

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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# Mesmerized Europeans Begin Worshiping Bucc-ee Beaver

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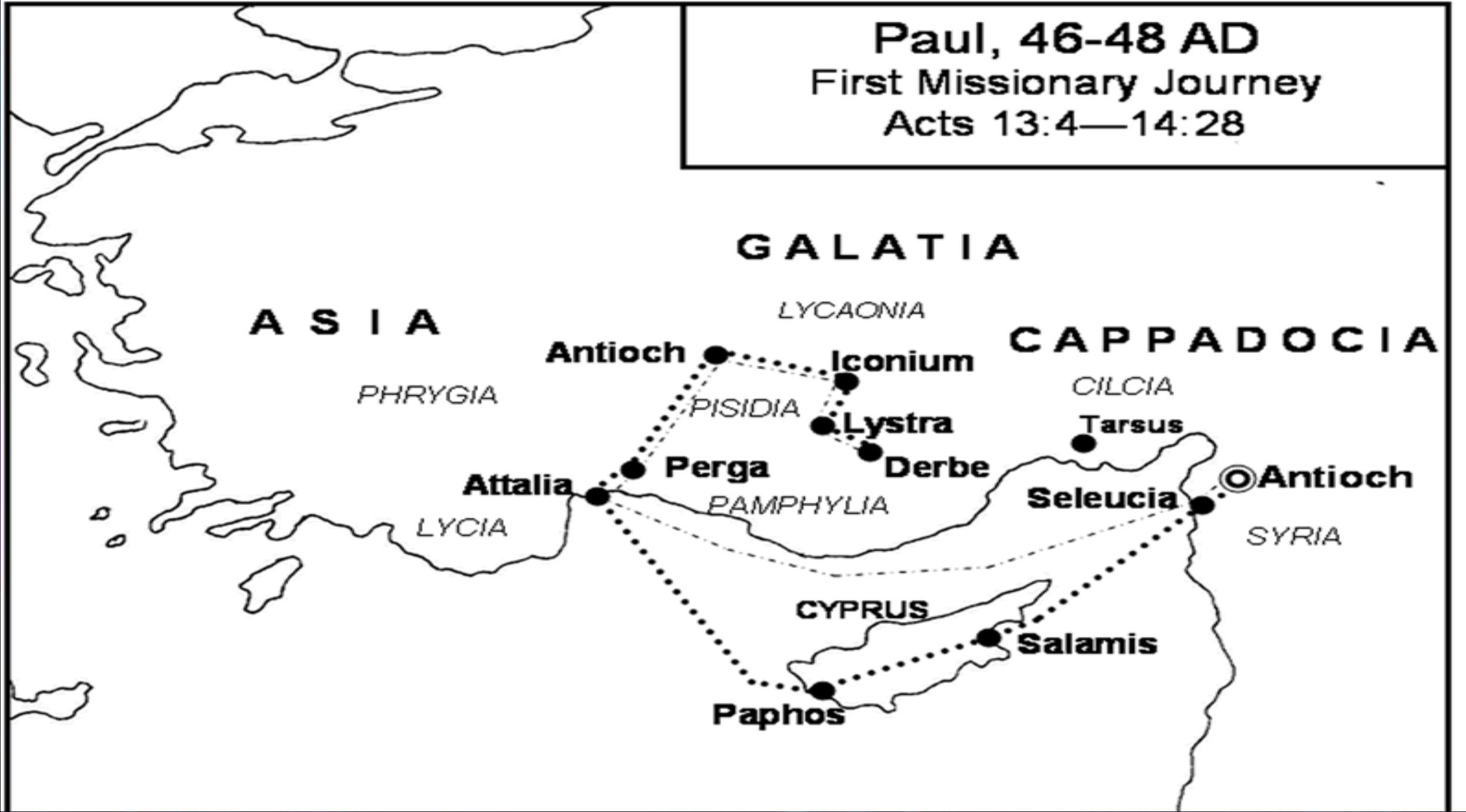


