



COMMISSIONED

Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus Christ commissioned us to make Him known by making disciples of all the nations. Commissioned exists to promote and fulfill this mandate.

PAUL & BARNABAS IN PISIDIAN ANTIOCH

On the First Missionary Journey - Acts 13



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I. THE CALLING

Acts 13:1-3



0 100 200 Miles
0 100 200 Kilometers

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Acts 13:1-3

¹ Now there were at **Antioch**, in the church that was *there*, **prophets and teachers: Barnabas**, and **Simeon** who was called Niger, and **Lucius** of Cyrene, and **Manaen** who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and **Saul**.

² And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."**

³ Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, **they sent them away.**



II. CYPRUS

Acts 13:4-12



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Acts 13:4-5

4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to **Seleucia** and from there they **sailed to Cyprus**.⁵ And when they reached **Salamis**, they *began to* **proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews**, and they also had John as their helper.



Acts 13:6-7

⁶ And when they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.



Acts 13:8-10

8 But Elymas the magician (for so his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.⁹ **But Saul, who was also known as Paul**, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze on him,¹⁰ and said, "You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?"

Acts 13:11-12

¹¹ “Now, behold, **the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time.**” And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand.

¹² Then **the proconsul believed** when he saw what had happened, **being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.**

III. PISIDIAN ANTIOCH

Acts 13:13-52



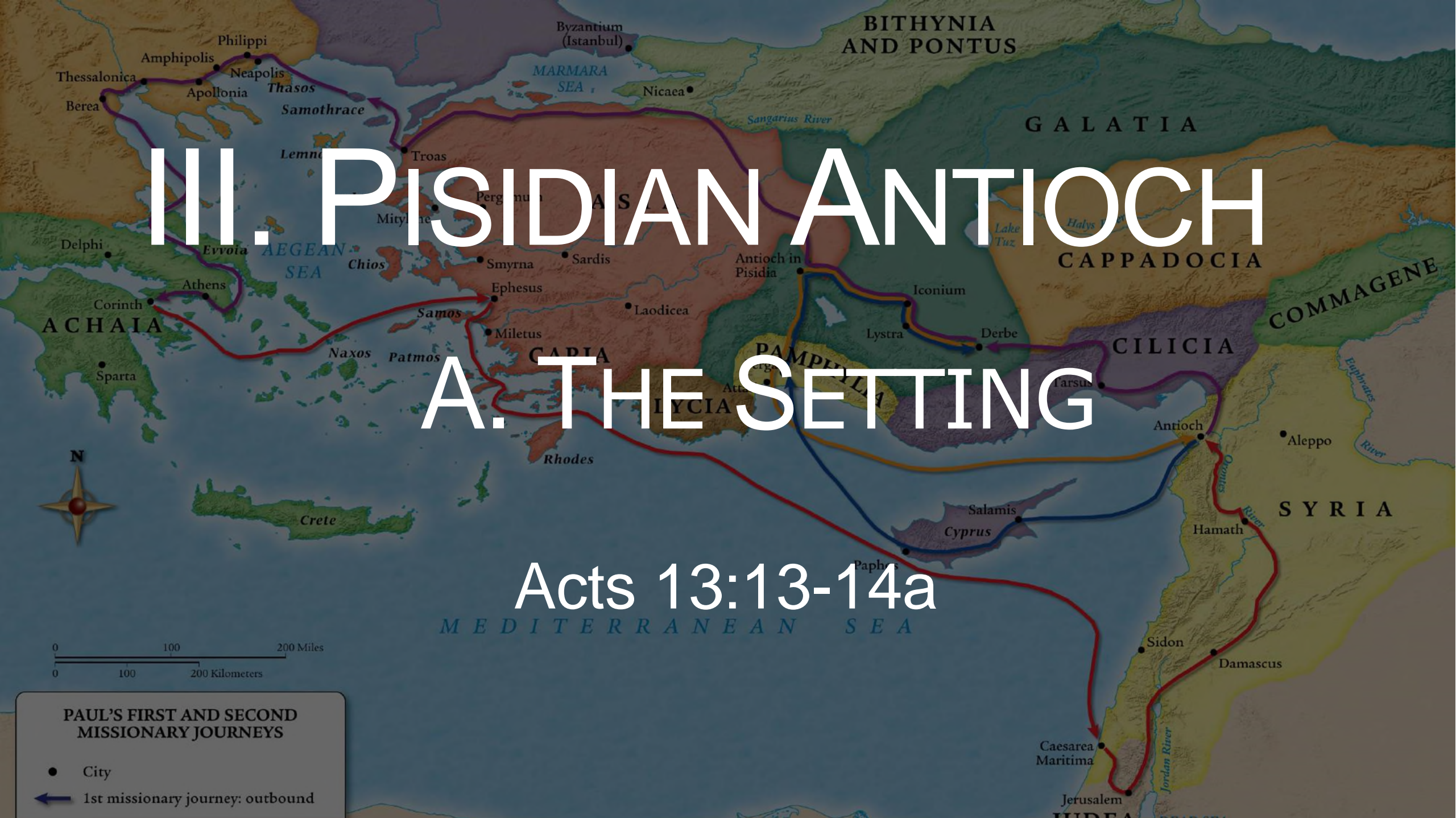
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A. THE SETTING

