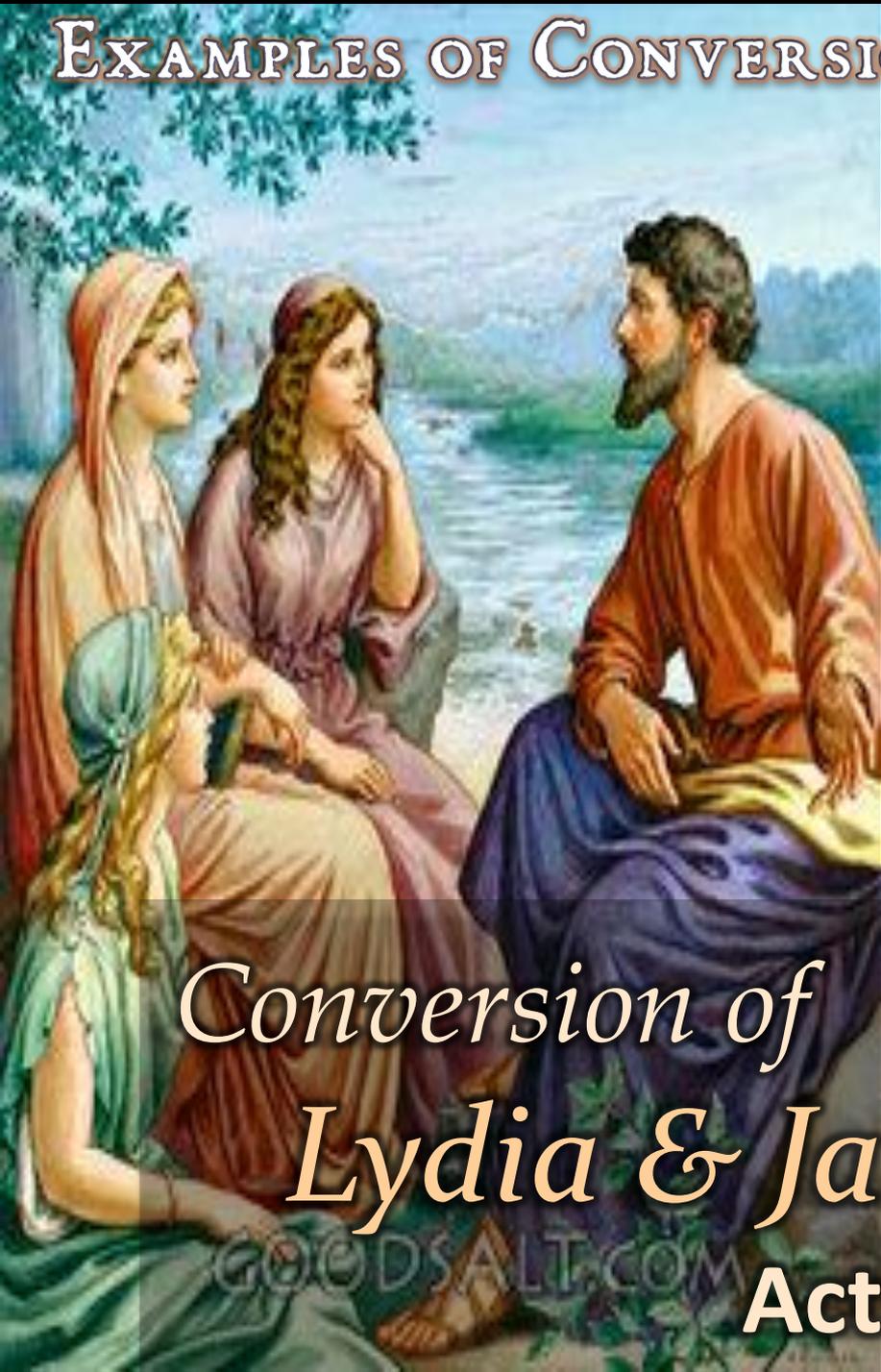


EXAMPLES OF CONVERSIONS IN ACTS

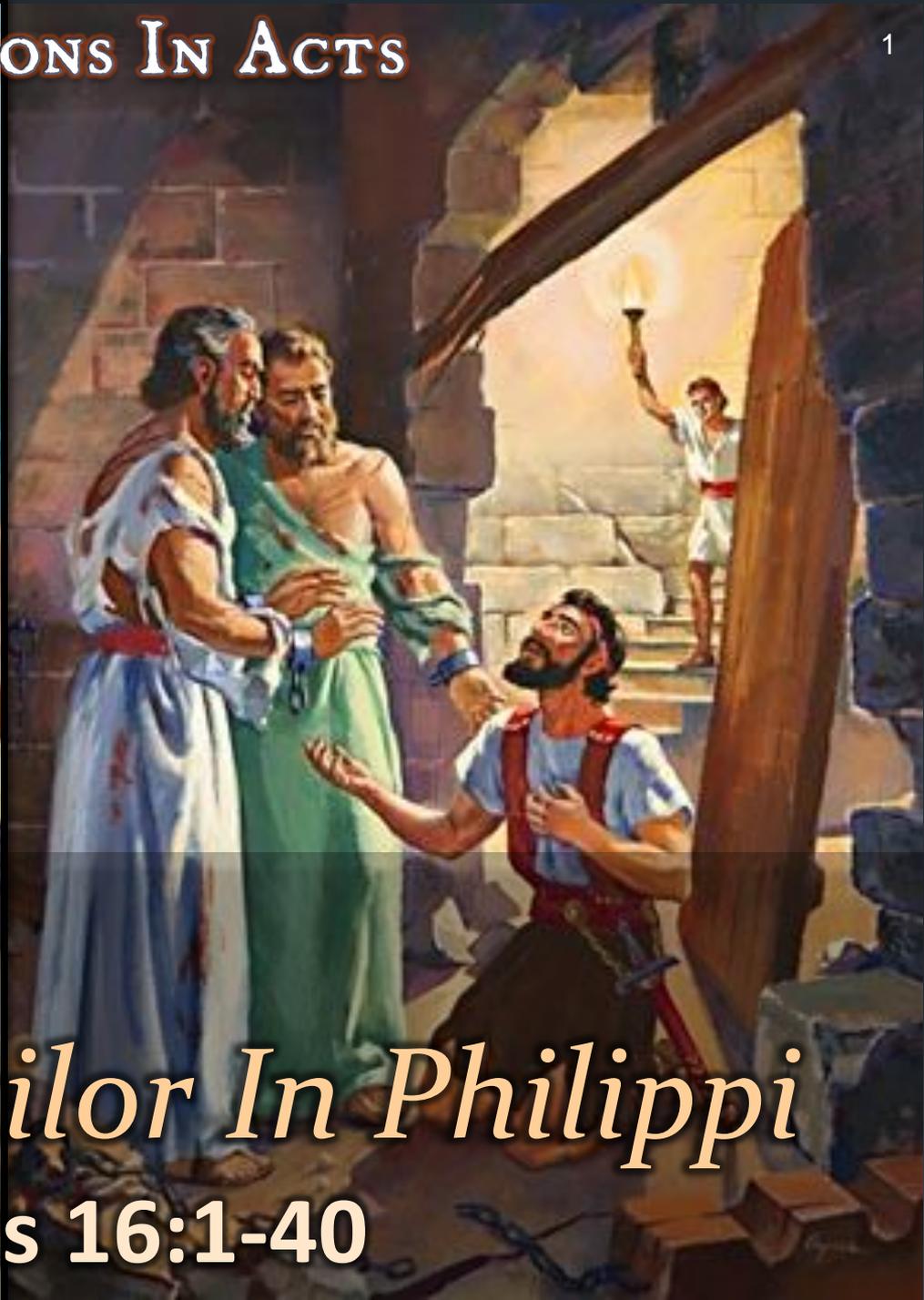
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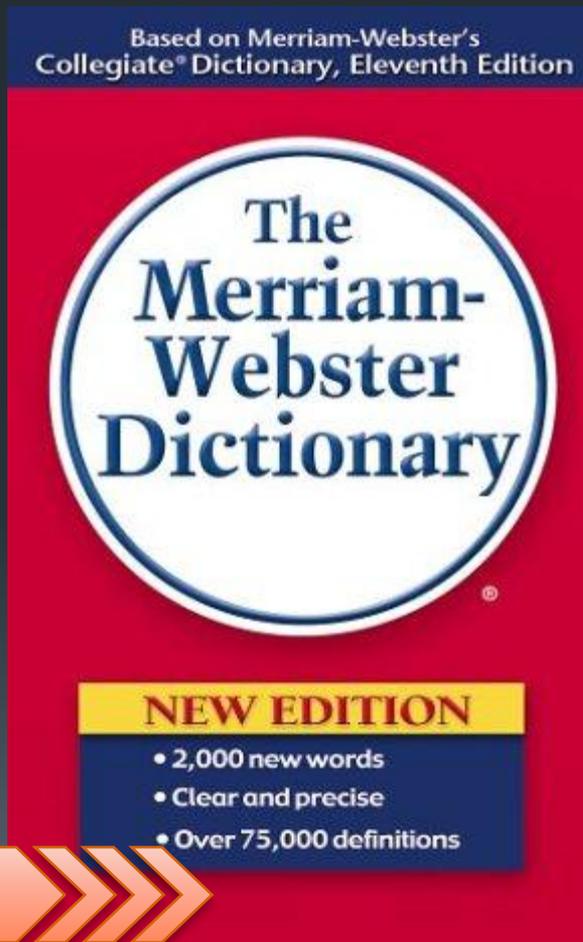
Conversion of

Lydia & Jailor In Philippi

Acts 16:1-40



Convert; Converted



transitive verb

- 1 - a : to bring over from one belief, view, or party to another b : to bring about a religious conversion in
