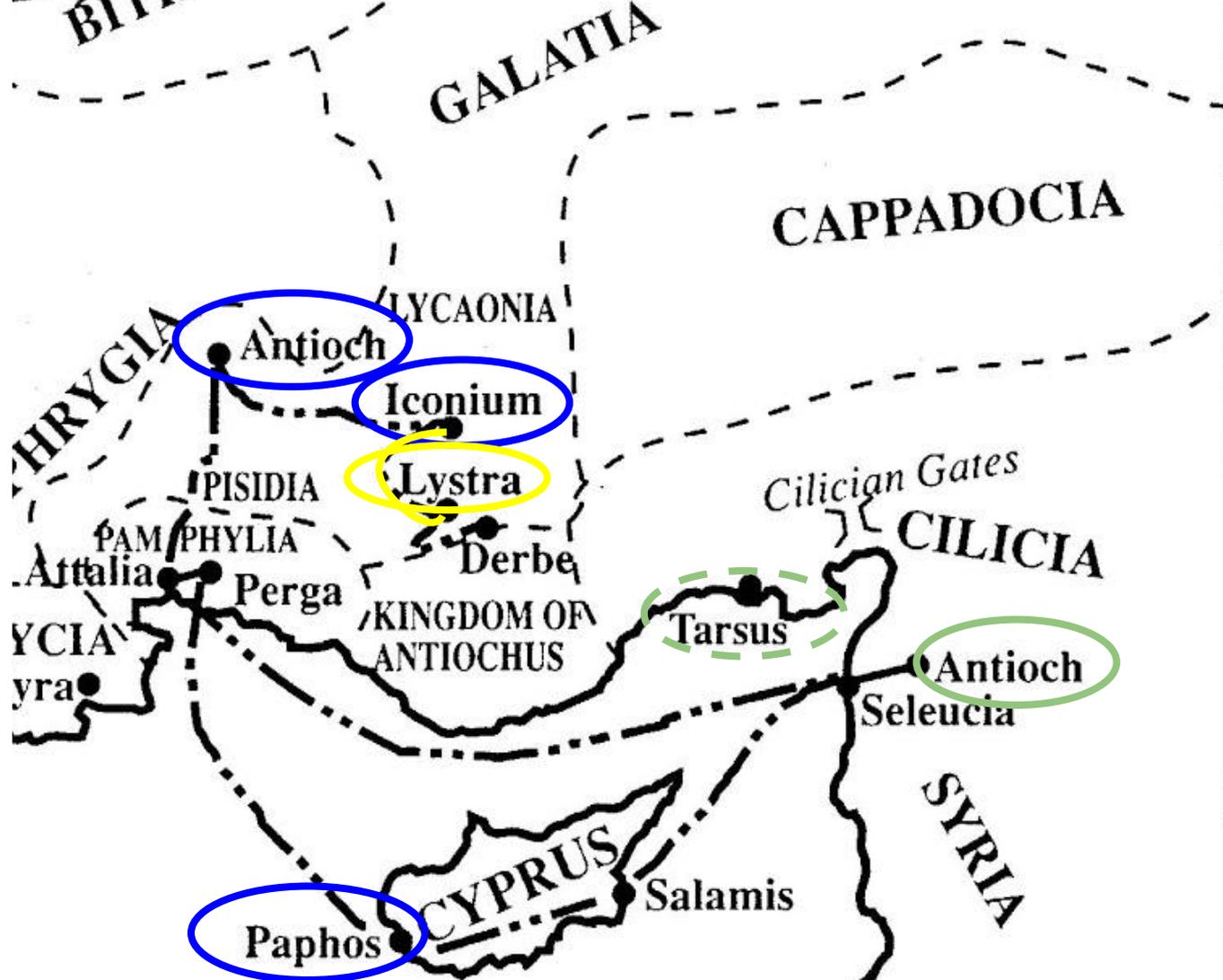
**Response:** People worshipped Paul and Barn. as greek god's

**Gospel:** We are not gods, turn to the Living God (Creation to Christ presentation).

**Response:** they continue offering sacrifices, **Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, stoned Paul**, He rose "went back into city"

**Church: #4 Start**

**Exit:** Left to Derbe



**6. Derbe (Galatia) (14:21a-23)**

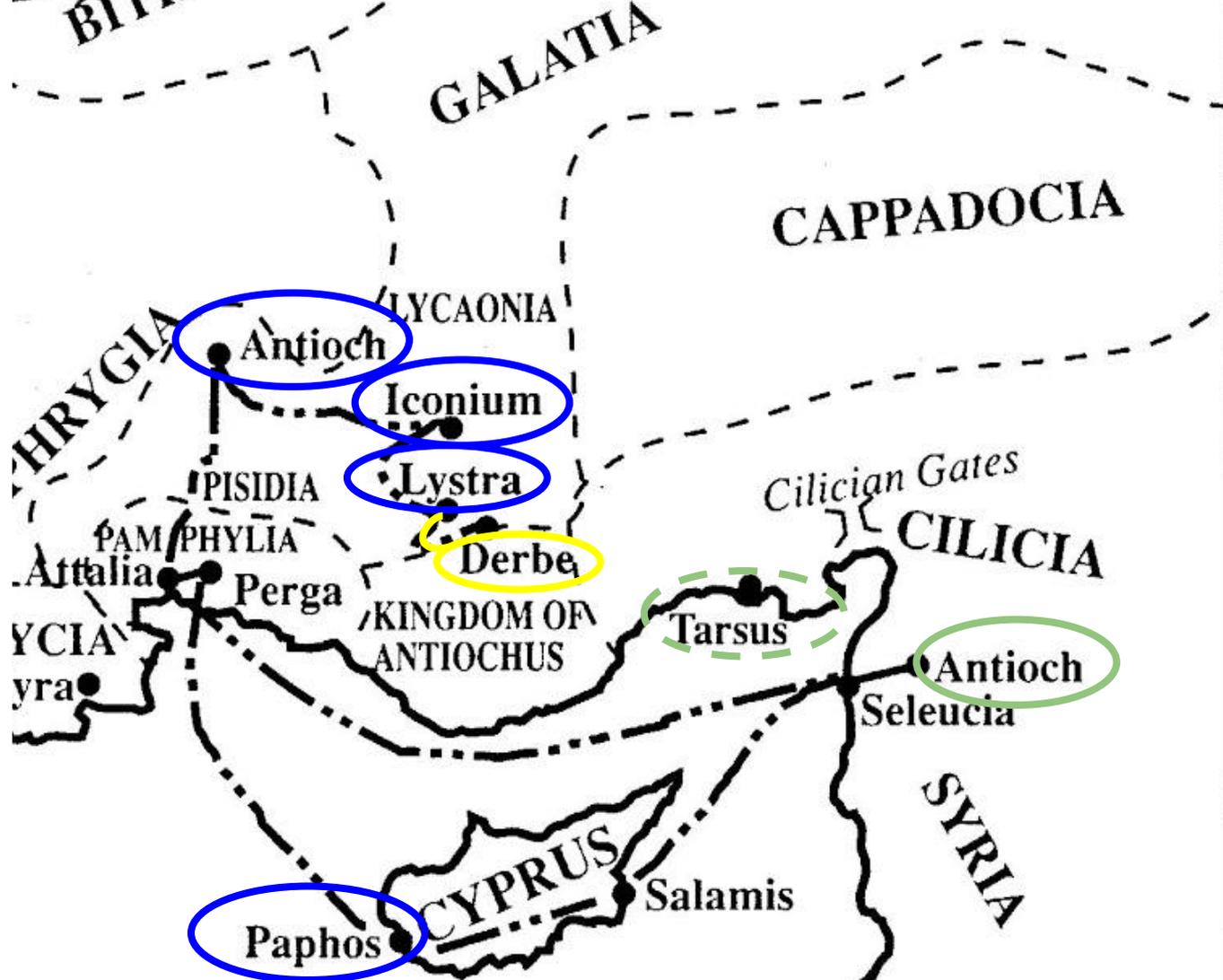
**Entry:** ?

**Gospel:** fully preached the gospel here

**Response:** Many disciples were made

**Church: #5 Start**

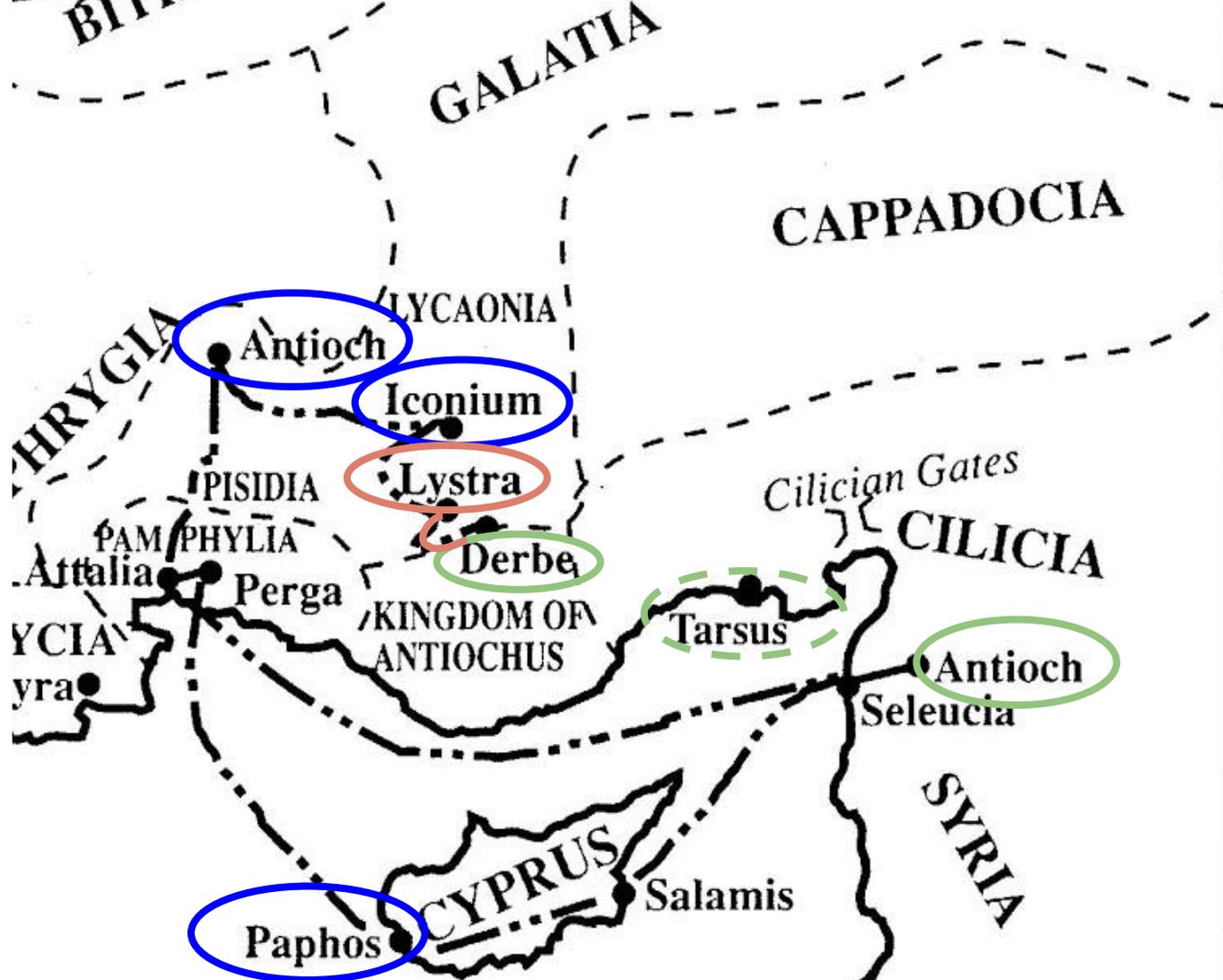
**Exit:** Returned through all cities and revisited disciples / churches started (14:23 - Paul calls these churches!, not bible studies or discipleship groups...churches)



