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## ACTS – PART SIX

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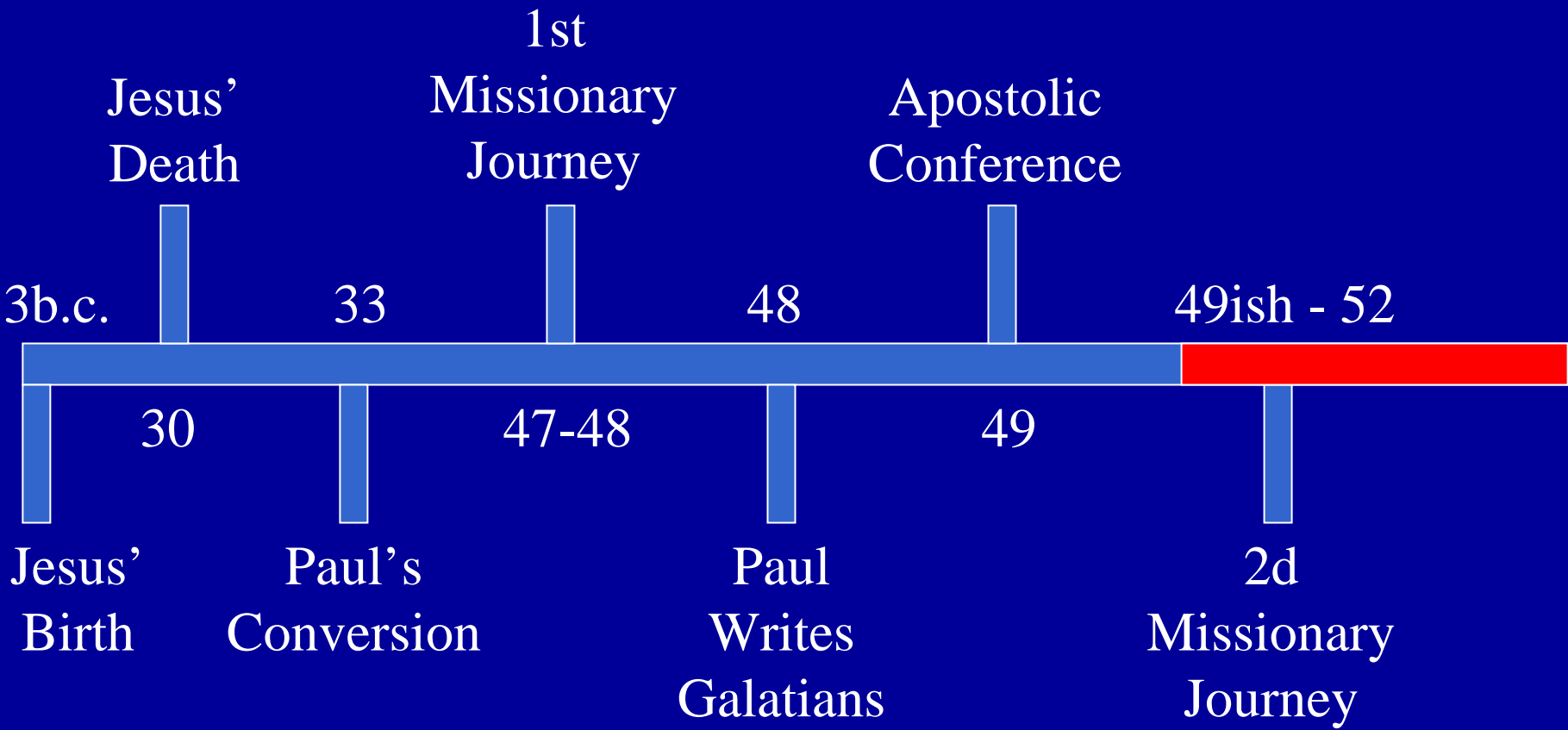
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# Background

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





# Who Goes Where?

- Paul's Idea ... "Let's Go!"
- Barnabas's Idea ... "Let's Take Mark!"
- The Result ... Separate Trips



# Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Black Sea

Trip Home

Derbe/Lystra  
- Timothy



# Timothy

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



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

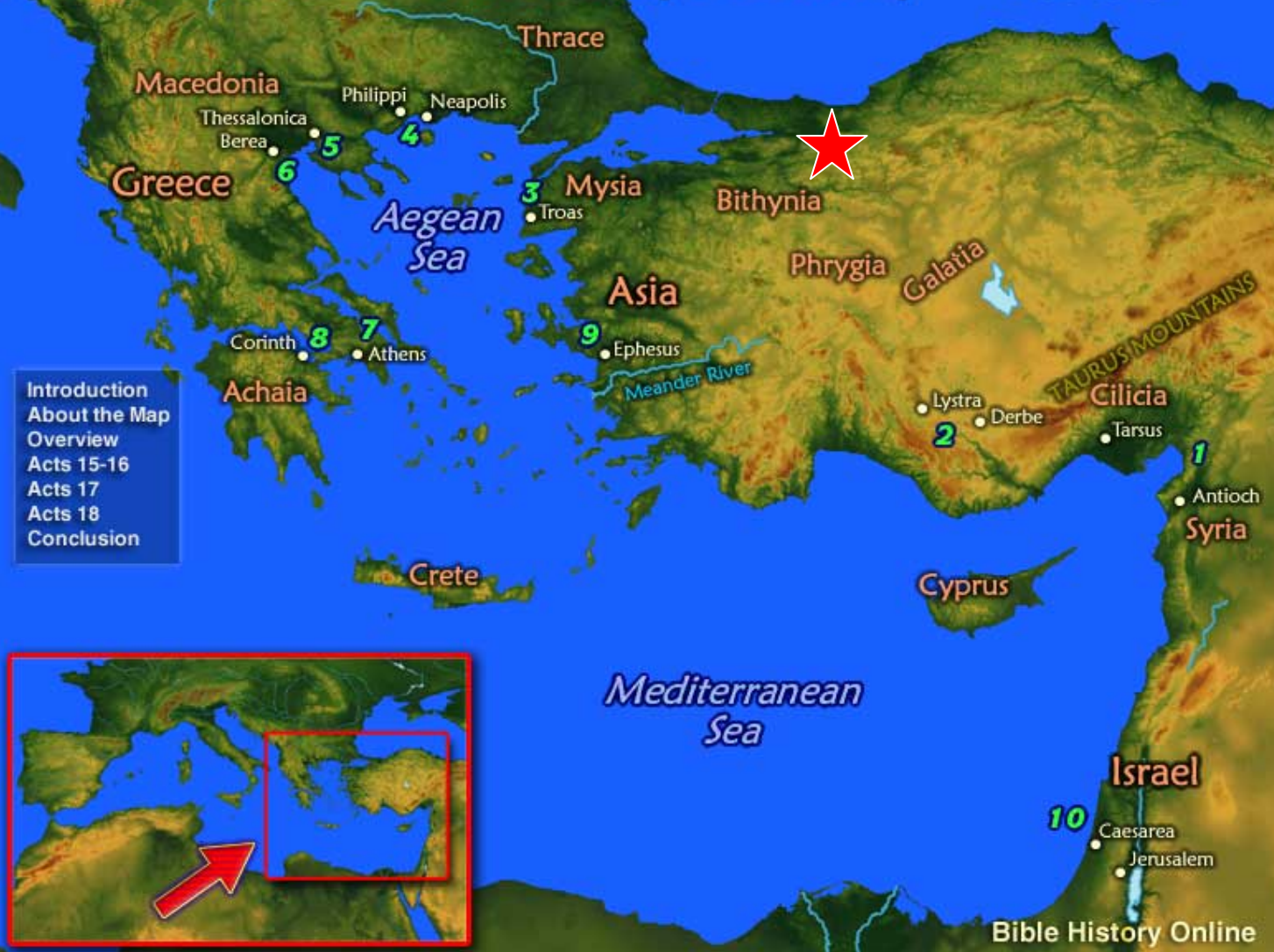


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“They tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to ” (16:7)



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Troas!



