



NT SURVEY

Galatians

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Colosseum

**“Magna Charta of
spiritual emancipation”**

**“The Epistle to the Galatians
is my Epistle. I have betrothed
myself to it. It is my wife”**

Luther

“Paul's letters are probably the most extraordinary letters in the world, but none of them is more remarkable than Galatians. Its vigor, variety, audacity, & self-revealing frankness, together with its deep & direct insight into religious truth, put it in a class by itself among the books of the NT”

Goodspeed

GALATIANS

➤ **Author - Paul**

AUTHORSHIP

➤ **Internal Evidence**

INTERNAL

- 1. Named - 1:1, 5:2**
- 2. Visions - 1:12, 2:2**
- 3. Apostle to Gentiles - 1:16, 2:7**
- 4. Harmonizes with Acts - 1:13-14,
17-18, 23, 2:1**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

EXTERNAL

- 1. Apostolic Fathers - Polycarp**
- 2. 2nd century - Irenaeus,
Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian
Justin Martyr**
- 3. 3rd century - Origen**
- 4. Other - 1st in Marcian list**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**
- **Evidence Against**

GALATIANS

➤ **Author - Paul**

➤ **Audience - Galatian Churches**

South or North Galatia?



0 50 100 mi
0 50 100 150 km

- Paul's first journey
- Possible route of second journey
- Alternative route of second journey
- † church of South Galatia