- 2 - a : to alter the physical or chemical nature or properties of especially in manufacturing b (1) : to change from one form or function to another (2) : to alter for more effective utilization

CONVERSION OF SAUL FROM TARSAUS



Convert; Converted



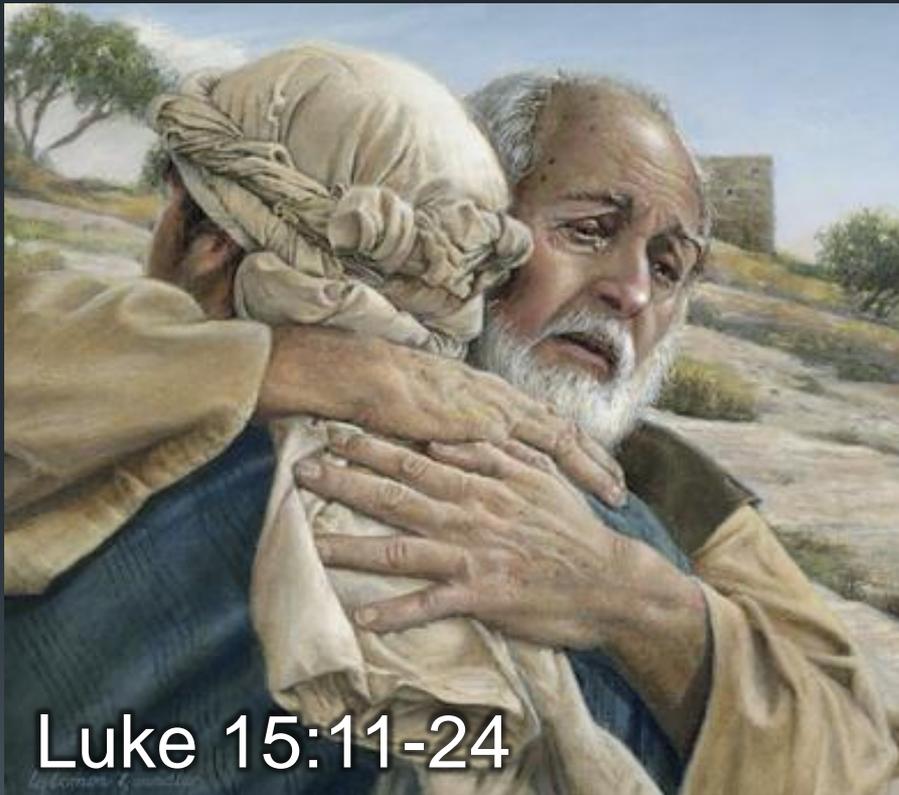
Matthew 18:3-4 (NKJV)

³ and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are **converted** and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Therefore **whoever humbles himself** as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.