Acts 13:13-14a



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Acts 13:13a

13 Now after Paul and his companions **set sail from Paphos**, they came to **Perga** in Pamphylia, ...



Harbor in Attalia (Antalya)



Gulf of Antalya in the Mediterranean Sea



Acts 13:13

13 Now after Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia, ...
... but John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

Taurus Mountains



Acts 13:14a

14 But going on from
Perga,...

Stadium in Perga (Perge)



Acts 13:14a

14 But going on from
Perga,...

Columned Main Street



Acts 13:14a

14 But going on from
Perga,...

Road leading to Western Gate



Acts 13:14a

14 But going on from
Perga,...

Western Gate in Perga (Perge)



Acts 13:14a

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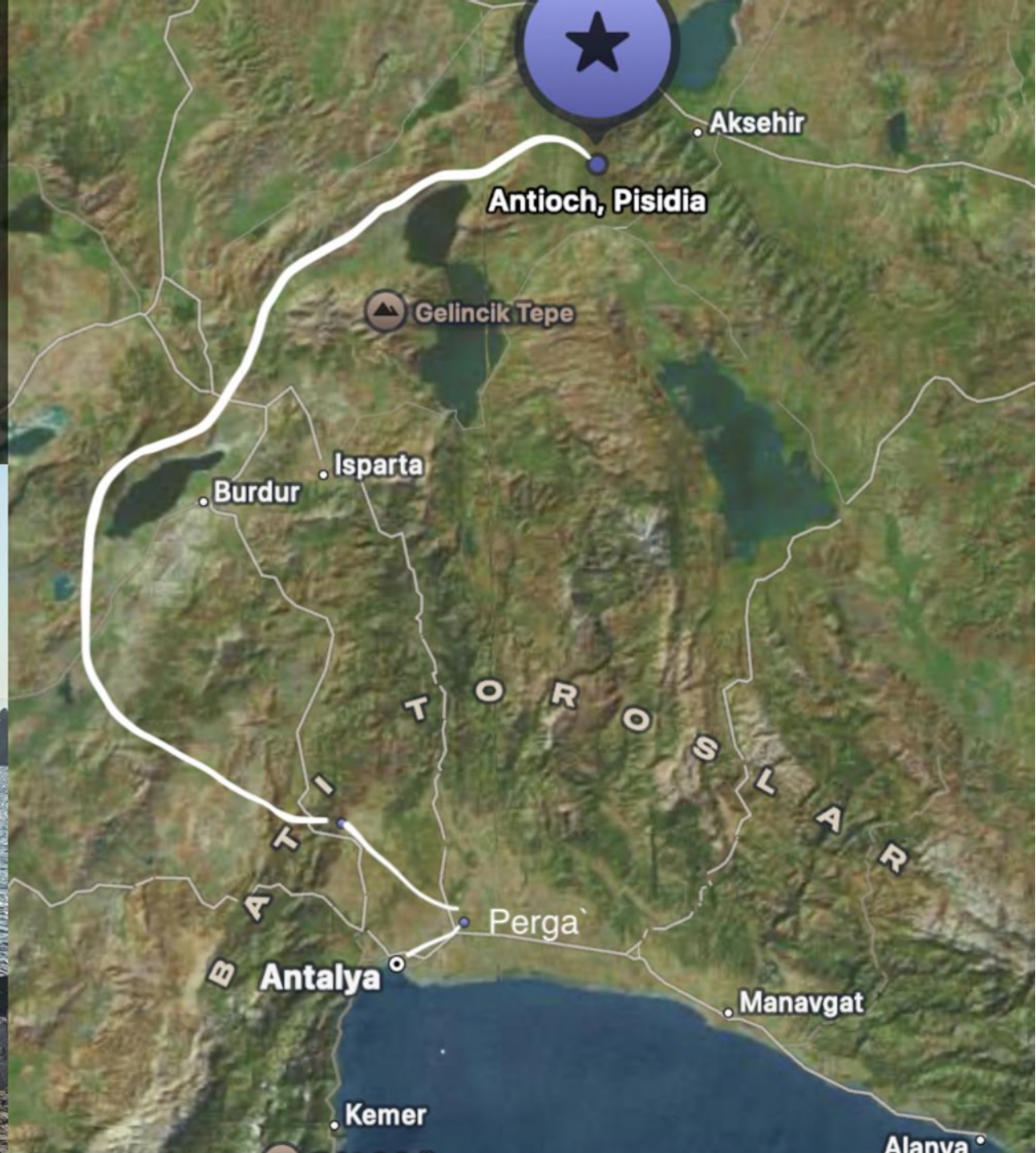
departing from Perga (Perge)