NORTH THEORY

✧ **Churches in North**

✧ **Ethnographical Galatia**

✧ **Support -**

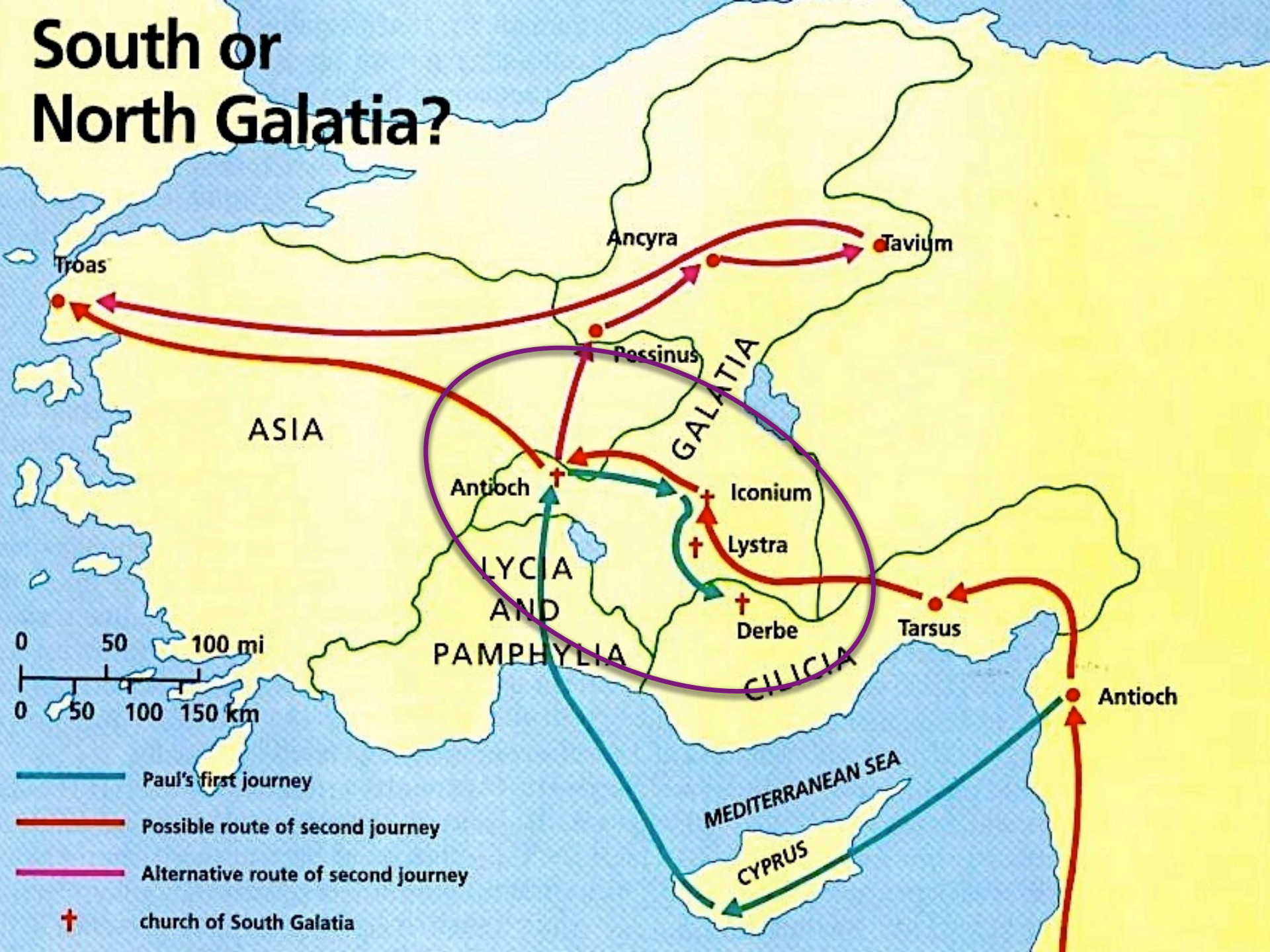
Luke's use of term

Luke distinguishes

Paul visits 2nd time - Ac 18:23

Infirmity not mentioned

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SOUTH THEORY

✧ Churches of 1st Journey

✧ Provincial Galatia