Convert; Converted



- ✦ Not merely a change in actions –
- ✦ A change in knowledge –
- ✦ A change in conviction -
- ✦ A change in allegiance –
- ✦ A change in thinking & will –
- ✦ A change in commitment – resulting in a change in relationship & identity -
- ✦ A change in who we are – how we talk – where we go – what we do -

Psalm 19:7 (NKJV)

⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect,
converting the soul; The testimony
of the LORD *is* sure, making wise
the simple;

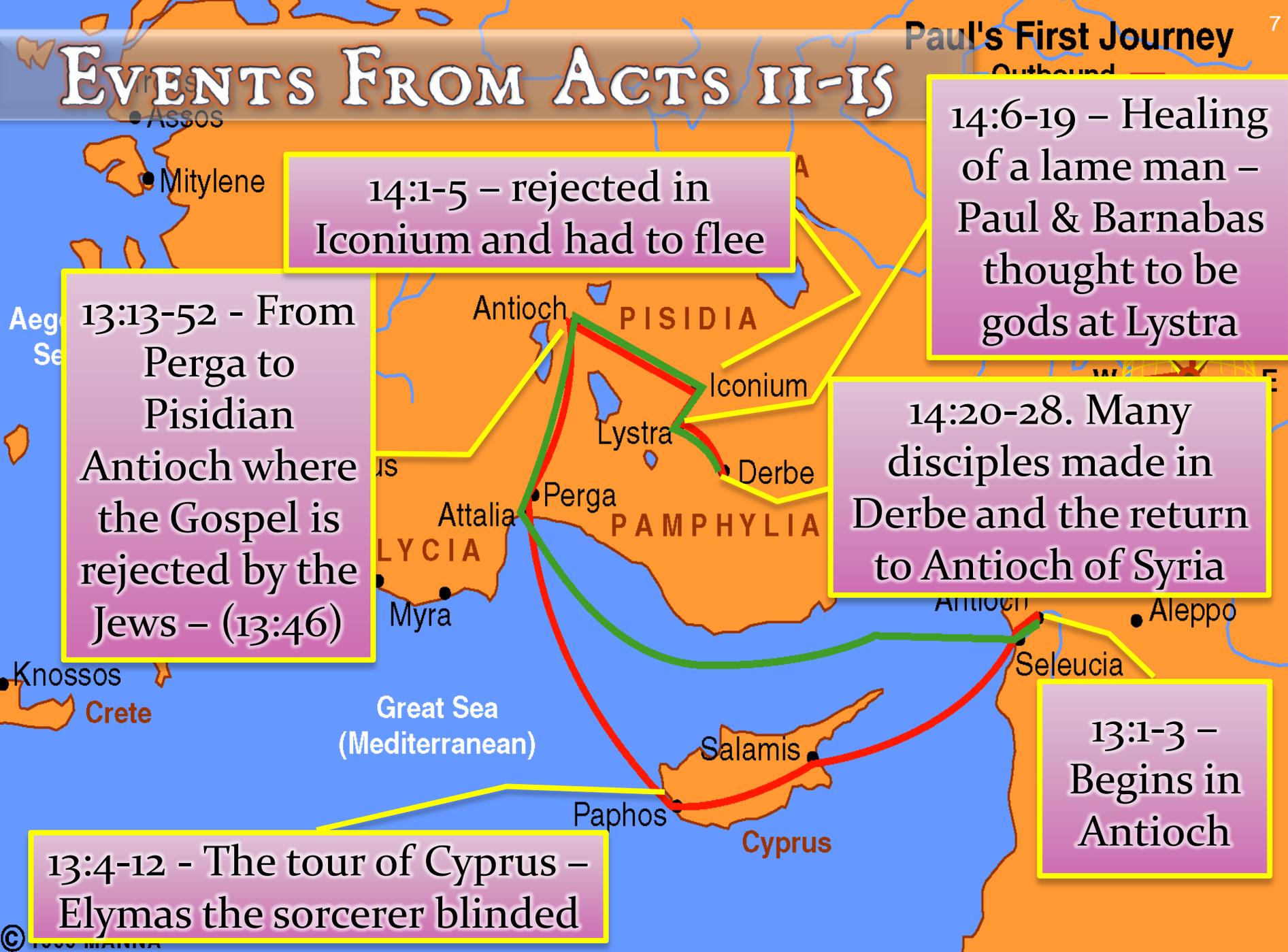


EVENTS FROM ACTS II-15



- ◆ Gospel preached in Antioch – Acts 11:19-24
- ◆ Barnabas finds Saul and the activities of the church in Antioch – called Christians; coming drought and relief – Acts 11:25-30
- ◆ Activities of Herod, Peter imprisoned – Acts 12:1-24
- ◆ Paul & Barnabas first missionary journey – Acts 12:25-14:28

