

Lesson 12: The Opened Door of Faith

ACTS 14


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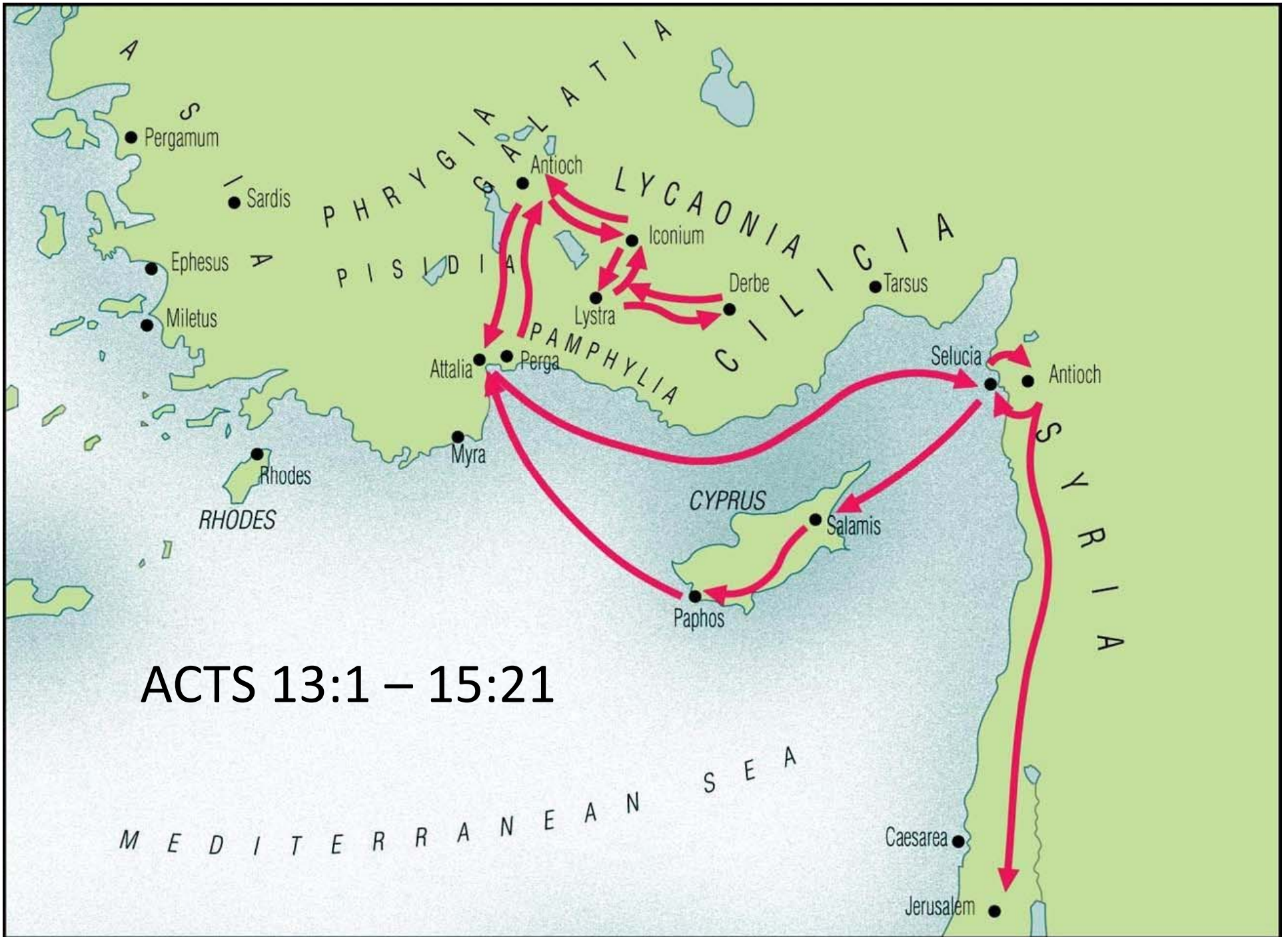


The Acts of the Apostles

- Purpose: Luke 1:4 – “That you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.”
- Context: Acts 1:2 – The time “after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.”
- Outline: Acts 1:8 – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 14

- Summary: The impact of the Gospel and of the power of God (versus the powers of hell)
 - Context: Paul and Barnaba's first missionary journey to the Gentiles
 - Result: Salvation and Rejection
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ACTS 13:1 – 15:21

Acts 14:1-3

- Spoke in such a way
- Unbelieving Jews poison minds against the brothers
 - Romans 11:11 – Jealous; Romans 11:28 – Enemies
- Word of His grace
 - Doctrine of salvation through God's mercy
 - Acts 20:32 – Able to build you up and to give you an inheritance
- Granting signs and miracles
 - An outward sign of the inward work

Acts 14:4-7

- Flee persecution, but do not fear it!
 - Matthew 10:23 – Flee to the next city
 - Matthew 10:27 – Proclaim from the housetops
 - Matthew 10:28 – Do not fear

Acts 14:8-10

- Now at Lystra
- The power of God on display
 - The external miracle confirms the internal miracle!
- Saving faith is immediate
 - Mark 10:52 – “Go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Acts 14:11-13

- The natural man's response
 - Attributing the work of God to false gods
 - A truly evil response to the Gospel
- The Lycaonian language