**7. Lystra Revisit #1 (21b-23)**

**Discipleship:** Strengthened disciples, continue in faith! You will face many tribulations.

**Church/Leaders:** Prayed, fasted, appointed elders in the churches, committed them to Lord

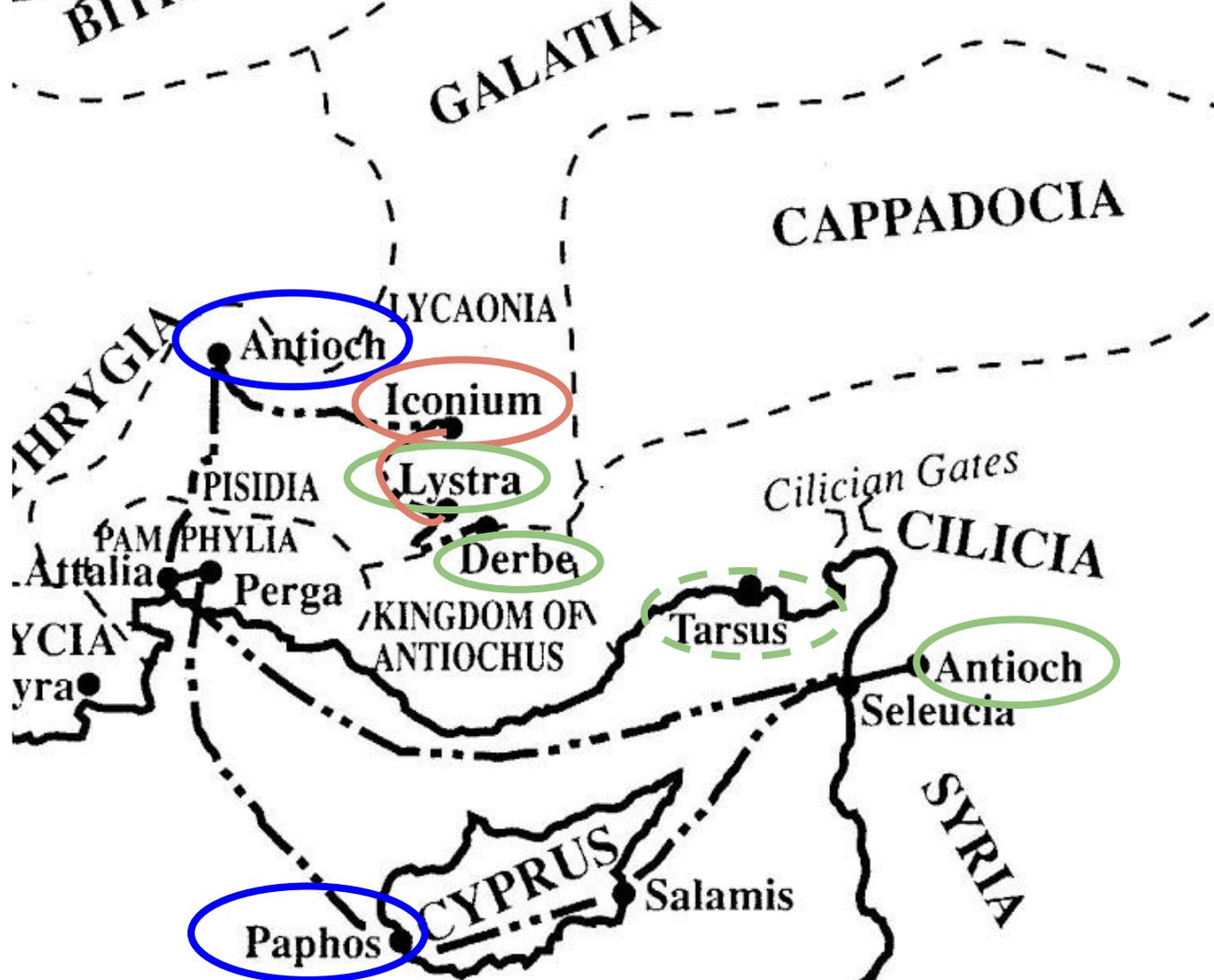


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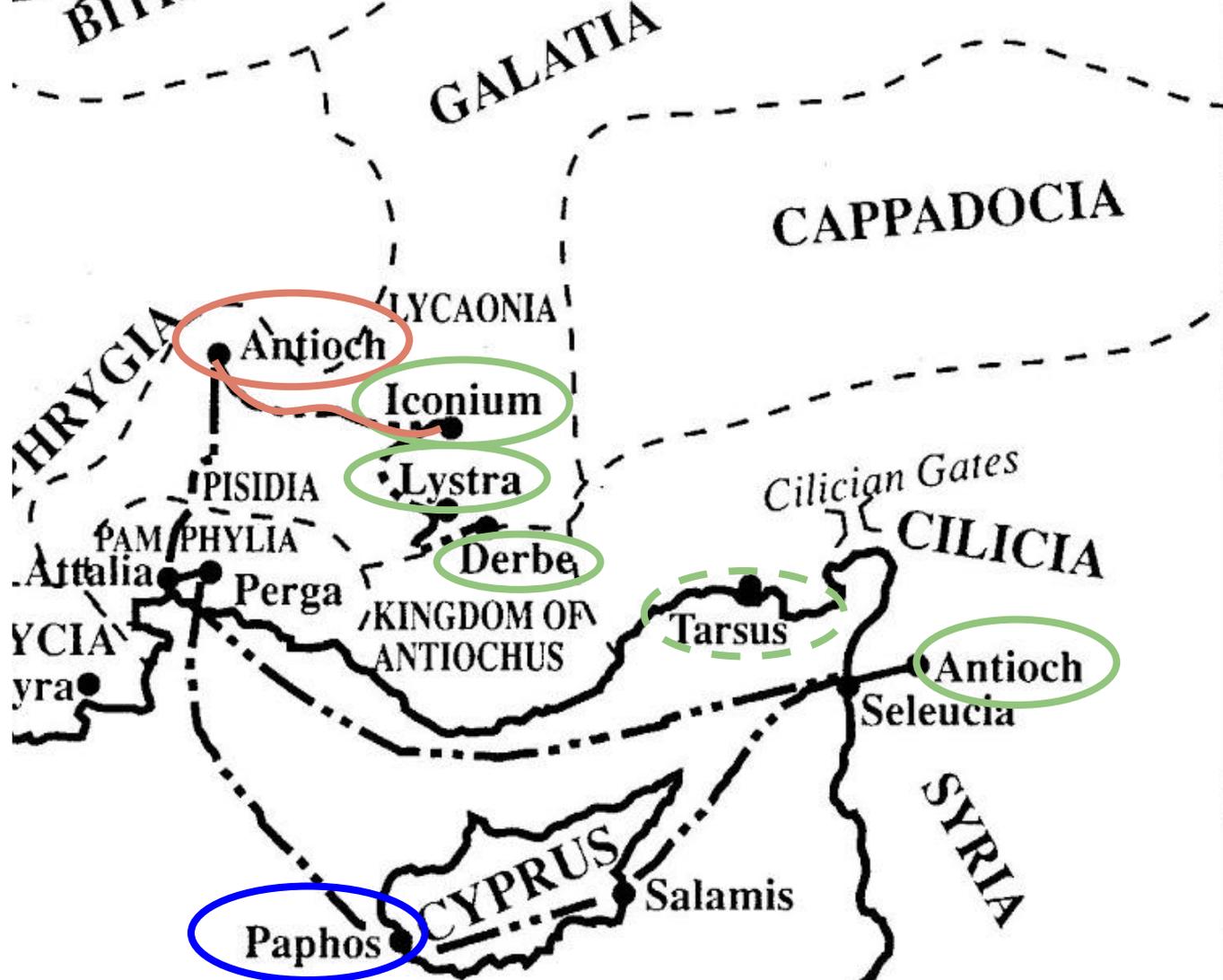


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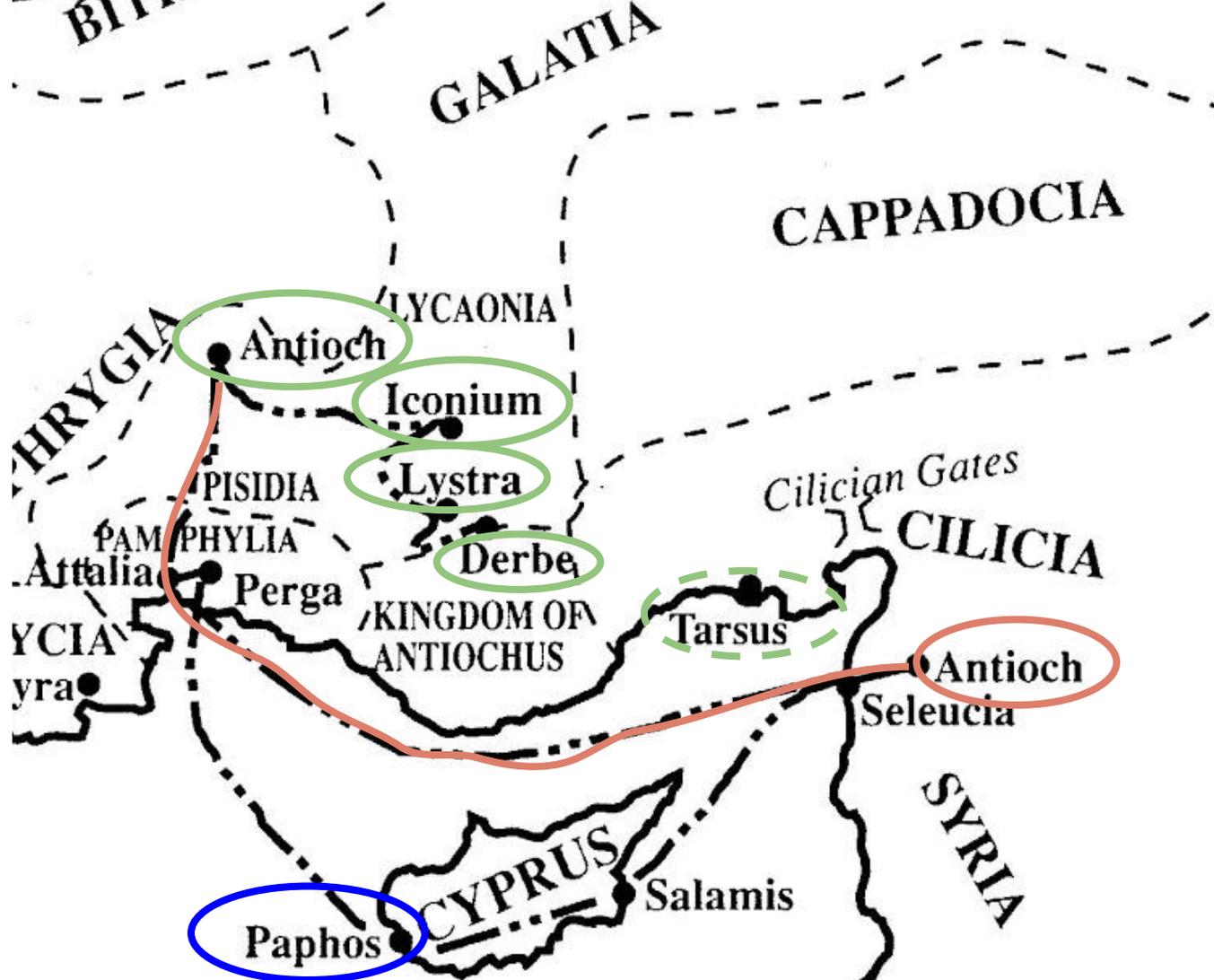
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**10. Antioch (Return) (14: 26-28)**

**Church:** Fulfilled first Journey, reported to church all God did, opened door of faith to gentiles. Remained here for “no little time.”

**Exit:** Paul and Barn. go to Jerusalem to settle matter of circumcision.

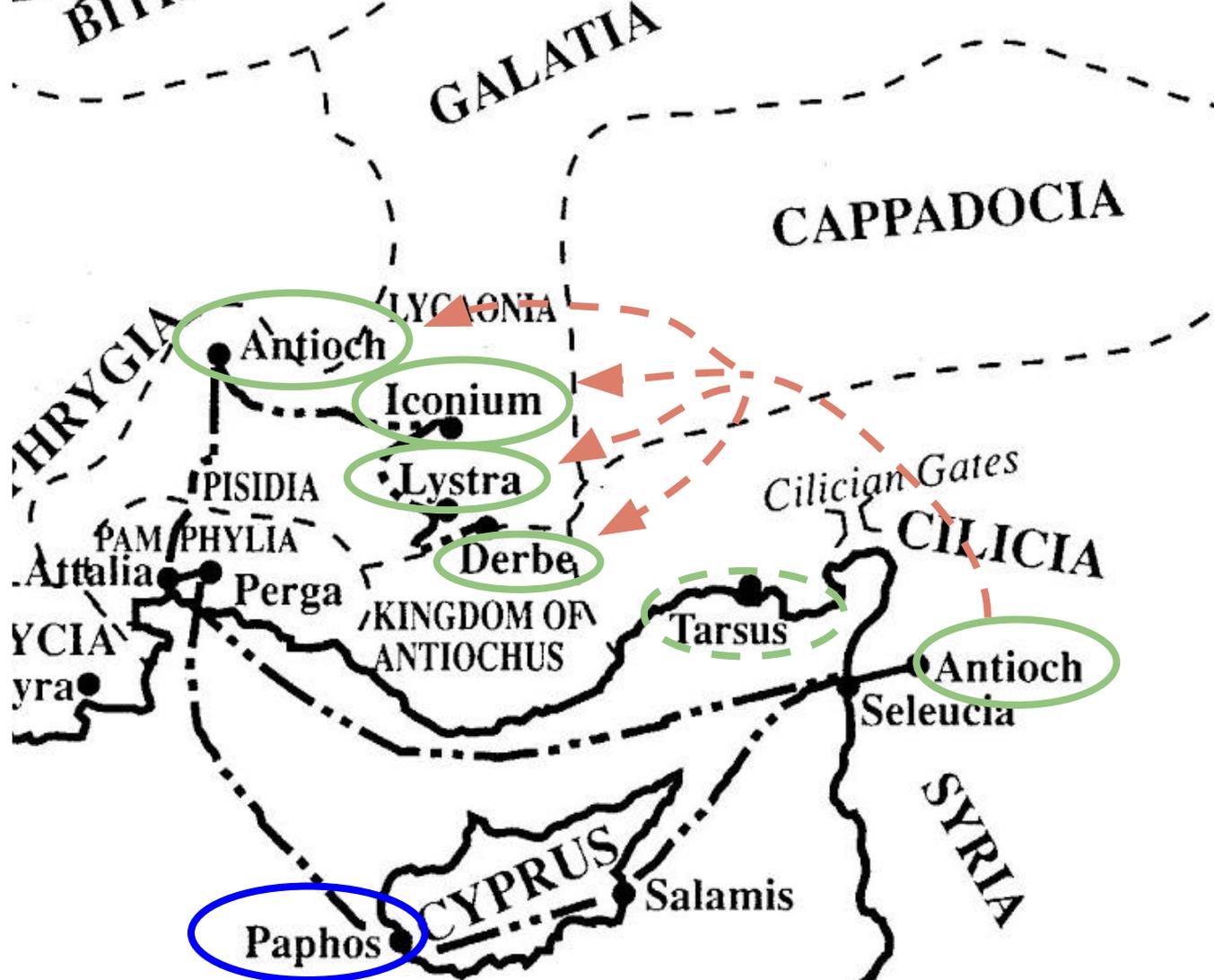


**While in Antioch Paul Wrote:**

**Church Letter: Galatians (49 A.D.)**

Sent and circulated to all South Galatian cities where churches were started during the first Journey:

**Antioch in Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe**



# Paul's 2nd Journey

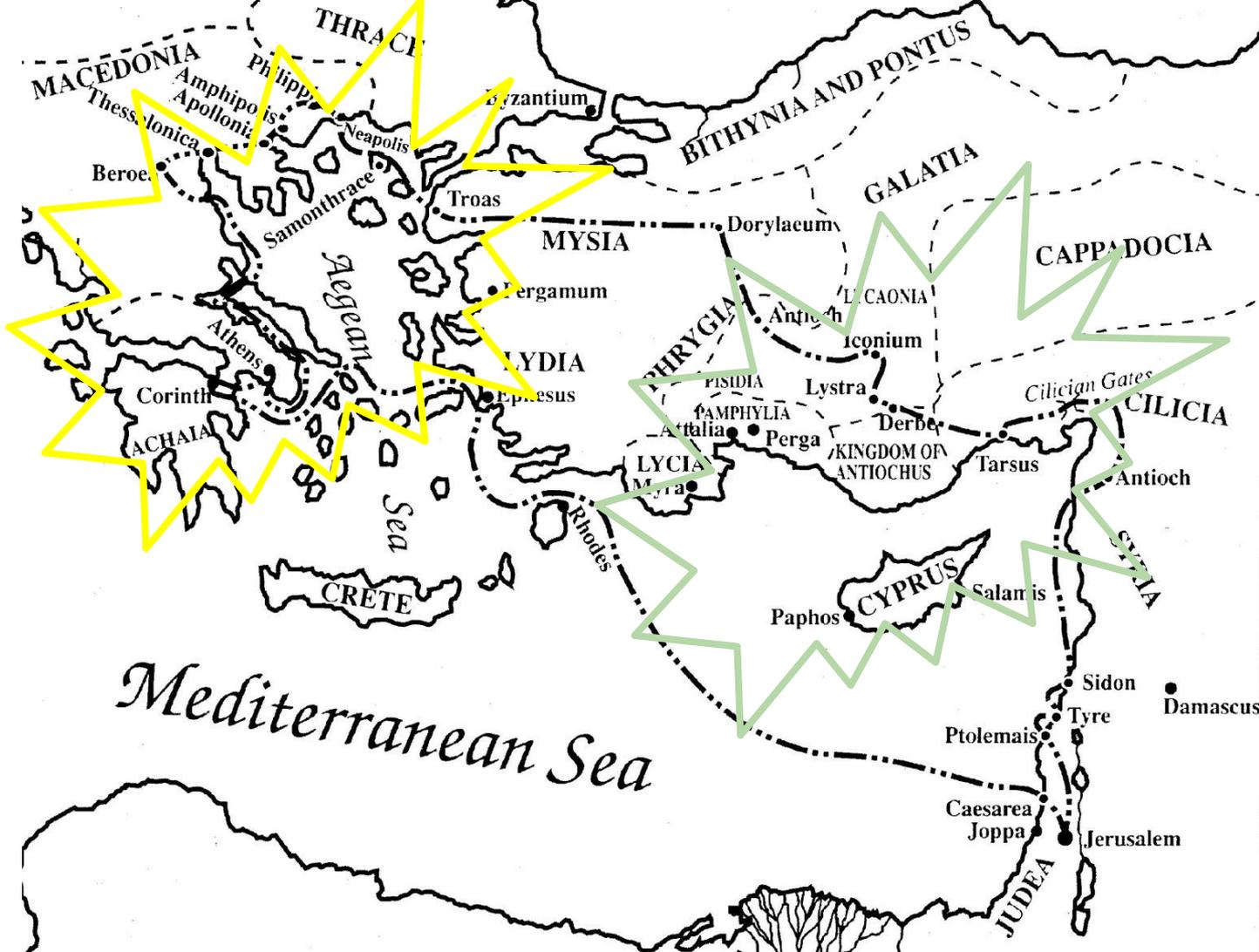
Acts 15:30-18:23

Date:  
49-52 A.D.

Time:  
Around 3-4 yrs

Primary Region:  
Achaia (Corinth)

Churches Started:  
4-5 possible



# 1. Antioch (15:32-41; 16:4-5)

**Discipleship:** Silas and Judas prophecy to Church, then return to Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch teaching and preaching the Lord, "with many others also." (multiple leaders in a healthy church)

**Plan:** Paul and Barn. plan to revisit every city where they proclaimed, strengthening the churches "to obey" (NET)  
Barn. wanted to take John-Mark, Paul did not agree since John-work did not fulfill the first work. (New Teams, Same Work)

- Barn & John-Mark (Go to **Cyprus**)

- Paul, Silas (& Luke-16:10: "we") (Start in "**Tarsus**")



## 2a. Cyprus (Revisit #1) (15:39)

Barnabas and John-Mark follow up with this church start from first journey.

**Discipleship:** Probably, like Paul and Silas, they delivered observances from Jerusalem council (16:4)

**Church: #1 healthy**

(We don't hear anything else about Cyprus except for Paul, on a prison ship, sailing past it on his journey to Rome)



**2b. Tarsus (Revisit #1)** (15:40-41; 16:6)

**Paul and Silas**, started through Syria and Cilicia - likely going through Tarsus where Paul spent 14 years Making disciples before these journeys (Acts 9:30; Gal. 2:1)

The team then moved through churches in S. Galatia and Phrygia

**Discipleship:** Delivered observances from Jerusalem council: "Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily." (16:4-5)



### 3. Derbe (Revisit #1) (16:1)

**Discipleship:** Delivered observances from Jerusalem council. "Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily." (16:4-5)

**Church: #5 Healthy**

**Leaders:** possible first encounter with **Gaius** (20:4)



#### 4. Lystra (Revisit #2) (16:1-3)

**Leaders:** finds Timothy here. Son of a Jewish believer mother, greek father.

(possibly a 2nd gen. disciple from Paul's first visit to Lystra)

Paul had Timothy circumcised, then took Timothy with him and Barnabas.

**Discipleship:** Delivered observances from Jerusalem council: "Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily." (16:4-5)

**Church: #4 healthy**



**5. Iconium (Revisit #2) (16: 2, 4-5)**

**Leadership:** Church here vouches for Timothy's character.

**Discipleship:** Delivered observances from Jerusalem council: "Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily." (16:4-5)

**Church: #3 healthy**



## 6. Antioch in Pisidia

(Revisit #2) (16:4-5)

**Discipleship:** Delivered observances from Jerusalem council: "Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily." (16:4-5)

**Church: #2 healthy**



## 7. Asia, Mysia and Bithynia

(16:6b-7)

**Vision:** Holy Spirit forbid them to speak in these regions (closed doors). This includes the city of **Ephesus** and the other six cities where churches are mentioned in Revelation



## 8. Troas (Alexandria) (16:8-10)

**S&W:** Paul receives vision: Macedonian man saying, “come over to Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea) to help us”

**Leaders:** possible encounter with **Apollos** “native of Alexandria” (18:24), who later goes to Ephesus. Also **Luke** is believed to be from Troas (Change of pronouns from “they” to “we” after visiting Troas), and now joins team on the way to Philippi.



**9. Philippi (Macedonia) (16:12-40)**

**Entry:** Place for prayer, found Lydia (POP)

**Gospel:** shared Gospel

**Response:** Lydia and family believe.

**Discipleship:** Baptized Lydia and household, Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy stayed at her home

**Entry:** Place for prayer, encounters slave girl with an evil Spirit

**Gospel/S&W:** Paul casts out demons in Jesus name.

**Response:** Girl is freed, but girls owners had Paul and Silas beat with rods and placed in prison.

**Gospel:** Paul & Silas prayed and sang hymns to God while in prison.

**S&W:** earthquake, doors opened, Jailor (POP) open to hear how to be saved

**Gospel:** "Believe in the Lord Jesus"

**Discipleship:** Spoke word to jailor and household

**Response:** Jailor and family believe, baptized. Hosted Paul and Silas, cared, fed (then took back to jail)

**Church: #6 Start**

**Exit:** Freed from Jail, visited Lydia and the brothers (picked up Tim), left city. **Luke** likely stayed behind with the new disciples and church (he stops using "we" at 16:40)



# 10. Thessalonica

(Macedonia) (17:1-10)

**Entry:** Synagogue, Jews

**Gospel:** Reasoned from scripture, necessity for Jesus, as the Christ, to suffer & rise as King

**Response:** Jason (POP) along with some Jews and Greeks believed and *joined* Paul and Silas.

But, persecution arose from jealous Jews, started mob, attacked Jason's house.

Authorities fined Jason

**Church: #7 Start** (Timothy revisits with Paul's letters)

**Leaders:** possible first encounter with Aristarchus and Secundus (20:4)

**Exit:** Paul, Silas, Timothy sent away by night



**11. Berea (Macedonia)** (17: 10-15)

**Entry:** Synagogue, Noble Jews  
**Gospel:** proclaimed Word of God

**Response:** Jews received the word with "eagerness," Many others believed including few high standing Greek women and men

**Discipleship:** Jews examined Scripture daily to see accuracy of Paul's message  
But, Jews from Thess. came to stir up crowds

**Church: #8 start**  
**Leaders:** possible encounter with Sopater (20:4)  
**Exit:** Silas and Timothy stayed, Paul left for Athens



## 12. Athens (Greece/ Achaia)

(17:16-34)

**Entry:** observes city full of idols, marketplace

**Gospel:** spoke of Jesus and the resurrection

**Response:** Epicurean and Stoic philosophers invited Paul to Areopagus to speak his "new teaching"

**Gospel:** shared C2C with Greece's "unknown god," and their "poets." One God created all things, has no need. All man created from one. God commands repentance. He will judge all by the "appointed man" He resurrected.

**Response:** Some mocked, others open, but Dionysius and a woman named Damaris with others believe and *join* him

**Potential Church Start?**

**Exit:** Paul leaves



**13. Corinth (Greece / Achaia)(18:1-17)**

**Entry:** Jews Aquilla and Priscilla (POPs), Paul stays with them to make tents; Synagogue

**Regroup:** Timothy and Silas rejoin Paul

**Gospel:** to Jews, Jesus is the Christ

**Response:** Jews opposed the message, Paul shakes off dust and says, "I will go to gentiles"

**Entry:** Paul and team stay with Titius Justus (HOP) his house was next to Synagogue

**Gospel:** Proclaims to Crispus, the Synagogue ruler, and to many other Corinthians

**Response:** Crispus (POP) and family believes. Many others corinthians believe and are baptized

**S&W:** Paul instructed in a vision by Jesus not to be afraid or be silent, keep speaking: "I am with you, no one will harm you, I have many people in this city"

**Discipleship:** Paul and team stay 1 year and 6 months teaching the word of God

**Church: #9 Start**



**Corinth (Greece / Achaia)(18:1-17)**

**Response:** Sosthenes, another ruler of Synagogue, believes. But, Jews make united attack on Paul.

**Favor:** Gallio (proconsul of Achaia) refuses to Judge Paul. So Jews seized and beat Sosthenes

**Leaders:** Justus, Crispus, Sosthenes (1 Cor. 1:1)

**Church Letter: 1 & 2**

**Thessalonians (50-51 a.d.) -**

**Timothy** had revisited Thessalonica (1 Thes. 3:6,) and reported to Paul of the church, Paul sent him back with 1st letter, within 12 months Paul sent a second letter. By Timothy's report, the church seems to be very healthy.