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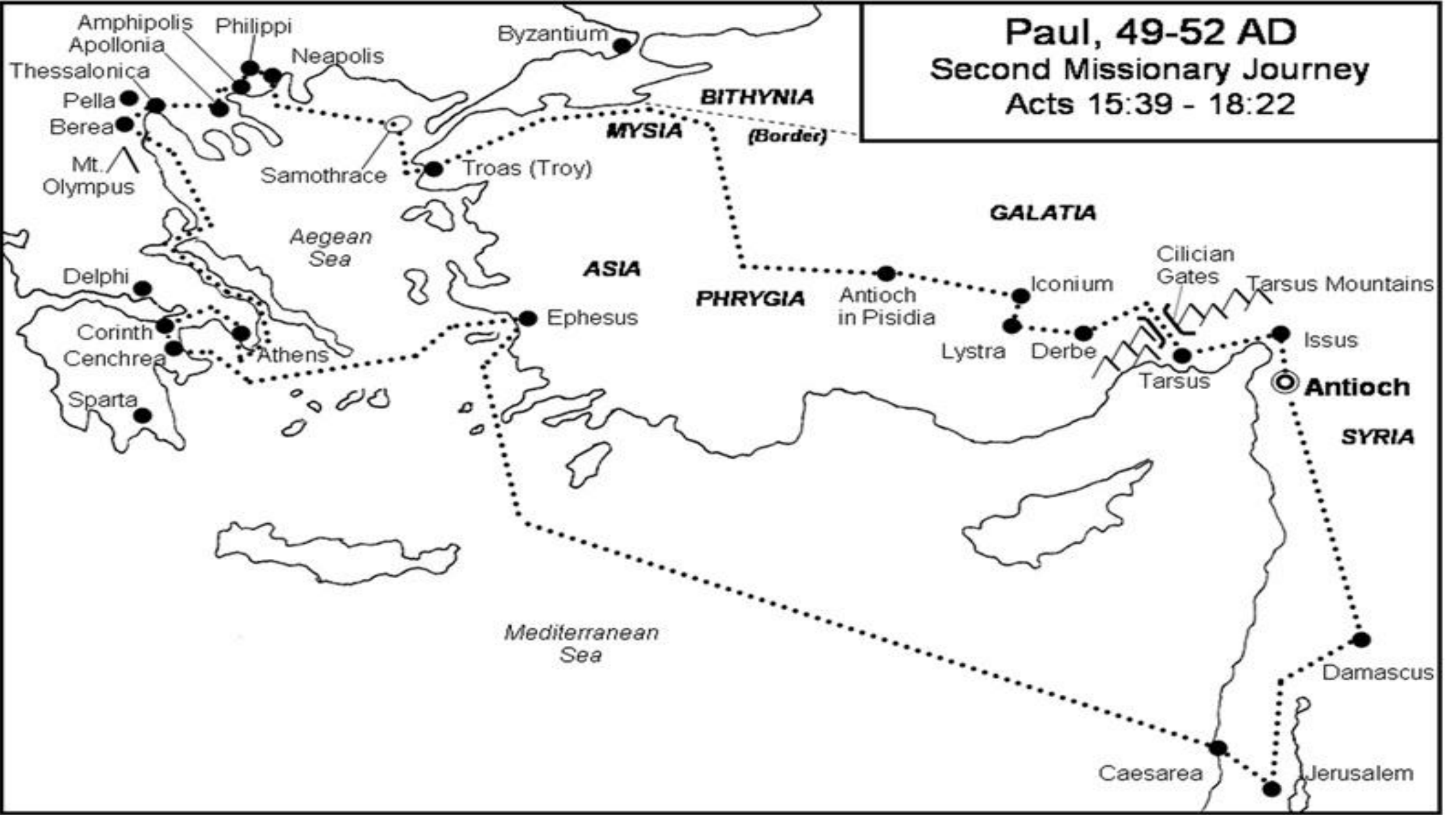
TO THE **ENDS** OF THE **EARTH**