EVENTS FROM ACTS II-15



14:1-5 – rejected in Iconium and had to flee

14:6-19 – Healing of a lame man – Paul & Barnabas thought to be gods at Lystra

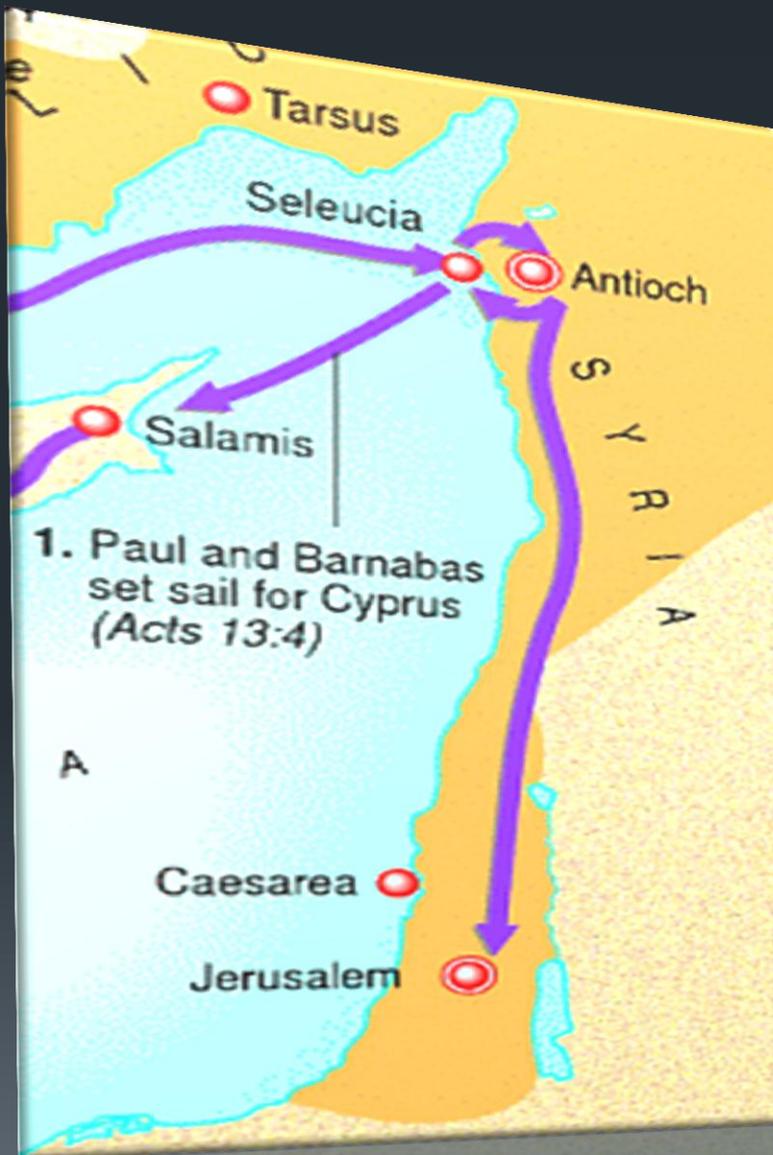
13:13-52 - From Perga to Pisidian Antioch where the Gospel is rejected by the Jews – (13:46)

14:20-28. Many disciples made in Derbe and the return to Antioch of Syria

13:1-3 – Begins in Antioch

13:4-12 - The tour of Cyprus – Elymas the sorcerer blinded

EVENTS FROM ACTS II-15



- ◆ Discussion of circumcision in Jerusalem – Acts 15:1-29
- ◆ Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch – Contention over John Mark – Acts 15:30-40
- ◆ Paul and Silas embark on second missionary journey – Acts 15:40-18:22

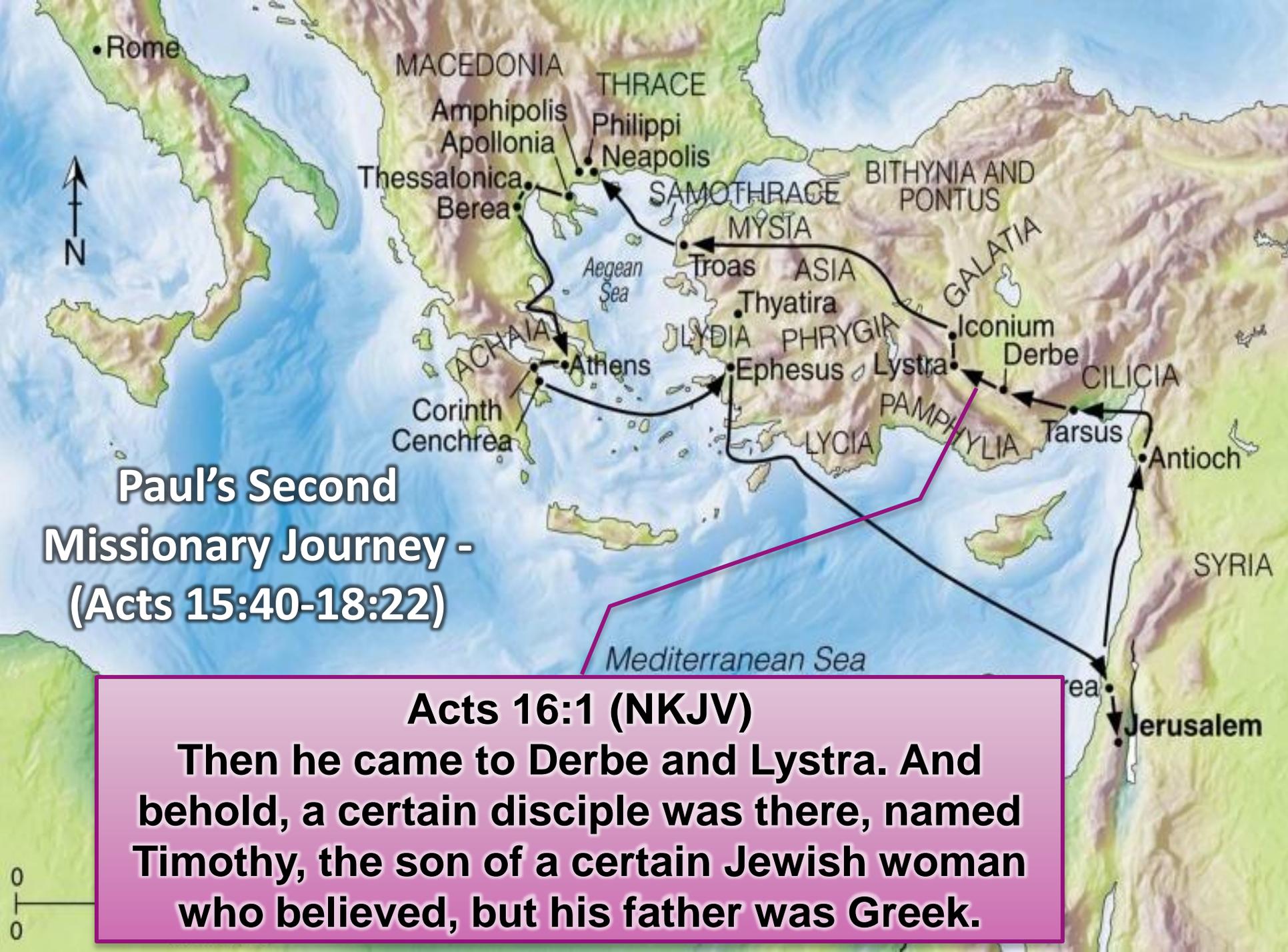
A topographical map of the Eastern Mediterranean region showing Paul's second missionary journey. The map includes labels for various Roman provinces: MACEDONIA, THRACE, BITHYNIA AND PONTUS, GALATIA, ASIA, PHRYGIA, LYDIA, PAMPHYLIA, LYCOIA, CILICIA, and SYRIA. Key cities marked include Rome, Amphipolis, Apollonia, Philippi, Neapolis, Thessalonica, Berea, Troas, Thyatira, Ephesus, Lystra, Iconium, Derbe, Tarsus, Antioch, Jerusalem, Corinth, and Cenchrea. The Aegean Sea and Mediterranean Sea are also labeled. A black line traces the journey route, starting from Jerusalem, going to Antioch, then through Tarsus, Lystra, Iconium, Derbe, Ephesus, Athens, and Corinth, before heading back to Antioch. A pink line indicates the return route from Antioch through Syria and Cilicia. A north arrow is on the left, and a scale bar is at the bottom left.