✧ Support -

No mention of Jerusalem Council

Paul reviews history to writing

Peter's defection probably early

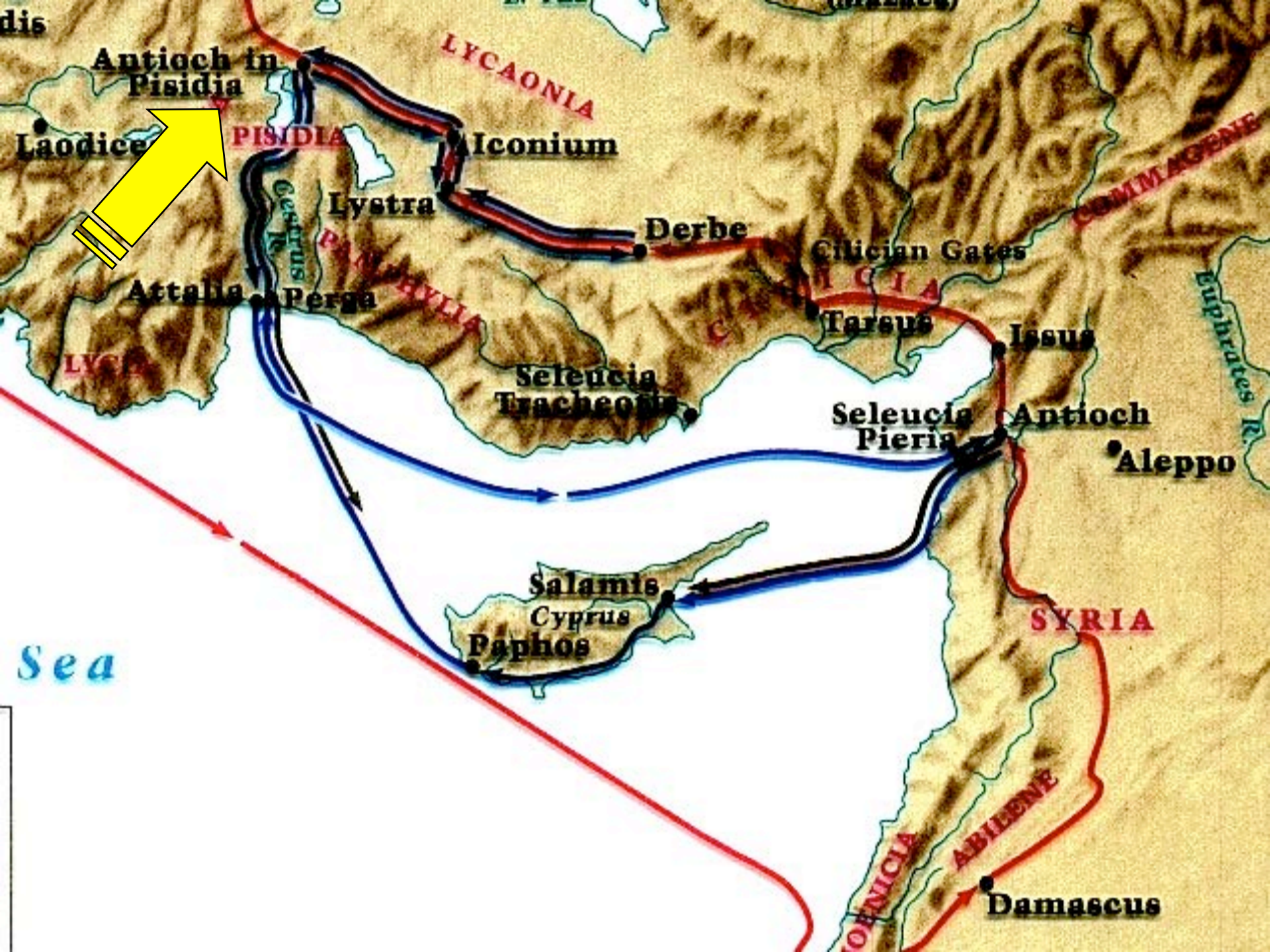
Barnabas mentioned 3 times

AUDIENCE

- **History - Gauls from Black Sea**
- **Culturally - polytheistic**
- **Churches - south Galatia**
- **Antioch - commerce center**

