

# The Book of Acts

# Acts Review

- In Jerusalem:
  - Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
  - Preaching on the day of Pentecost.
  - Preaching at the temple.
  - Sadducees \ High Priests fear loss.
  - Peter & John jailed twice, beaten once.
  - Stephen is stoned.
  - Christians number in the many thousands including many priests who are converted.

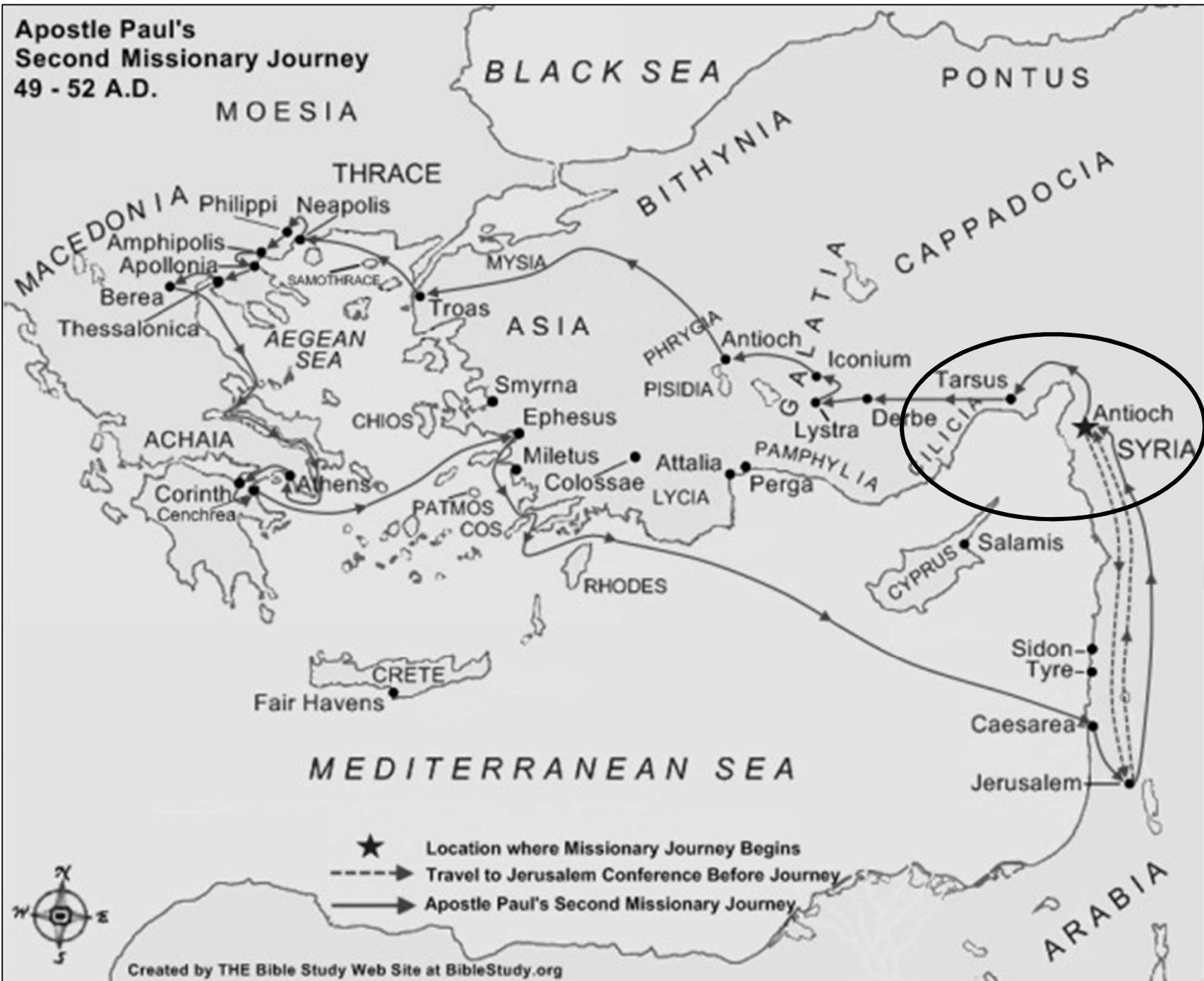
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- Out of Jerusalem:
  - Persecution of the church. Saul was a key figure. Christians leave Jerusalem.
  - Philip preached in Samaria and the plain of Sharon from Azotus to Caesarea.
  - Ethiopian converted by Philip.
  - Saul converted in Damascus.
  - Peter teaches Cornelius and household.
  - The gospel spreads geographically and outside the Jewish nation.

