



Exploring Galatia



Perplexed

Exploring Churches in Galatia

- Starting with Paul's conversion and travels, the first missionary journey will take us to the locale and establishment of the first churches in Galatia. The Judaizing element challenges the sufficiency of Christ leading Paul to write his harshest letter which deals directly with this issue..



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- Galatians is written to these churches which have been infiltrated by Judaizing teachers that insist that the new Christians were obligated to observe Jewish laws in order to be in a “correct” relationship with God. Paul’s response is direct and uncompromising as he confronts those adding a burden to those who have been set free



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- The backstory of the Apostle and the Galatian churches comes from Acts



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- Who are the Galatians ?



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- The Gauls, also known as the Galatians, began moving into the central Turkey region around **278-277 BCE**.

They were invited by **Nicomedes I of Bithynia** to help in his conflict with his brother, Zipoetes II. After helping Nicomedes I, the Galatians settled in the region and established their presence in what became known as **Galatia**.



Gaul



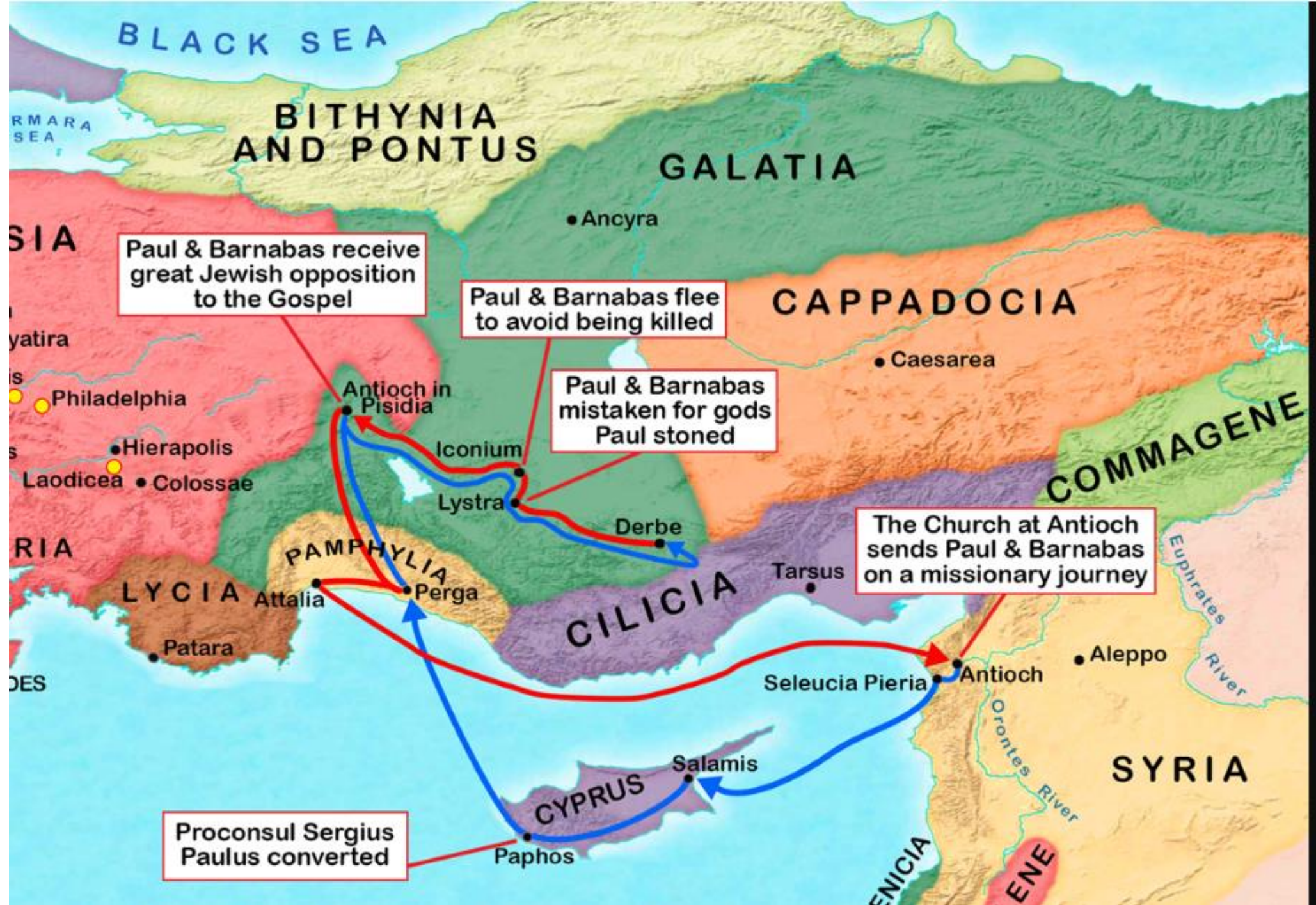
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- **Gaul**, the region inhabited by the ancient Gauls, comprising modern-day France and parts of Belgium, western Germany, and northern Italy. A Celtic people, the Gauls lived in an agricultural society divided into several tribes ruled by a landed class.