**Paul's Second
Missionary Journey -
(Acts 15:40-18:22)**

Acts 15:40-41 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.

⁴¹ And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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**Paul's Second
Missionary Journey -
(Acts 15:40-18:22)**

Acts 16:1 (NKJV)

Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.

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**Paul's Second
Missionary Journey -
(Acts 15:40-18:22)**

Acts 16:6-10 (NKJV)

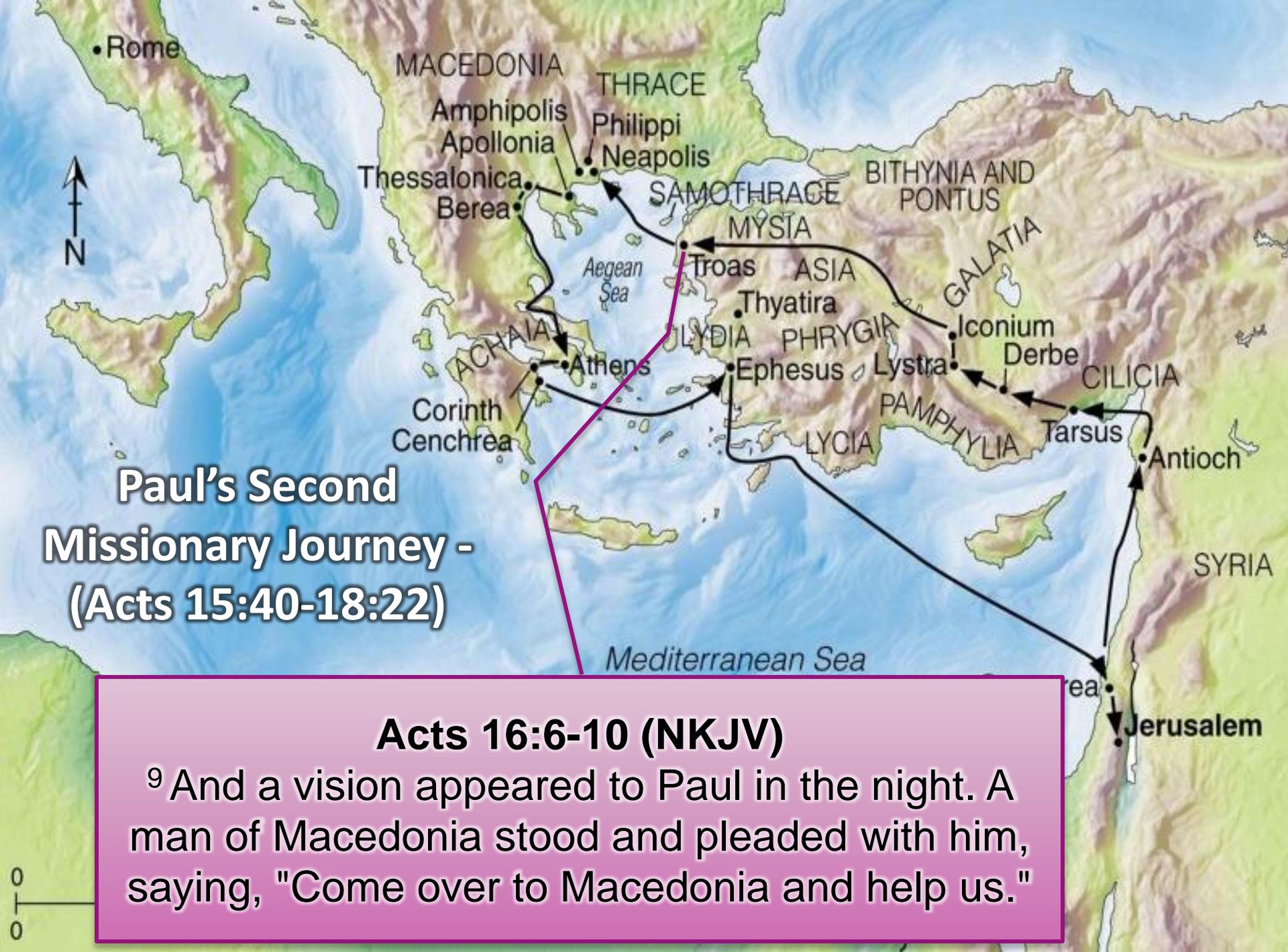
⁶ Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.