Acts 13:14a

14 But going on from Perga,
they arrived at **Pisidian**

Antioch...



“The road from Perga to Pisidian Antioch, some one hundred miles away, was difficult and dangerous. It wound its way through the rugged Taurus mountains, clinging to cliffs that ascended to dizzying heights. Travelers also had to cross the turbulent and flood-prone Cestrus and Eurymedon rivers. The Taurus mountains were notorious for the robber bands who infested them. Those brigands, who had plagued Alexander the Great and Augustus Caesar, were still unsubdued in Paul’s time. When Paul wrote, **“I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers”** (2 Cor. 11:26), he may well have had this journey in mind.”

John F. MacArthur Jr., Acts, vol. 2, MacArthur New Testament Commentary (Chicago: Moody Press, 1994), 16–17.

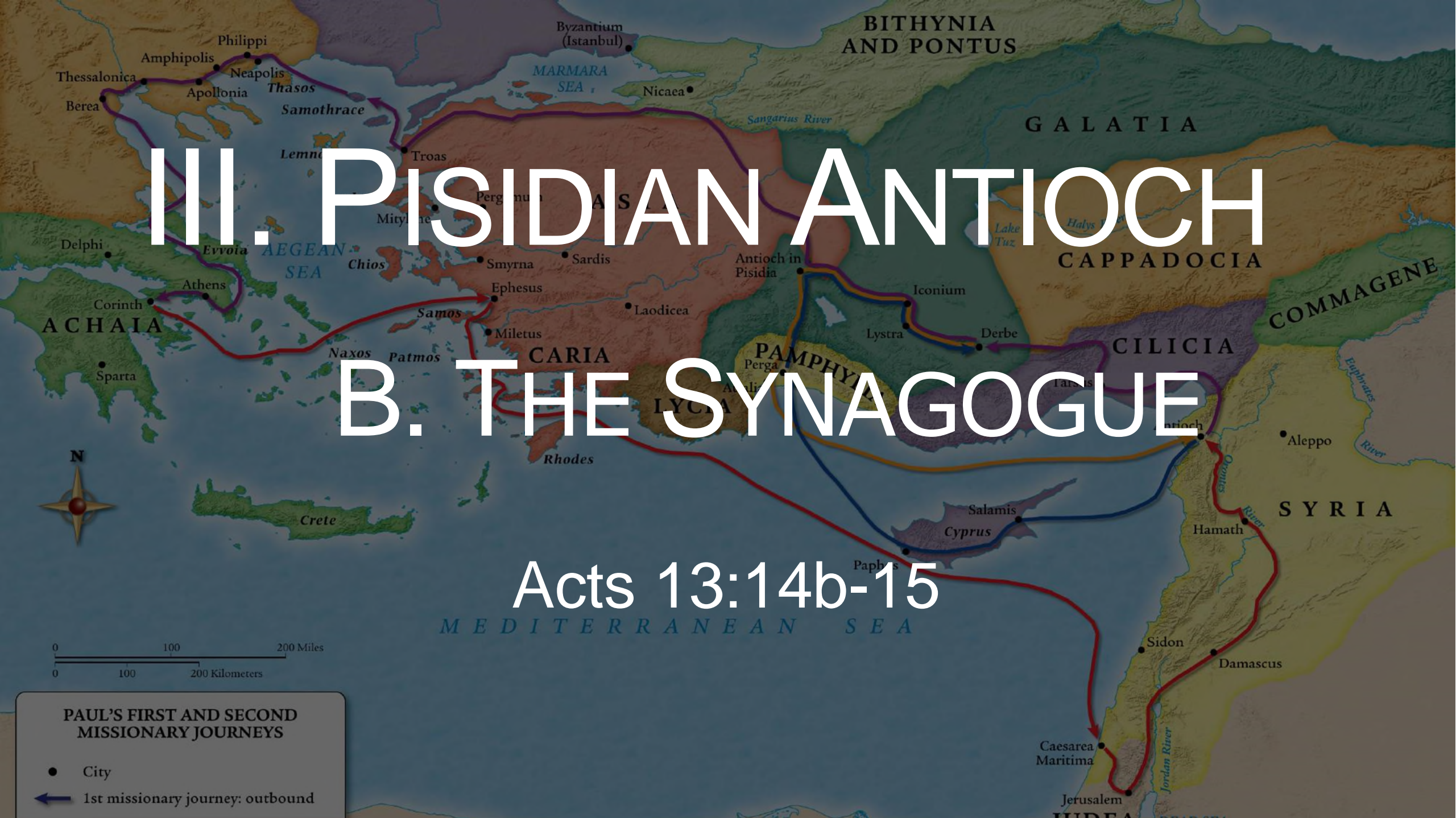
Why Pisidian Antioch?