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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)

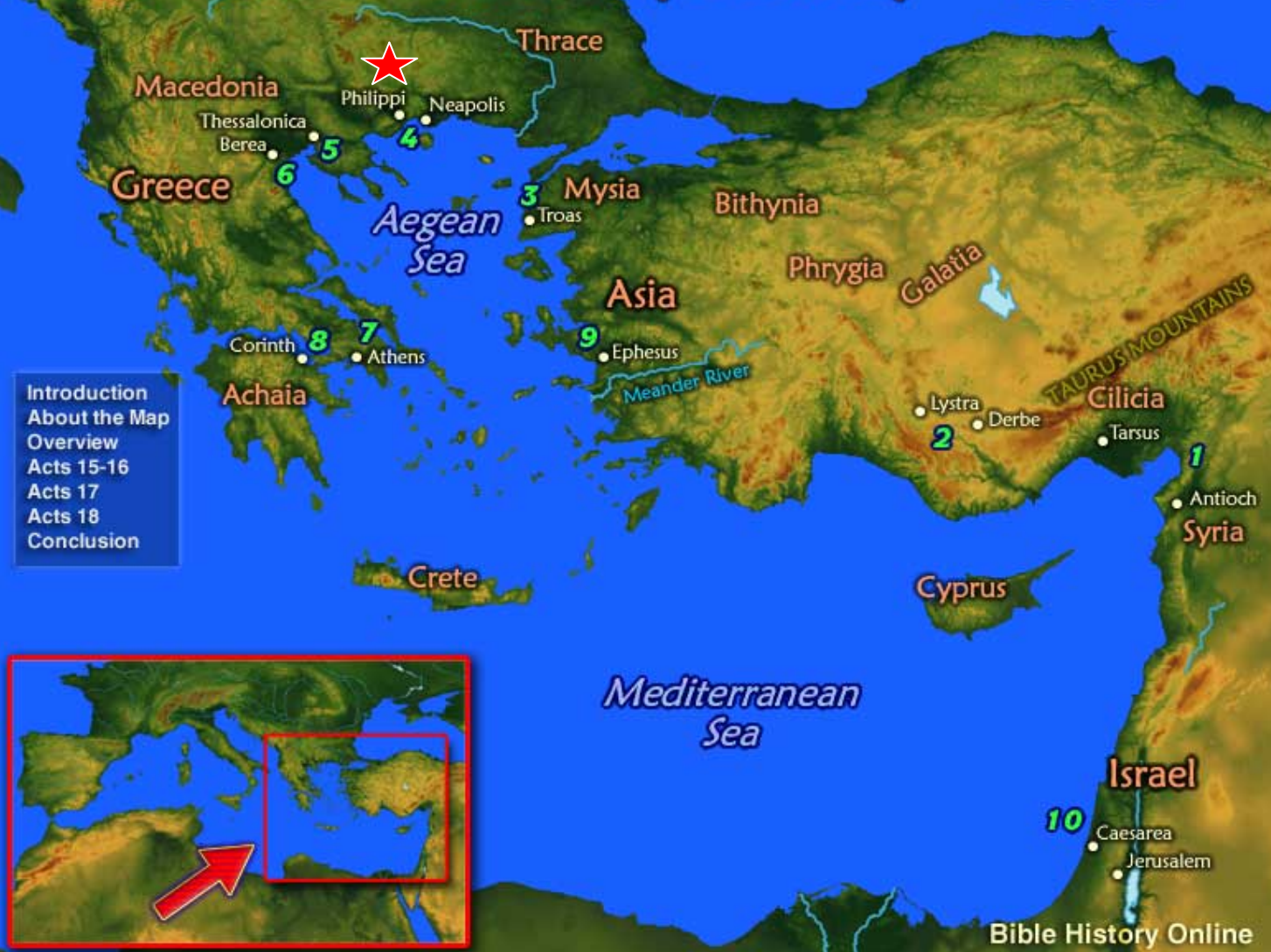
- Travel Narrative starts getting DETAILED!



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“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!



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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

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On to Corinth where Timothy and Silas rejoin

# Corinth

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



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Ephesus Briefly then Return



# Points For Home

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