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Conflicts Arises Over the Keeping of O.T. Law (Acts 15) – Part 2

Review of our previous study:

- Judaizing teachers came to Antioch teaching that Gentile Christians must be circumcised. (Acts 15:1 – 3)
- Paul, Barnabas, and others traveled to Jerusalem to resolve the issue of circumcising Gentile Christians. (Acts 15:4 – 21)

In this study:

- Paul, Barnabas, and others travel to Jerusalem to resolve the issue of circumcising Gentile Christians. (Acts 15:4 – 21)
- Paul & Barnabas are accompanied by men from Jerusalem as they return back to Antioch to deliver the epistle from the Apostles and elders. (Acts 15:22 – 35)
- Before beginning Paul's second missionary journey, a sharp disagreement arises between Paul & Barnabas leading to them dividing into two mission teams. (Acts 15:36 – 41)

Paul, Barnabas, and others travel to Jerusalem to resolve the issue of circumcising Gentile Christians. (continued)

ACTS 15:4 – 21

Acts 15:13 – 18 (ESV)

13 After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. 14 Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, 16 "'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, 17 that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things 18 known from of old.'

Colossians 2:11 – 17 (ESV)

11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. 16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. 17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Acts 15:19 – 21 (ESV)

19 Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, 20 but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. 21 For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."

Ephesians 2:12 – 16 (ESV)

12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Paul & Barnabas are accompanied by men from Jerusalem as they returned back to Antioch to deliver the epistle from the Apostles and elders.

