

What was Paul saying in Galatians?

PART 1 – THE BACKGROUND TO THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

Galatians 2

- ▶ Gal 2:4 *And this occurred* because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage),
- ▶ Gal 2:14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?"

Galatians 2

- ▶ Gal 2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.
- ▶ Gal 2:18 For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.
- ▶ Gal 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Galatians 3

- ▶ Gal 3:2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—
- ▶ Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?
- ▶ Gal 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT CONTINUE IN ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM."

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- ▶ Gal 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"),

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- ▶ Gal 3:17 And this I say, *that* the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.
- ▶ Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.
- ▶ Gal 3:19 What purpose then *does* the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it* was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.

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- ▶ Gal 3:21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.
- ▶ Gal 3:24 Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
- ▶ Gal 3:25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.
- ▶ Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4

- ▶ Gal 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.
- ▶ Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
- ▶ Gal 4:5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

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- ▶ Gal 4:9 But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how *is it that* you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?
- ▶ Gal 4:10 You observe days and months and seasons and years.

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- ▶ Gal 4:21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?
- ▶ Gal 4:22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.
- ▶ Gal 4:23 But he *who* was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,

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- ▶ Gal 4:24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—
- ▶ Gal 4:25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—
- ▶ Gal 4:26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

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- ▶ Gal 4:28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.
- ▶ Gal 4:30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON, FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREEWOMAN."
- ▶ Gal 4:31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

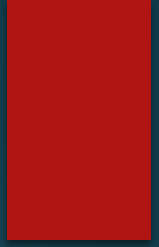
Galatians 5

- ▶ **Gal 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.
- ▶ Gal 5:4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Galatians 6

- ▶ **Gal 6:12** As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

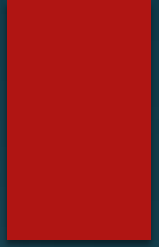
2 Peter



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- ▶ 2Pe 3:15 and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,
- ▶ 2Pe 3:16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they* do also the rest of the Scriptures.

Paul



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- ▶ Saul – Hebrew
- ▶ Paul – Greek

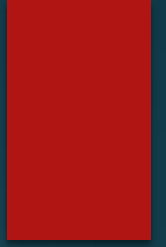
Paul

- ▶ **Php 3:4** though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:
- ▶ Php 3:5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;
- ▶ Php 3:6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Paul

- ▶ Act 22:3 "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.

Gamaliel



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Rabban Gamaliel the elder

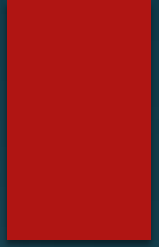


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- ▶ President of the Sanhedrin Council
- ▶ Doctor of the Law
- ▶ 35th Receiver of the traditions

