



# **STARTING IN JERUSALEM**

## **LESSON 9**

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# VERSE FOR THE JOURNEY

- **Acts 1:7-9** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.
    - **AUTHORITY: *EXOUSIA*: the right to act**
      1. given by someone to someone
      2. works within certain specified rules
      3. has established parameters (domain)
    - **POWER: *DUNAMIS*: the ability to act**
- AUTHORITY AND POWER WORK TOGETHER

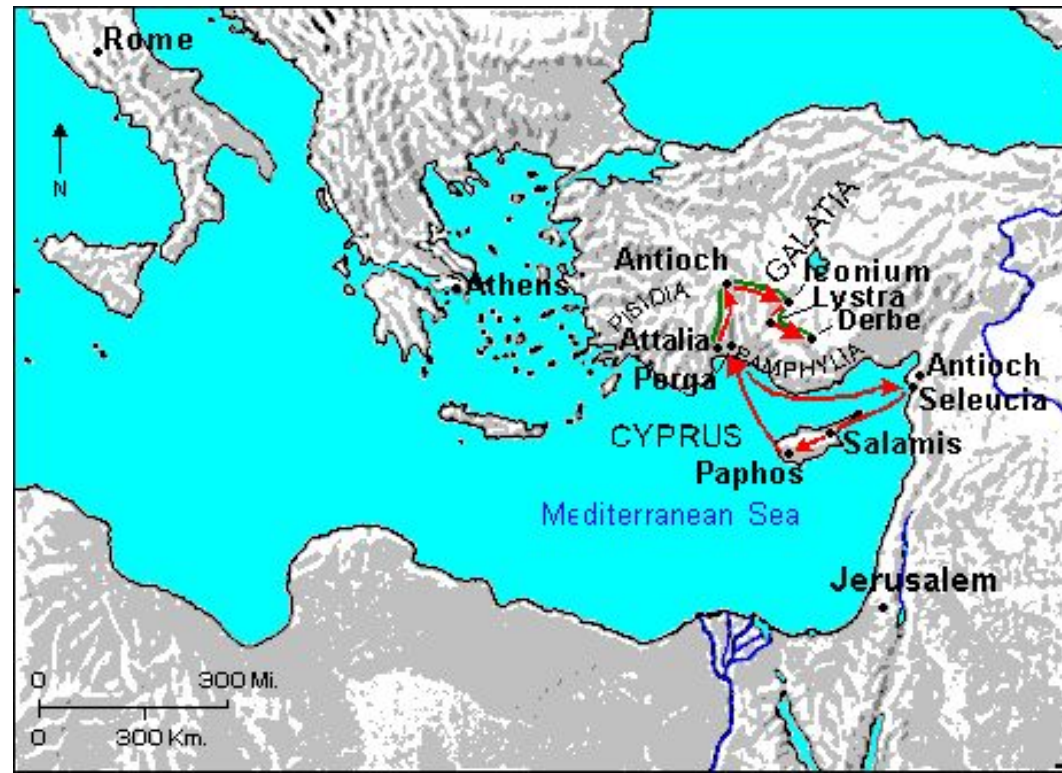


# VARIETY IN THE CHURCH

- Acts 13:1 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.
- **Barnabas:** Levite from Cyprus
- **Simeon:** Jewish name but nickname was Roman and may have indicated that he was African
- **Lucius:** Roman name; from northern Africa; Cyrene had a huge Jewish population
- **Manaen:** had been reared with Herod the tetrarch (Herod Antipas, The Fox)