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Gaul-ancient-region-Europe>

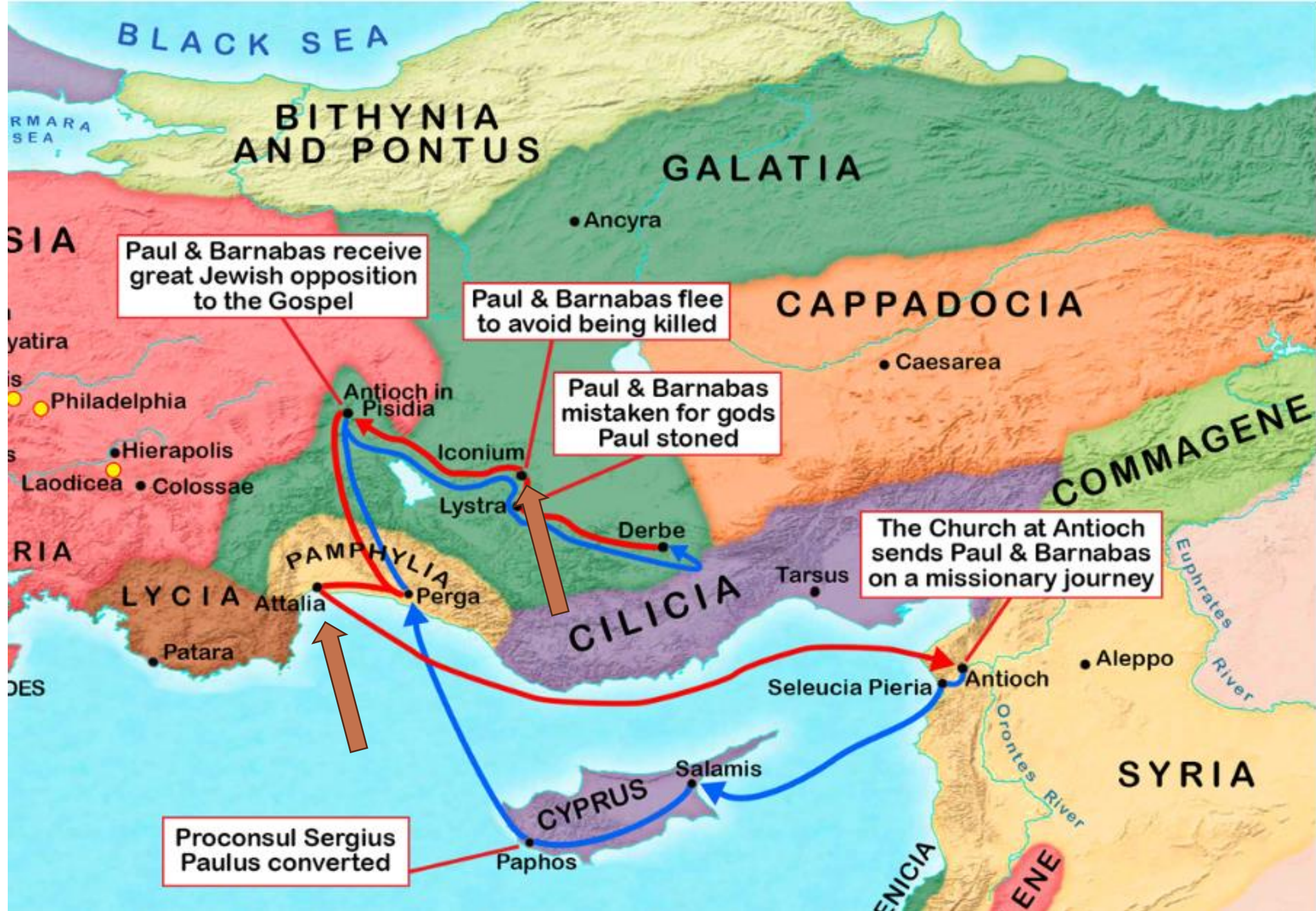






Acts 2

Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do



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- Lystra, an ancient city in central Anatolia (modern-day Turkey), was settled around **6 BC** when the Roman Empire made it a colony under the name **Colonia Iulia Felix Gemina**. This was part of Rome's efforts to gain better control over the tribes in the region¹