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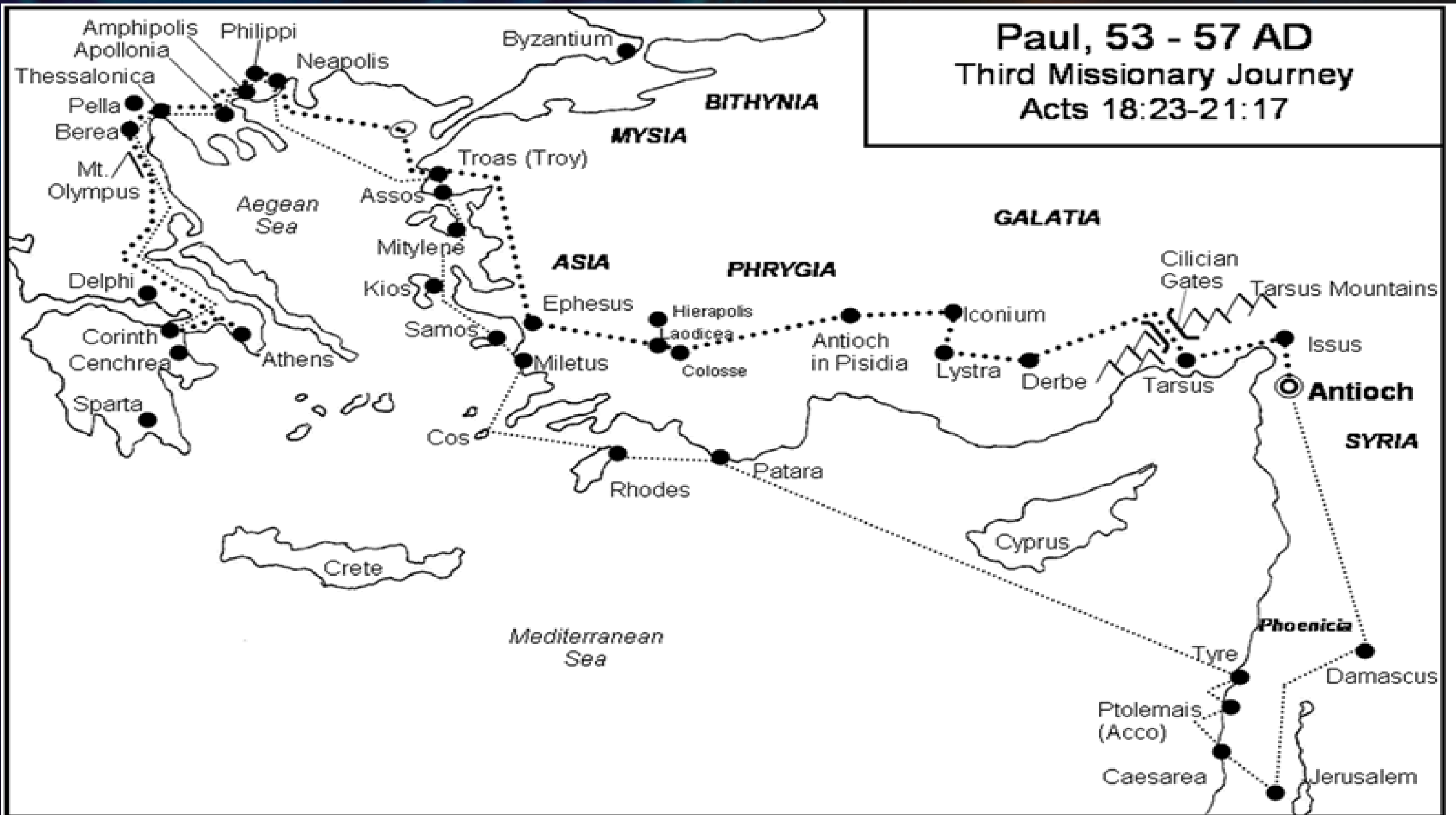
**Paul, 46-48 AD**  
**First Missionary Journey**  
**Acts 13:4—14:28**



**Paul, 49-52 AD**  
**Second Missionary Journey**  
**Acts 15:39 - 18:22**



**Paul, 53 - 57 AD**  
**Third Missionary Journey**  
**Acts 18:23-21:17**



**The Riot Begins (Acts 19:23–27):** Demetrius, an Ephesian silversmith who made shrines to the goddess Artemis, complained that Paul's preaching of the gospel was turning people away from idols and ruining their trade.





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## The Crowd Rushes the Theater (Acts 19:28–34):

The city fell into a violent uproar, and the mob dragged two of Paul's traveling companions Gaius and Aristarchus into the large amphitheater. Paul wanted to go in and defend them, but the disciples and local officials begged him not to.





## **Library of Celsus**

Right next to the city square  
in ancient Ephesus.

**Only remaining pillar today from  
Temple of Artemis which was one of  
the 7 wonders of the ancient world.**





**Temple of Artemis in Ephesus during the time of Paul**

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**Mars Hill in Athens**  
*Where Paul met and  
preached to the Areopagus*



**Parthenon Temple in Athens**  
*Housed the enormous statue of  
the goddess of Athena*

# Mars Hill



# From Mars Hill looking up at Parthenon



The background features a complex, marbled pattern in shades of dark blue, purple, and teal, with some lighter, swirling lines. The overall effect is reminiscent of liquid or stone marbling. Centered on this background is the text 'REAL vs. FAKE' in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**REAL**

**vs.**

**FAKE**

***“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.*”**

**Acts 17:24-26**

*So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.*

**Acts 17:17-18**

***In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”***

**Acts 17:30-31**

***“For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.”***

**Psalm 96:4-5**

*When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.”*

*At that, Paul left the Council. Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.*

**Acts 17:32-34**

# **Idols of Today!**

## **Achievement/Success**

*Grades, promotions, titles, what others think.*

## **Image/Approval**

*Self, How we look, Identity, Opinions, Likes.*

## **Money/Possessions**

*Portfolio, Estate, Retirement account, Trust.*

## **Comfort/Pleasure/Control**

*Convenience, schedule, health, future*

**The ONE True GOD!**

**Freedom is truly found in making  
Jesus Christ the Lord of your life.**

**He is the Lord of everything!**