- Established as *Colonia Caesarea Antiochia* under Augustus around 25 BC.
- Populated with Roman veterans and their families.
- Strategic location on the Via Sebaste, making it a regional administrative and military hub in Asia Minor.
- Ruins show a vast, urban infrastructure, indicating it was a substantial, organized city with a theater that seated 5,000 people.
- Population of 10,000 to 20,000.
- Included a functioning synagogue, indicating a significant Jewish population among the Gentiles.

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B. THE SYNAGOGUE

Acts 13:14b-15



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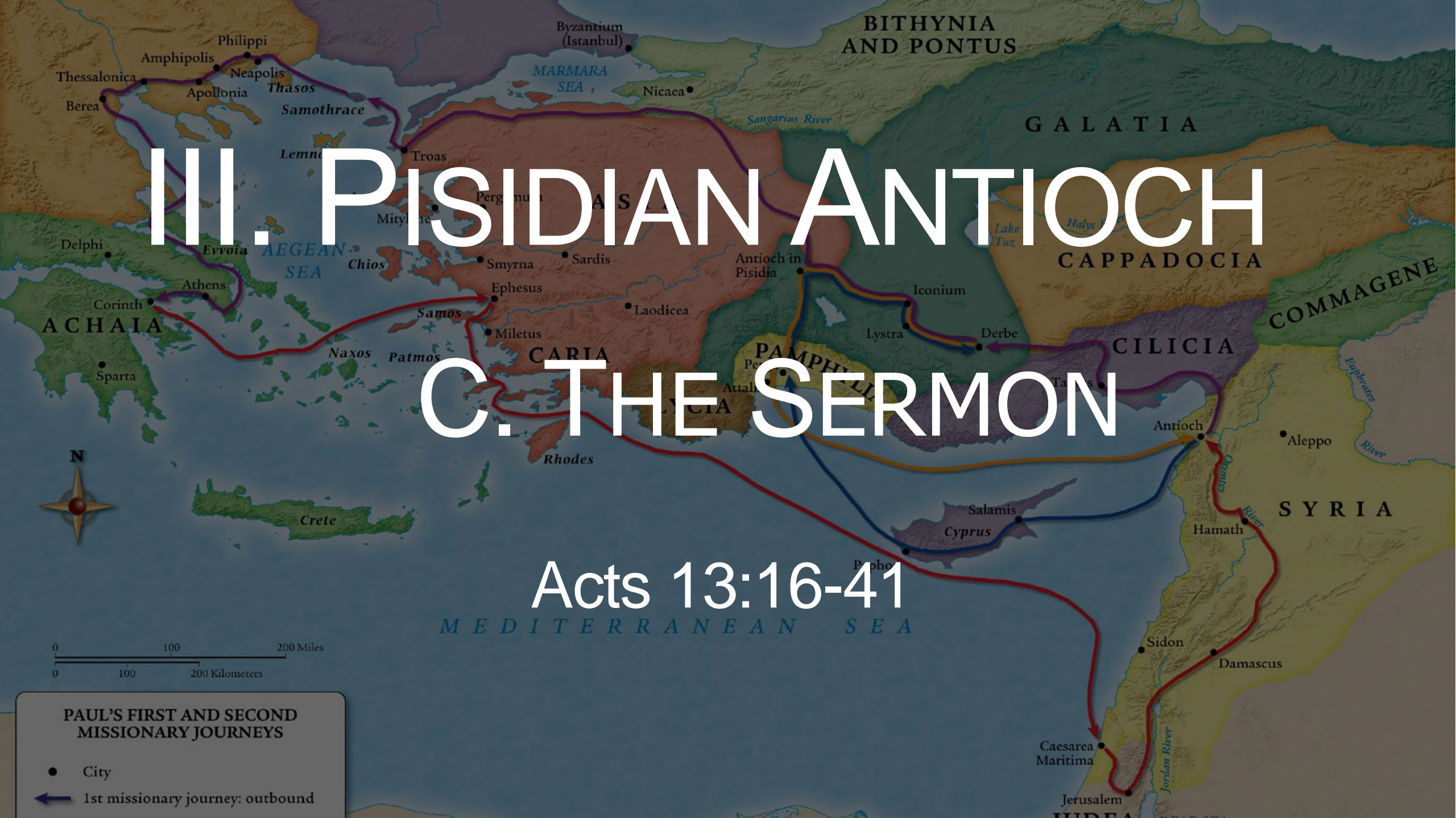
Acts 13:14b-15