Antioch Synagogue





Antioch in Pisidia

Laodice

PISIDIA

LYCAONIA

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Cilician Gates

COMMAGENE

Attalia

Parga

Tarsus

Issus

Seleucia Trachea

Seleucia Pieria

Antioch

Aleppo

Salamis

Cyprus

Paphos

SYRIA

Damascus

Sea







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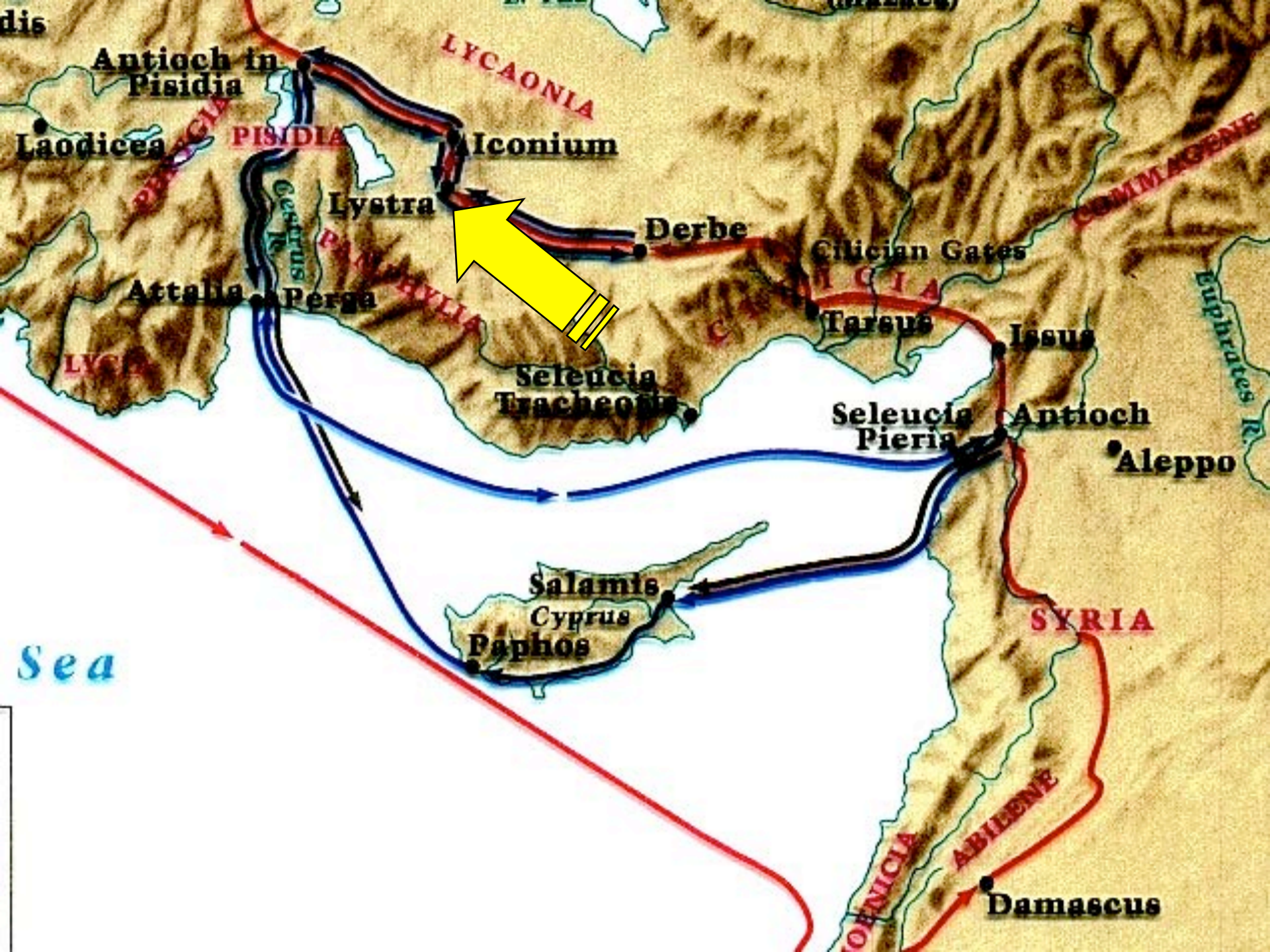
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Iconium Area



