Paul Travels to Preach

Acts 13:13, 14 (NASB)

Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem. But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

- Perga in Pamphylia and Pisidian Antioch are in modern-day Turkey
- It was customary in Acts for them to go to the synagogue first

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Paul Is Given an Open Door

Acts 13:15, 16 (NASB)

After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:

- They must have heard of Paul and company and their ability to preach
- Paul and Barnabas were addressed as fellow Jews

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God Saved, Then Put Up With the Wilderness Generation

Acts 13:17, 18 (NASB)

"The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He led them out from it. For a period of about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness."

- The term "put up with" is only found here in NT and means "to bear with manners" or "He endured their conduct"
- Paul and his audience have shared premises

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Paul Narrates Jewish History

Acts 13:19, 20 (NASB)

"When He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land as an inheritance—all of which took about four hundred and fifty years. After these things He gave them judges until Samuel the prophet."

- The conquest of Canaan is seen as the action of God in keeping with His promise
- The 450 years is about the whole time in Egypt, then the wilderness, and early conquest (see Peterson)

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Contrast Between Saul and David

Acts 13:21, 22 (NASB)

"Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'"

- Their fathers asked for a king and got Saul
- In Luke, the true Son of David came but was rejected by the Jewish leadership
- They asked for Barabbas and rejected Jesus

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Jesus Is the Davidic Savior

Acts 13:23-25 (NASB)

"From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, after John had proclaimed before His coming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And while John was completing his course, he kept saying, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not He. But behold, one is coming after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'"

- Repentance was for "all the people of Israel"
- Paul spoke of our "fathers" (13:17, 32)

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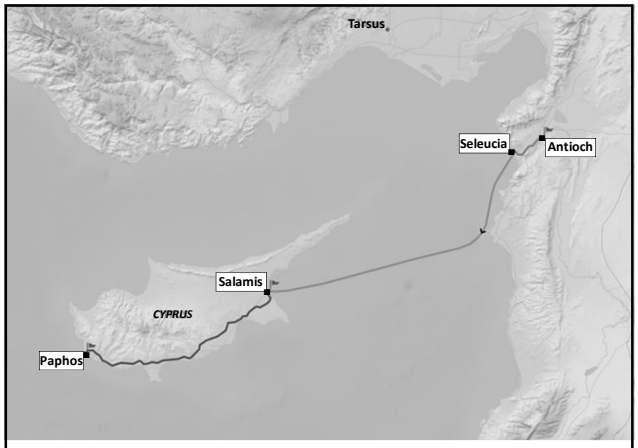

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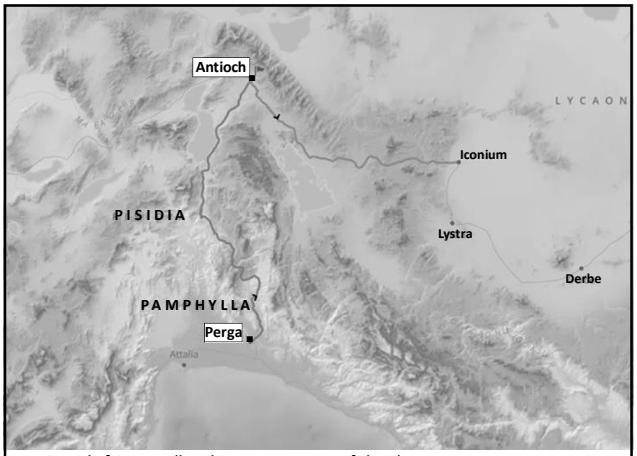

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