



# Paul, a servant of Christ

## Third Missionary Journey

Antioch to Ephesus

# Paul's heart

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Journey:

"After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, **and see how they are.**" ([Acts 15:36+](#))

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Journey:

And after he had spent some time *there*, he departed and went over the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, **strengthening** all the disciples. Acts 18:23





Mars' Hill

Paul returns to Antioch.



Paul addresses the Athenians at Mars' Hill, or the Areopagus.

Paul writes 2 Thessalonians. From Corinth



Paul writes 1 Thessalonians. From Corinth



In Corinth, Paul stands before Gallio, proconsul of Achaia.



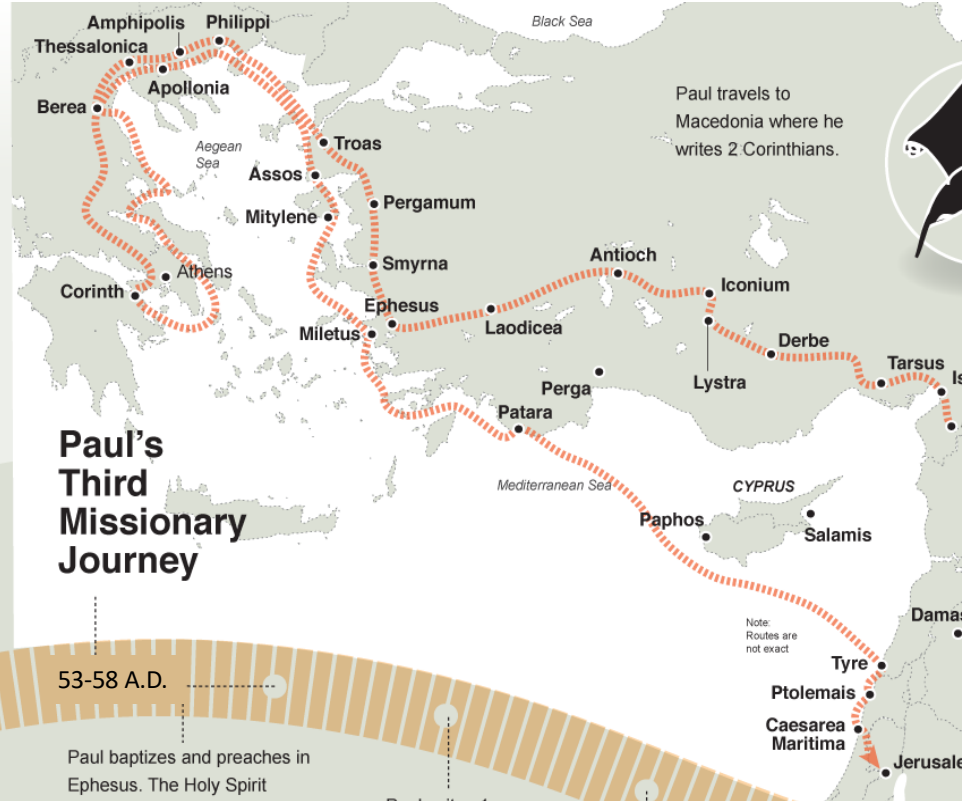
Paul baptizes and preaches in Ephesus. The Holy Spirit comes upon the baptized.



Paul writes 1 Corinthians. From Ephesus



In the temple in Ephesus, Paul is accused of blasphemy.