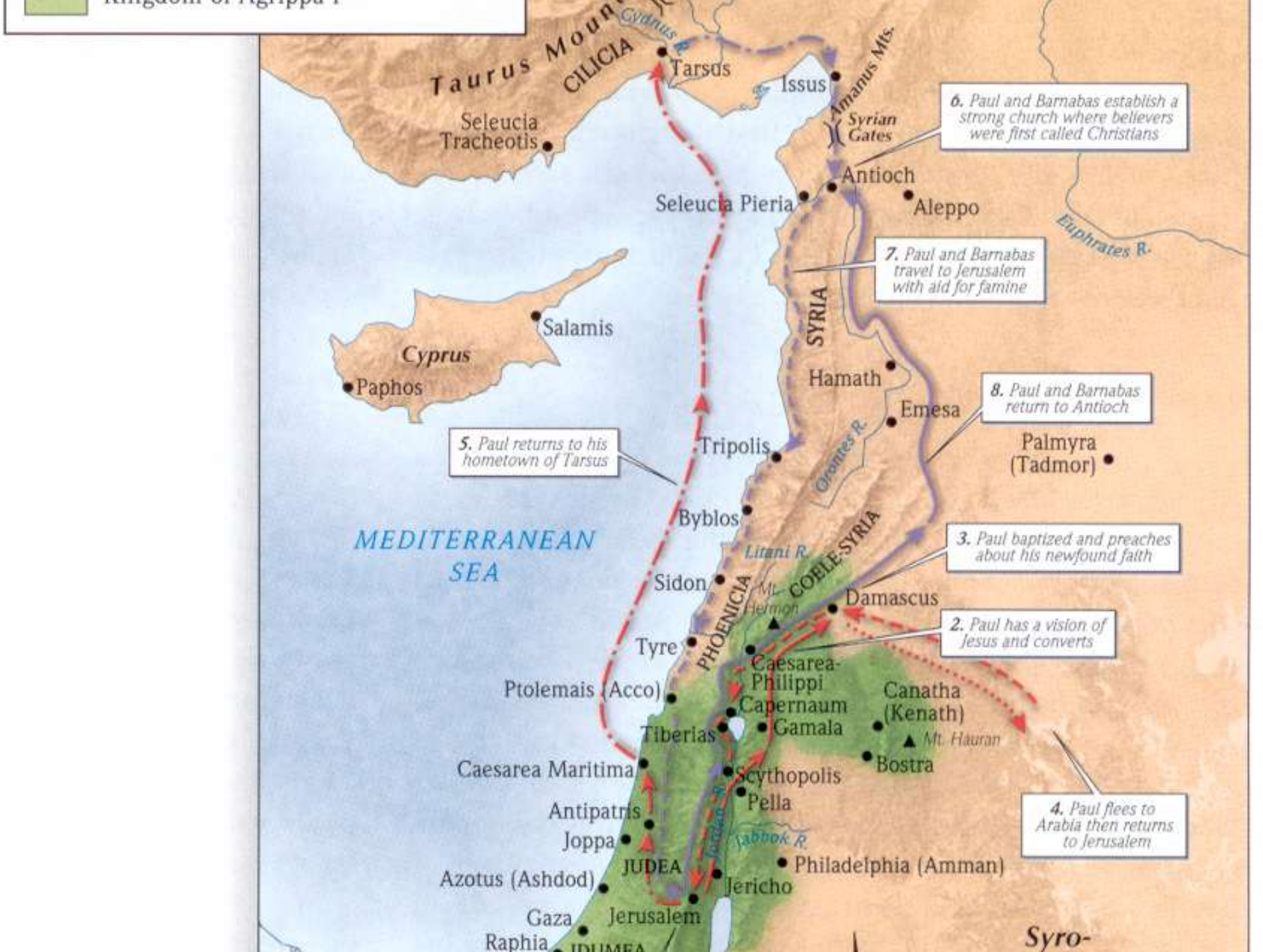
ACTS 15:22 – 35

Acts 15:22 – 29 (ESV)

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, 23 with the following letter: "The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. 24 Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, 25 it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: 29 that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

Acts 15:30 – 31 (ESV)

30 So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. 31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement.


Kingdom of Agrippa I
Taurus Mountains
CILICIA
Cydnus R.
Tarsus
Issus
Amanus Mts.
Syrian Gates
Seleucia Tracheotis
6. Paul and Barnabas establish a strong church where believers were first called Christians
Antioch
Seleucia Pieria
Aleppo
Euphrates R.
7. Paul and Barnabas travel to Jerusalem with aid for famine
SYRIA
Salamis
Cyprus
Paphos
Hamath
8. Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch
Emesa
Palmyra (Tadmor)
5. Paul returns to his hometown of Tarsus
Tripolis
Orontes R.
Byblos
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Litani R.
COELE-SYRIA
3. Paul baptized and preaches about his newfound faith
Sidon
Mt. Hermon
Damascus
PHOENICIA
2. Paul has a vision of Jesus and converts
Tyre
Caesarea-Philippi
Ptolemais (Acco)
Capernaum
Canatha (Kenath)
Gamala
Tiberias
Mt. Hauran
Bostra
Caesarea Maritima
Scythopolis
Pella
4. Paul flees to Arabia then returns to Jerusalem
Antipatris
Joppa
Jabbok R.
Philadelphia (Amman)
JUDEA
Azotus (Ashdod)
Jericho
Gaza
Jerusalem
Raphia
IDUMEA
Syro-

Acts 15:32 – 33 (ESV)

32 And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. 33 And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them.

1 Peter 5:12 (ESV)

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.

Some manuscripts insert verse 34: But it seemed good to Silas to remain there

Acts 15:35 (ESV)

35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Before beginning Paul's second missionary journey, a sharp disagreement arises between Paul & Barnabas leading to them dividing into two mission teams.

ACTS 15:36 – 41

Acts 15:36 (ESV)

36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are."