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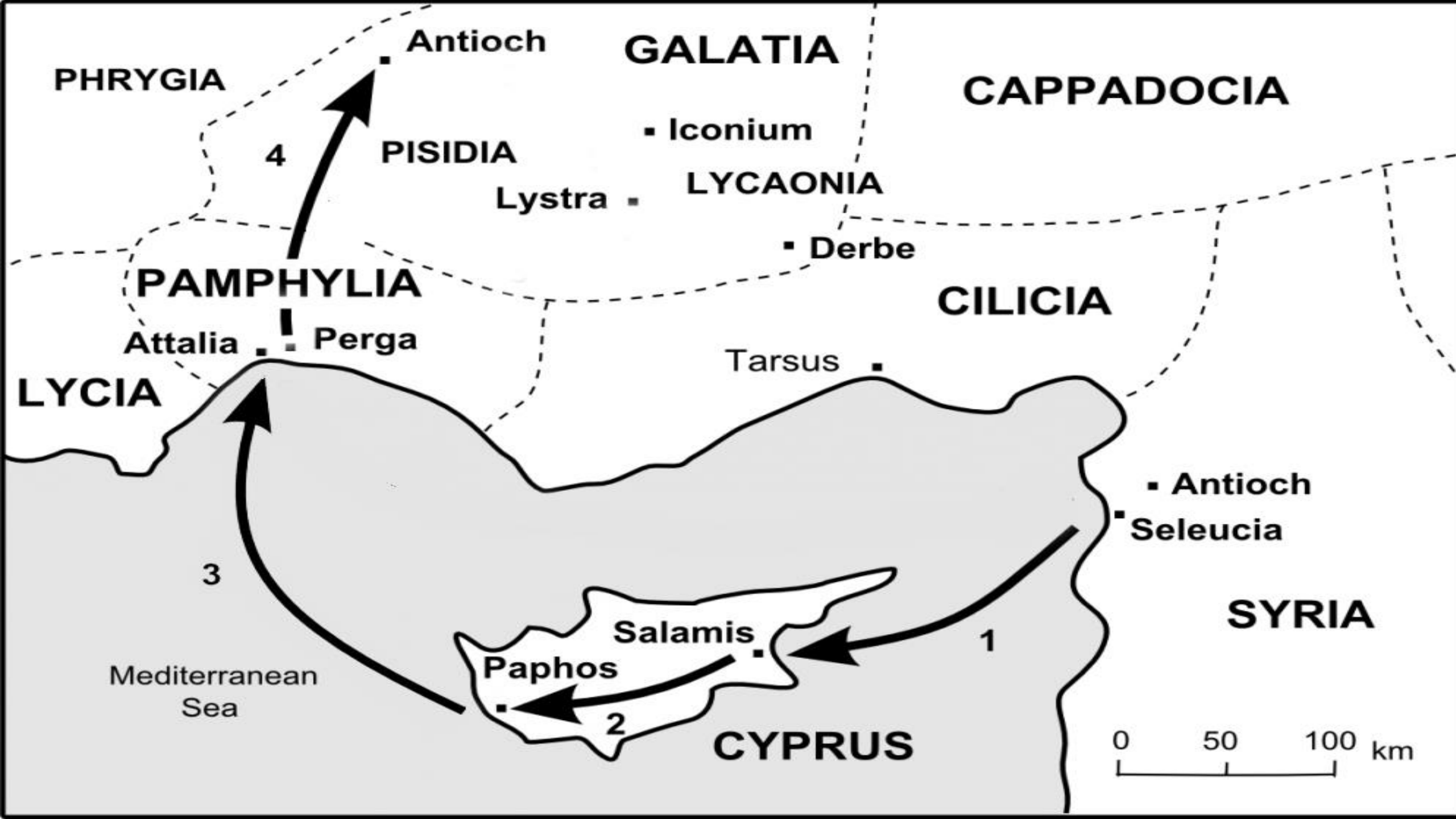


