NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

ACTS – PART SIX

Lesson 32

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Background

- Flow of Luke / Acts
- Uniqueness of Missionary Journey
- Recap First Journey

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PONTUS
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PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY
A.D. 46 TO 48
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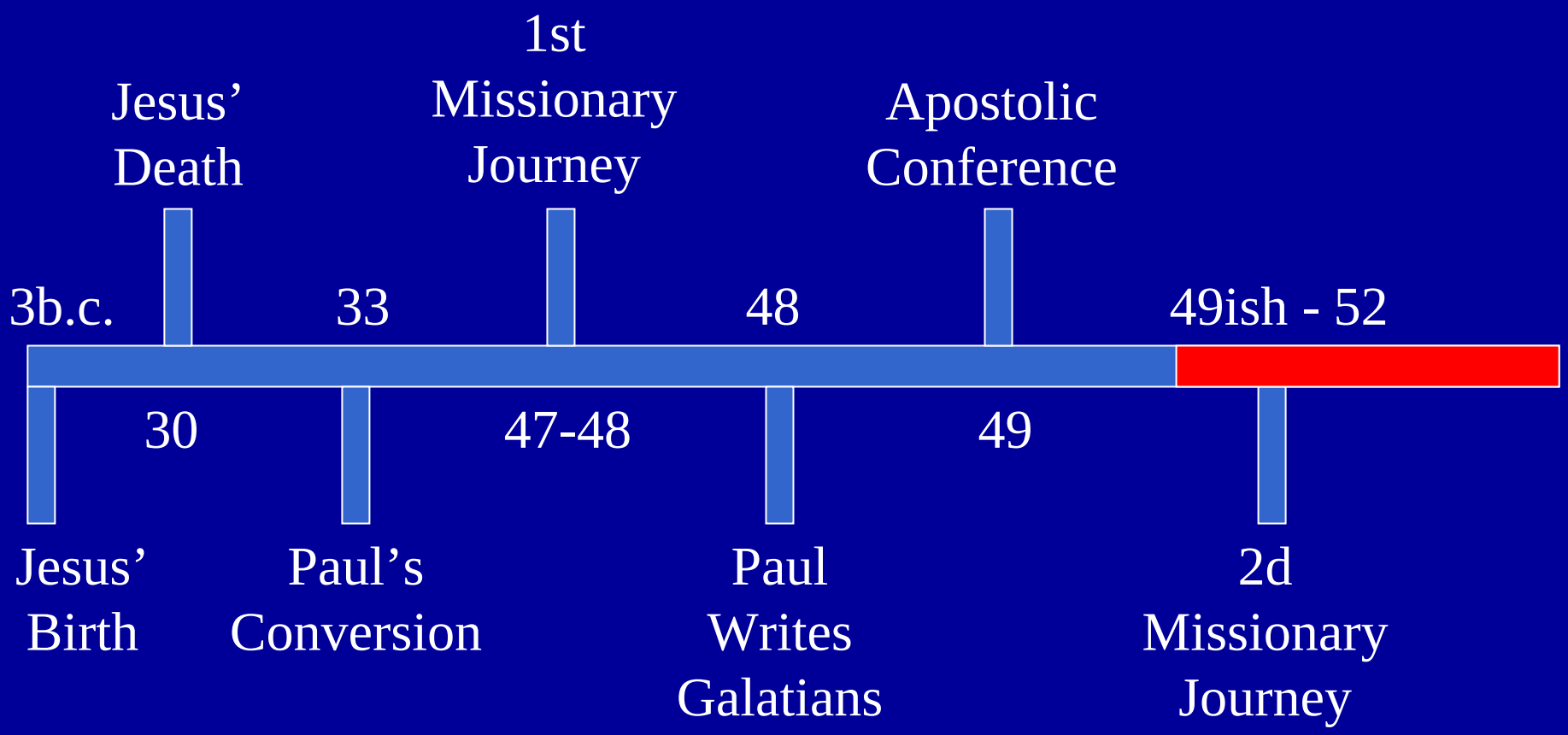
Jesus' Death
1st Missionary Journey
Apostolic Conference
3b.c.
33
48
49ish - 52
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47-48
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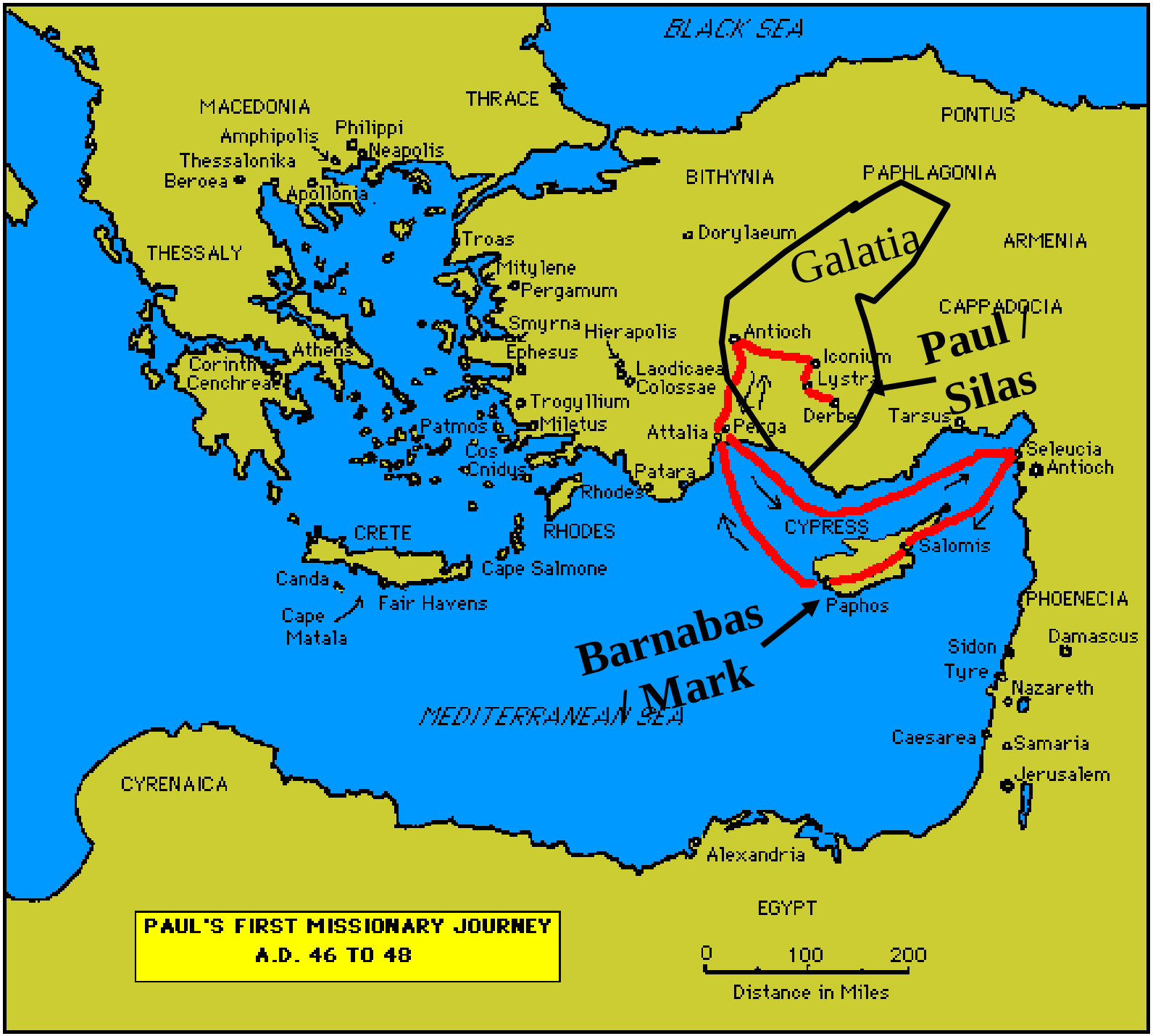
Jesus' Birth
Paul's Conversion
Paul Writes Galatians
2d Missionary Journey