Paul encounters intense Jewish opposition to the gospel
Paul and Barnabas flee Iconium after a plot to kill them
Paul and Barnabas mistaken for gods
Paul continues journey after being stoned in Lystra
The church at Antioch sends Paul and Barnabas on missionary work
Proconsul Sergius Paulus converted
ASIA
LYDIA
CARIA
PHRYGIA
PISIDIA
LYCAONIA
PAMPHYLIA
LYCIA
CAPPADOCIA
COMMAGENE
CILICIA
Taurus Mountains
SYRIA
JUDEA
Chios
Smyrna
Sardis
Ephesus
Samos
Miletus
Laodicea
Colossae
Antioch in Pisidia
Iconium
Lystra
Derbe
Patmos
Halicarnassus
Cos
Cnidus
Rhodes
Attalia
Perga
Patara
Tarsus
Issus
Seleucia Tracheotis
Antioch
Aleppo
Seleucia Pieria
Crete
Salamis
Cyprus
Paphos
Hamath
Tripolis
Palmyra (Tadmor)
Damascus
Tyre
Caesarea Maritima
Philadelphia (Amman)
Jerusalem
Gaza
Caesarea (Mazaca)
Hermus R.
Maeander R.
Halys R.
Orontes R.
Jordan R.
Euphrates R.
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

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THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL
ACTS 15:36–18:32
City
Mountain peak
Via Egnatia
Pass
Route of Paul and Silas
Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea
Paul imprisoned
Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia
Luke joins Paul
Paul brought on charges before Gallio
Paul speaks to the Areopagus
Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work
Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture
Jerusalem Conference, A.D. 49, (Acts 15:1–30; Gal 2:1–21)
BLACK SEA
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
THRACE
MACEDONIA
BITHYNIA AND PONTUS
GALATIA
MYSIA
ASIA
Anatolian Plateau
LYCAONIA
CAPPADOCIA
AEGEAN SEA
ACHAIA
LYDIA
PHRYGIA
PISIDIA
CARIA
LYCIA
PAMPHYLIA
CILICIA
COMMAGENE
SYRIA
EGYPT
JUDEA
NABATEA
CYRENAICA
Qattara Depression
Taurus Mountains
Cilician Gates
Syrian Gates
Cyprus
Crete
Rhodes
Patmos
Samothrace
Lemnos
Lesbos
Chios
Cos
Cyclades Islands
Euboea
Amastris
Pontus Mts.
Byzantium (Istanbul)
Chalcedon
Perinthus
Porsule
Doriscus
Bitola
Pella
Amphipolis
Philippi
Neapolis
Apollonia
Berea
Thessalonica
Mt. Olympus
Larissa
Troas
Assos
Mitylene
Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Tripolis
Smyrna
Ephesus
Hierapolis
Laodicea
Colossae
Priene
Miletus
Halicarnassus
Aphrodisias
Cnidus
Xanthus
Patara
Rhodes
Ancyra (Ankara)
Sebaste
Antioch in Pisidia
Iconium
Seleucia
Cremna
Lystra
Derbe
Attalia
Perga
Faustinopolis
Tarsus
Mallus
Issus
Seleucia Tracheotis
Seleucia Pieria
Antioch
Aleppo
Hierapolis
Caesarea (Mazaca)
Delphi
Corinth
Athens
Cenchreae
Epidaurus
Sparta
Fair Havens
Salamis
Paphos
Hamath
Tripolis
Byblos
Palmyra (Tadmor)
Sidon
Tyre
Damascus
Caesarea Maritima
Jerusalem
Philadelphia (Amman)
Gaza
Alexandria
Pelusium
Memphis
Cyrene
Marmara Sea
Dardanelles
Halys R.
Hermus R.
Maeander R.
Nile R.
Jordan R.
Euphrates R.
Orontes R.
Dead Sea
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Acts 15:37 – 41 (ESV)

37 Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. 39 And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 13:13 (ESV)

13 Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem,

1 Corinthians 9:3 – 7 (ESV)

3 This is my defense to those who would examine me. 4 Do we not have the right to eat and drink? 5 Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? ***6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?*** *7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?*

Colossians 4:10 – 11 (ESV)

10 Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and ***Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him)****, 11 and Jesus who is called Justus.* ***These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.***

2 Timothy 4:11 (ESV)

11 Luke alone is with me. ***Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry****.*

In our next study, we will move on to examine Acts 16!