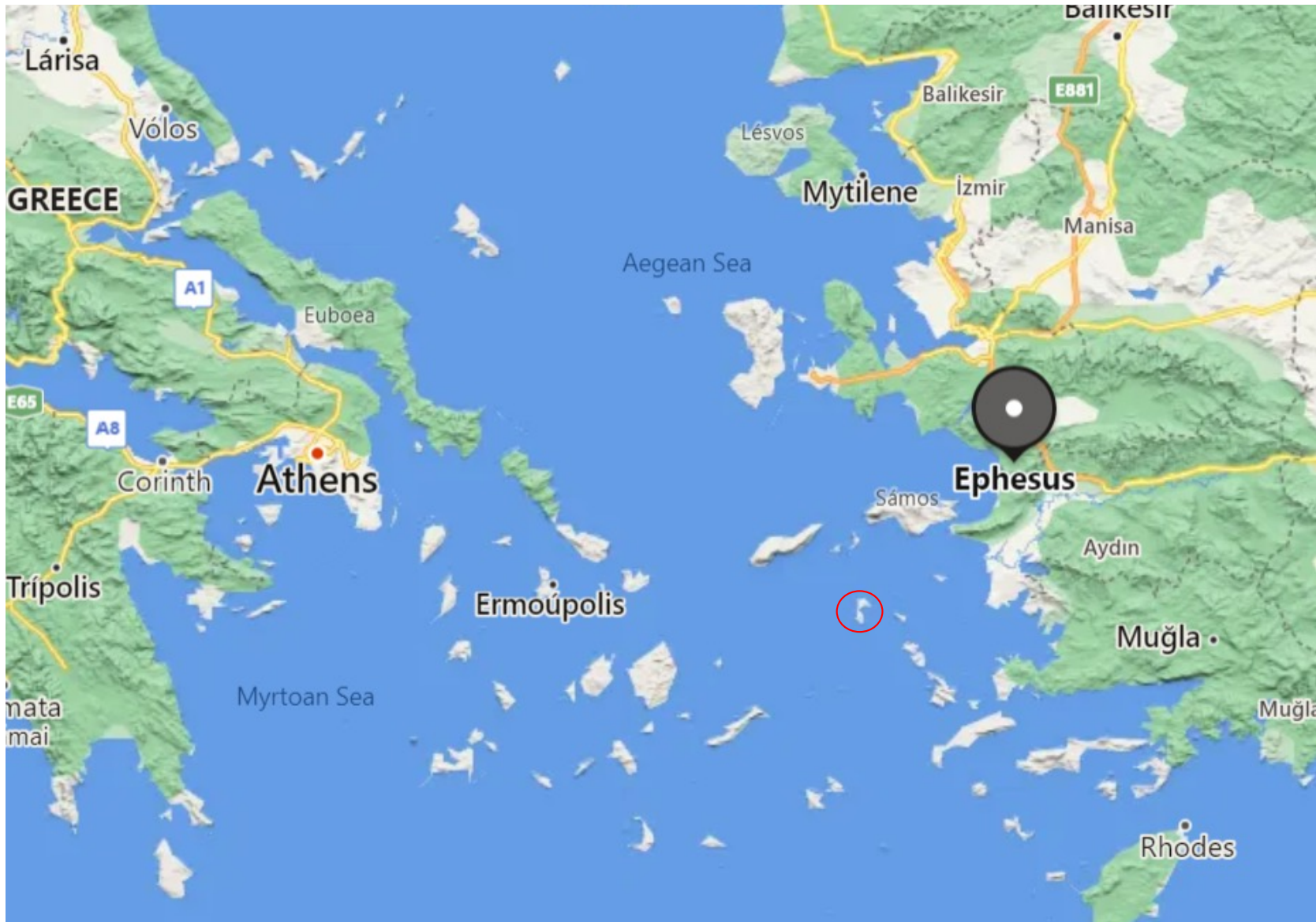


53-58 A.D.

# Important Church bases

1. Jerusalem became the first Jewish Church where the Christian movement began
2. The disciples in Antioch became the first major Gentile church
3. The Christians in Ephesus, however, became the first church that included both Jews and Gentiles in significant proportions.







Great Theater of Ephesus



# The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus





The Market place at Ephesus

Read Chapter 19

## The Twelve Disciples

- Over 30 years after the baptism of John! (Last time we read about the baptism of John)
- Received the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands (In Acts there are 4 means of the giving of the Holy Spirit)
- They spoke in tongues and prophesied
- Paul continued to teach them



# Acts is a transitional book!

A new dispensation was at hand: the Church Age.

