



Acts

Paul's Missionary Journeys

ACTS 3 main parts

**1-7 Church established
in Jerusalem**

**8-12 Church enlarged to
Judea, Samaria**

**13-28 Church expanded to
the ends of the earth**

Timeline

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37	Conversion
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38	Peter & Cornelius
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45-47	1st Missionary Journey
51	Jerusalem Council
51-53	2nd Journey
54-58	3rd Journey
60-61	Rome
67	Martyred



EUROPE



Black Sea

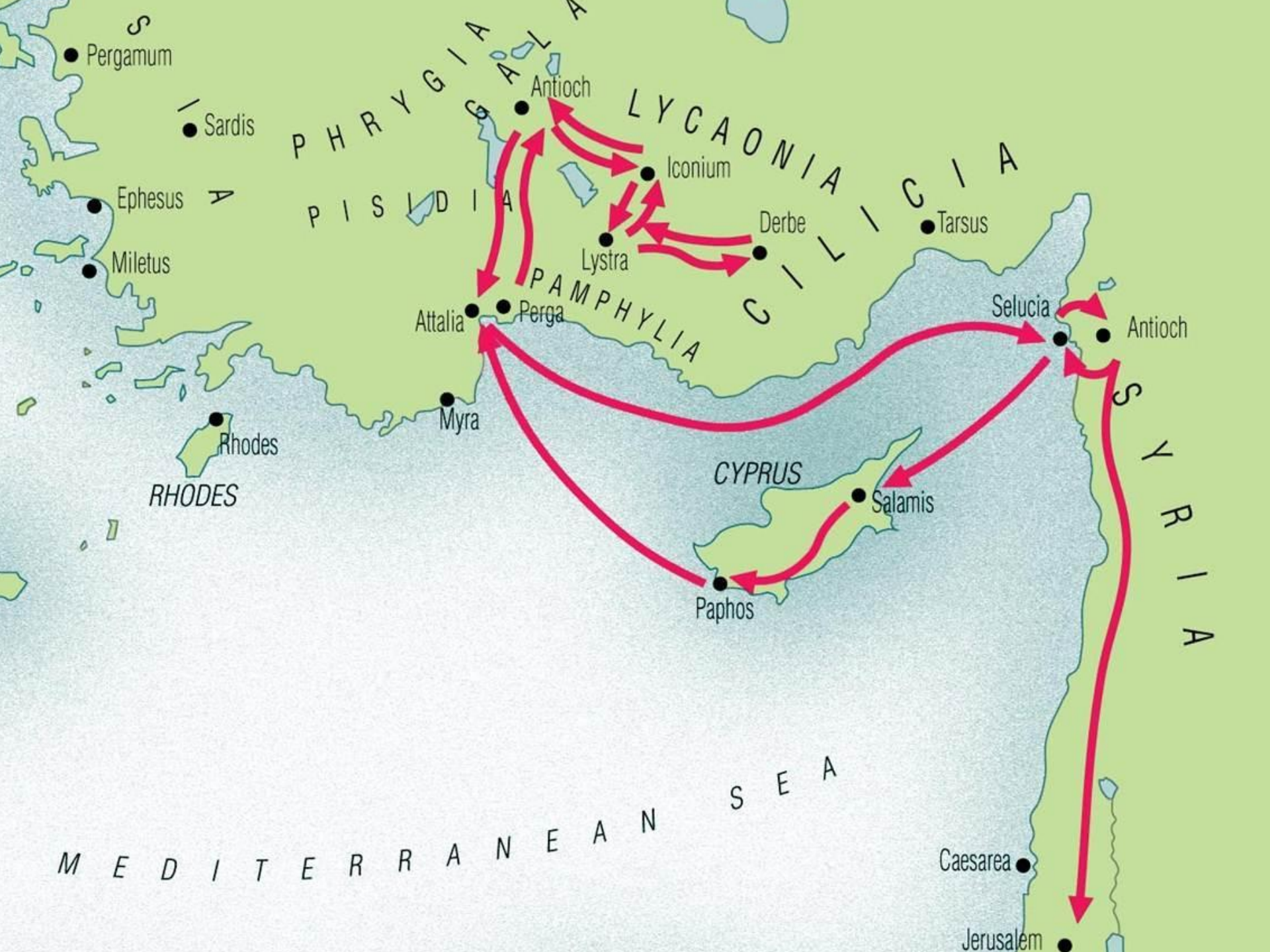
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Minor*

TURKEY

Aegean Sea

ASIA

Mediterranean Sea



Missionary Strategy

1. Cities
2. Synagogues
3. Scriptures

Synagogue

1. Find an audience there
2. Knew & Respected OT
3. Receptive to OT
4. Visitors invited to speak
5. Paul heart for fellow Jews
6. God Fearing Gentiles