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- Paul's Missionary Journeys:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Journey – Antioch, Cyprus, Galatia
    - Chapters 13 – 14
  - Jerusalem Council of Apostles & Elders
    - Chapter 15
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Journey Started with Silas
    - From Antioch of Syria they went west into Cilicia strengthening churches

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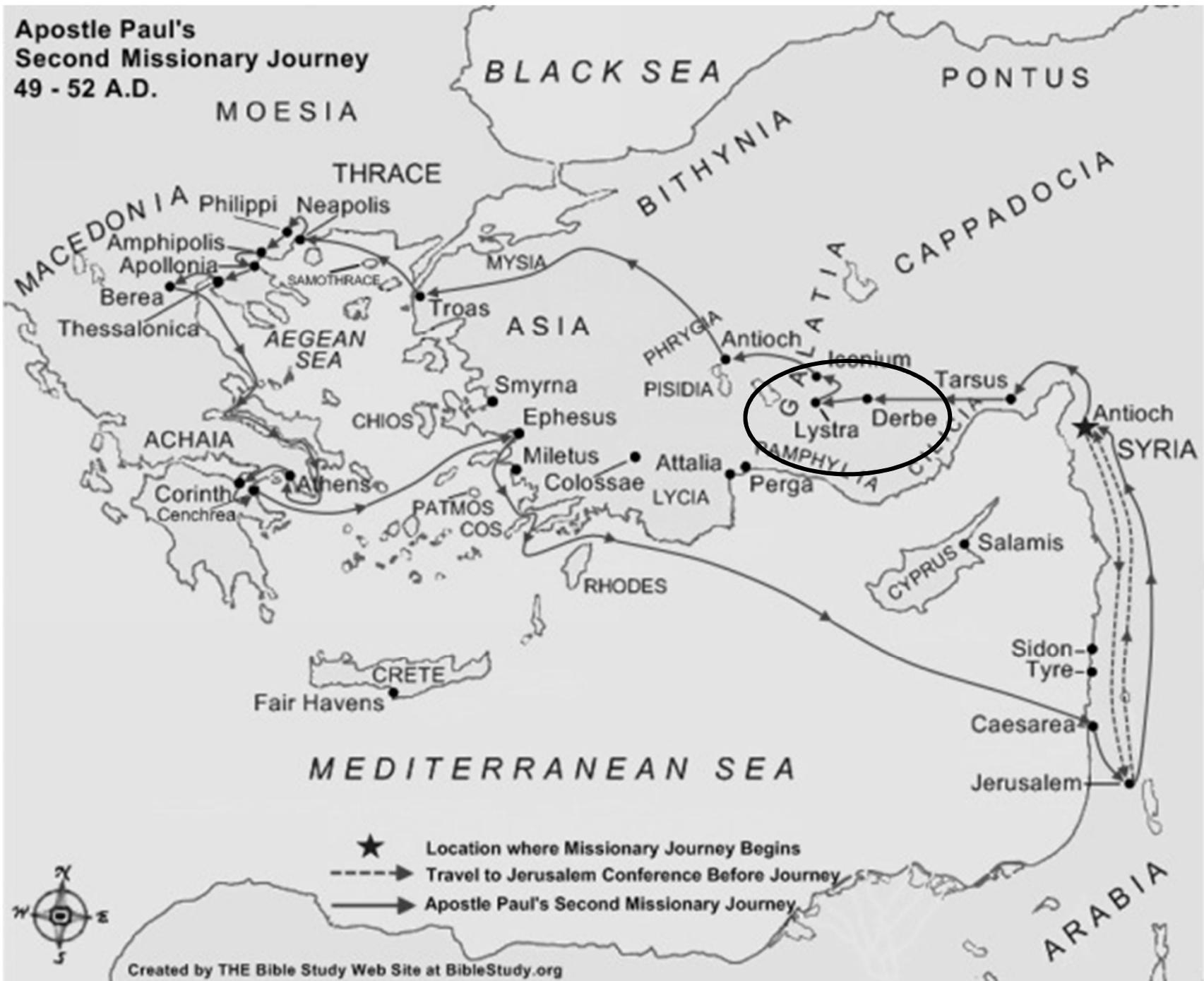
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- Timothy
  - Mother – Jewish (v1)
  - Father – Greek (v1)
  - Well Spoken of by the brethren (v2)
- Delivered the Jerusalem decree (v4)