14 ... And on the Sabbath day, they went into **the synagogue** and sat down. ¹⁵ And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, **“Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.”**

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C. THE SERMON

Acts 13:16-41



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Acts 13:16-19

¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "**Men of Israel, and you who fear God,** listen: ¹⁷ "The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and lifted up the people during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He led them out from it. ¹⁸ "And for a period of about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ "And when He destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land as an inheritance—all of which took about 450 years.

Acts 13:20-22

²⁰ “After these things He gave *them* **judges** until **Samuel the prophet**.²¹ “Then they asked for **a king**, and God gave them **Saul** the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.²² “And **after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king**, about whom He also said, bearing witness, ‘**I HAVE FOUND DAVID** the son of Jesse, **A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.**’

Acts 13:23-25

²³ “From the seed of **this man**, according to **promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus**,²⁴ after John had preached before His coming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ “And as John was fulfilling his course, he kept saying, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not *He*. **But behold, one is coming after me of whom I am not worthy to untie the sandals of His feet.**’

Acts 13:26-29

²⁶ **“Brothers, sons of Abraham’s family, and those among you who fear God, to us the word of this salvation was sent.** ²⁷

“For those who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, **recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning Him.** ²⁸

“And though they found no ground for death, they asked Pilate that He be **executed.** ²⁹ “And when they had finished **all that was written concerning Him,** they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.

Acts 13:30-33

³⁰ **“But God raised Him from the dead;** ³¹ and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, **the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people.** ³² “And **we proclaim to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,** ³³ that **God has fulfilled** this *promise* to our children in that **He raised up Jesus,** as it is also written in the second Psalm, **‘YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.’**

Acts 13:30-33 & Psalm 2:7

“The resurrection magnified and glorified Christ’s sonship.”

John F. MacArthur Jr., [Acts](#), vol. 2, MacArthur New Testament Commentary
(Chicago: Moody Press, 1994), 25.

Romans 1:1-6

¹ Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, having been set apart for **the gospel of God,** ² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning **His Son,** who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, ⁴ who was designated as **the Son of God** in power, according to the Spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,** ⁵ through whom we received grace and apostleship for *the* **obedience of faith among all the Gentiles** for the sake of His name, ⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

Acts 13:34-37

³⁴ "But that **He raised Him up from the dead**, no longer to return to corruption, He has spoken in this way: 'I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY *and* FAITHFUL *lovingkindnesses* OF DAVID.'³⁵ "Therefore He also says in another *Psalms*, 'YOU WILL NOT GIVE YOUR HOLY ONE OVER TO SEE CORRUPTION.'³⁶ "**For David**, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, **fell asleep** and **was laid among his fathers** and **saw corruption**;³⁷ **but He whom God raised did not see corruption.**

Acts 13:38-39

³⁸ “Therefore let it be known to you, **brothers**, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,³⁹ and *that* in Him, everyone who believes is justified from all things which you could not be justified from through the Law of Moses.