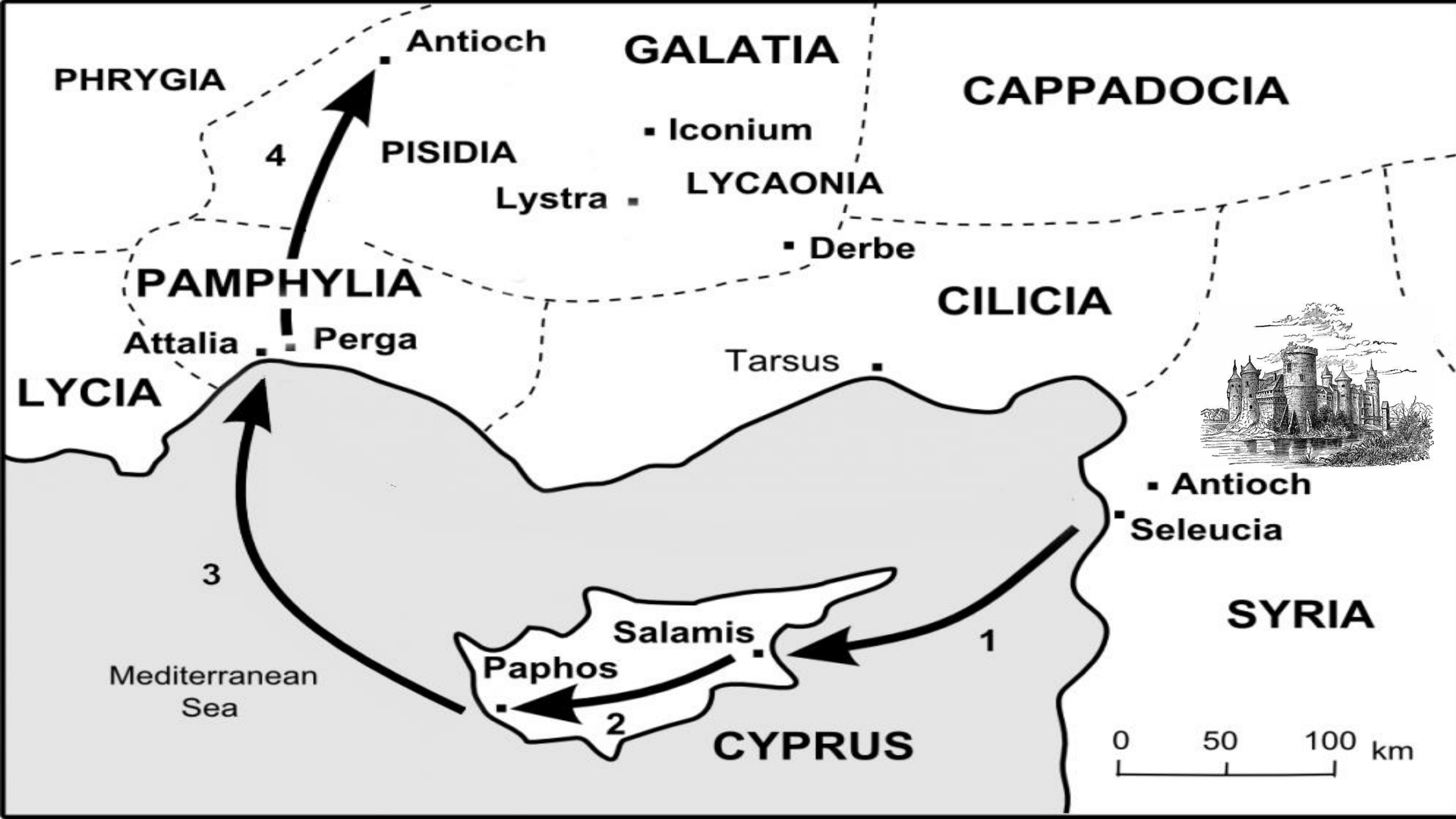
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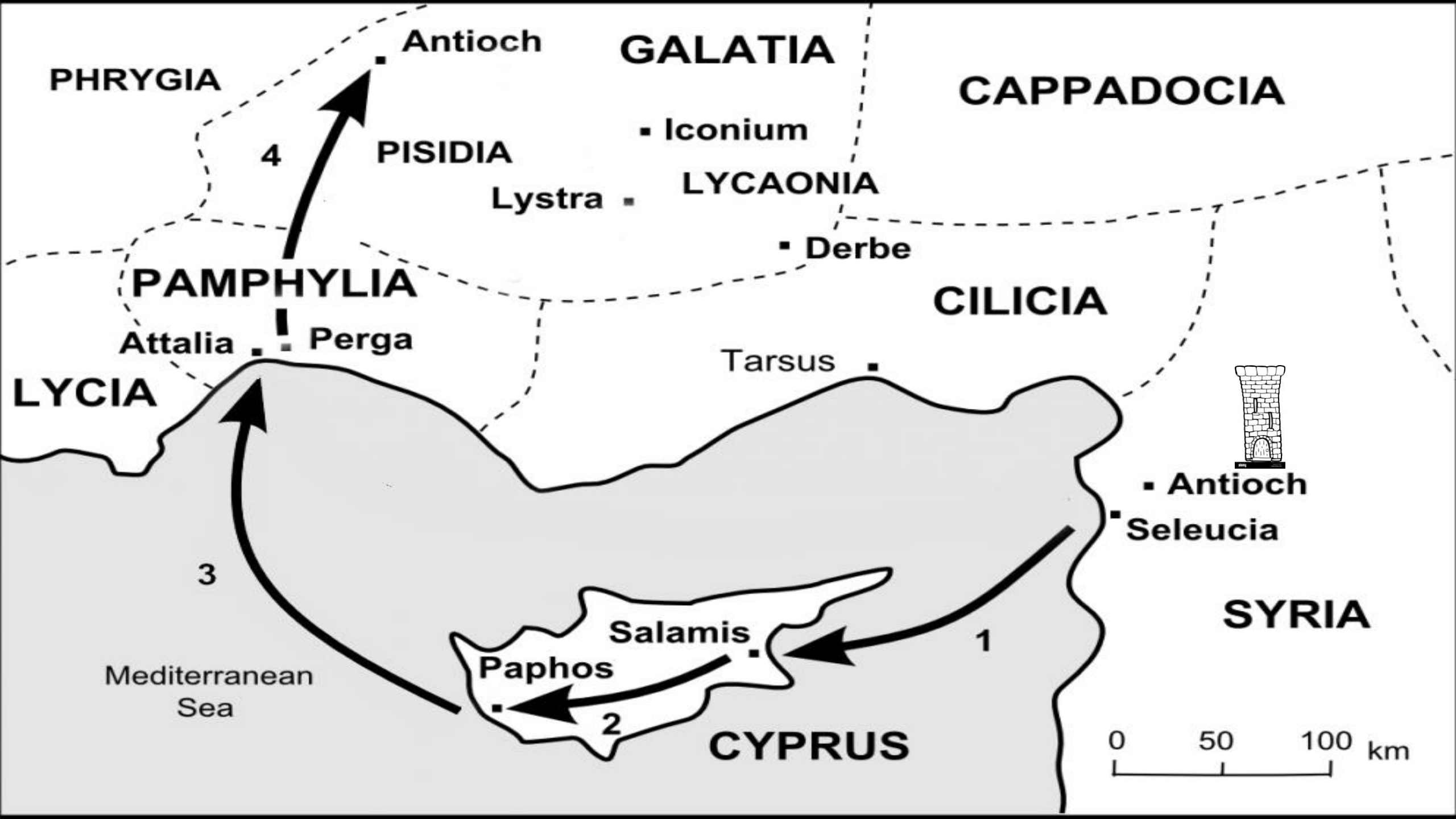
- ▶ **Act 9:20** Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.
- ▶ Act 9:22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