**Exit:** Paul stays for many more days, then he and his team leave for Syria (Antioch) including Priscilla and Aquila



**14. Ephesus (Asia) (18:19-21)**

**Entry/Gospel:** Synagogue, proclaimed to Jews

**Response:** strong interest, asked him to stay

**Church:** #10 pre-start?

**Leaders:** Paul leaves

**Priscilla and Aquila** here.

Possible first encounter with **Tychicus and Trophimus**(20:4)

**Exit:** Paul and team leave to go back to Antioch, promising to return "if God's will"



**Apollos in Ephesus (18:24-27b)**

**Discipleship:** Apollos comes from Troas (Alexandria) to teach about Jesus. Though he didn't know about baptism of Jesus (only of John)

**Response:** Priscilla and Aquila instructed Apollos in *the way* more accurately.

**Mobilize:** Apollos, upon his wish, was mobilized to Corinth.

**Apollos in Corinth (Achaia) (18:27-19:1a)**

**Entry/Discipleship:** Apollos powerfully refuted Jews, proved that Jesus was the Christ.

**Response:** those who through grace believed, were helped greatly by Apollos. Corinth churches increasing in health.



**15. Caesarea and Jerusalem Revisit (18: 22)**

**Discipleship:** Paul and team pass through Caesarea and Jerusalem to greet the churches on their way back to Antioch.



**16. Antioch (18:22-23)**

**Discipleship:** Paul and team pass through and greet the churches on their way back to Antioch. Paul and his team spent some time here in Antioch after completing Journey #2



# Paul's 3rd Journey

Acts 18:22-21:20

**Date:**

52-57 A.D.

**Time:**

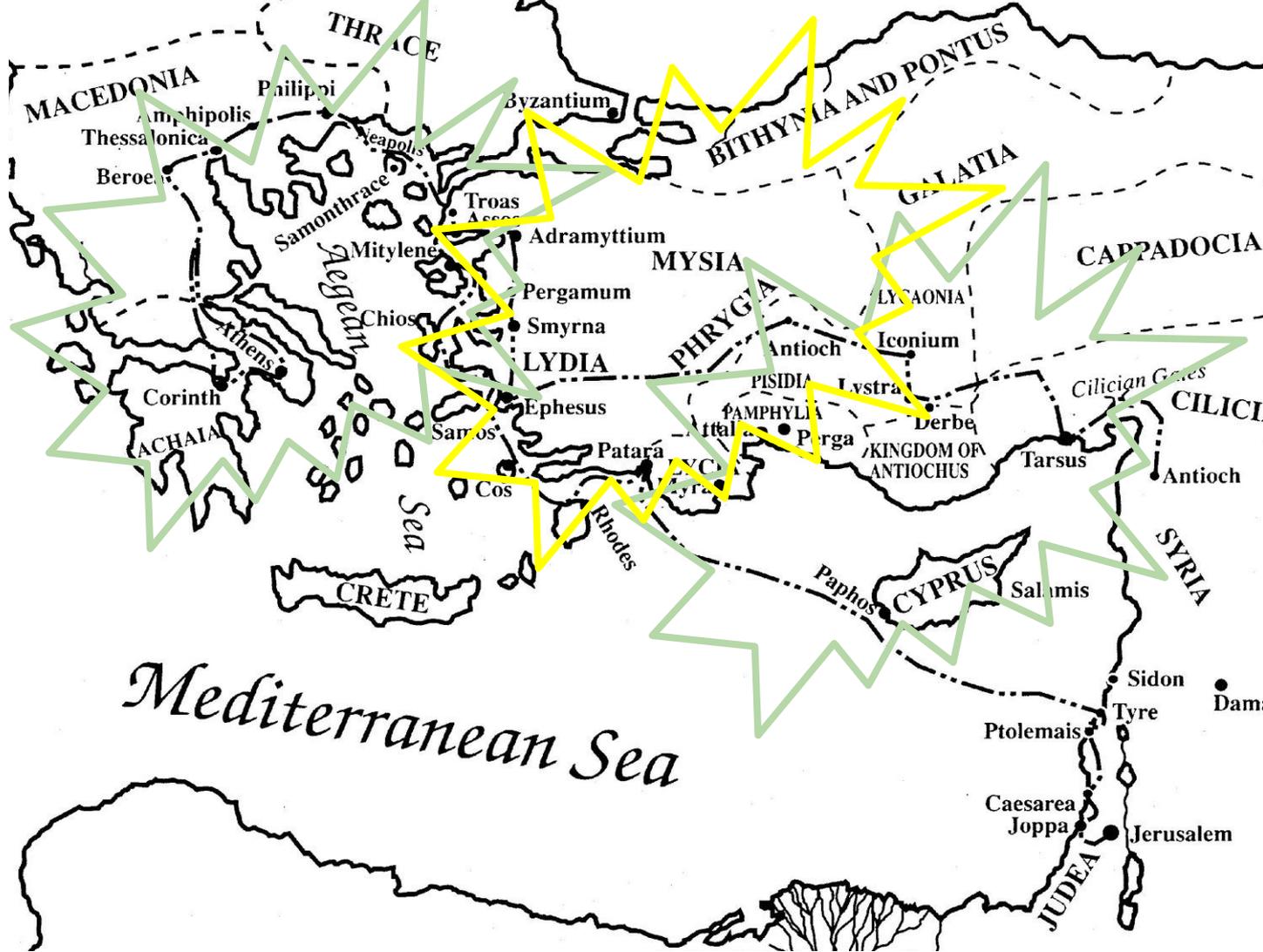
Around 4-6 yrs

**Primary Region:**

Asia (Ephesus)

**Churches Started:**

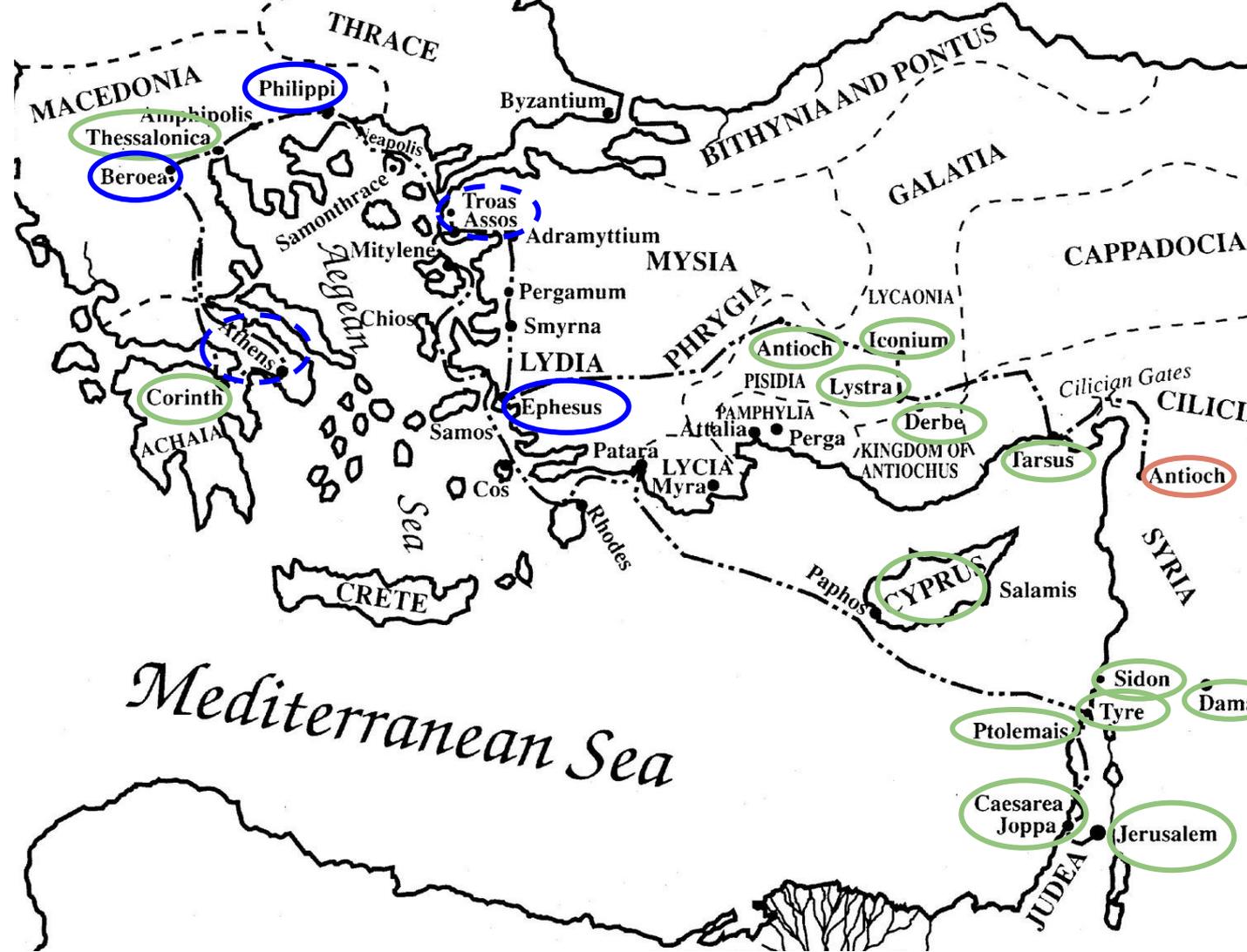
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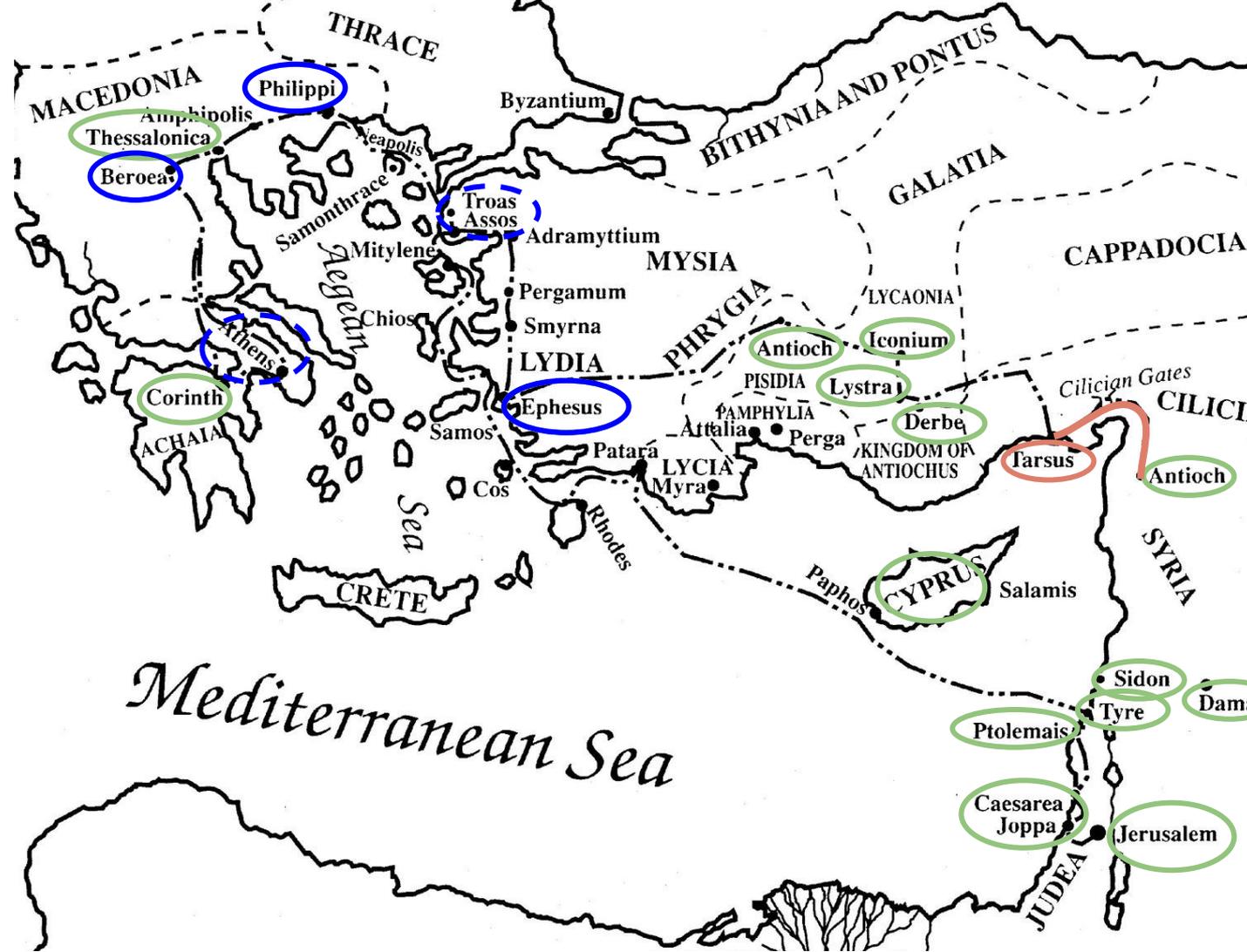
**Discipleship:** Paul and his team spent some time here after completing Journey #2, then they (Paul, **Silas**, & **Timothy**) departed to go through the regions of Galatia, Phrygia, and Asia