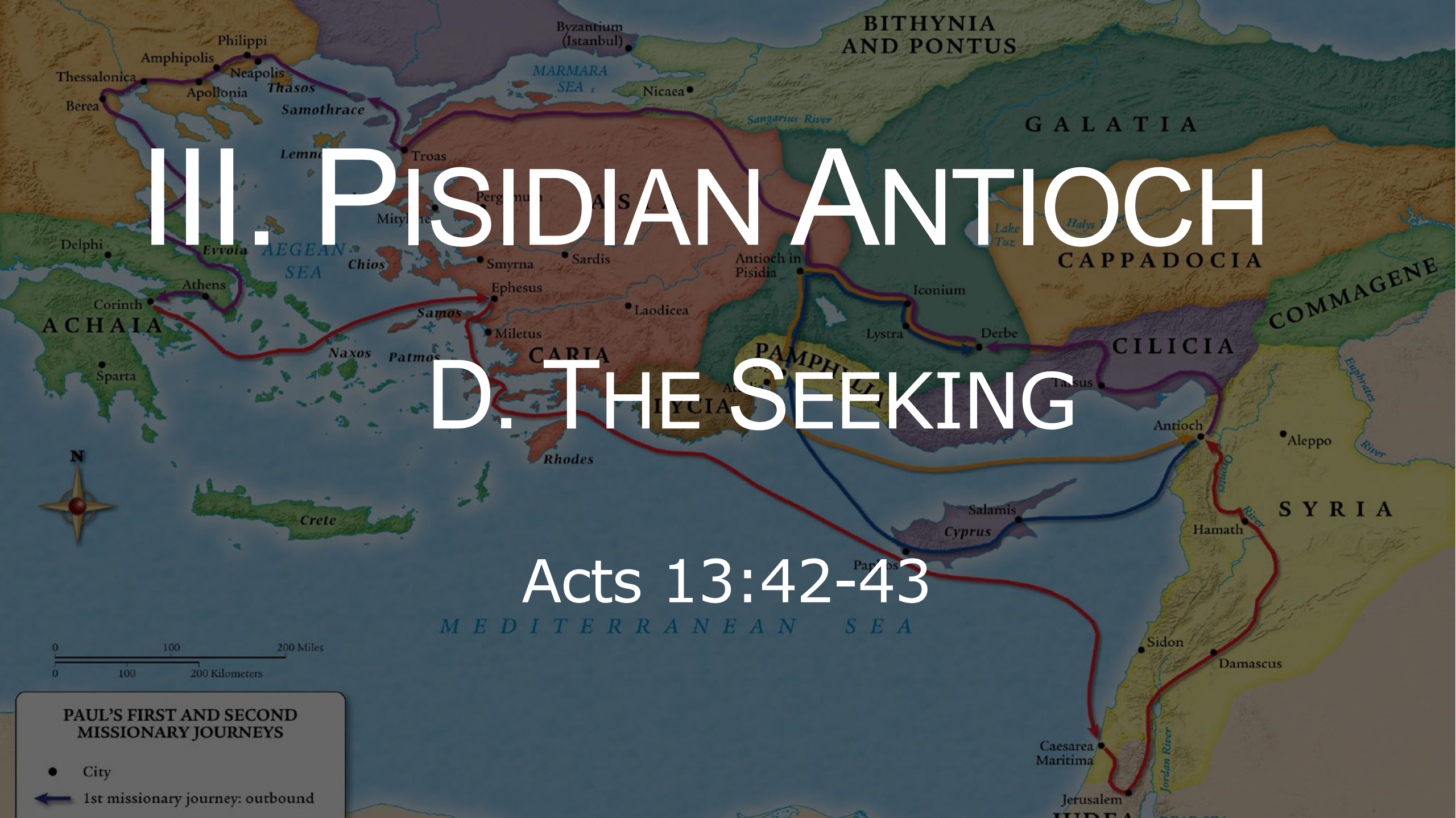
Acts 13:40-41

40 "Therefore watch out, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon *you*: 41 'LOOK, YOU SCOFFERS, AND MARVEL, AND PERISH; **FOR I AM ACCOMPLISHING A WORK IN YOUR DAYS, A WORK WHICH YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE**, THOUGH SOMEONE SHOULD RECOUNT IT TO YOU.'"