Sermon on Acts 13 & 14

- ▶ **Act 13:1** Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Mandaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.





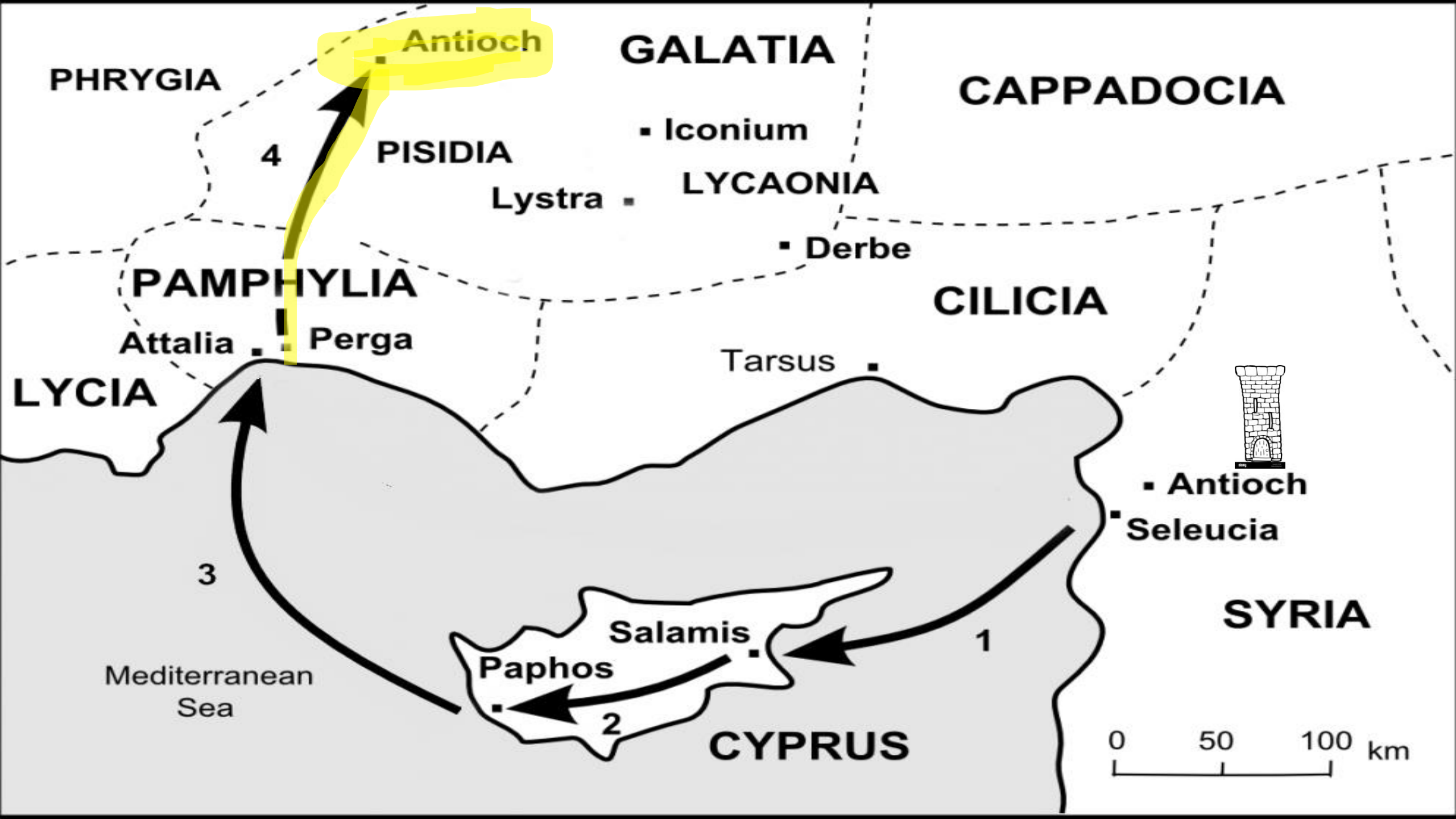


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- ▶ Act 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
- ▶ Act 13:3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away.

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- ▶ **Act 13:14** But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.
- ▶ Act 13:15 And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men *and* brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on."
- ▶ **Act 13:16** Then Paul stood up, and motioning with *his* hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:



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- ▶ Act 13:23 From this man's seed, according to *the* promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus—
- ▶ Act 13:26 "Men *and* brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.

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- ▶ **Act 13:32** And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers.
- ▶ Glad tidings – Verb “To Preach the Gospel”
 - ▶ Usually translated “Preach” or “Preach the Gospel”

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- ▶ Act 13:33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.'
- ▶ Act 13:34 And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I WILL GIVE YOU THE SURE MERCIES OF DAVID.'
- ▶ Act 13:35 Therefore He also says in another Psalm: 'YOU WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION.'

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 - ▶ Forgiveness – Freedom, pardon, deliverance, liberty
 - ▶ Sin
 - ▶ **1Jn 3:4** Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.
 - ▶ Rom 4:15 - for where there is no law *there is* no transgression.

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 - ▶ Justified
 - ▶ Greek – Dikaioo
 - ▶ Meaning – To render just or innocent

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▶ LAW

▶ Greek: Nomos

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- ▶ God's law, Torah, Oral law, Spiritual law, moral law, ceremonial law, judicial law, etc...