Paul's Second Missionary Journey - (Acts 15:40-18:22)

Acts 16:6-10 (NKJV)

⁷ After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.
⁸ So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

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**Paul's Second
Missionary Journey -
(Acts 15:40-18:22)**

Acts 16:6-10 (NKJV)

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

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**Paul's Second
Missionary Journey -
(Acts 15:40-18:22)**

Acts 16:6-10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.



Paul's Second Missionary Journey - (Acts 15:40-18:22)

Acts 16:11-12 (NKJV)

¹¹ Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next *day* came to Neapolis,

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**Paul's Second
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(Acts 15:40-18:22)**

Acts 16:11-12 (NKJV)

¹² and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days.

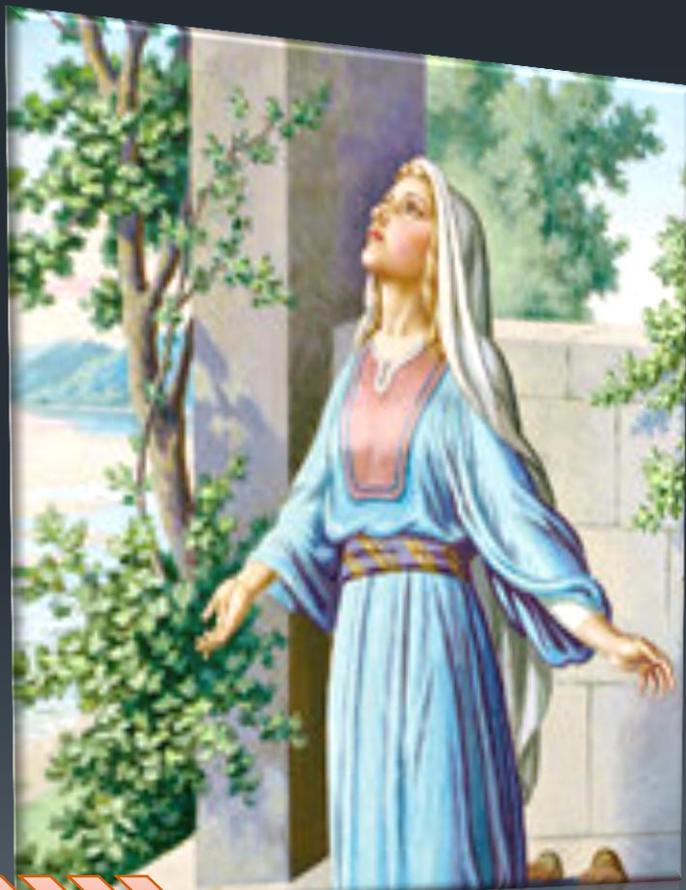
PAUL & SILAS AT PHILIPPI (16:12-40)



- ◆ Paul and his companions go down to the riverside on the Sabbath – *Where women were gathered to pray* - (16:13)
- ◆ Conversion of Lydia (16:14-15).
- ◆ Evil spirit cast out of a servant girl & Paul and Silas are arrested - (16:16-24).
- ◆ Conversion of the Jailer (16:25-34).
- ◆ Asked to Leave the city (16:35-40).

CONVERSION OF LYDIA - (ACTS 16:11-15)

Who Was Lydia?

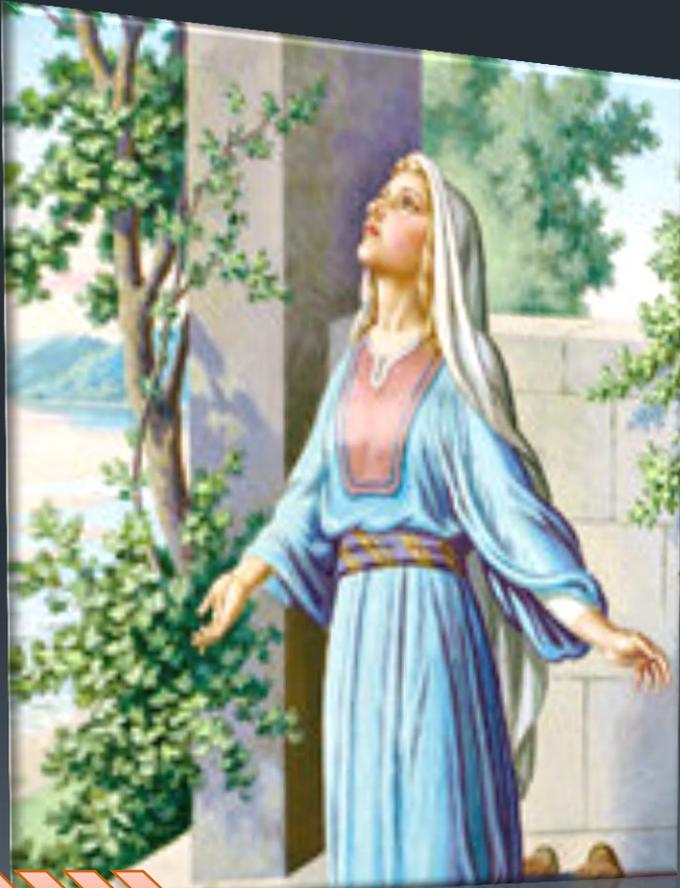


Acts 16:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a **seller of purple** from the **city of Thyatira**, who **worshiped God**. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.