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D. THE SEEKING

Acts 13:42-43



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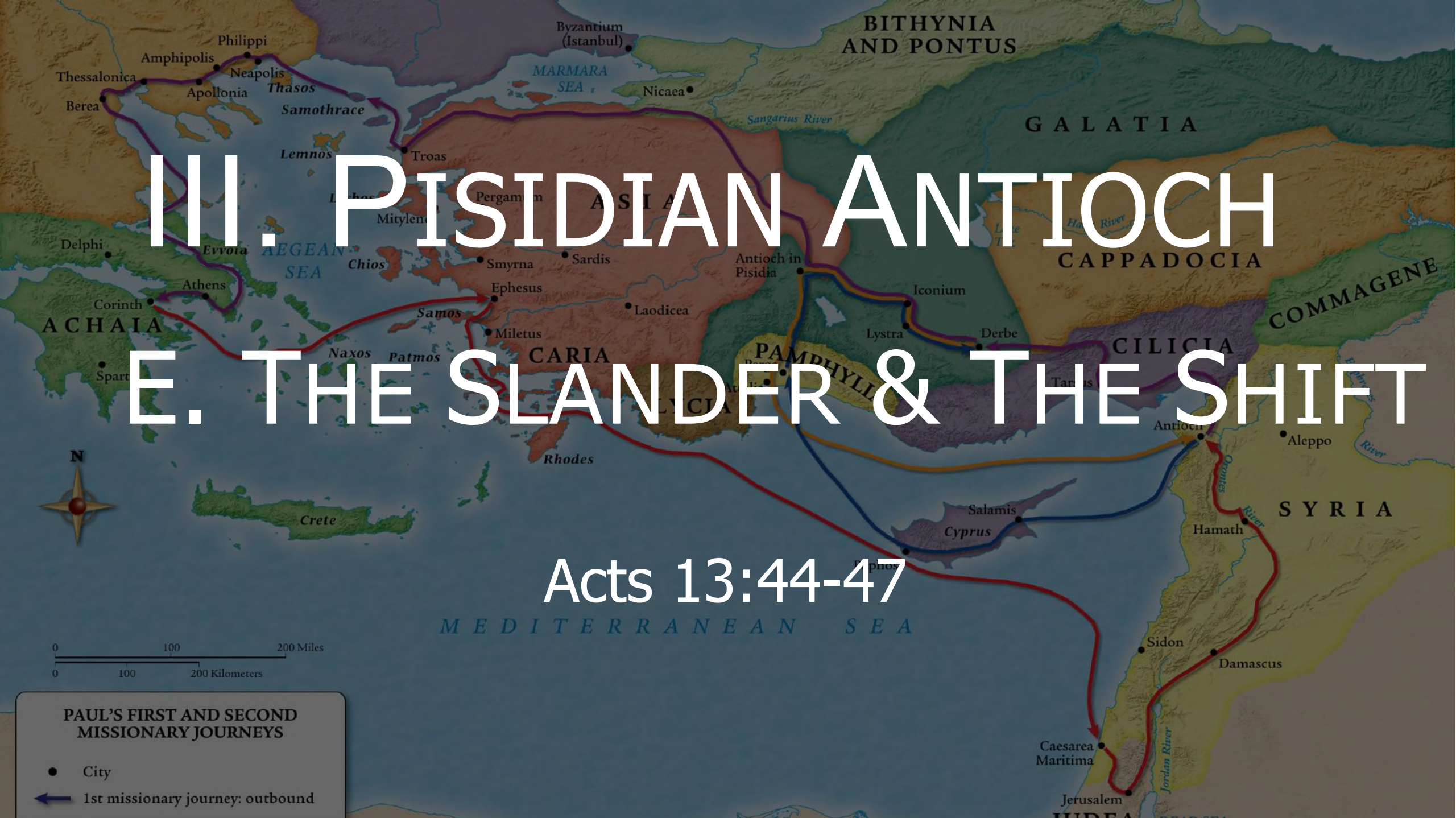
Acts 13:42-43

42 And as Paul and Barnabas were leaving, **the people kept pleading that these words might be spoken to them the next Sabbath.** ⁴³ Now when *the meeting of* the synagogue had broken up, many of **the Jews** and of **the God-fearing proselytes** followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were **urging them to continue in the grace of God.**

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E. THE SLANDER & THE SHIFT

Acts 13:44-47



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Acts 13:44-47

44 And the next Sabbath, **nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord.** ⁴⁵ But when **the Jews** saw the crowds, they were filled with **jealousy** and *began* **contradicting** the things spoken by Paul, **blaspheming.** ⁴⁶ Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, **“It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first. Since you reject it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.** ⁴⁷ “For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.’”