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Galatia





Between Iconium And Lystra

Lystra





Lystra



Lystra looking south from tell

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- **Derbe - stoning**



Derbe

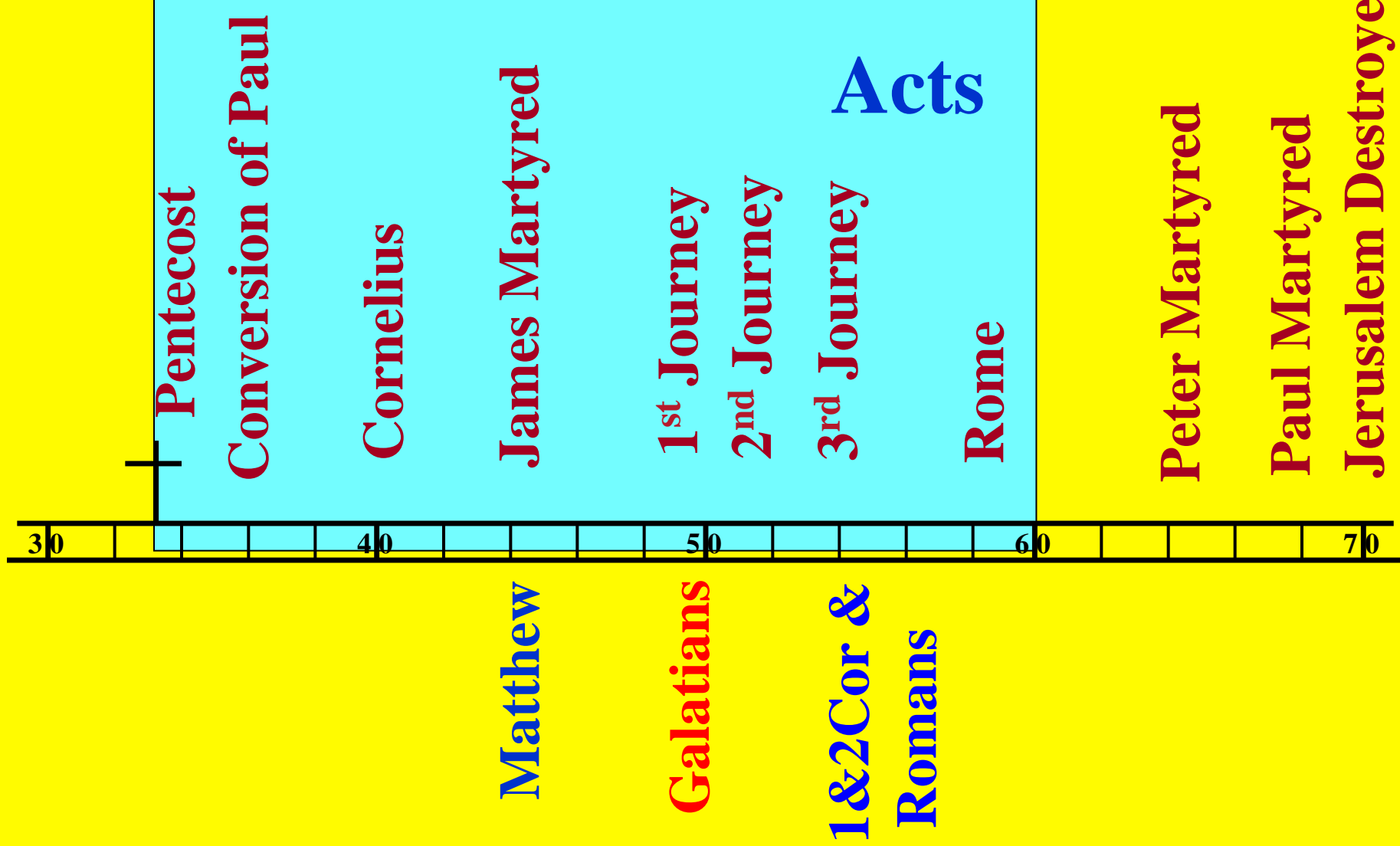
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- **Occasion -**