- From a **POLITICAL-KINGDOM** emphasis to a **CHURCH-BODY-LIFE** emphasis; that is, a shift in focus or concern.
- From a Jewish-Believer **exclusiveness** (synagogue-type-fellowship) to a Jew-Gentile-Believer-As-One **inclusiveness** (church-type-fellowship); that is, a shift in the nature of the assembly.
- From Old Testament Law emphasis (with **exposure to grace**) to New Testament truth emphasis (with **maximal** grace); that is, a shift in administrative emphasis.

**Descriptive not Prescriptive – recording history -  
not prescribing what we need to be doing**

# God's Miracles through Paul

- GOD worked these miracles
- The name of the Lord Jesus Christ was magnified (verse 17)
- Believers were burning their fetishes and books as evidence of the Holy Spirit's conviction in their lives.
- ITINERATE Jewish exorcists had serious trouble seeking to copy Paul

# The Riot at Ephesus

- Timothy and Erastus traveling to Macedonia.
- Demetrius an idol maker of Diana (Artemis) , initiates the accusations against the Way.

# Paul's complex relationship with Corinth

**Let's look at what else was going on that is not mentioned here in Acts.**



# How many letters did Paul write to Corinth?

- Letter A: Word had reached Paul of some troubles in the Corinthians assembly. 1 Cor 5:9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people.
- Paul receives a letter from Corinth. 1 Cor 7:1 – Now concerning the matter about which you wrote... Several issues are creating controversy among the Corinthian believers, and they seek Paul's wisdom on resolving these issues.
- Letter B: 1 Corinthians Paul dictates this letter to Sosthenese during his time in Ephesus. 1Co\_1:11 For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brothers, by those of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.
- Paul makes a quick painful visit to Corinth from Ephesus on his way to Macedonia (1 Cor. 16+ as I did when present on my second visit... 2 Cor 13:1-3 this will be my third visit...) 1 Corinthians 16: 10-11 .
- Letter C: Often referred to the severe letter, this is the letter that caused many sorrow mentioned in 2 Corinth 7:8
- 2 Cor 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; 1 Cor. 15-16 and 2 Cor 1:23-2:1 "I refrained from coming again to Corinth. Paul sends Titus instead.
- Letter 4 – D = 2 Corinthians – this is Paul's fourth letter. Written during his third visit to Macedonia probably from Philippi. Titus had returned from Corinth to give Paul very good news 2 Cor7:5-7 For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side, conflicts without and fears within. But God comforted us by the coming of Titus... Paul then writes 2 Corinthians in preparation of his third visit to Corinth.



**MACEDONIA**

**Berea**

**Thessalonica**

**Philippi**

2 Corinthians

**Troas**

**AEGEAN SEA**

**ASIA**

**ACHAIA**

**Corinth**

Letter comes to Paul

**Athens**

**Ephesus**

Letter A

1 Corinthians

Letter C  
The painful letter

*Paul*  
Church of Antioch  
Sosthenes  
Chloe  
Apollos  
Cephas  
Timothy  
Titus  
Silas  
Aquila  
Pricilla  
Stephanas  
Fortunatus  
Achaicus

TOUCH POINTS



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First visit to Corinth by Paul

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Corinth wrote back 1 Cor. 7:1

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Paul writes 1 Cor.(B) Now concerning...7:25; 8:1, 12:1; 16:1,12  
(Likely from the report of Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus. 1 Cor 16: 17)

Timothy's report wasn't encouraging

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Titus and others will make a visit. 2 Cor 8:16-18

Paul states he will make a third trip. 2 Cor 12:14; 13:1,10; Acts 20:1,2

**All this happening while Paul  
Is also planting and developing  
Churches in Asia Minor!**

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