

PAUL: MISSIONARY OF THE RESURRECTED JESUS, Pt 2 - Acts 16-21

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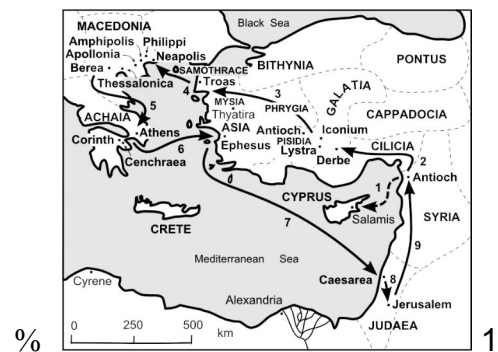
INTRODUCTION

- Acts can be arranged geographically - A1:8 - Jerusalem to ends of the earth. Paul's 3 journeys: 1st to S Turkey [47-48AD]; 2nd [49-50] & 3rd [52-57] reached Greece. Then imprisoned [59?]. Last 1/3 of Acts re: Paul's court appearances & final journey to Rome as prisoner [62].
 - Likely released from prison then possibly went to Spain & Greece & Turkey then re-imprisoned in Rm [64?]& beheaded [65?]
 - Our focus: proclamation of the resurrected Jesus. Word of God [a man character in the narrative]. Acts is not a biography of Peter or Paul or a story of the church per se, but an account of Jesus' acts by the HS through the Word of God.
- Last LD - surveyed 1st journey [A14]. A15 likely 3rd time Paul -> Jeru [48-49?] - A 15:1 confusion re: abiding signif of physical circumcision
- 2nd journey. back in Antioch - A 15:30-41 form 2 teams

1st: Paul's Second Missionary Journey

- A16:1-12

- revisit Derbe/Lystra; add Tim; thru Turkey across Aegean Sea to Macedonia: **Philippi**. A16:13-15 wmn's pr mtg [no syn?] Ptr w/ Cornelius, [10:2]; now Paul w/



Lydia - summary: respond to gospel, bapt'd - church.

- A16:16-17 demon possessed girl exorcised -> threat to business of idolatry & Rm custom. Mob violence - v20-21
- A16:22-29 imprisoned - earthquake, release: Jailer - v30-34. *Believe in Lord Jesus* = res'd enthroned Davidic King - depart - v40
- A17 **Thessalonica** - 17:1-4 in syn - mob incited. Jason [v5-6]; misinterp gospel as political threat - v7 Jason pays a fine [v9] - released: brief stay
- Berea** to syn [v10] - v11-12 by now we know what Paul is preaching from the OT & what was *believed*: Jesus is the Messiah, crucified, res'd, exalted. More mob violence incited by opposition.
- Athens** - preach Jesus & res [v18]. In syn then Areopagus. We will delve into this sermon later.
- Corinth** [A18:1] - 18:4 = 17:2-3. Preach res'd Jesus - 18:5. Resistance in syn - pivots - 18:6 Cors hear - bapt'd - church.
 - Vision [v9-10] - Paul stays 1.5 yrs *teaching Word of God* [v11]. Writes 1&2 Thess [50AD] - emph on 2nd coming
 - v12-17 - opposition: departs [v18 - 52AD] to Eph [1st visit] - 18:19 in syn then to church in Antioch [v22].

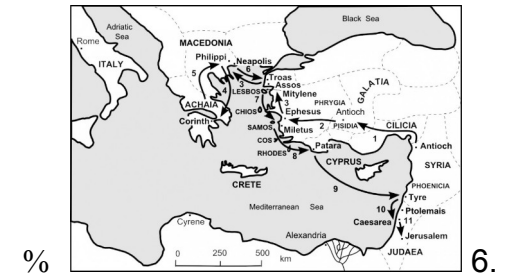
2nd: Paul's Third Missionary Journey

- No fanfare - A18:22-23. **Apollos**
 - In **Eph** - v24-26. educated Rhetorician - knew OT & JnB. Priscilla & Aquilla give *more accurate* [2x] instruction re: *the way of Lord/God*
 - v27-28 Apollos -> Cor [*Achaia*] w/ letter of commendation - show from Script *that Jesus was the Christ* = Paul's method & message

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- Paul -> **Eph**: met men knew only JnB: 19:1-7. 4th "Pentecost" [1st Ptr: Jeru A2; 2nd Philip in Samaria A8; 3rd Ptr in Caesarea Cornelius A10] - *bapt'd in name of Lord*



Jesus - HS confirms - *tongues/prophesy*

- 19:8-10 summary: syn for 3 mons, rejected, *school of Tyrannus* for 2 yrs [instruct daily akin to Seminary] & Asia is evangelized; writes Cor letters.
- Luke's "shorthand"; v8 *Kingdom of God*; conquering pagan/occult - v17 *the name*; 19:20. V21-22 Paul's aspirations to go to Jeru w/ \$ for famine & then to Rome. Sent Tim & Erastus to Philippi [Macedonia].
- A19 - riots. Note: Paul not attack idols but preach *Kingdom of God*
- A20:1-6 to Philippi then Cor [writes Rms] - back thru Philippi then Troas,
- heading for Jerusalem. Note *exhortation* v1-2 [A 14:21-22] - perseverance.
- Troas [A20:7f], gathers w/ ch *on 1st day of wk - breaks bread* & preaches: Eutyclus sleeps, falls to his death - Paul restores [Laz; Dorcas].
- To Miletus & met w/ Eph elders then to Jerusalem [21:17 after visiting in Tyre & Caesarea where Agabus foretold of impending imprisonment].

Applic #1: Learning God's Word in Christ's Presence is Part of Worship

- Being instructed from Scripture in Christ's presence = act of worship.

Applic #2: Paul Did Not Change His Method or Message - Neither Should We

- Paul's method & message unchanged regardless of reception or rejection.
- Let us be humble enough, like Apollos, to continue to learn more accurately

Applic #3: Luke's Shorthand - *The Kingdom of God*

- Kingdom* = inclusio -1:3 & 28:30-31 [cf. 8:12; 14:22; 19:8] 28:23-24
- What is our posture in relation to THIS kingdom? We cannot be neutral. The King reigns & His gracious gospel summons goes forth!