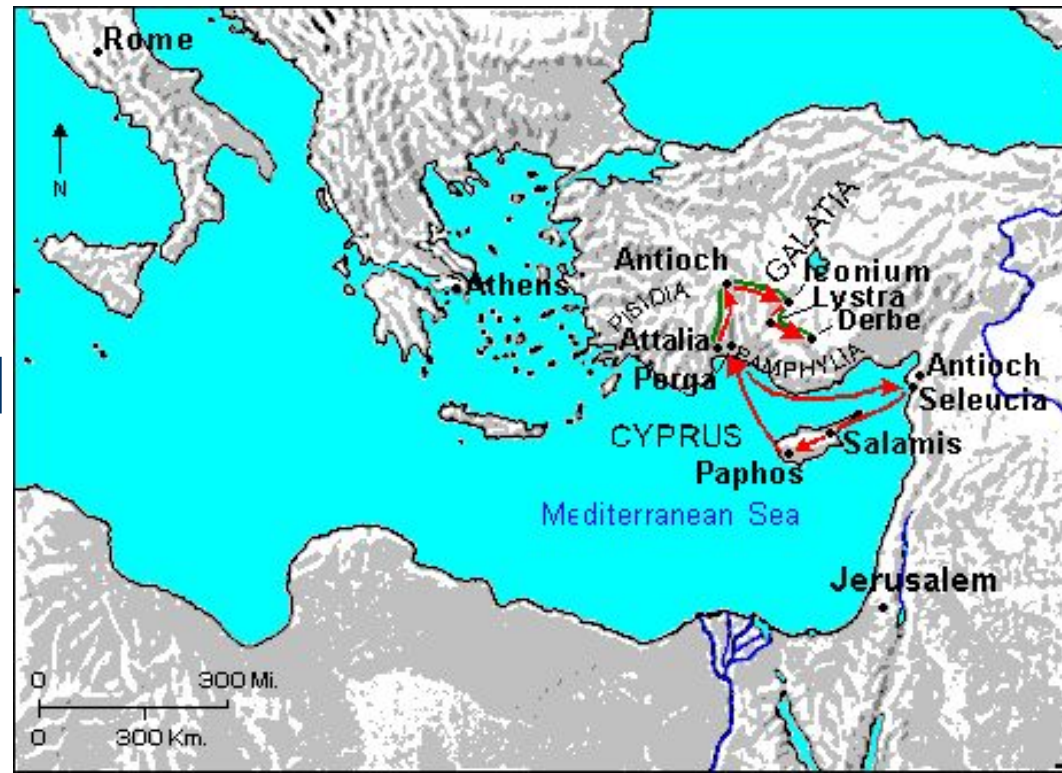
# THE SENDING CHURCH

- The Antioch church was led by God to send Saul and Barnabas on a missionary trip
- The church commissioned them with prayer and laying on of hands
- They sailed first to Cyprus; John (Mark) may have joined them there
- Spiritual warfare from Elymas the magician
- The proconsul believed

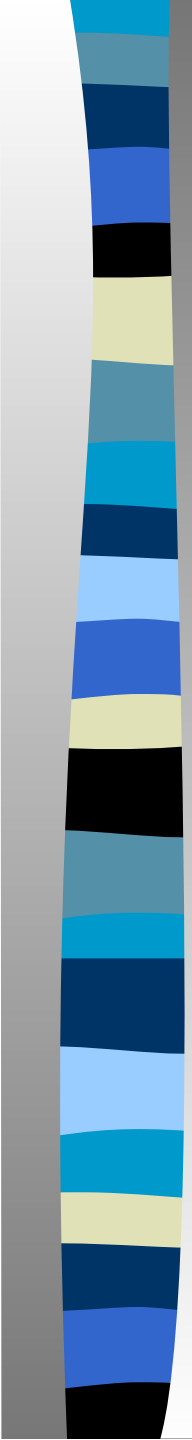


# SAILING FROM CYPRUS

- Acts 13:13 Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem.
- Paul preached a Jewish history sermon in Psidian Antioch
- The sermon was well received by the Jewish people at the synagogue



# WHAT WAS THE SERMON?

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- God made Israel great in Egypt and led them to their own land, which was distributed
  - God gave them judges until Samuel and then a king in Saul, later David
  - Jesus came from David's descendants as proclaimed by John the Baptist
  - John taught baptism and repentance, but acknowledged Jesus as the greater—whose sandals he not worthy to untie
  - The Jews didn't understand who Jesus was even though scripture clearly foretold Him





# SERMON (continued)

Jesus was executed without fault, taken from the cross, sealed in a tomb, resurrected from the dead

He appeared to people in Jerusalem and Galilee

Paul is now bearing witness of these events

Acts 13:32-35 "And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, 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.' As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.' Therefore He also says in another Psalm, 'You will not allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.'



# SUMMARY

- Acts 13:38-41 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses. Therefore take heed, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon you: 'Behold, 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 describe it to you.' "
- **Acts 13:44 The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord.**