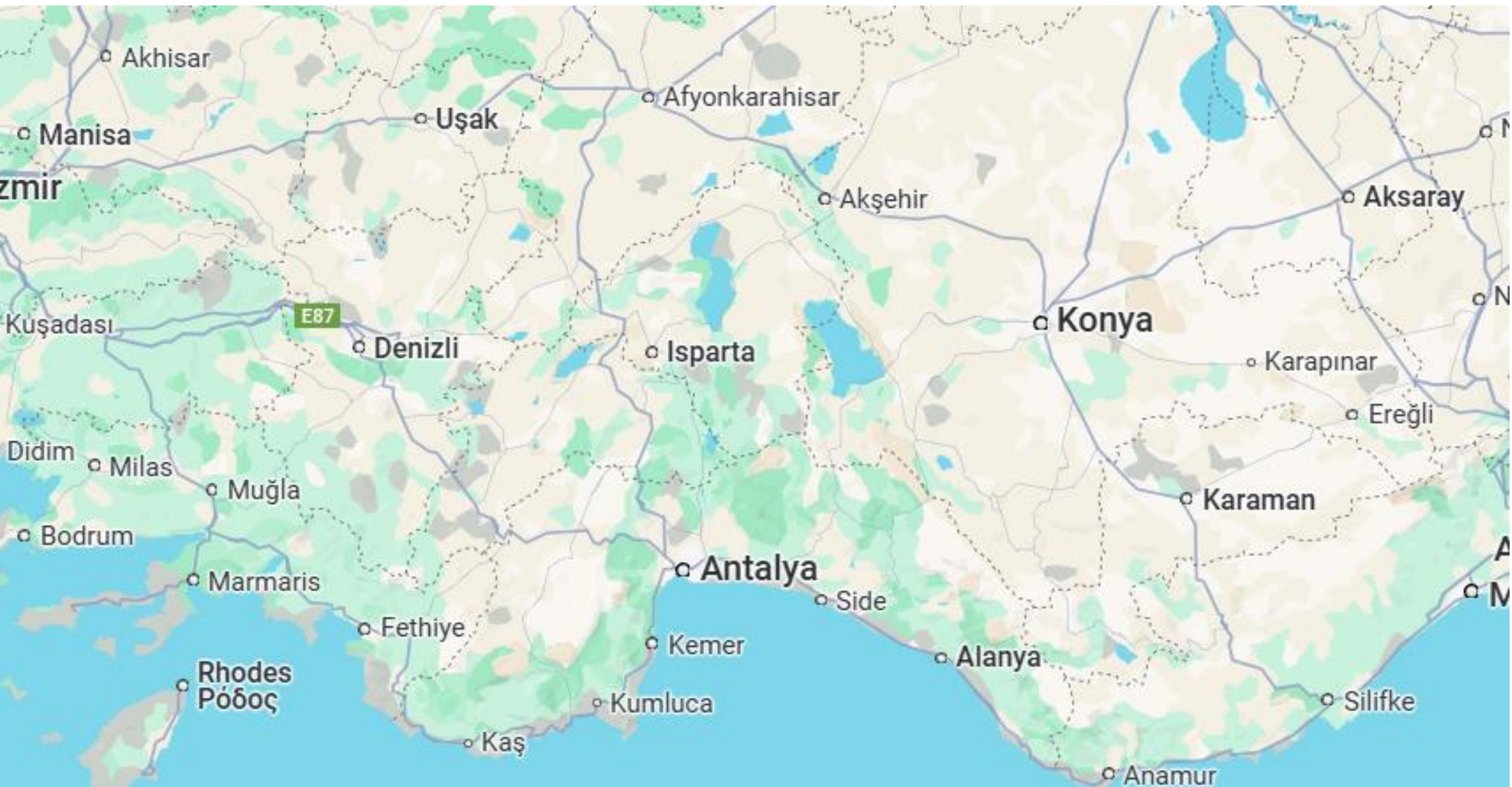


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- Iconium, known today as **Konya**, has a long history of settlement. The earliest known settlement in the area dates back to around **7100 BC** with the Neolithic site of **Çatalhöyük**. This proto-city settlement flourished around **7000 BC** and continued until about **5600 BC**.

The city itself, as Iconium, was later established by the Hittites and became an important city in the region. It was later known as **Colonia Iconium** during the Roman period





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- Derbe, an ancient city in the region of Lycaonia (modern-day Turkey), was settled around **6 BC** during the Roman period. It later became part of the Roman province of Galatia



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- Antioch in Pisidia, also known as **Antiochia in Pisidia**, was founded in the **last quarter of the 3rd century BC** by the Seleucid Dynasty. However, it only gained prominence after it was refounded as a Roman colony by **Augustus in 25 BC**.



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- **Augustus** (27 BC - 14 AD): The first Roman emperor, who established the Roman Empire and ruled from 27 BC to 14 CE.