To the God fearers

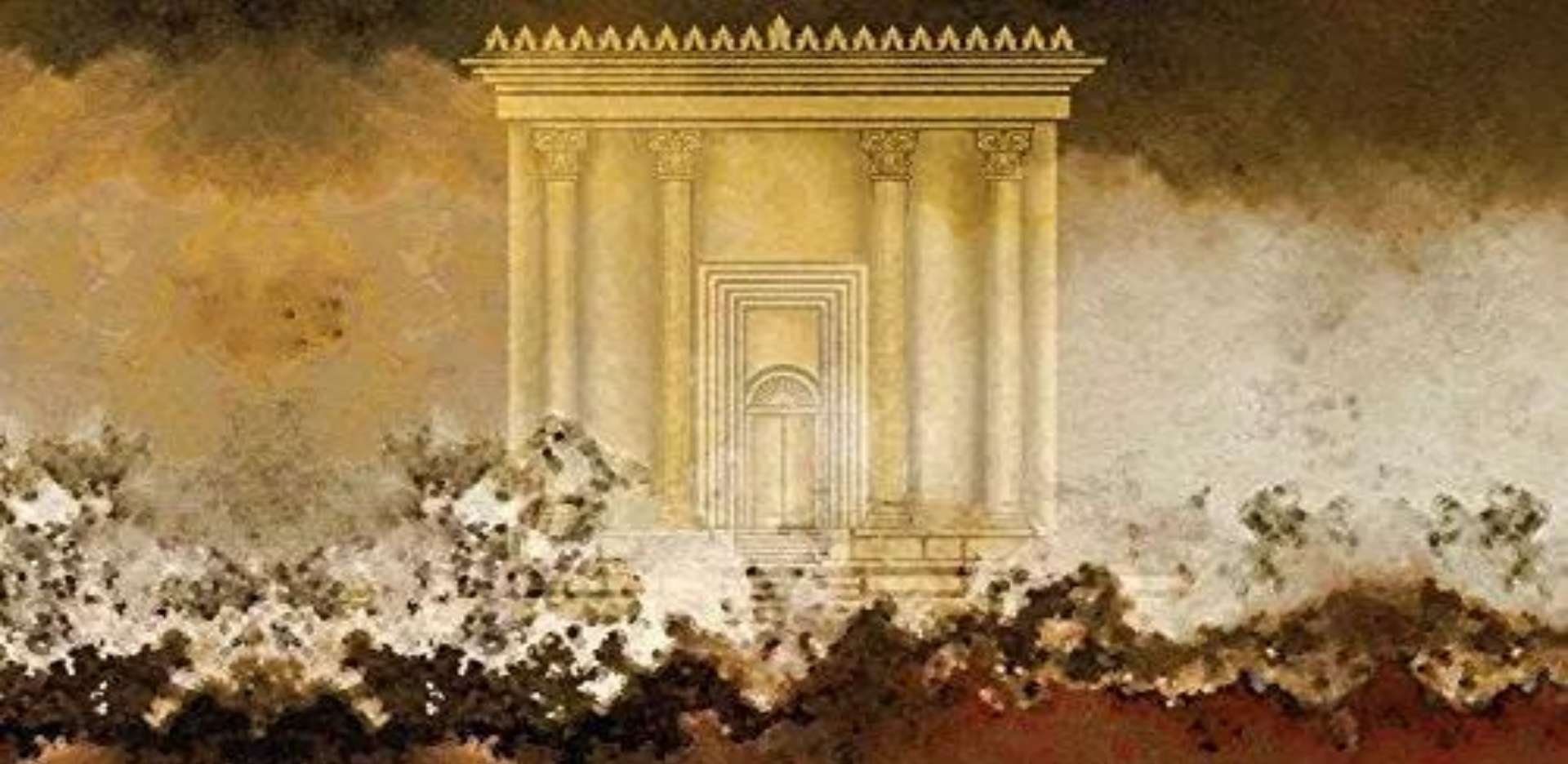
13:16 Men of Israel, and you who fear God,
listen

13:26 Men and brethren, sons of the family of
Abraham, and those among you who fear God,
to you the word of this salvation has been sent

13:39 everyone who believes is justified

13:43 many of the Jews and devout proselytes
followed Paul and Barnabas

13:47 behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so
the Lord has commanded us: set you as light
to Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to
ends of the earth



