

The Apostle Paul's First Missionary Journey

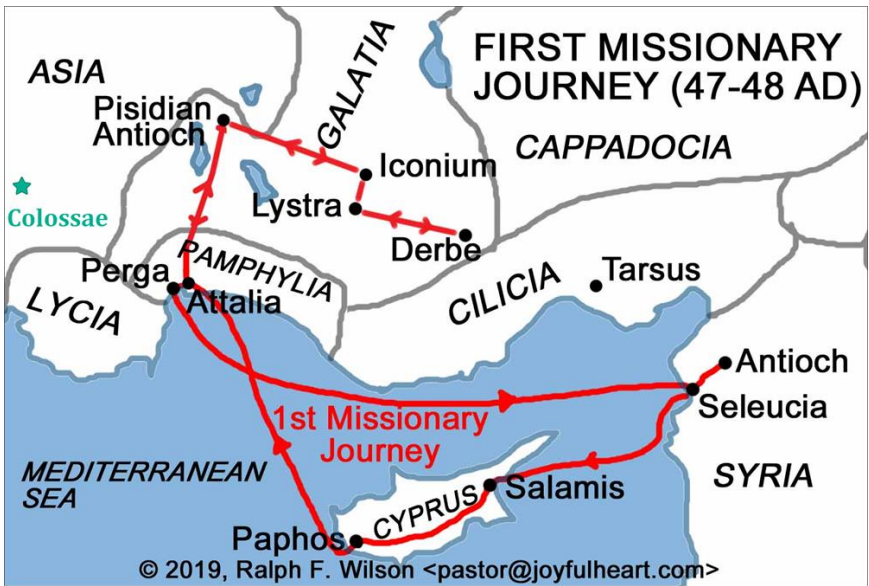
Acts 13-14: In 47-48 AD, Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark (who would later write the book of *Mark* in the Bible) were sent out by the (quite successful) church in Antioch on a missionary journey. They went first to the island of Cyprus (where Barnabas was from).

They then sailed to Asia Minor (present day Turkey). In Perga, John abruptly left them and returned to Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas go over the mountains and enter Galatia and the cities shown on the map at the right. They preached and taught about Jesus in the synagogues and to the gentiles. In Lystra, the Jewish leader come and stone Paul to the point of death, but he survives. The next day, Paul and Barnabas go to Derbe. They eventually retrace their path and sail back to Antioch.

The book of *Colossians* (New Testament)

The Epistle of Paul to the Colossians is the twelfth book of the New Testament. Paul did *not* visit Colossae or directly start the church there. During his 3rd missionary journey (about 54 AD), while in Ephesus, Paul sent Epaphras out and Epaphras started the church in Colossae (about 100 east of Ephesus). The letter was written by Paul and Timothy while Paul was in house-arrest in Rome (about 62 AD).





Paul the Apostle – a Jew and a Roman citizen, Paul (also named Saul) was a Christian apostle who took 3 missionary journeys, crisscrossing the Roman Empire, building Christians and starting churches. Paul wrote 13 letters over a span of 18 years. In 60 AD, he was taken as a prisoner to Rome (which included a ship wreck). He was martyred at age 61 in Rome (66 AD).

Other Names

Barnabas – from Cyprus. Possibly a classmate of the Apostle Paul in Jerusalem. After Paul’s conversion (on the road to Damascus, Acts 9) Barnabas introduces Paul to the apostles in Jerusalem (37 AD). In 44 AD Barnabas invites Paul to teach in Antioch. In 47-48 Barnabas and Paul go on the First Missionary Journey (shown above).

Epaphras – church at Colossae was founded by Epaphras (Col 1:7). Epaphras learned from Paul in Ephesus during Paul’s Third Missionary Journey. Epaphras later traveled to Rome to visit Paul in prison and report on the state of the church in Colossae.

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