(They had already established churches in Galatia and Phrygia, but were prevented by the Spirit to speak in Asia on Journey #2 - 16:6)

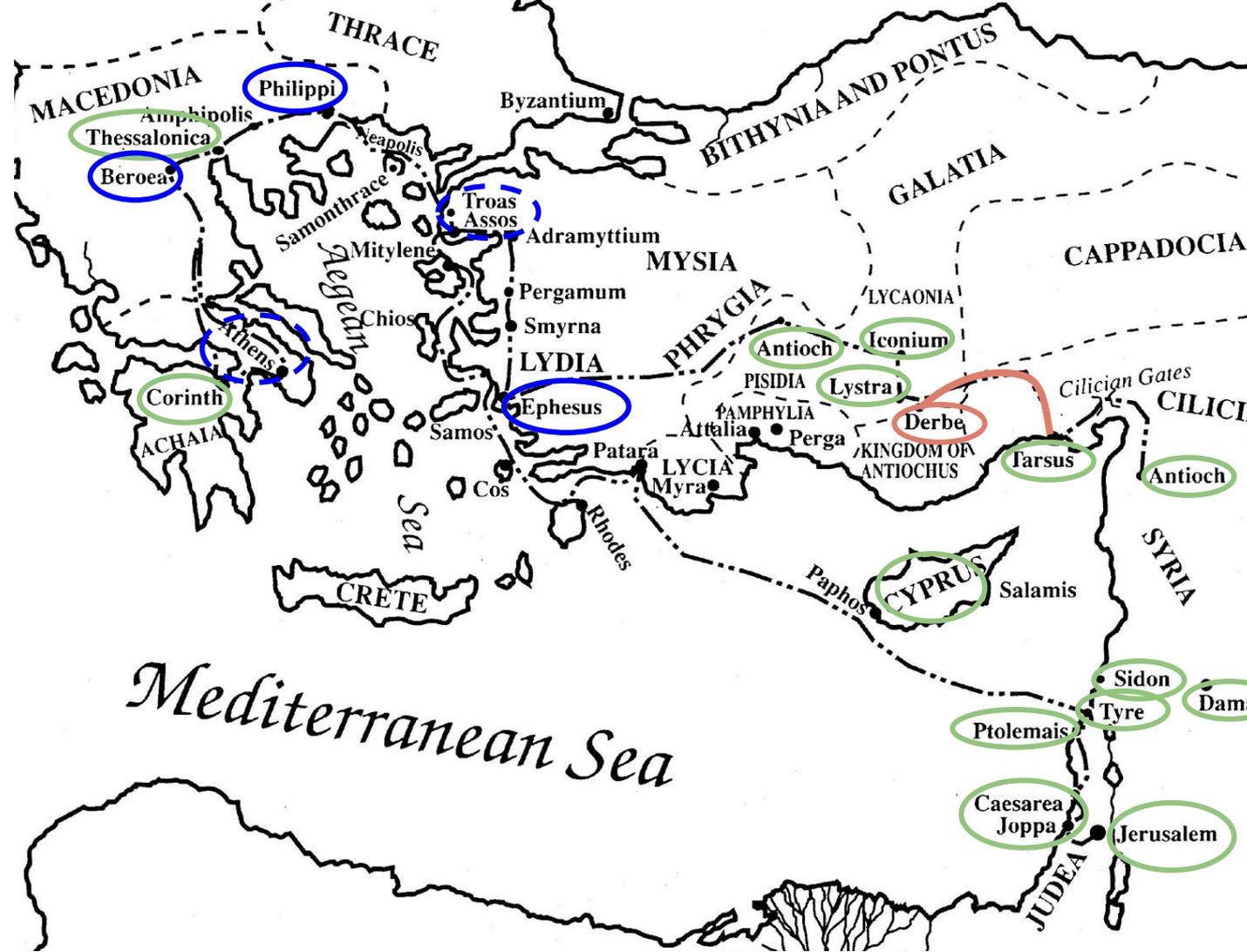


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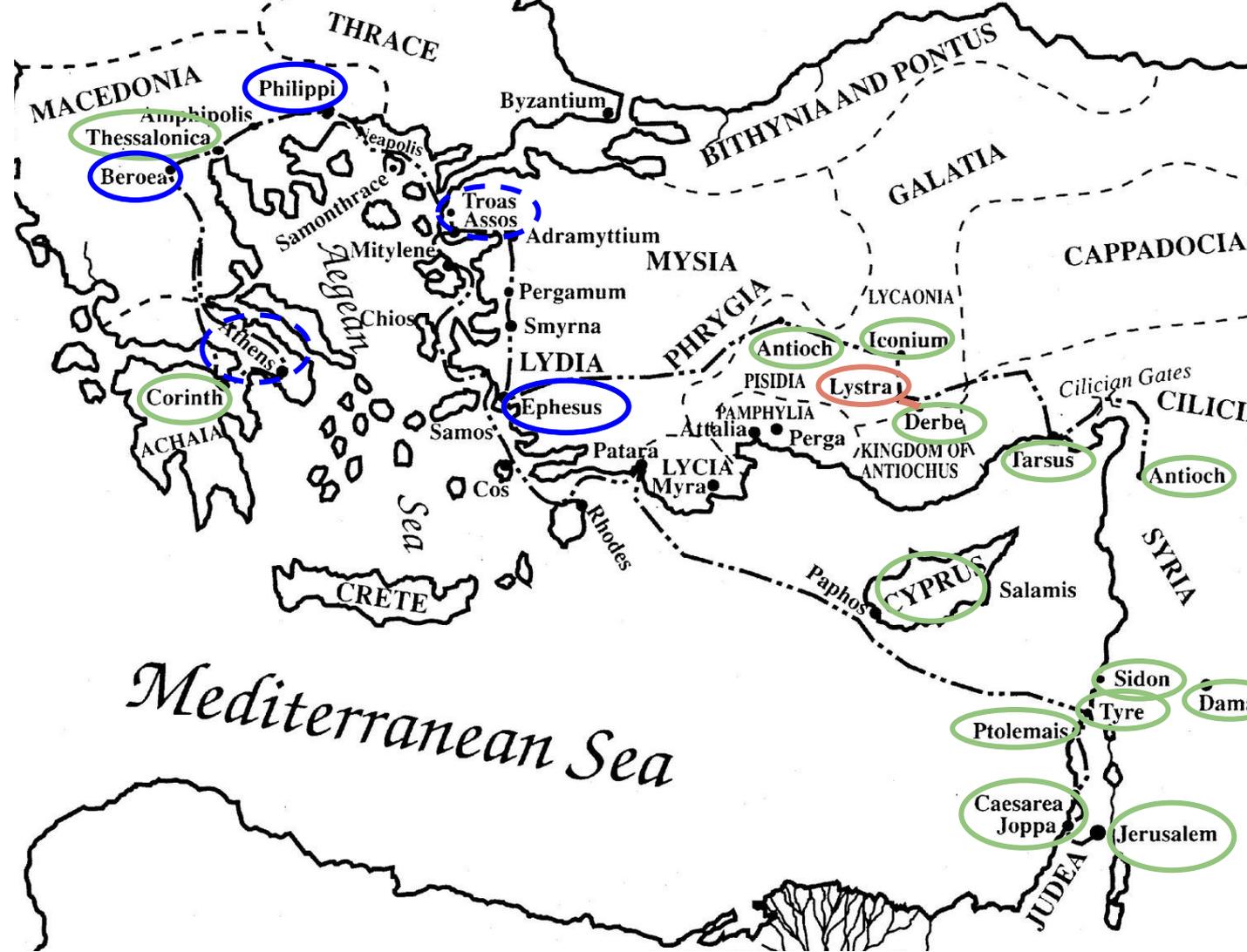
Paul and his team possibly passed through Tarsus in Cilicia on their "inland" journey through Southern Galatia and Phrygia, headed for Ephesus



**3. Derbe (Pass through)** (18:23; 19:1)  
 Paul and his team likely passed Derbe on their “inland” journey through Galatia and Phrygia, bound for Ephesus  
**Leaders:** Gaius possibly joins Paul’s team (20:4)