- **Tiberius** (14-37 AD): Augustus' stepson and successor, known for his reclusive and paranoid rule.
- **Caligula** (37-41 AD): Known for his eccentric and cruel behavior, his reign was marked by extravagance and tyranny.
- **Claudius** (41-54 AD): Despite being considered an unlikely candidate, he proved to be an effective emperor.
- **Nero** (54-68 AD): Famous for his artistic ambitions and the Great Fire of Rome, his rule ended in rebellion and his suicide.



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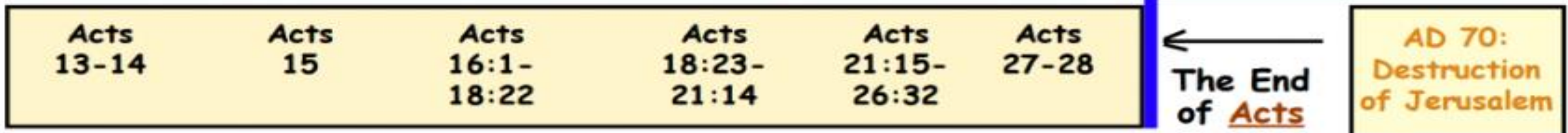
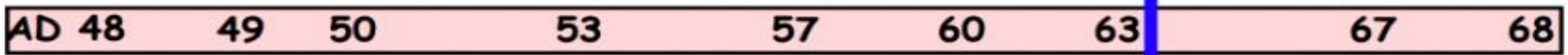
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48-49	First Missionary Journey and Antioch	13-14		Galatians
50	Jerusalem Council and Antioch	15		
51-53	Second Missionary Journey	16-18	18 months - Corinth	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians
53-54	Antioch			

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54-57	Third Missionary Journey	19-21	3 years - Ephesus	1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Romans
57	Jerusalem Arrest	22-23		
57-59	Caesarea Prisoner	24-26	2 years	
59-60	Journey to Rome	27-28		
60-67 circa	Rome House Arrest	28	5-7 years circa	Ephesians Colossians Philemon Philippians 1 Timothy Titus 2 Timothy

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Galatians
From Antioch
48-49?