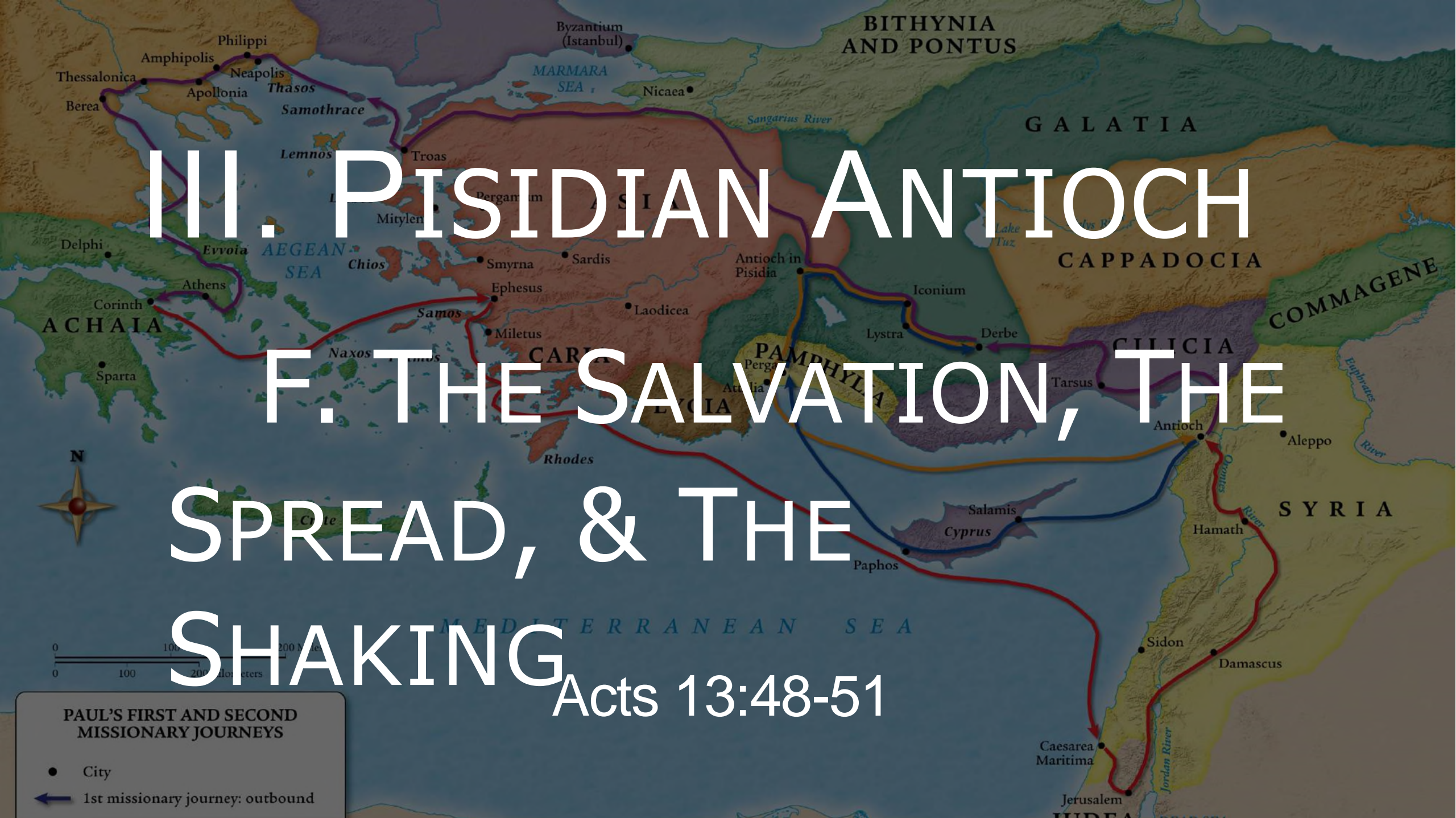
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F. THE SALVATION, THE

SPREAD, & THE

SHAKING

Acts 13:48-51



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Acts 13:48-49

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

Acts 13:50-51

50 But **the Jews incited** the God-fearing women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and **instigated a persecution** against Paul and Barnabas, and **drove them out** of their district.

51 But having shaken off the dust of their feet against them, they went to Iconium.

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G. THE STEADFAST

Acts 13:52



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Acts 13:52

52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.