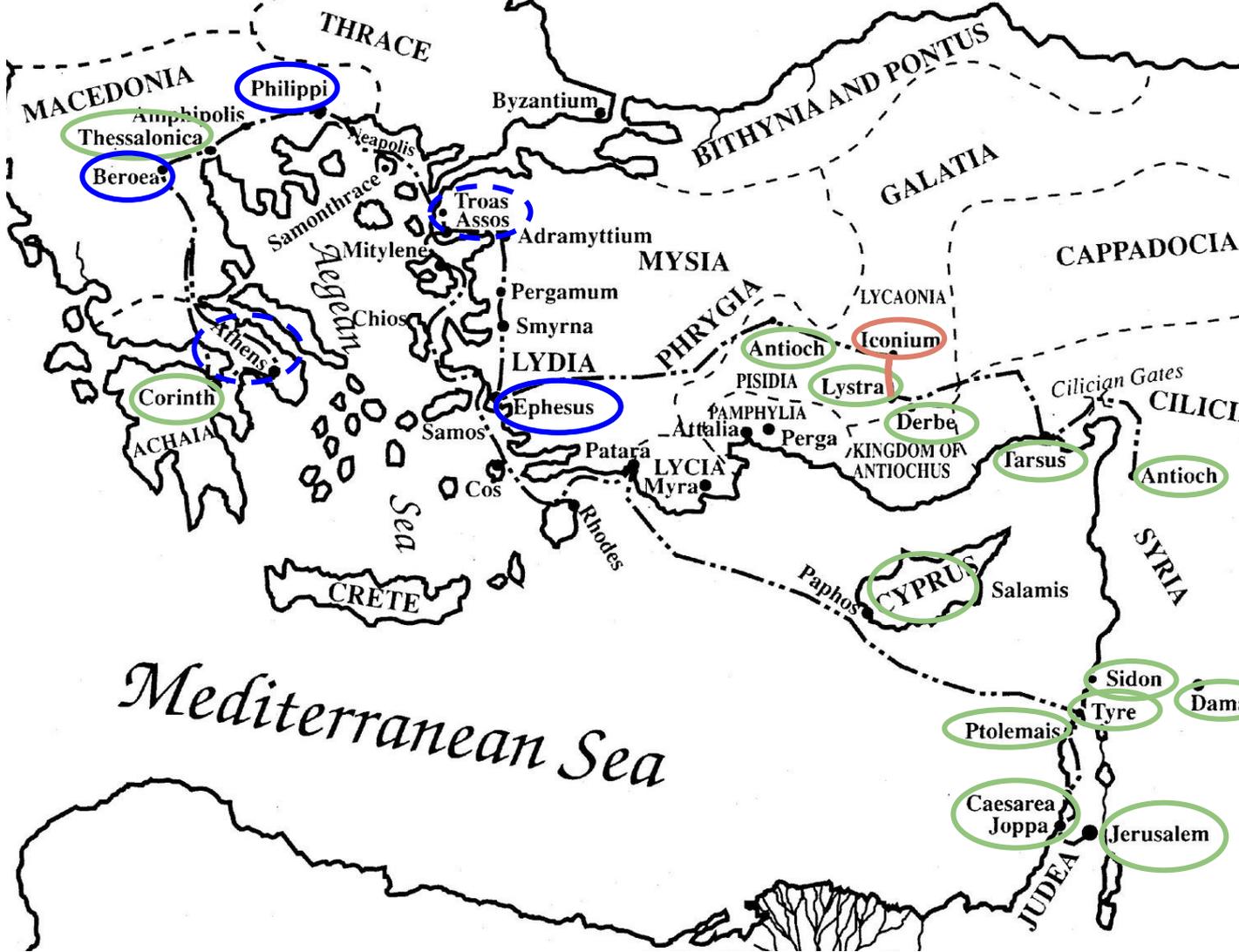


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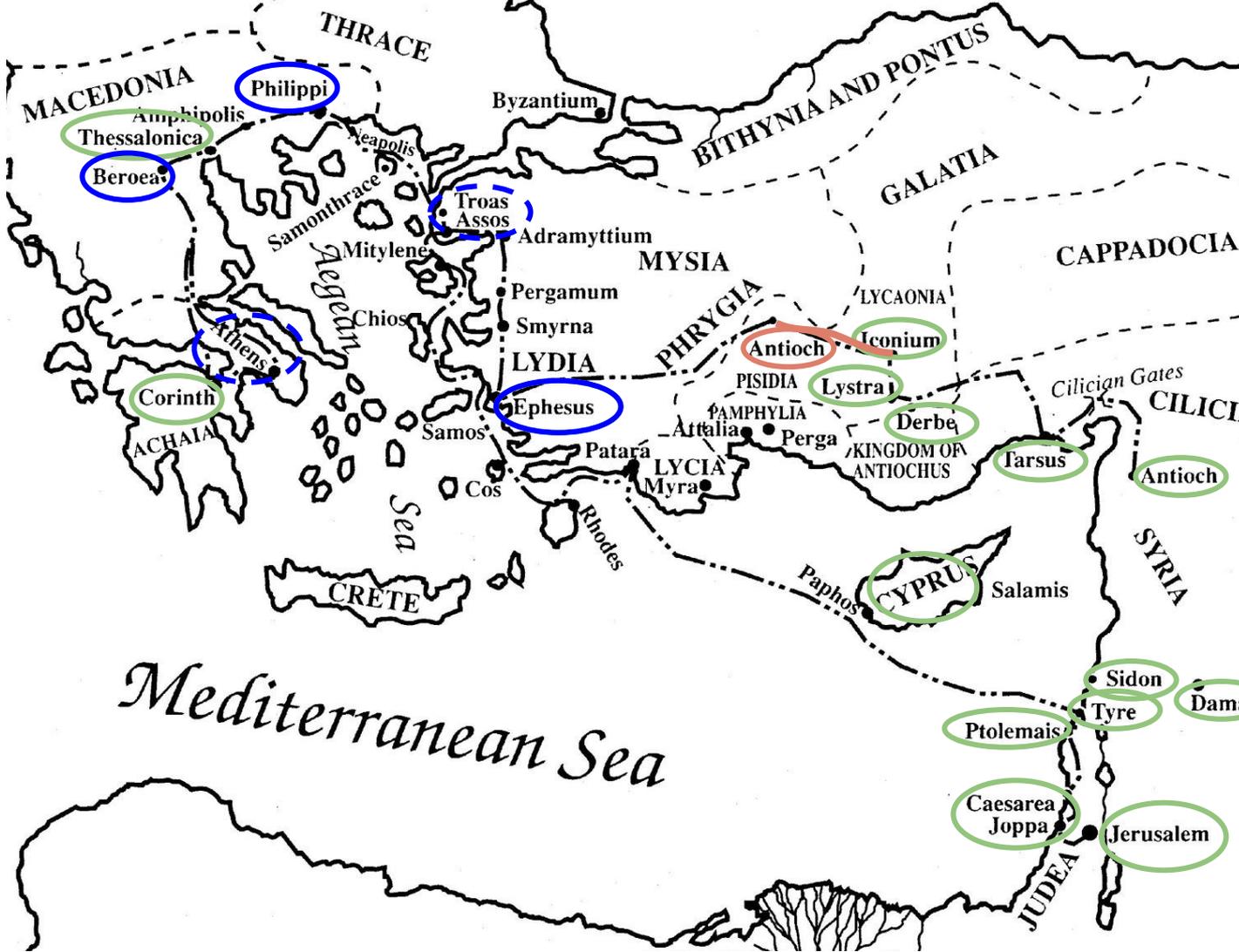
# 5. Iconium (Pass through) (18:23; 19:1)

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# 6. Antioch in P. (Pass through) (18:23; 19:1)

Paul and his team possibly passed through Antioch in Pisidia on their "inland" journey through Galatia and Phrygia, bound for Ephesus



## 7. Ephesus (Revisit #1) (19:1-10)

**Entry:** Paul and team arrive in Ephesus and find disciples

**Discipleship:** Teaching about Holy Spirit and Baptism in Christ (vs Baptism of John)

**Response/S&W:** 12 men are baptized and began to Praise God through speaking native tongues and prophesying.

**Entry:** Synagogue, Proclaim to Jews

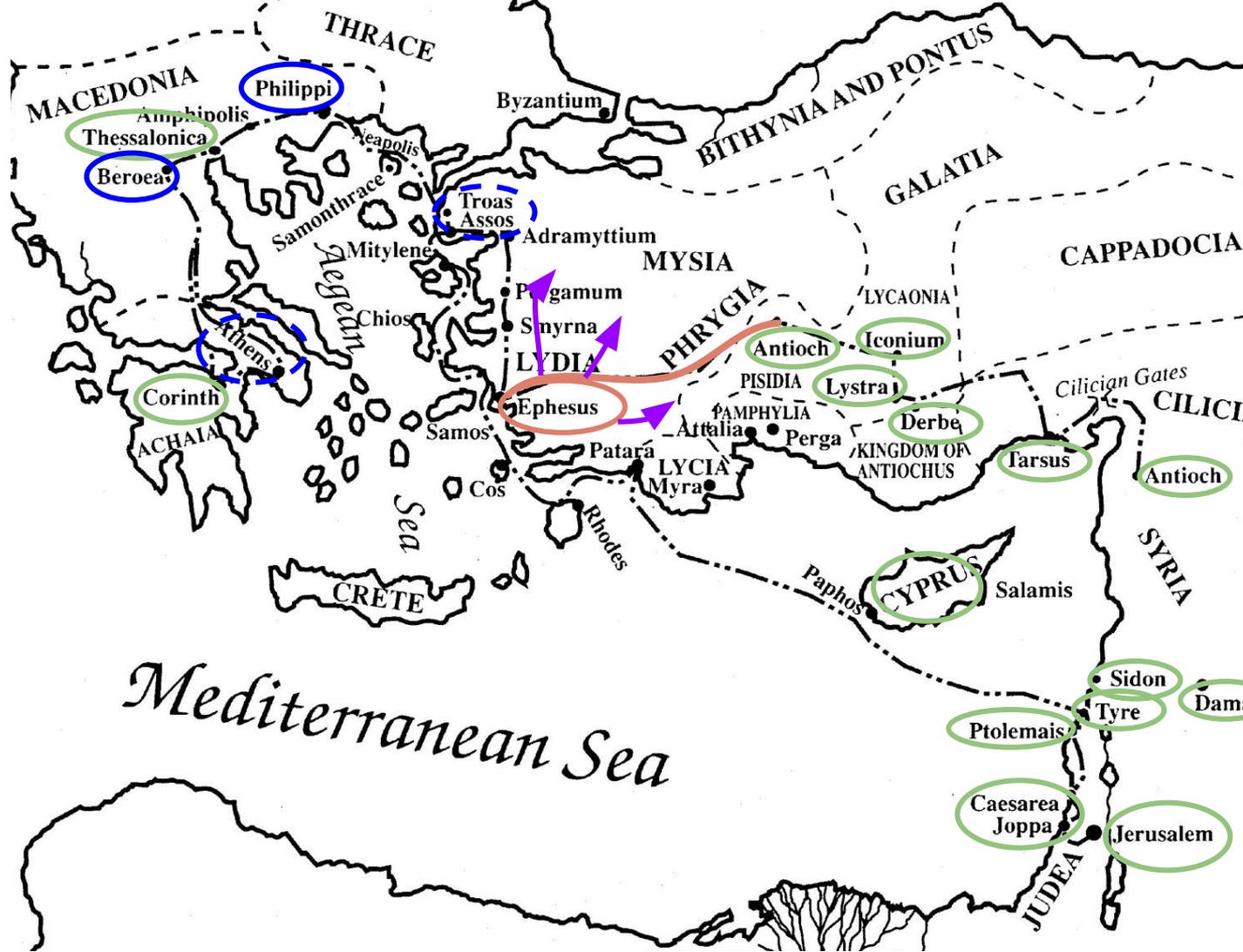
**Gospel:** kingdom of God

**Response:** opposition, evil speaking of *the way*

**Discipleship:** Paul took the disciples to the Hall of Tyrannus. Paul and team trained and **mobilized disciples** here for almost 3 years (20:31).

**Church:** #10 Healthy

**Result:** "ALL the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jew and Greek." (19:10, 26)



## Revelation Churches of Asia (Rev. 1:4)

### Ephesus (2:1)

- Abandoned first love

### Smyrna (2:8)

- Faithful in Persecution

### Pergamum (2:12)

- False teachings, Sexual Immorality - Repent!

### Thyatira (2:18)

- False teaching, Sexual Immorality - Repent!

### Sardis (3:1)

- Dead - Repent!

### Philadelphia (3:7)

- Obeyed God's word

### Laodicea (3:14)

- Lukewarm, materialistic - Repent!



While in Ephesus Paul  
discipled Corinth at a  
distance....

**Church Letter: 1 & 2**

**Corinthians (56 A.D.)** - While here in Ephesus, Paul heard of the sexual immorality and factions at the church in Corinth, so he sent this letter near the end of his time in Ephesus (1 Cor. 16:8) with plans to send **Timothy** for follow up. (1 Cor. 4:17; 17:10).

**Revisit #2:** However, the matter worsens so Paul makes a short visit to Corinth, then returns (2 Cor. 2:1; 12:14). Paul then sends a second letter with **Titus** and an **unnamed brother** to Corinth (2 Cor. 7:8-12; 12:18), we do not have a copy of this second letter.



## Ephesus continued (19:11-20:1)

**S&W:** many healings and freedom from evil spirits by God through Paul

**Response:** Jesus was feared / worshiped in Ephesus, believers confessing and repenting from pagan practices, magic books burned. Word of Lord increased and prevailed mightily.

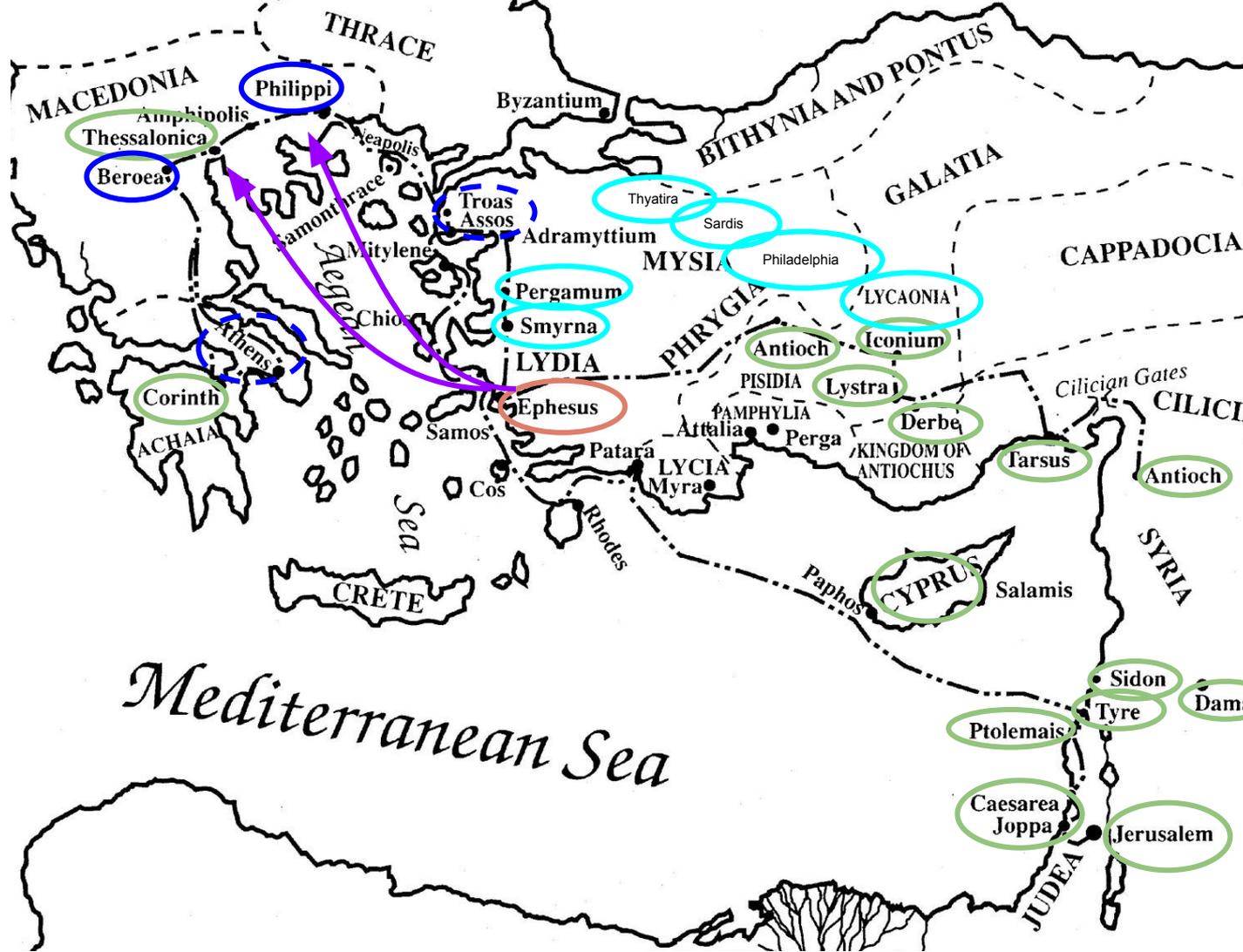
However, idol craftsman begin losing profit, riot breaks out, **Gaius** and **Aristarchus** are drug into theatre

**Favor:** Town clerk quiets the riot, and says take your complaints to the court

**Plan:** Paul had already decided to return to Jerusalem, then to Rome (v21)

**Mobilize:** Paul sent **Timothy** and **Erastus** ahead of him to Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica)