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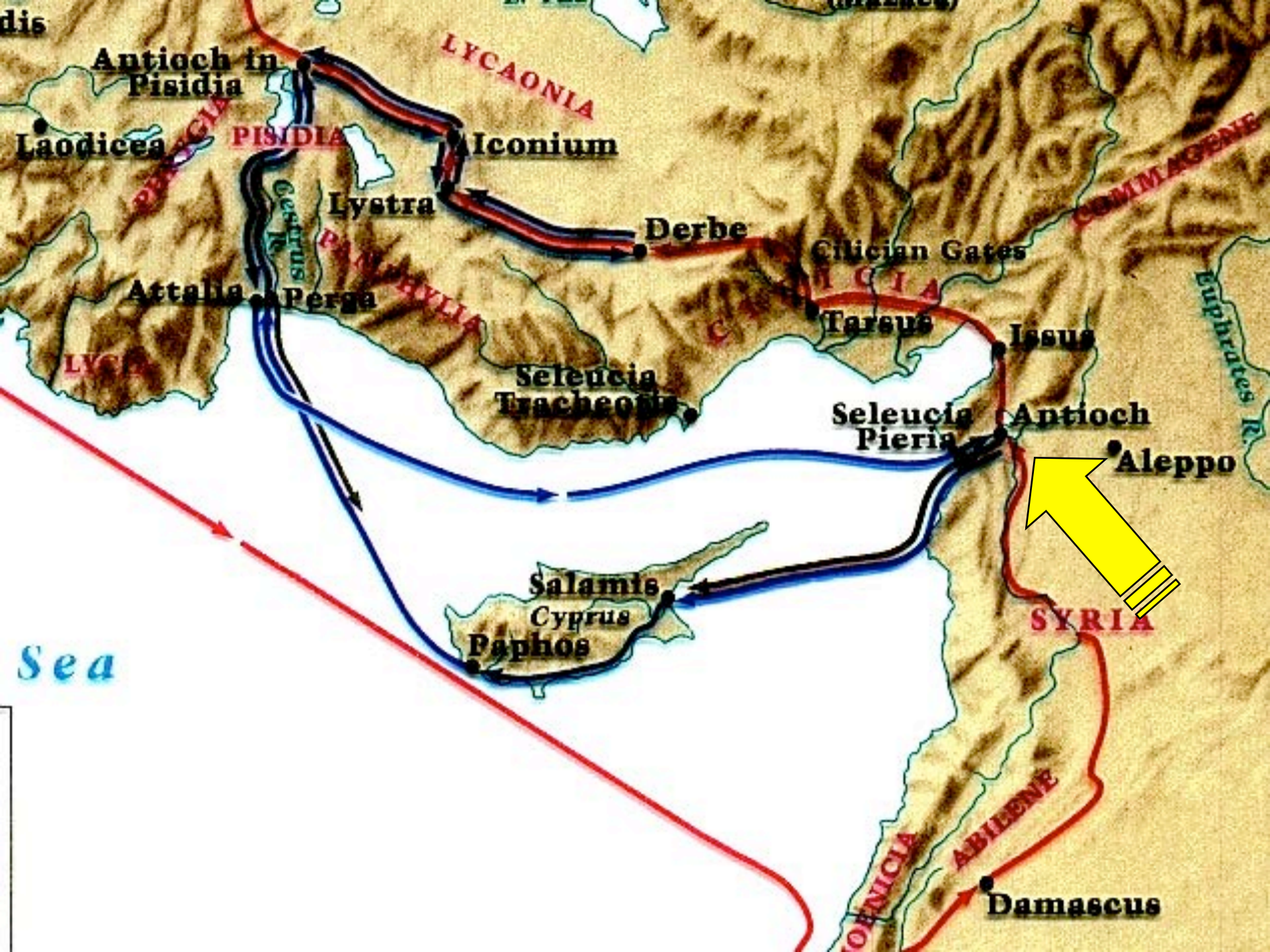
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- **Occasion - if north - 53-57**
from Eph or Macedonia
if south - 49
from Syrian Antioch

ACTS HISTORY



GALATIANS

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- **Occasion - 49**
- **Location - Antioch Syria**



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- **Occasion - 49**
- **Location - Antioch Syria**
- **Purpose - Correctional**

