

The Lord's Will be done

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PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

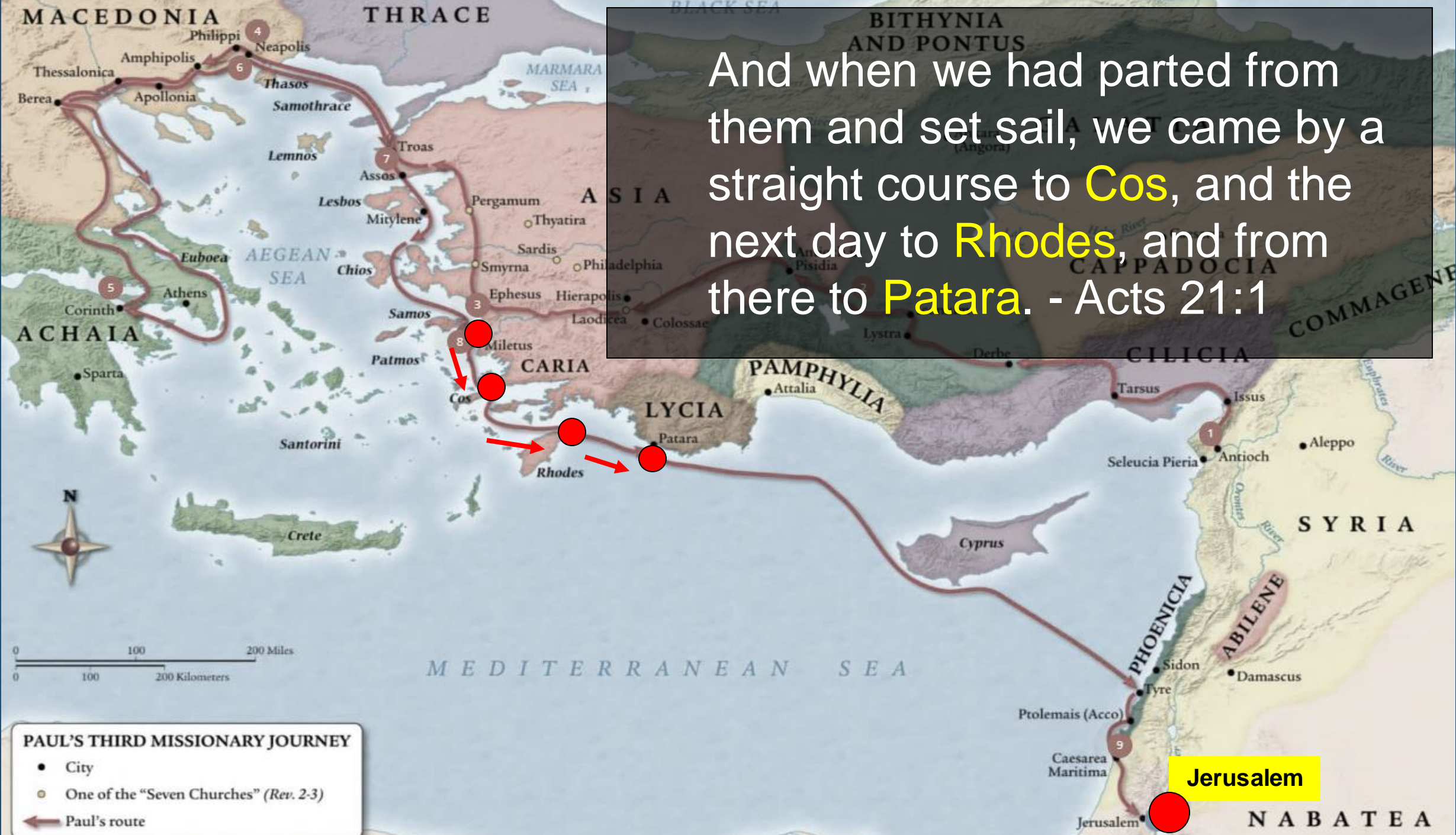
- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (*Rev. 2-3*)
- ← Paul's route

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And having sought out the disciples,
we stayed there for seven days. And
through the Spirit they were telling
Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.

- Acts 21:4

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While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. - Acts 21:10

And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" - Acts 21:11

When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. - Acts 21:12

Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” - Acts 21:13

It is significant because Paul simply disobeyed their words, something he would not have done if he had thought that they were speaking the very words of God. - Wayne Grudem



Prophetic Ministry

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. - Heb 1:1-2

For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge... to another gifts of healing... to another the working of miracles, to another **prophecy**... , to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

– 1 Cor 12:8-10

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. – Rom 12:6-8

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good.

– 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

Why did the key leaders interpret the prophecy given to Paul as “Don’t go to Jerusalem”?

In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the
world. – John 16:33

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And since he would not be
persuaded, we ceased and said,
“Let the will of the Lord be done.”
- Acts 21:14

The distance between your mind and God's mind is vastly, infinitely greater than the distance between a 5-year-old mind and a parent's mind. Yet you expect to understand everything God does? – Timothy Keller