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- Q1 – 3 (v1 – 5)
- Why then was Timothy circumcised?
- Not a commanded action.
- Not for the purpose of salvation:
  - Gal 2:3 Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.
  - Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

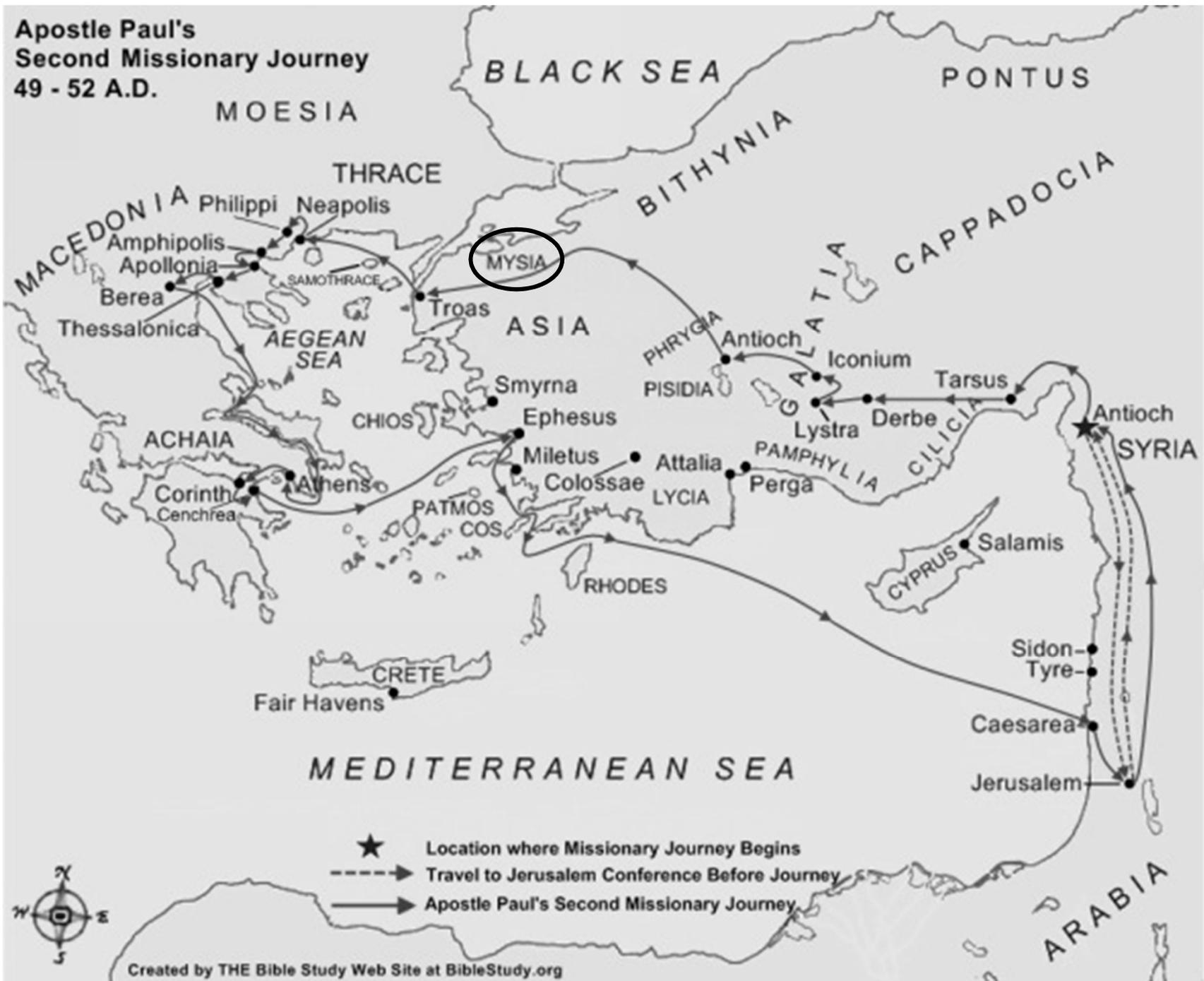
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- 1 Cor 9:19-23 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; (20) and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; (21) to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; (22) to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. (23) Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.

