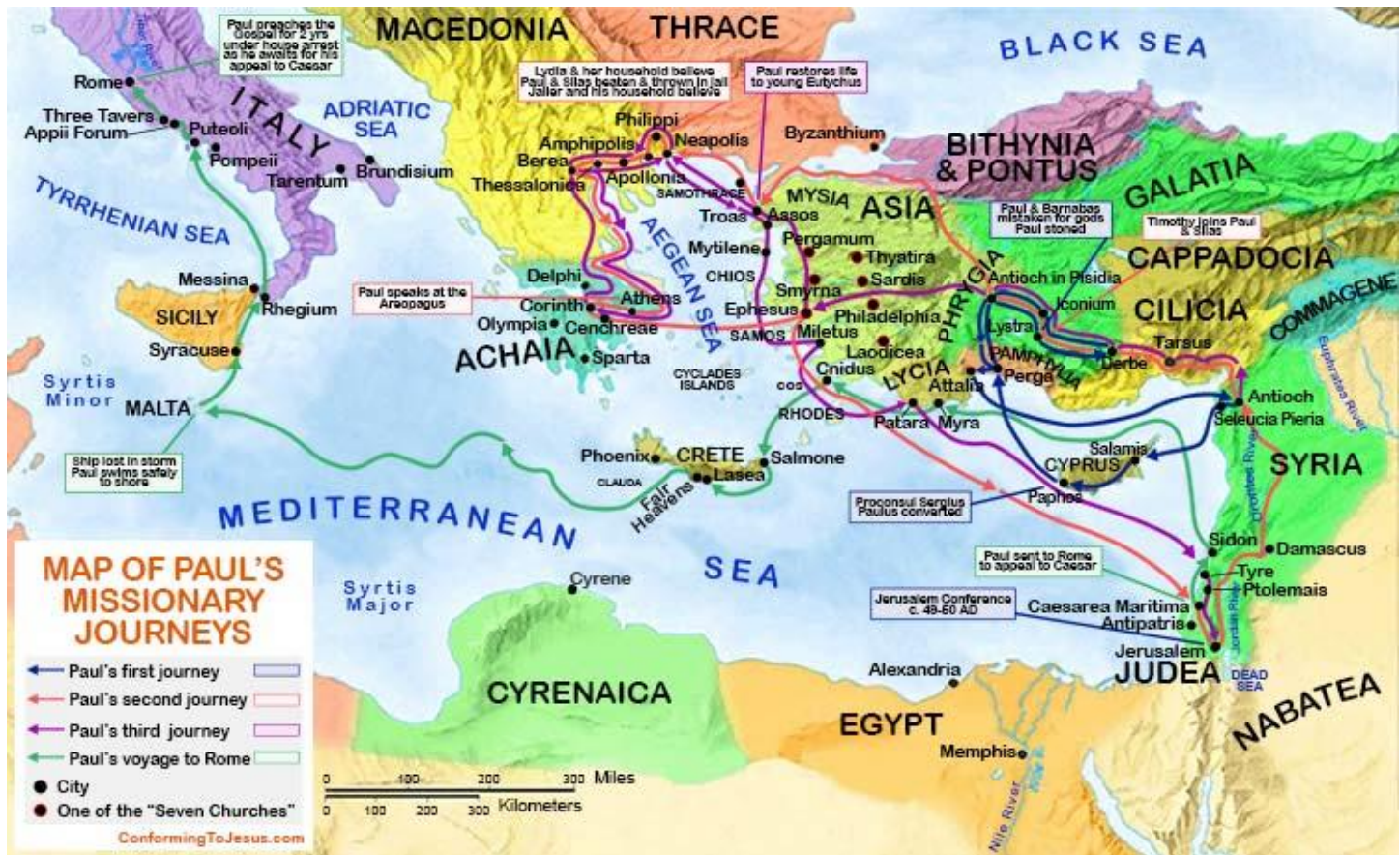


PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS & NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS



Chronological Order of the Letters

—*1 and 2 Thessalonians*: Written in Corinth between A.D. 50 and 52

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—*Philippians*: Paul wrote from prison (either first or second time) approx. A.D. 56~63

—*Galatians*: A.D. 56 or 57.

—*Romans*: A.D. 57 or 58.

A second series of texts during Paul's imprisonment in Rome "the Captivity Letters". A.D. 61 to 63

—*Colossians*:

—*Ephesians*:

Paul's "Pastoral Letters" to individuals. A.D. 66~67

—*Philemon*:

—*1 and 2 Timothy*: Two Letters.

—*Titus*: One Letter.

—*Hebrews*: Written before or after the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70~90.

1. The First Missionary Journey (Acts 13:1–14:28)

- Commissioned from: Antioch in Syria. [1]
- Travel Companions: Barnabas and John Mark (who left them early at Perga). [1, 2]
- Key Stops:
 - Cyprus (Salamis, Paphos).
 - Asia Minor (Colossians) / Galatia (Perga, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe). [1, 2]
- Summary: The team traveled from the island of Cyprus to the region of Galatia. They faced both opposition and great success, turning primarily to the Gentiles after many Jews rejected their message. They returned through the same cities to establish and strengthen the newly planted churches before concluding in Antioch. [1, 2, 3, 4]

2. The Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36–18:22)

- Commissioned from: Antioch in Syria. [1]
- Travel Companions: Silas, Timothy, and briefly Luke (noted by the "we" passages in Acts). [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
- Key Stops:
 - Revisited Galatian churches (Derbe, Lystra).
 - Troas (Paul's vision of the man from Macedonia).
 - Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea).
 - Greece (Athens, Corinth).
 - Ephesus, Caesarea, and back to Antioch. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
- Summary: After a dispute between Paul and Barnabas, Paul traveled with Silas. They expanded the mission into Europe, planting influential churches in Philippi (where Paul and Silas were miraculously freed from prison), Thessalonica, and Corinth. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

3. The Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23–21:16)

- Commissioned from: Antioch in Syria. [1, 2]
- Travel Companions: Timothy, Erastus, Gaius, and Aristarchus. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
- Key Stops:
 - Galatia and Phrygia (strengthening existing churches).
 - Ephesus (staying for nearly three years).
 - Macedonia and Greece.
 - Troas, Miletus, and a perilous journey down to Jerusalem. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
- Summary: This journey focused intensely on discipleship and strengthening established communities. Paul spent the majority of his time in Ephesus, where the gospel message spread throughout the entire Roman province of Asia. He then revisited Greece before navigating back to Jerusalem, despite prophecies that he would face imprisonment there. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

The Unofficial Fourth Journey: Journey to Rome (Acts 27–28)

Though technically not one of his primary church-planting missionary trips, Acts concludes with Paul being sent to Rome. Arrested in Jerusalem, Paul appealed to Caesar as a Roman citizen and was transported by ship. His journey included stops in Sidon and Myra, a severe storm resulting in a shipwreck on the island of Malta, and a house arrest in Rome where he continued to preach unhindered