Who Goes Where?

- Paul’s Idea … “Let’s Go!”
- Barnabas’s Idea … “Let’s Take Mark!”
- The Result … Separate Trips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Trip Home

Derbe/Lystra

- Timothy

Timothy

- Mother Jewish / Father Greek
- Paul Circumcises Timothy
- WHY?
  - Jews Consider Timothy Jewish

Travel Directions

Asia?

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Paul was "kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia" (16:6)

Travel Directions

Bithynia?

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"They tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to " (16:7)

Travel Directions

Troas!

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Troas!

Paul had a vision at night of a man from Macedonia begging "Come over and help us." "We got ready to leave at once, concluding God had called us to preach the gospel to them " (16:10)

Mission Trip Director

- Guidance of Spirit
  - Reasoning
  - Counsel
  - Open and Closed Doors
  - Visions and Reasoning

Luke Joins

"After Paul had seen the vision, **we** got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called **us** to preach the gospel to them." (16:10)

- Travel Narrative starts getting DETAILED!

Travel Details

"From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi " (16:10)

Philippi

- Sabbath - River Place of Prayer
- Lydia from Thyatira
- Slave Girl - Fortune Teller

"When the owners of the slave girl realized that their hope of making money was gone …" (16:19)

“Hope”

- “Christ in you, the ***hope*** of glory” (Col 1:27)
- The “***hope*** of salvation” (1 Thes. 5:8)
- “We have this ***hope*** as an anchor” (Heb 6:19)

“Hope” = ελπις (*elpis*)

Not “wishing” but “confident expectation”

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Philippi

- Paul and Silas Before Magistrates
- Jail Time
- Jailor Set Free
- Leaving, But a Lesson First!

Travel Details

Minus Luke to Thessalonica with great results. Then on to Berea. Paul then heads to Athens

Stopped here

Athens

- Synagogue
- Agora also!
- Epicureans / Stoics

Epicureans

- Gods Detached / Man Detached
- Death Dissolves Life and Atoms

Stoics

- Align With Reason (logos) of Universe
- Pursue With Disinterest

Athens

- To the Areopagus
- Paul Speaks Scripturally in Cultural Terms
  - Altar to Unknown God
  - Greek Poets

Poets

- Epimenides (600 bc)

"In thee we live and are moved, and have our being"

- Aratus (315-240 bc)

"In every way we have all to do with Zeus, for we are truly his offspring."

- Paul

"For in him we live and move and have our being"

"As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring'" (17:28)

Athens

- A number of believers including Damaris of the Areopagus

Travel Details

On to Corinth where Timothy and Silas rejoin

Corinth

- 18 months
- Datable because
  - Aquila & Priscilla
  - Gallio Proconsul of Achaia
- Letters to Thessalonians
- Great Success

Travel Details

Ephesus Briefly then Return

Points For Home

- Christianity has History
- The Spirit has a Plan
- Embrace God’s Plans
- Hope in God