CONVERSION OF LYDIA - (ACTS 16:11-15)

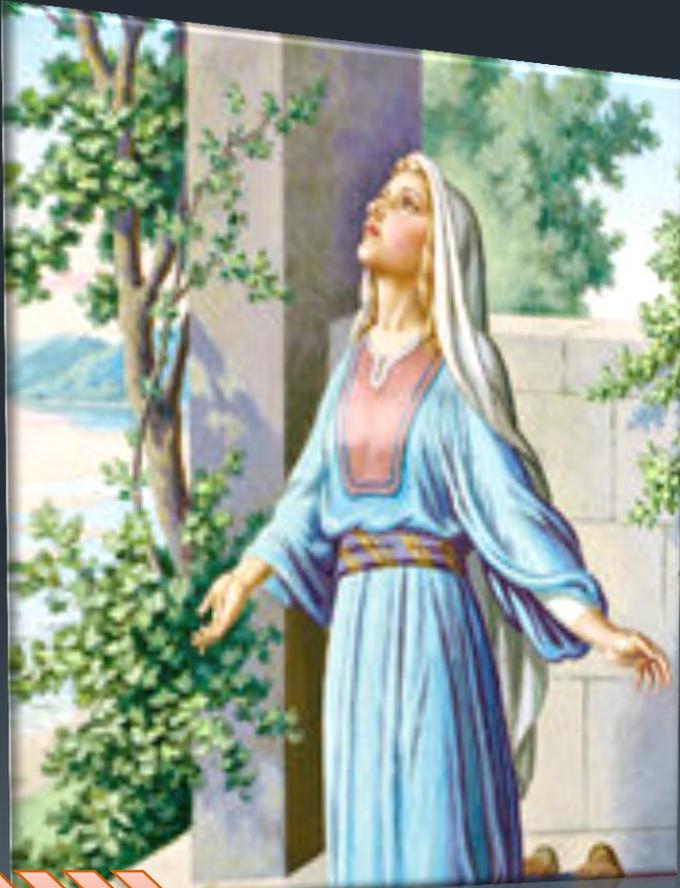
Lydia's Salvation?



'THE LORD OPENED HER HEART'

- ✦ Does NOT specifically state HOW – Many assume what is NOT stated here or ANYWHERE else - (John 6:44,45; 1 Cor. 2:11-15)
- ✦ The Lord opened her heart just as he opened the hearts of others – Jews on Pentecost, (Act 2:36,37) Samaritans, (Acts 8:4-6) Eunuch, (Acts 8:35,36), Cornelius, (Acts 10:33; 11:14); (cf Rom 1:16; 10:14-17; 1 Cor. 1:18ff)

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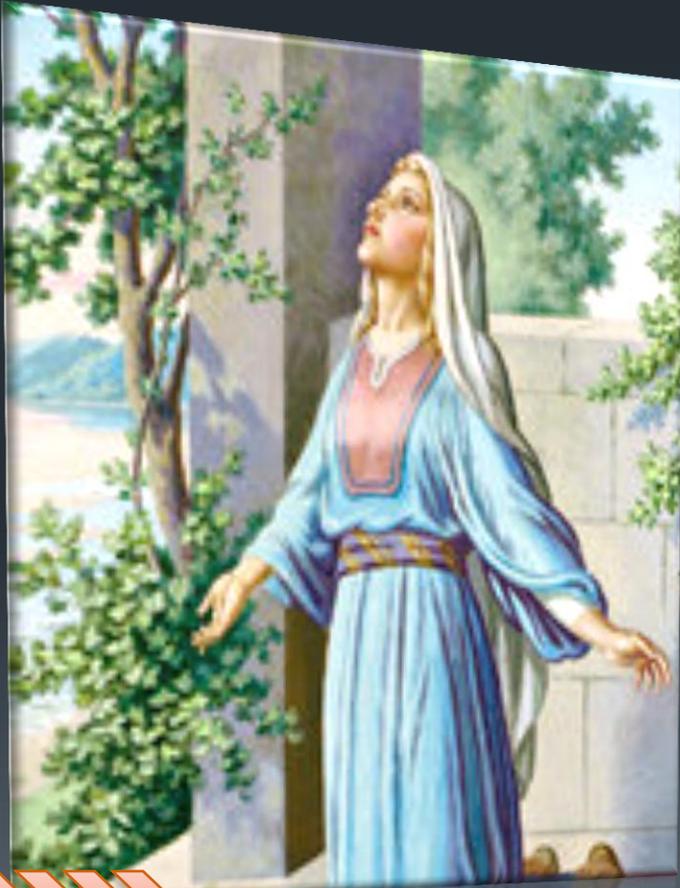


'TO HEED THE THINGS SPOKEN BY PAUL'

- ✦ She and her household were **baptized** – (Acts 16:15)
 - ✦ She would not have known baptism w/o Paul having preached it (cf. Ac 8:35–36).
 - ✦ She understood that saving faith was obedient faith; therefore, she attended unto the things spoken by Paul (16:14,15).

CONVERSION OF LYDIA - (ACTS 16:11-15)

Lydia's Salvation?



NOTE THE PROCESS:

- ✦ The Gospel is preached;
- ✦ The heart is opened;
- ✦ Attendance is given to the things spoken;
- ✦ The obedient is judged faithful.

CONVERSION OF JAILOR - (ACTS 16:23-34)

The Circumstances



- ✦ Paul & Silas cast demon out of servant girl – (16:16-18)
- ✦ Paul & Silas imprisoned – (16:19-24)
- ✦ Paul & Silas set free during earthquake – (16:25,26)
- ✦ Wakened jailer thought to kill himself – (16:27,28)
- ✦ Stopped by Paul – (16:28)

CONVERSION OF JAILOR - (ACTS 16:23-34)



The Most Important Question



- ✦ A grateful & humbled man prepared to listen – (16:29)
- ✦ The question - “what must I do to be saved?” – (16:30)
- ✦ The answer - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." - (16:31)
- ✦ Understanding the answer – (16:32,33)



CONVERSION OF JAILOR - (ACTS 16:23-34)



The Most Important Question



THE ANSWER WAS NOT!