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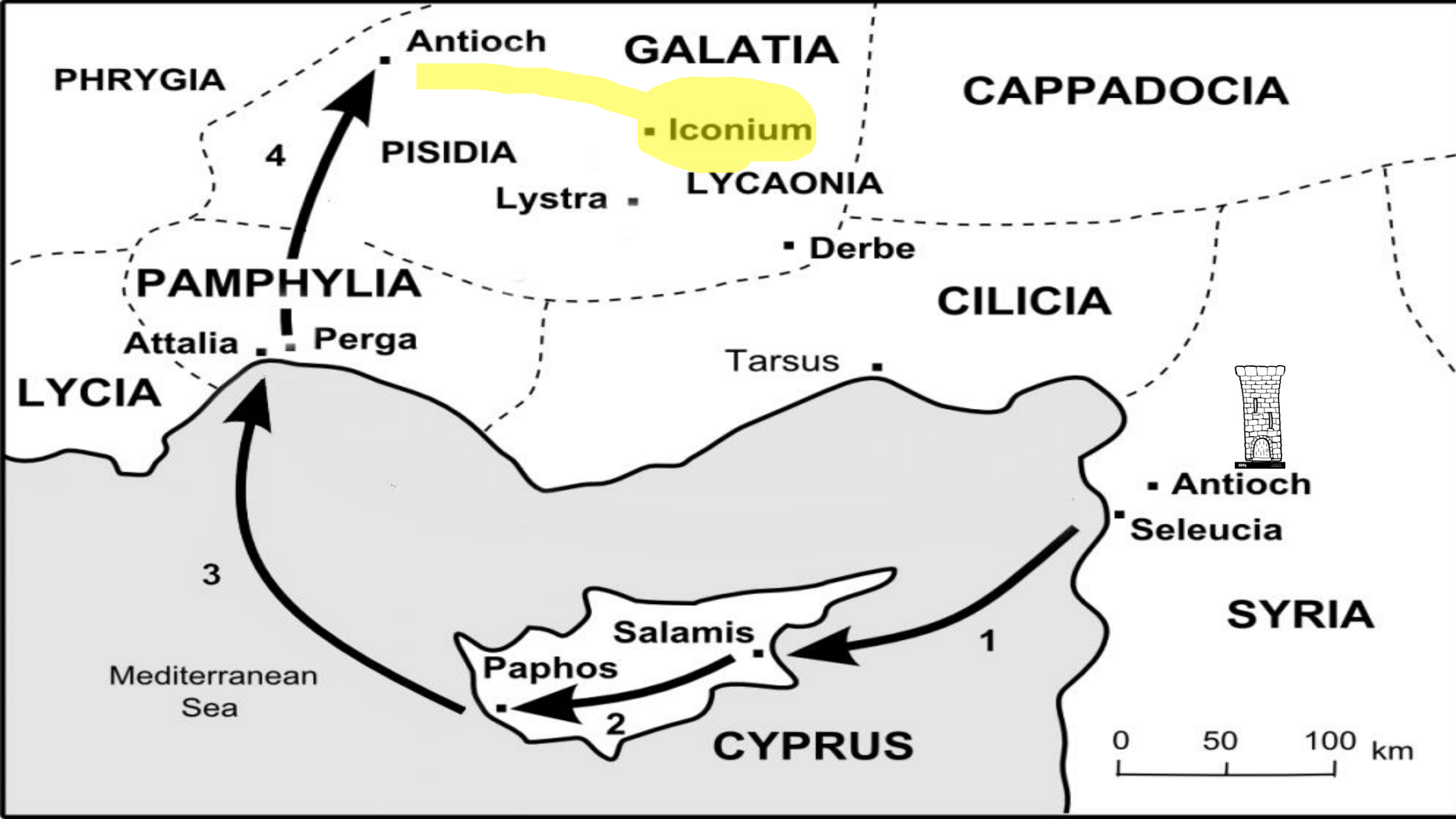
- ▶ Act 13:42 So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.
- ▶ Act 13:43 Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.
- ▶ Act 13:44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

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- ▶ **Act 13:45** But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.
- ▶ Act 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.
- ▶ Act 13:47 For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I HAVE SET YOU AS A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES, THAT YOU SHOULD BE FOR SALVATION TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.' "
- ▶ Act 13:48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

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- ▶ Act 13:49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.
- ▶ Act 13:50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.
- ▶ Act 13:51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium.
- ▶ Act 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