Acts 14:14-18

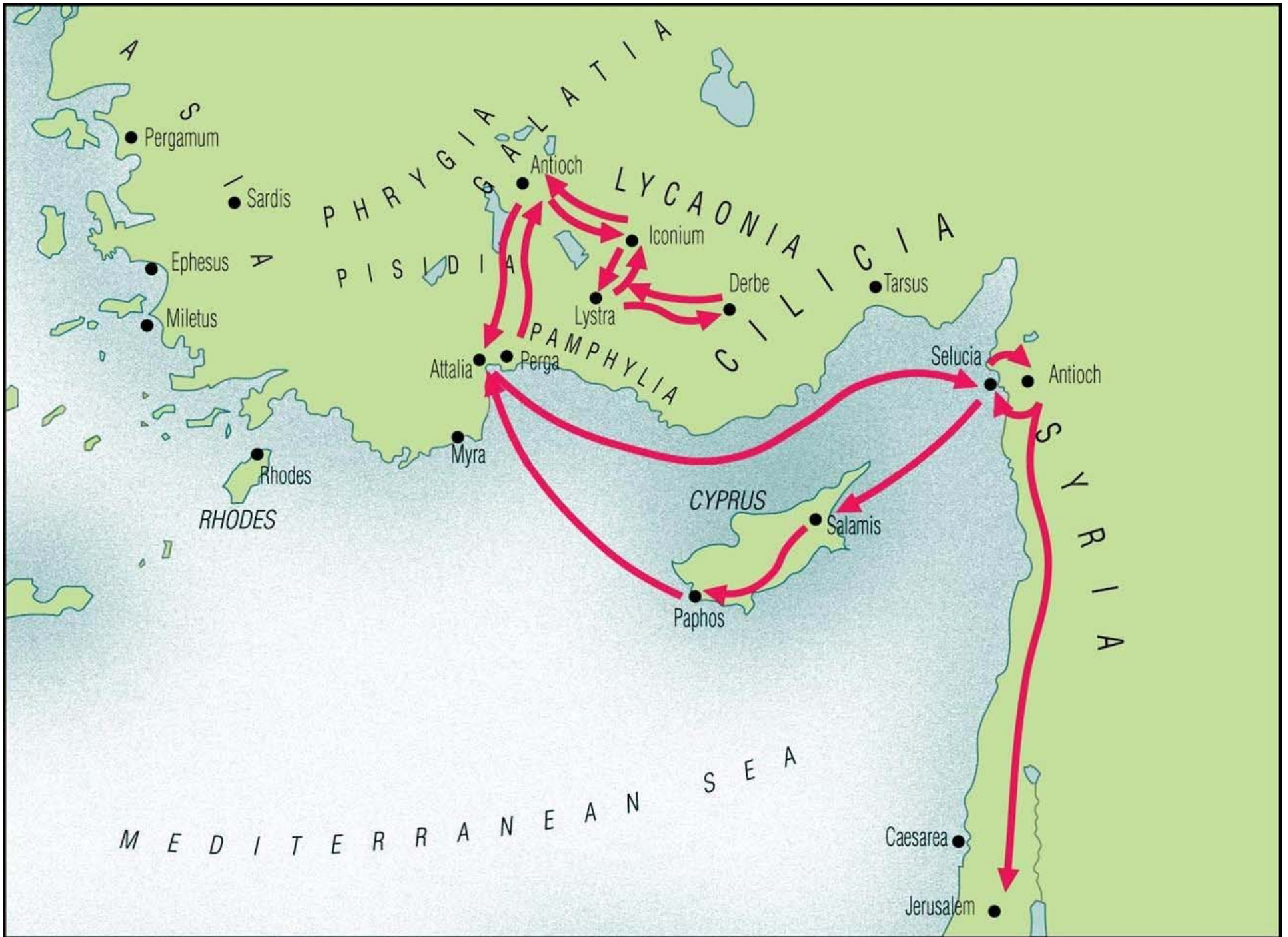
- The apostles Barnabas and Paul
 - Acts 13:3 – Sent ones from the church of Antioch
 - Acts 26:17 – Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ
 - Acts 13:4 – Sent out by the Holy Spirit
- General Revelation of God
 1. The knowledge of God (Suppressed)
 - Romans 1:18-21
 2. The knowledge of right and wrong (Conscience)
 - Romans 2:13-15
 3. The knowledge of the judgment to come (Know, but approve)
 - Romans 1:32

Acts 14:19-20

- Jews on a mission
- The powers of hell at work
- Paul stoned
- Paul rises up and returns to the city!

Acts 14:21-23

- Continue preaching the Gospel
 - Strengthening and encouraging in the faith
 - Many tribulations
 - The kingdom of God
 - Is at hand, is now – (Matthew 4:17, 5:3, Colossians 1:3)
 - Inheritance, live like you're in it – (1 Corinthians 6:9, Titus 2:11, 1 Thessalonians 2:12)
 - Is coming, kept in heaven for you – (1 Peter 1:4)
 - Appointed elders in every church
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Acts 14:27-28

- Reporting the work of the Lord
- The door of faith to the Gentiles
 - A wonder to the Jewish believers
 - Romans 16:25-27
- Continuing to minister at Antioch