Eschatological
1 Thess. From Corinth
2 Thess. From Corinth

Note: There is much scholarly debate over the exact dates and places of origin of Paul's Epis-

Soteriological
1 Cor. From Ephe-
2 Cor. From Macedo-
Galatians From Ephe-
Romans From Corinth

Christological - Ecclesiological
Ephesians From Rome
Colossians From Rome
Philemon From Rome
Philippians From Rome

1 Tim. From Macedo-
Titus From Macedo-

2 Tim. From Rome
Pastoral - Ecclesiological

Heb. AD 64-68
1 Peter AD 63-64
2 Peter AD pre-70
John, 1,2,3 John AD 90-100
Jude c. 70
Acts c. 60-68

Saul Acts 6 Stephens's Credentials

⁵ This proposal (choose someone to feed widows) pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit;⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

....number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.



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⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.



Saul Acts 7 Stephens's Lesson

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”



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⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.



Saul Acts 8 Saul's zeal against "the way"

8 And Saul approved of their killing him.

The Church Persecuted and Scattered

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.



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9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.



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⁵ “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶ “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”



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⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.



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¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"
"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask . ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."



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¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.



Saul Acts 9 Saul preaching in Damascus

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.



Saul Acts 9 Saul escaping Damascus

²³ After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, ²⁴ but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. ²⁵ But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.



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Special mode of operation--- Preach then Escape



Saul Acts 9 Saul preaching in Jerusalem

²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey **had seen the Lord** and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹ He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews (then ->)



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³¹ Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers



Miracle	Saint	Place	Passage
1. Crippled man healed	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 3:1-11</u>
2. Death of Ananias and Sapphira	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 5:1-10</u>
3. Miraculous deeds	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 5:12-16</u>
4. Conferred the Holy Spirit	Peter	Samaria	<u>Acts 8:14-17</u>
5. Paul's Conversion	Paul	Between Jerusalem and Damascus	<u>Acts 9:1-9</u>
6. Aeneas healed of palsy	Peter	Lydda	<u>Acts 9:33-34</u>

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7. Tabitha (Dorcas) raised from the dead	Peter	Joppa	<u>Acts 9:36-41</u>
8. Peter rescued from prison by an angel	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 12:7-17</u>
9. Herod punished with death	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 12:21-23</u>
10. Elymas the sorcerer is stricken with blindness	Paul	Paphos	<u>Acts 13:6-11</u>
11. A crippled healed	Paul	Lystra	<u>Acts 14:8-10</u>
12. Exorcism of a demon of divination	Paul	Philippi	<u>Acts 16:16-18</u>

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14. Conferred the Holy Spirit	Paul	Corinth	<u>Acts 19:1-6</u>
15. Many persons healed	Paul	Corinth	<u>Acts 19:11-12</u>
16. Eutychus raised from the dead	Paul	Troas	<u>Acts 20:9-12</u>
17. Viper snake rendered harmless	Paul	Malta	<u>Acts 28:3-6</u>
18. Publius' father and others healed	Paul	Malta	<u>Acts 28:7-9</u>

Perplexed Galatians 4

- ¹⁹ My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰ how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!



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- **Perplexed - ἀπορέω ap-or-eh'-o G639**

1. to be without resources, to be in straits, to be left wanting, to be embarrassed, to be in doubt, not to know which way to turn

2. to be at a loss with one's self, be in doubt

3. not to know how to decide or what to do, to be perplexed



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• Go - πορεύω G4198

1.to lead over, carry over, transfer

1.to pursue the journey on which one has entered, to continue on one's journey

2.to depart from life

3.to follow one, that is: become his adherent

1.to lead or order one's life

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- **Go - πορεύω G4198**

1. And they

were both righteous before God, walking [G4198](#) in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Luke 1:6

Galatia 1st and 2nd Journeys



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