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Doctrinal Error Refuted

**“2000 years of
Jewish tradition
were in their bones”**

William Neil

DOCTRINAL ERROR

1. No praise, thanksgiving
2. False Doctrine

ERROR

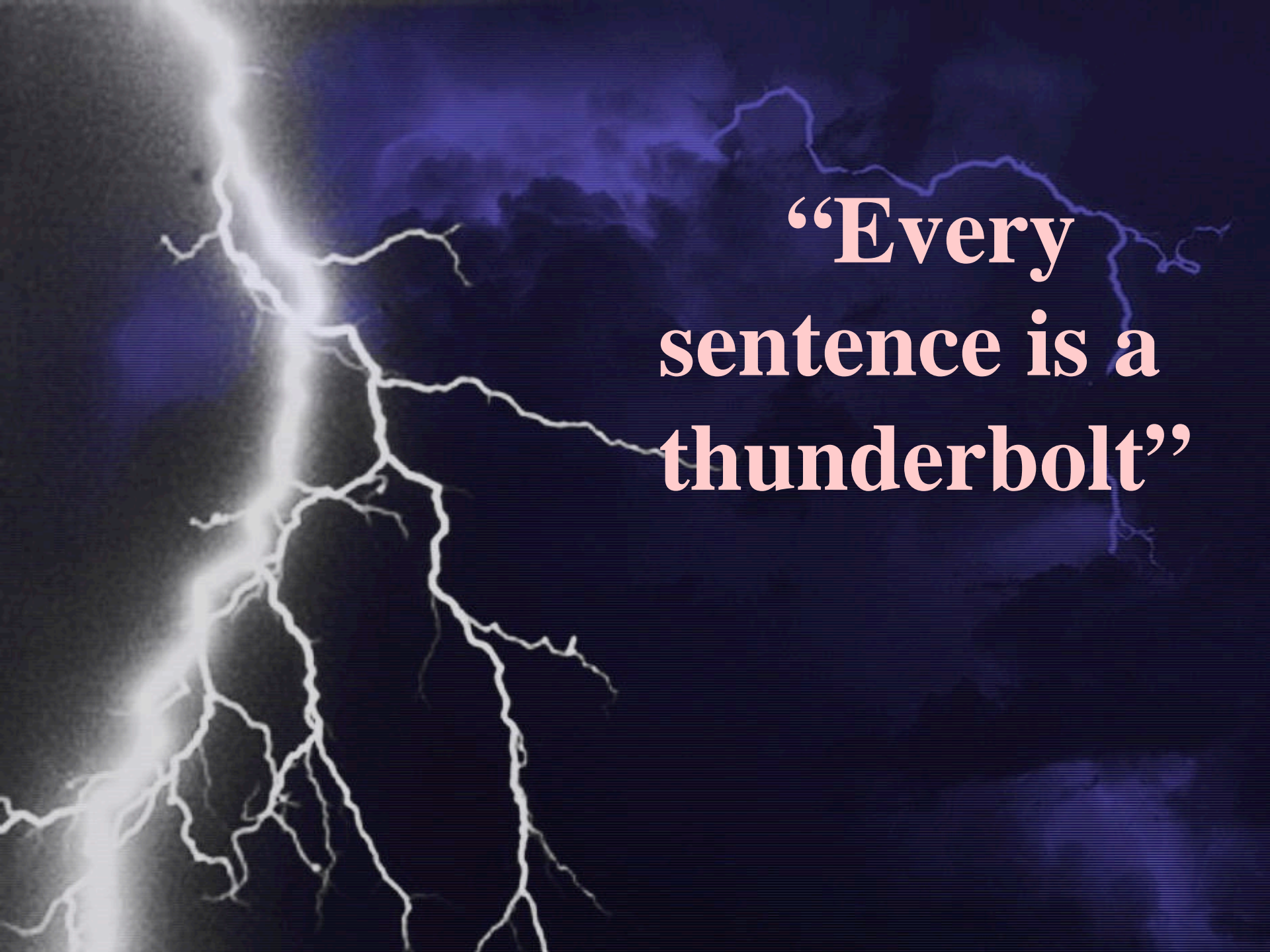
- ✓ **Different gospel - 1:6-9**
- ✓ **Works justification - 2:16**
- ✓ **Spirit reception - 3:2-3**
- ✓ **Feasts - 4:10**
- ✓ **Under Law - 4:21**
- ✓ **Circumcision - 5:2-4, 6:12**

DOCTRINAL ERROR

- 1. No praise, thanksgiving**
- 2. False Doctrine**
- 3. False Teachers**
- 4. Emotional**

CHARACTERISTICS

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- 2. Personal - 2nd after 2Cor**



**“Every
sentence is a
thunderbolt”**

OUTLINE

- I. Defense of Apostleship** 1-2
 - A. Introduction** 1:1-10
 - B. Revelation from God** 1:11-12
 - C. Selection by God** 1:13-2:21

OUTLINE

- I. Defense of Apostleship** 1-2
- II. Defense of Justification** 3-4
 - A. Arguments of Doctrine** 3:1-4:7
 - B. Appeals for Doctrine** 4:8-31

OUTLINE

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| I. Defense of Apostleship | 1-2 |
| II. Defense of Justification | 3-4 |
| III. Defense of Christian Liberty | 5-6 |
| A. Position of Liberty | 5:1-12 |
| B. Principle of Liberty | 5:13-15 |
| C. Power of Liberty | 5:16-26 |
| D. Performance of Liberty | 6:1-10 |
| E. Conclusion | 6:11-18 |

A photograph of a sunset over a large body of water, likely the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, with its light reflecting down the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the overall atmosphere is serene and peaceful. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of a hillside with some sparse vegetation.

**We are responsible for a
CLEAR PRESENTATION of the Gospel
but not conversions!!!**

Sea of Galilee from Kursi