GOD-FEARERS

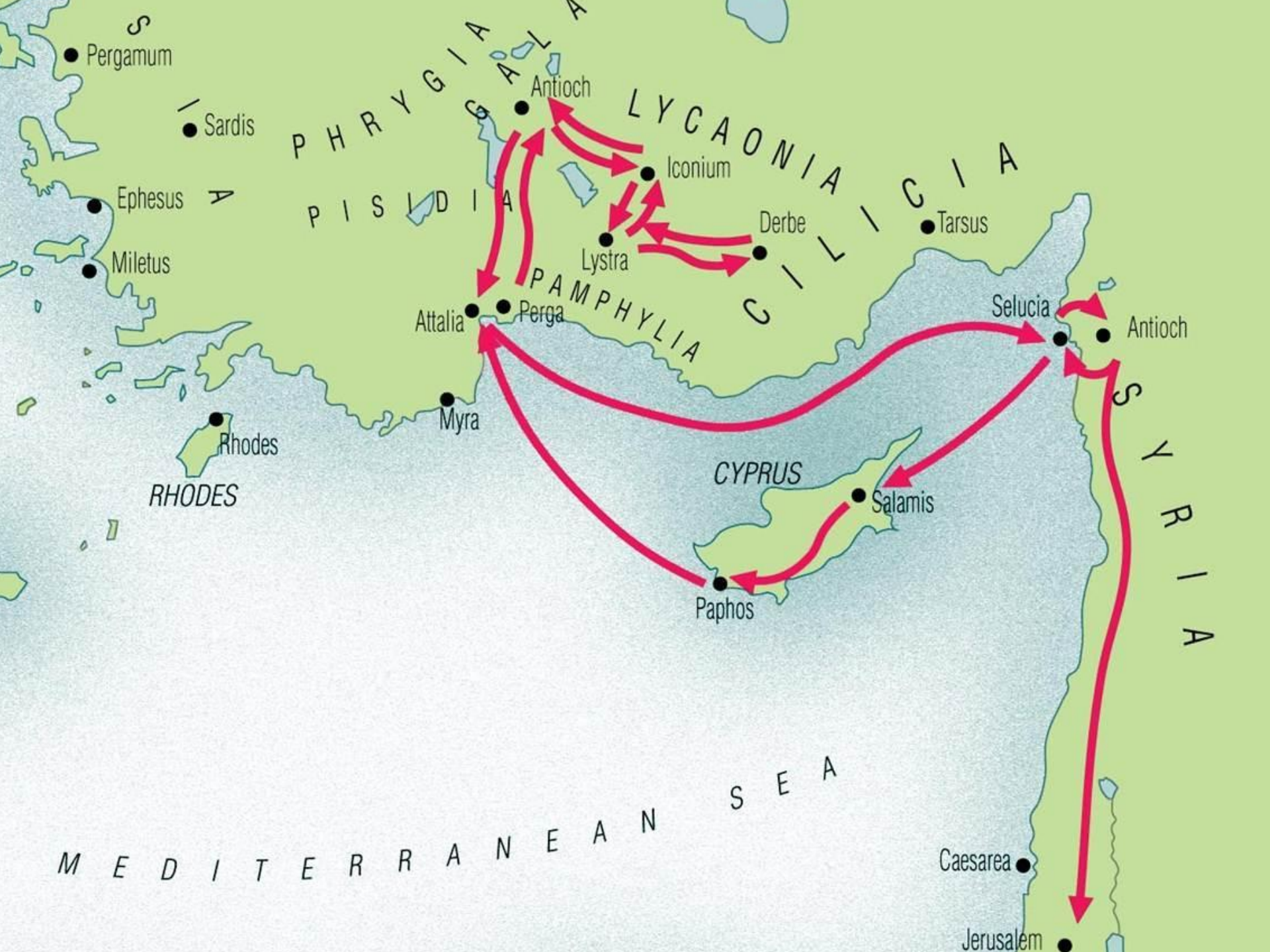
GENTILES & THE GOD OF ISRAEL



Distinctions

1. No images in Jewish worship
2. Keeping Sabbath
3. Abstaining from unclean meats
4. Jewish laws
5. Circumcision





A close-up photograph of a wooden gavel resting on a wooden block. The gavel is made of polished wood and is positioned diagonally. A metal chain is visible on the right side of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored surface.

Acts 15

The Jerusalem
Council

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Gal 2:1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me.

2:2 And I went up [a]by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.

2:3 Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

Gal 2:4 And *this occurred* because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage),

2:5 to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you..

As Paul and Barnabas passed through the Jewish regions of Phoenicia and Samaria, they told the Jews of the conversions of the Gentiles in their first Missionary Journey. (Acts 15:3)





Acts 15:10 Yoke of the Law
Gal 5:1 Yoke of Bondage



Acts 15:11

“But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.”



Two Questions Answered

1. Theological Necessity of Circumcision & Law for salvation = **rejected**
2. Practical necessity of Gentile Christians abstaining certain practices for sake of Jews = **accepted**

Gal 2:7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter

Gal 2:8 (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles),

Gal 2:9 and when James, [a]Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.



Gal 2:11 Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I [e]withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed;

2:12 for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing [f]those who were of the circumcision.

2:13 And the rest of the Jews also played hypocrite with him, even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

Gal 2:14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, “If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?”

2:15 *We who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 knowing that a man is not [i]justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.