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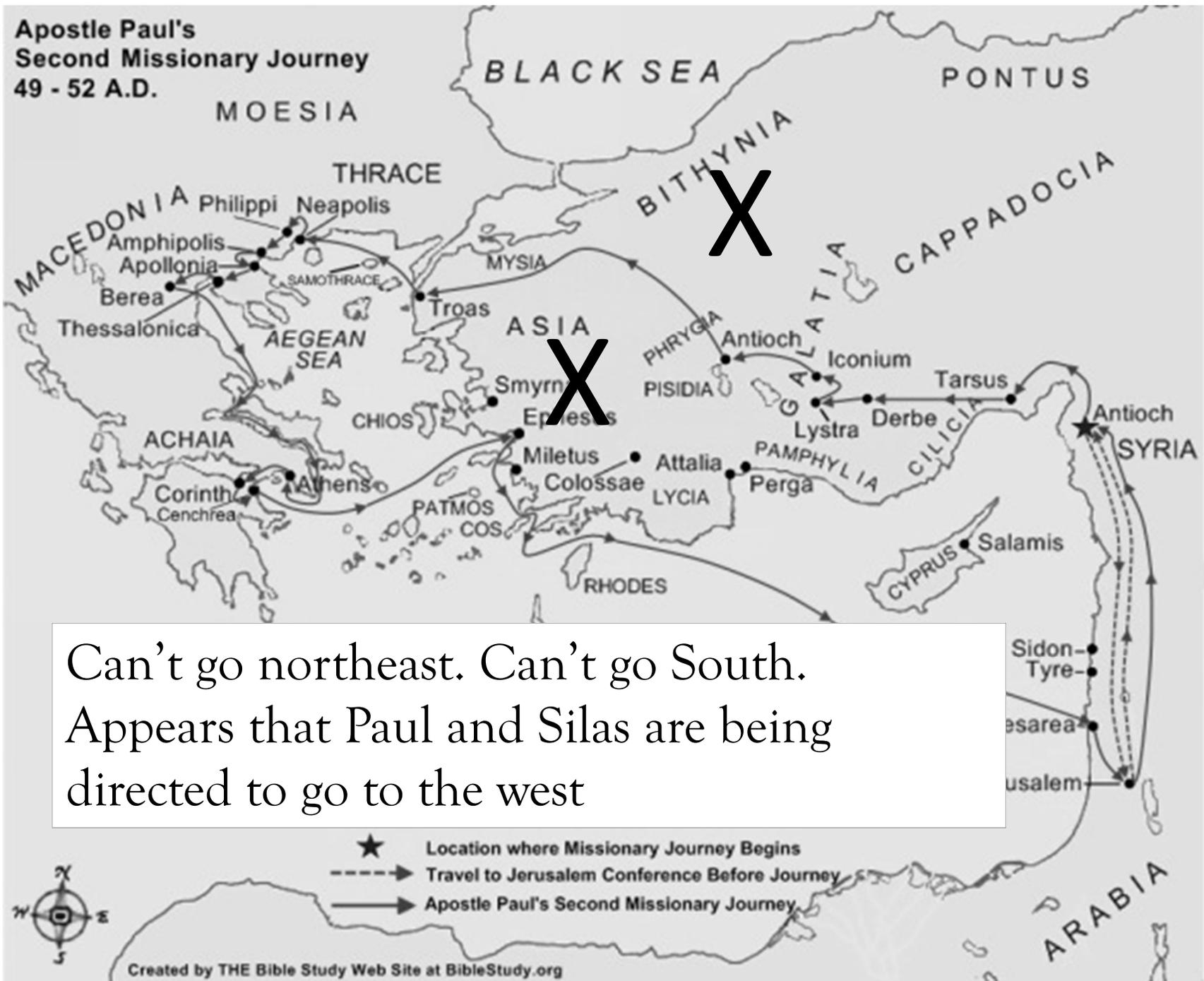
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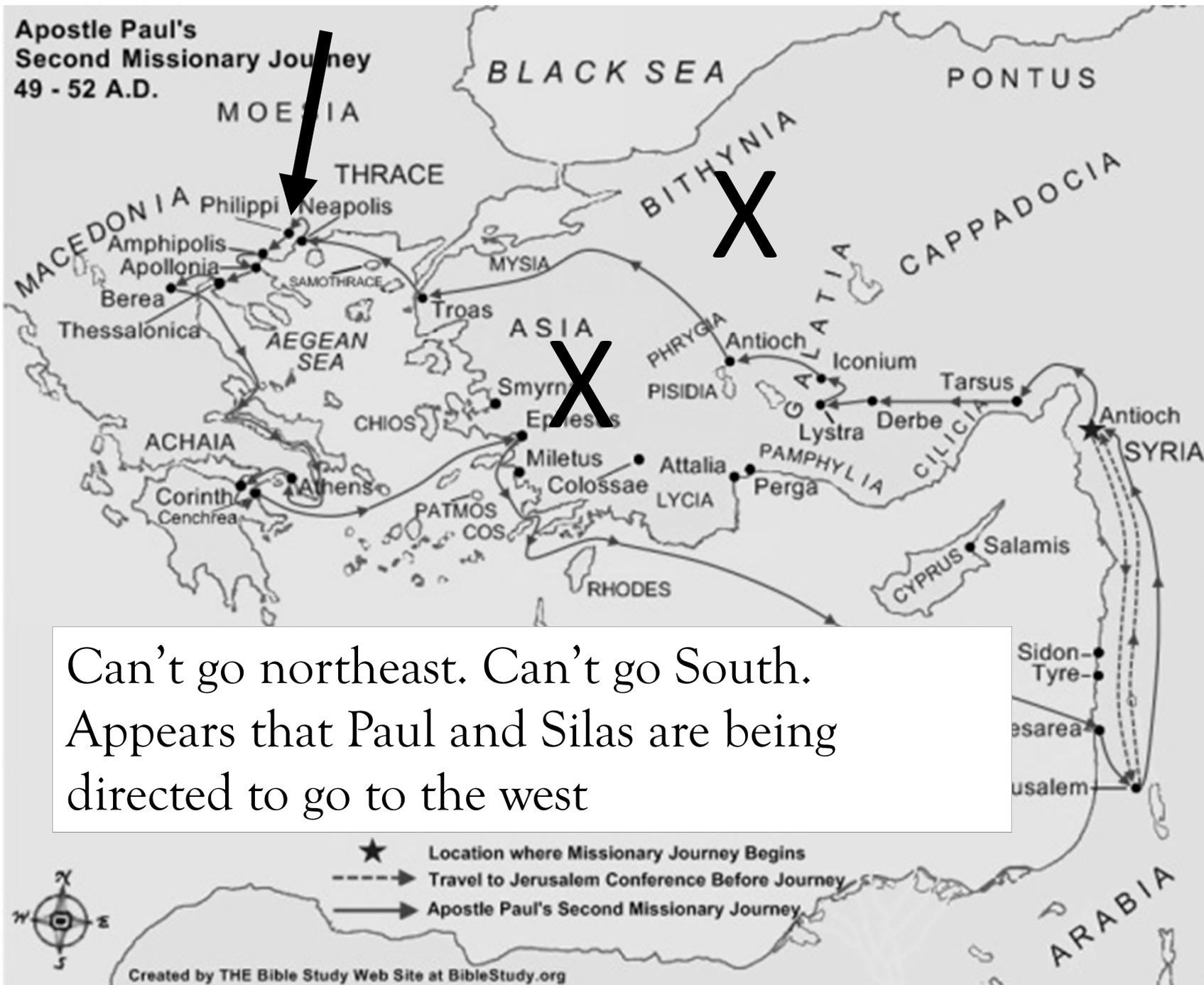
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- They travel to end up in Philippi.
  - Foremost city – Gold mines and rivers
  - A Colony – Protected by the Romans
  - But very few Jews – No Synagogue