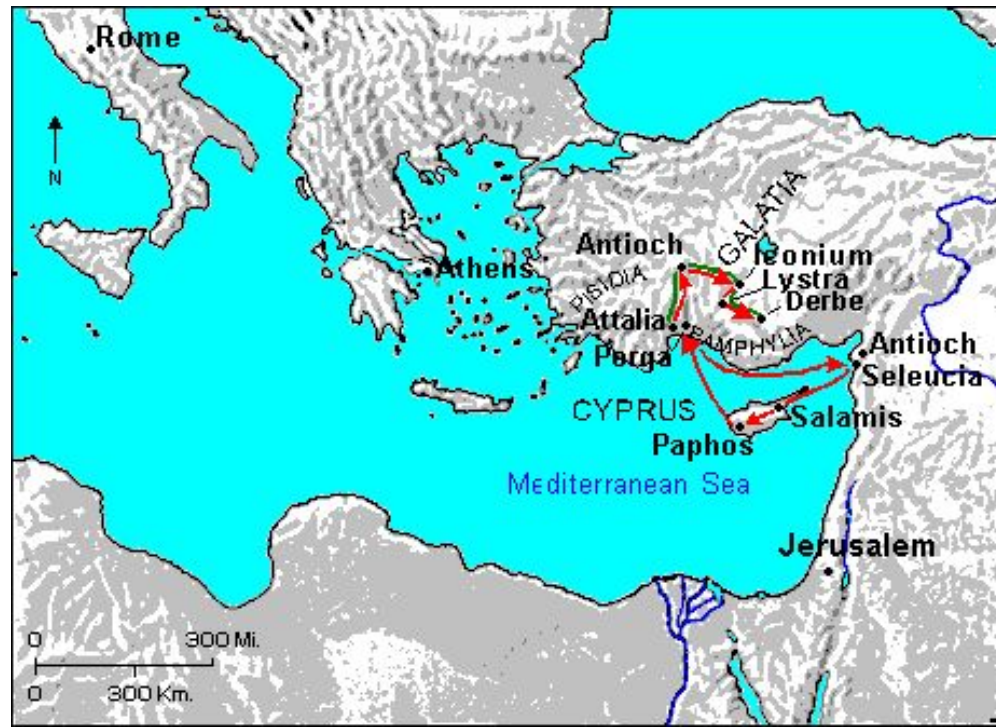
# JEALOUSY ARISES

- Acts 13:47-49 "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.' " 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. And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.
- Isaiah 49:6 He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

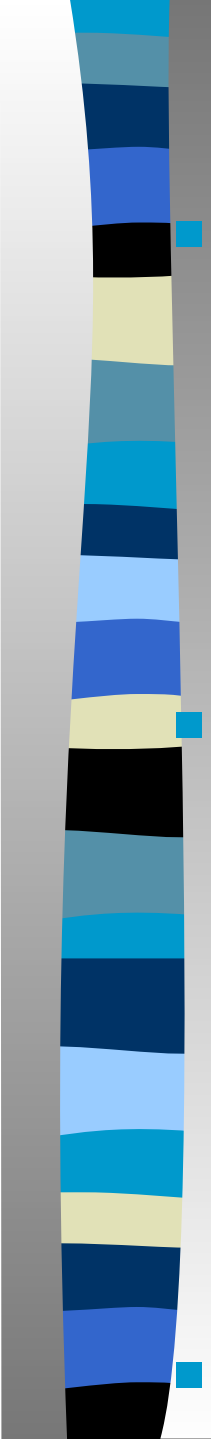
# RESULT OF JEALOUSY

Acts 13:50-51 But the Jews incited the devout 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. But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.

Mark 6:11 "Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them."



# PROBLEMS IN ICONIUM



Acts 14:1-2 In Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a large number of people believed, both of Jews and of Greeks. But the Jews who disbelieved stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and embittered them against the brethren.

Acts 14:4-7 But the people of the city were divided; and some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and the Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and to stone them, they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region; and there they continued to preach the gospel.

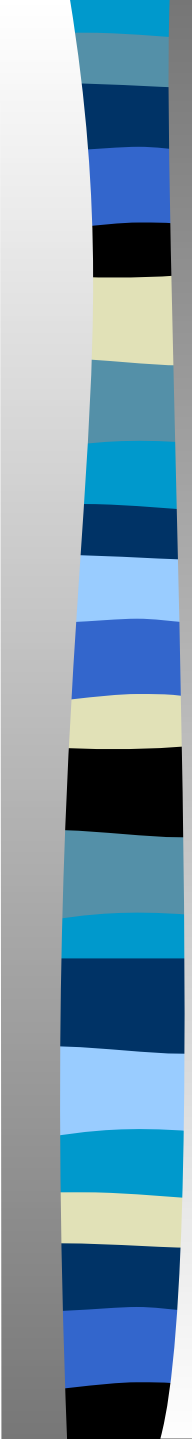
A lame man was healed in Lystra



# MISTAKEN FOR GODS

Acts 14:11-15 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us." And they began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. **But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.**

# PAUL STONED

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- Acts 14:19-22 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe. After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."
  - They returned through the very places where they had encountered opposition

# BACK TO ANTIOCH

Acts 14:26-28 From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished. When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they spent a long time with the disciples.

**Conflict**  
**Converts**  
**Empowerment**  
**Miracles**