**Exit:** Paul departs for Troas to meet **Titus** on His way to Macedonia (2 Cor. 2:12-13)







**10. Thessalonica (Revisit #1) (20:2)**

**Discipleship:** Paul and team passed through Thessalonica, while giving the Macedonian churches much encouragement

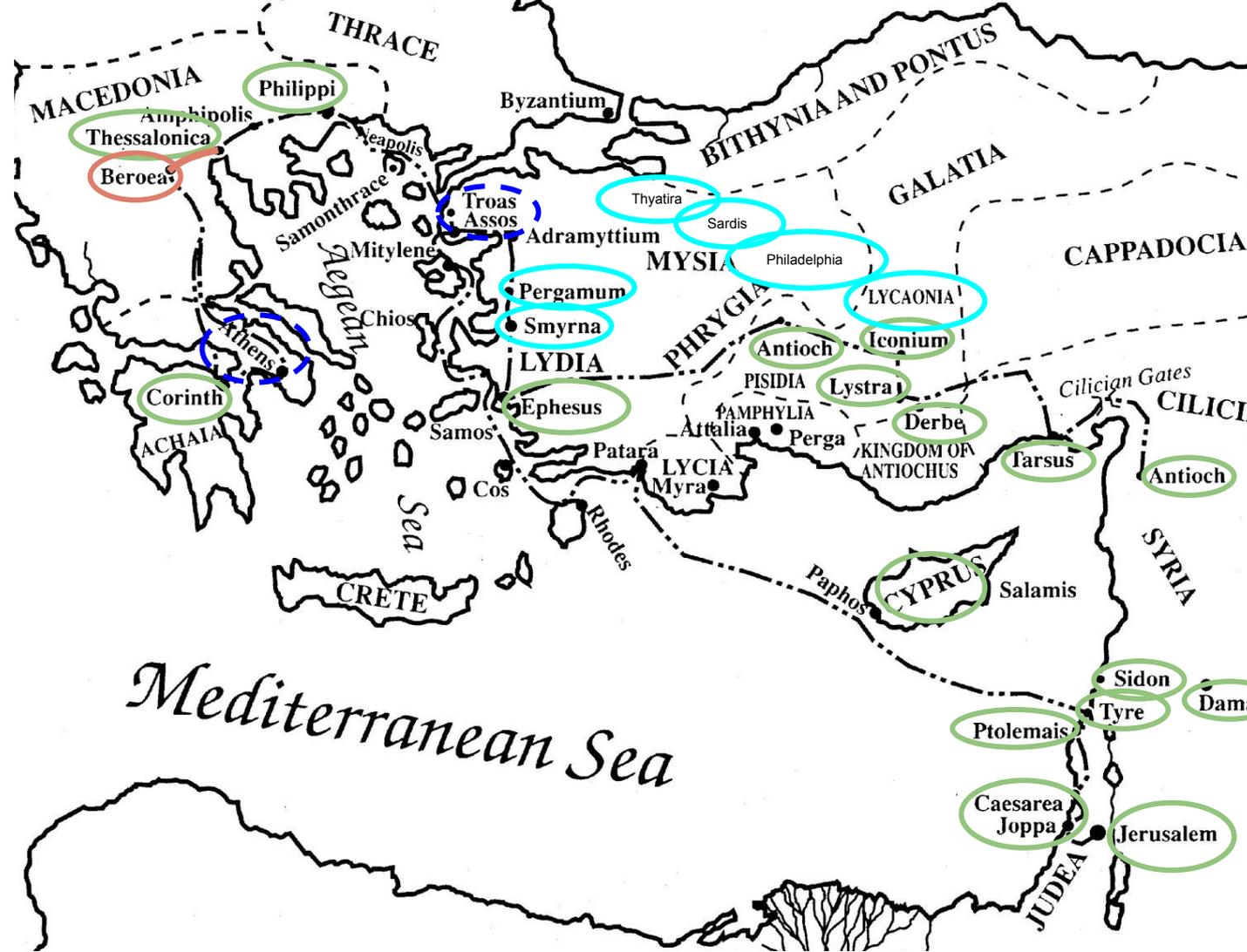
**Church: #7 healthy**



**11. Berea (Revisit #1)**  
(20:2)

**Discipleship:** Paul and team passed through Berea, while giving the Macedonian churches much encouragement

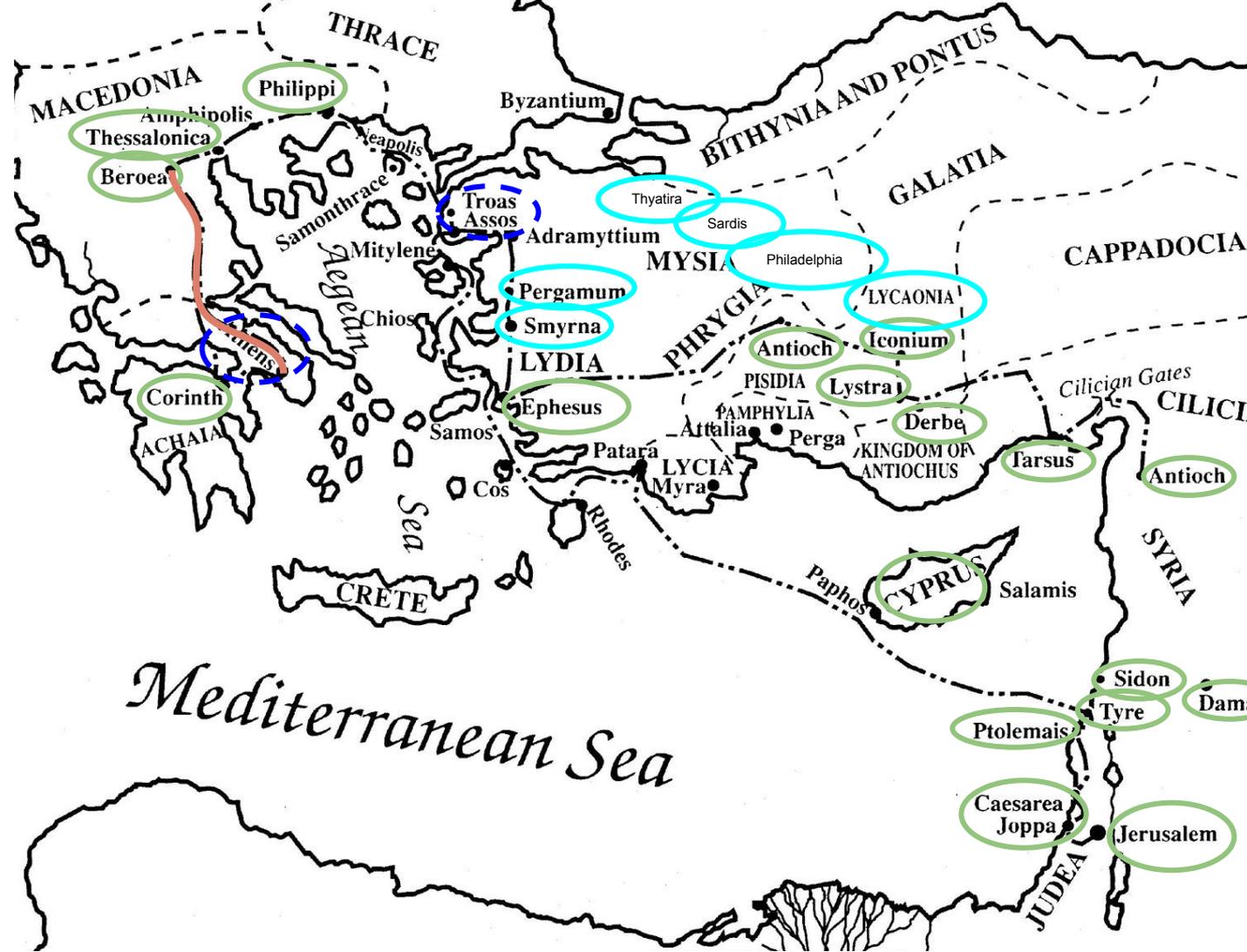
**Church: #8 healthy**



**12a. Greece (20:2-4)**

It simply says that Paul stopped in "Greece" (Achaia)...this Roman province includes both Athens and Corinth. It is most likely that Paul stayed with the Church in Corinth for this 3 month stay.

**Church?** - No word of a church specifically in Athens



**12b. Corinth (Revisit #3) (20:2-4)**

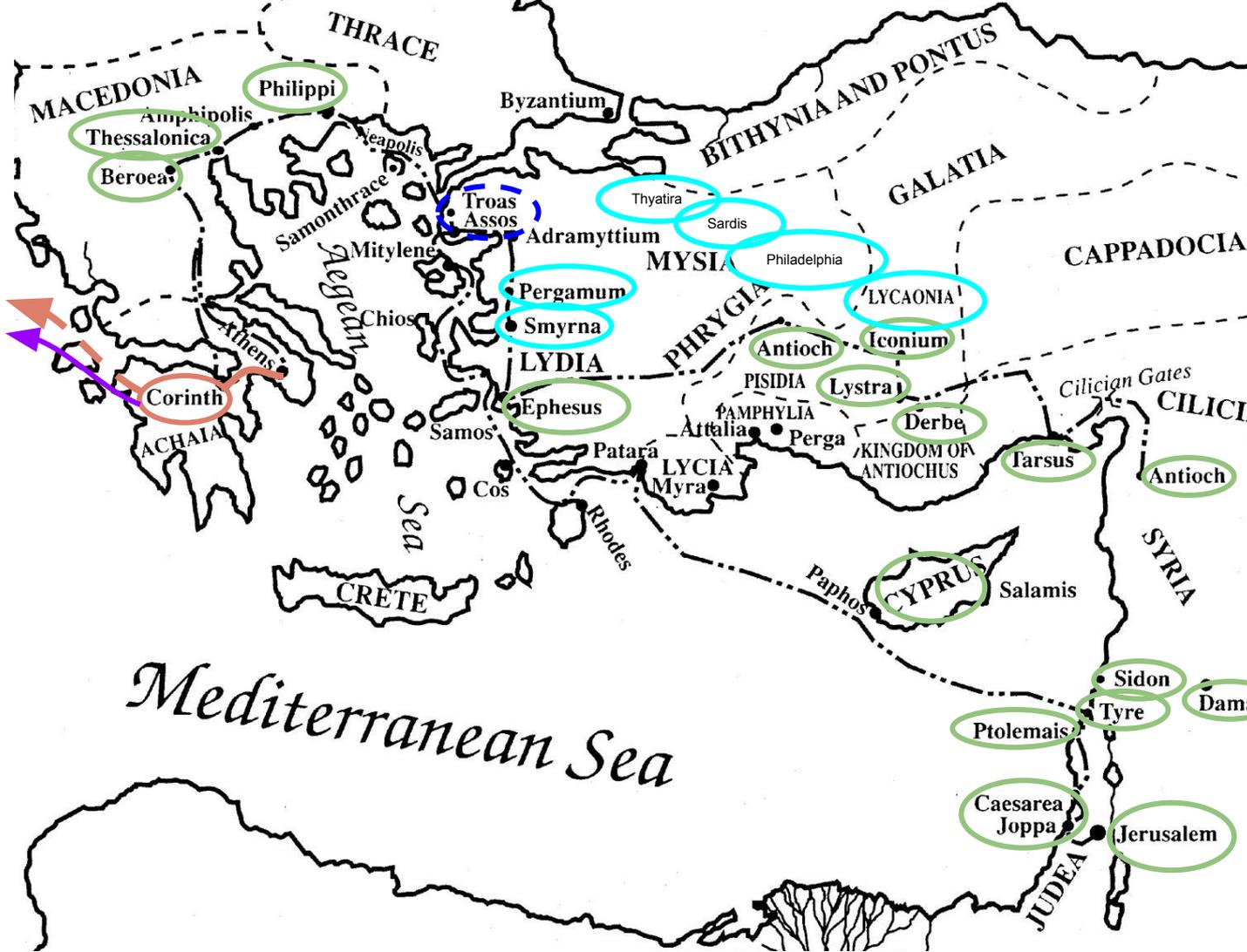
**Discipleship:** As Paul and team passed through Macedonia encouraging the churches they came to a stop here in Corinth Greece and stayed for three months (through the winter) because the Jews were plotting to kill Paul

**Church: #9 healthy**

**Church Letter: Romans (57 A.D.)**

It is likely that Paul wrote Romans during his 3 month stay here in Corinth, and sent it to Rome with a woman deaconess, **Phoebe**, of the Church in Corinth (Rom. 16:1-2). She was also "a great help" to Paul.

**Exit:** Back through Macedonia to Troas to meet the rest of the team.



**13. Troas: Team**  
**Regroup/Mid-level Training**  
(20:3-16)

Returned through Macedonia to Troas.