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- Q4 – 7 (v6 – 15)
- Speaking with the women who worshipped at the river they meet Lydia.
- Upon hearing the gospel, she and her household were baptized.

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- Q8 – 10 (v16 – 24)
- As they went to prayer
  - Back to the river (v13)
- A possessed girl declared:
  - Act 16:17b "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."
- What's wrong with that?
  - The wrong source of confirmation.

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- Q8 – 10 (v16 – 24)
- As a result Paul and Silas are beaten and put in prison under the charge of teaching against Roman law.

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- Q11 – 14 (v25 – 34)
- Having been beaten and with their feet in stocks they pray and sing.
- What happened to the Roman guards when Peter was released from prison by an angel? (12:19)
- This jailer was saved because he believed on Jesus and was baptized (v31-33)

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- Q15 (v35 – 40)
- Paul insisted on the Roman leaders coming to release him because:
  - He was a Roman citizen with rights.
  - He didn't have a trial.
  - He wasn't convicted of a crime.
  - Yet he was beaten and put in prison.
- Did Paul do this to enforce Roman law or personal victory?

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- Q15 (v35 – 40)
- Paul and Silas left Philippi leaving Christians there that the local Roman leaders would now be reluctant to harm due to the advantage Paul had over these leaders.
- He could always return and bring charges against them.