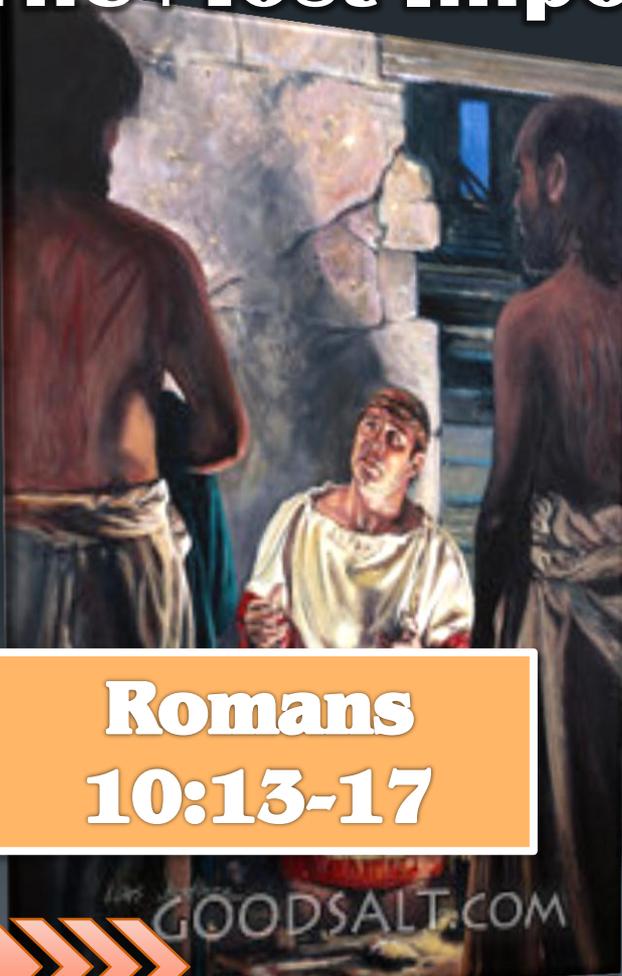
- ✦ “JUST” believe – faith only -
- ✦ Ask Jesus to come into your heart –
- ✦ Confess that you are a sinner
- ✦ Say the sinners prayer –
- ✦ **Where is a passage where any of these things were EVER told to a non Christian in order for them to be saved?**



CONVERSION OF JAILOR - (ACTS 16:23-34)



The Most Important Question



Romans
10:13-17

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Acts 16:30-33 (NKJV)

³⁰ And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

³² Then **they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.**

³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And **immediately he and all his family were baptized.**



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CONVERSION OF JAILOR - (ACTS 16:23-34)

Different Instructions Due To Where They Were



- ✦ The Jews believed, they needed to repent and be baptized - (Acts 2:38).
- ✦ Saul believed and was penitent, he needed to be baptized - (Acts 22:16).
- ✦ The Jailer didn't know anything about Jesus, he needed to start at belief - (Acts 16:31).

CONVERSION OF JAILOR - (ACTS 16:23-34)

Different Instructions Due To Where They Were



THEY ALL DID THE SAME THINGS!!!

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Acts 16

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Acts 2

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Acts 22:16

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Mark 16:15,16

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CONVERSION OF JAILOR - (ACTS 16:23-34)

The Same Hour of The Night



- ◆ Paul and Silas had been beaten with many stripes – (16:23)
- ◆ Paul & Silas had been thrown into a dungeon and their feet put in stocks – (16:24)
- ◆ Well after midnight – (16:25)
- ◆ It had been a hectic night to say the least, earthquake, saving a man from suicide, teaching the gospel, wounds cleaned – (16:26-32)

CONVERSION OF JAILOR - (ACTS 16:23-34)

The Same Hour of The Night



IF BAPTISM
COULD HAVE
BEEN PUT OFF
I WOULD THINK
IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN PUT OFF!!

CONVERSION OF JAILOR - (ACTS 16:23-34)

Having Believed In God



- ◆ Ask about spiritual life –
- ◆ Told to believe –
- ◆ Was taught the word of the Lord – (what to believe & DO)
- ◆ Baptized immediately –
- ◆ A BELIEVER!!!!!!

CONVERSIONS IN ACTS

Examples	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized
Pentecost – 2:14-41	Implied	✓ 37,38	Implied	✓ 38,41
Samaria – 8:5-13	✓ 12	Implied	Implied	✓ 12,13
Eunuch – 8:35-39	✓ 36,37	Implied	✓ 37	✓ 38
Saul – 9,22,26	Implied	Implied	Implied	✓ 9:18
Cornelius - 10:34-48	✓ 43	Implied	Implied	✓ 48
Lydia – 16:13-15	✓ 14	Implied	Implied	✓ 15
Jailor – 16:30-34	✓ 31	Implied	Implied	✓ 33
Corinthians - 18:8	✓ 8	Implied	Implied	✓ 8
Ephesians - 19:3-5	Implied	Implied	Implied	✓ 5

CONVERSION OF *Lydia & Jailor In Philippi*

LESSONS & APPLICATIONS

- ◆ Not saved just because religious and sincere.
- ◆ Prayer doesn't save.
- ◆ Not saved without hearing the gospel.
- ◆ Baptism is necessary.
- ◆ All saved the same way.
- ◆ There is no greater JOY than salvation!!



HAVE YOU BEEN CONVERTED?



- ◆ Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God?
- ◆ Have you confessed Jesus as the Christ?
- ◆ Have you by faith, obeyed the truth in repentance and baptism? (1 Pet. 1:22,23)
- ◆ You can leave this morning **REJOICING!**



Conversion of
Lydia & Jailor In Philippi
Acts 16:1-40

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Philippians 1:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

Philippians 1:1-11 (NKJV)

⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷ just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. ⁸ For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:1-11 (NKJV)

- ⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,
- ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,
- ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