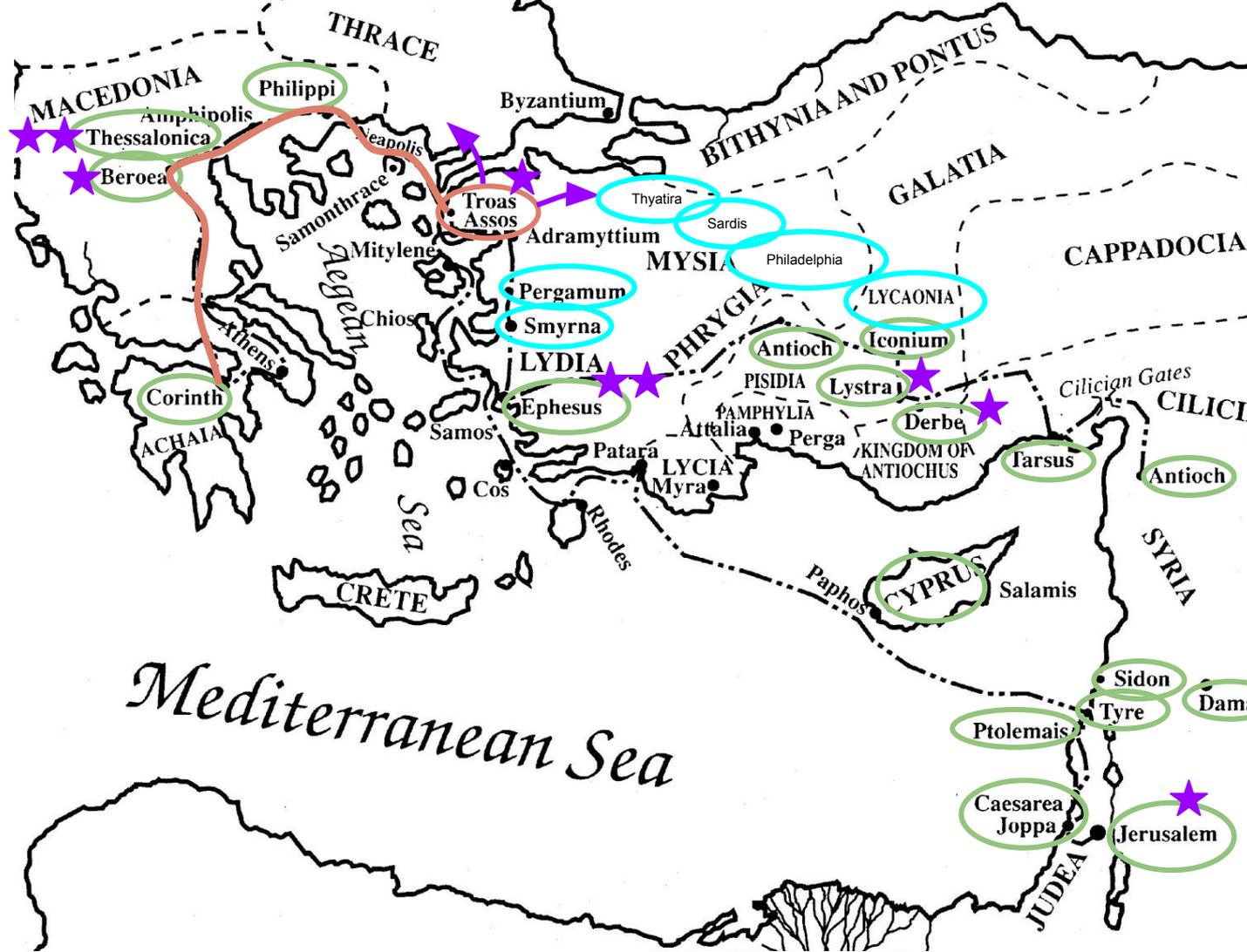
**Discipleship:** Lord's supper, extended teaching and fellowship all night.

**Leaders (stars on map):**

- Silas (Jerusalem)
- Sopater (Beroea),
- Aristarchus & Secundas (Thess.)
- Gaius (Derbe)
- Timothy (Lystra),
- Tychicus & Trophimus (Ephesus)
- Luke (Troas - "we")

**S&W:** Eutychus falls asleep and falls out of window 3 stories tall, Paul resurrects him. Many of these leaders were most likely mobilized from Troas.

**Exit:** Paul goes to Miletus, then to Jerusalem



### 14. Miletus (Ephesian Elders) (20:17-38)

#### Discipleship / Launch:

Ephesian elders meet Paul here. Paul summarizes his ministry to them Asia, and informs them that he is following the Spirit's leading to go back to Jerusalem with the expectation of "imprisonment and affliction," but it is worth it to finish the task of proclaiming the Gospel. He exhorts the Ephesian leaders be faithful to the Church God purchased through the blood of Christ, and be on guard against false teachers. They pray together and bid Paul farewell with much tears sorrow.





**16. Caesarea (21:8-16)**

**Entry:** Stays with Philip the evangelist.

**S&W:** Philips 4 daughters prophesy over Paul. Agabus, a prophet, comes from Judea and prophecies of Paul's arrest. They urge him not to go to Jerusalem.

**Discipleship:** Paul responds, "I am ready to die for the name of the Lord Jesus."

**Response:** "Let the Lord's will be done."

**Exit:** Paul heads to Jerusalem, some disciples from Caesarea join him



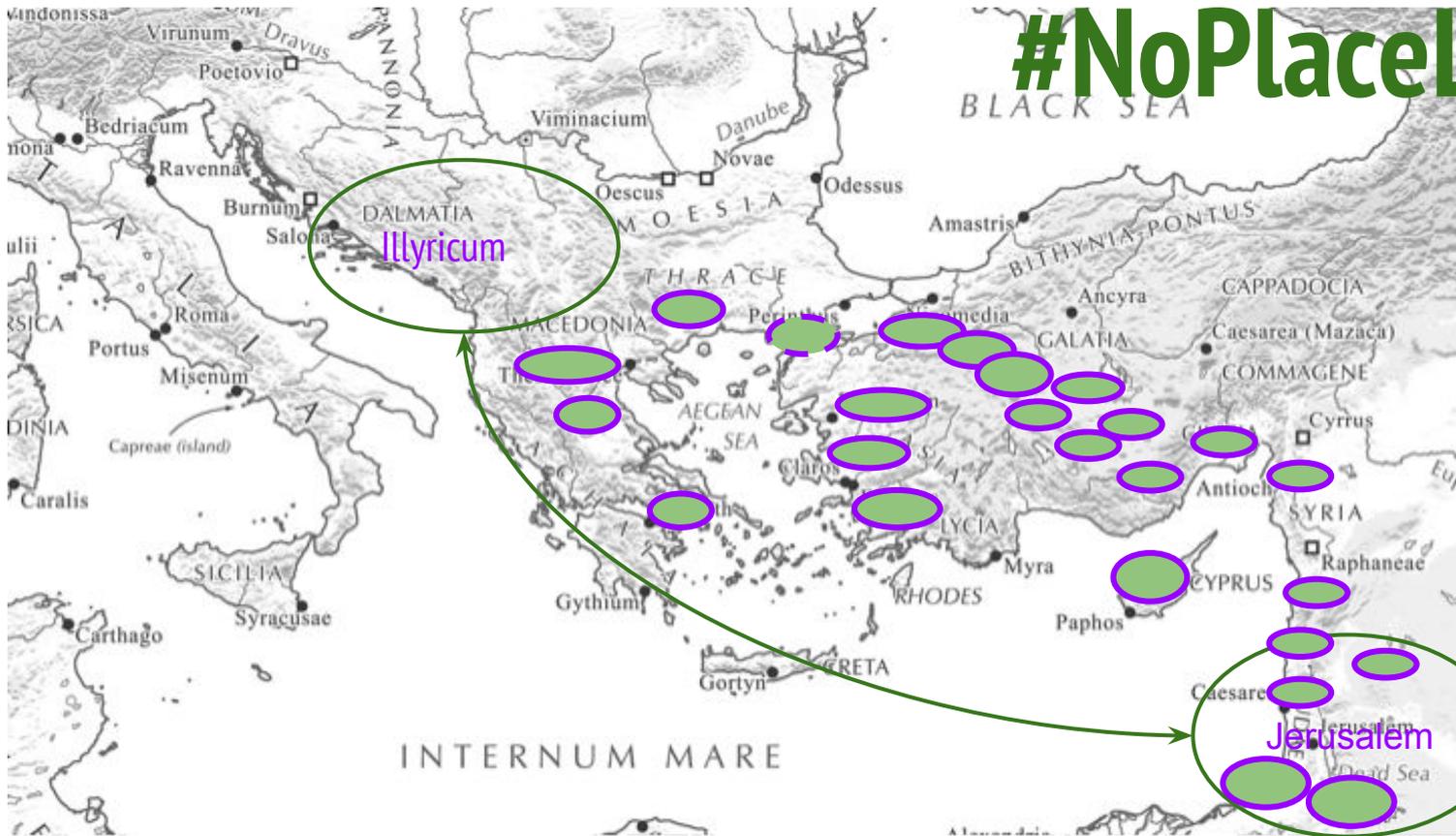
# 17. Jerusalem (21:16-20)

Paul arrives in Jerusalem and goes with James before the elders

**Gospel Report:** Paul tells all that God has done among gentiles, the elders glorify God!

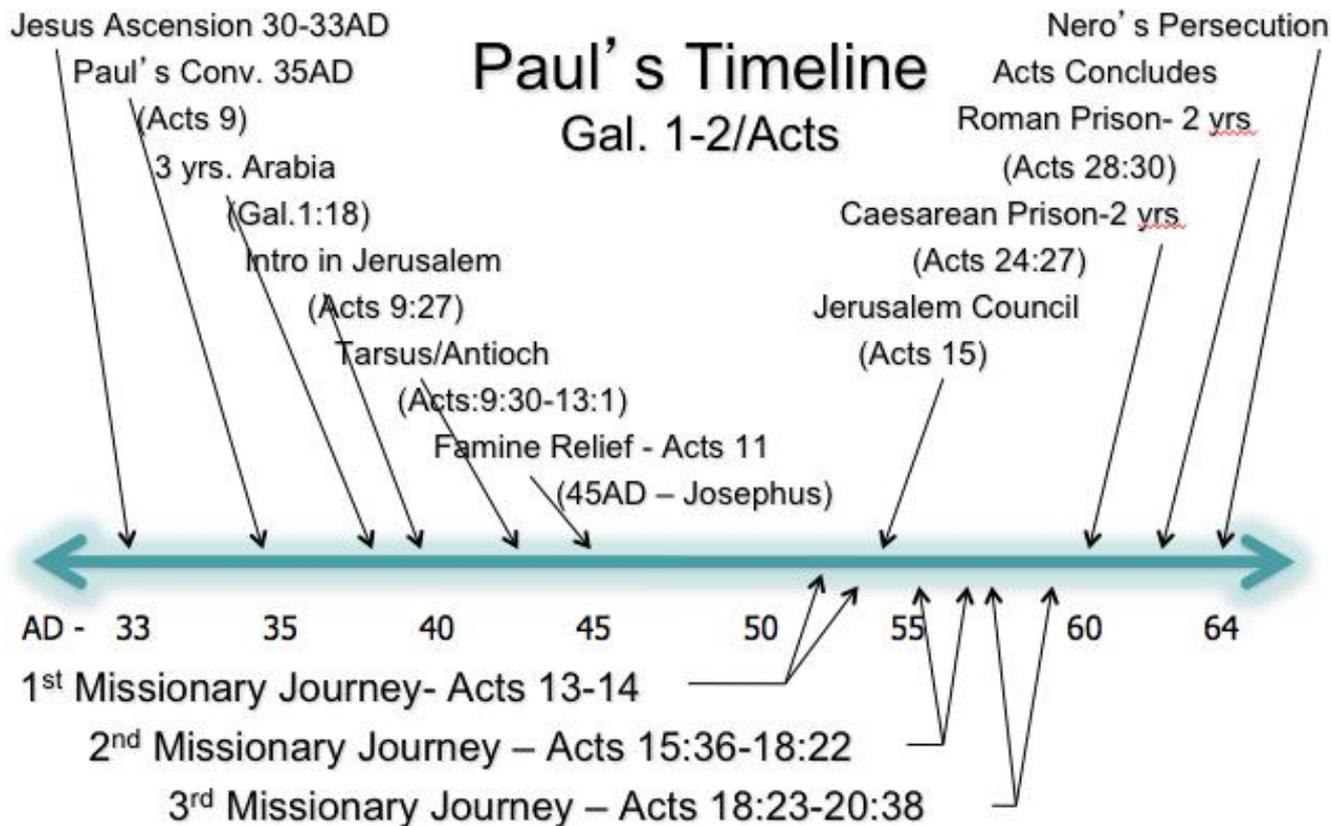


# #NoPlaceLeft



Romans  
15:19-24

“so that **from Jerusalem** and all the way around **to Illyricum** I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ...This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. But now, since I have **No Place Left** for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, I hope to see you in passing as I go **to Spain**, and to be helped on my journey there by you”



**Conclusion— Paul's Journeys covered less than 15 yrs!**

note- Date of Jerusalem Council based on Gal. 2:1 (14yrs after introduction of Acts 9)