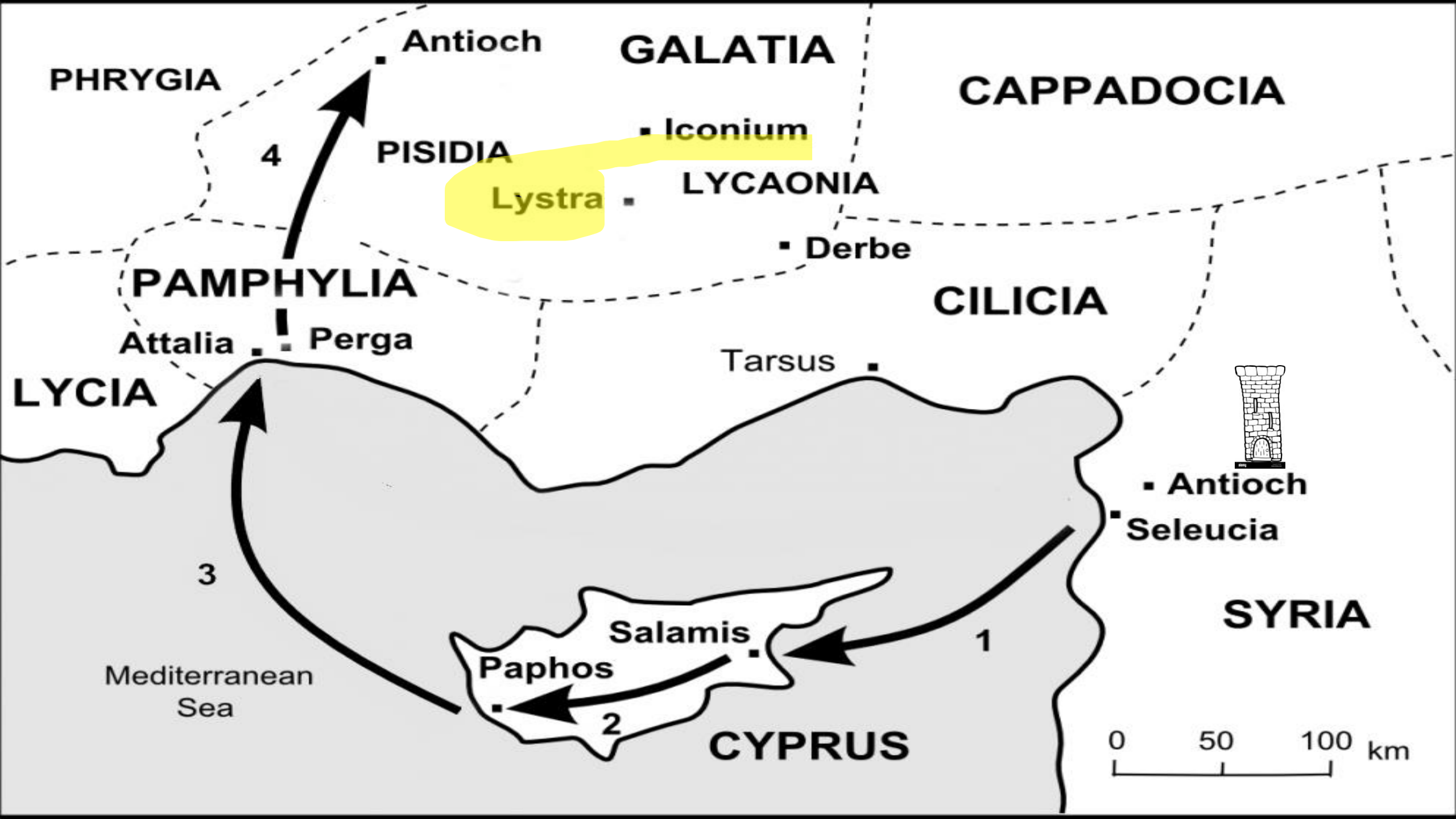


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- ▶ **Act 14:1** Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed.
- ▶ Act 14:2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren.
- ▶ Act 14:3 Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

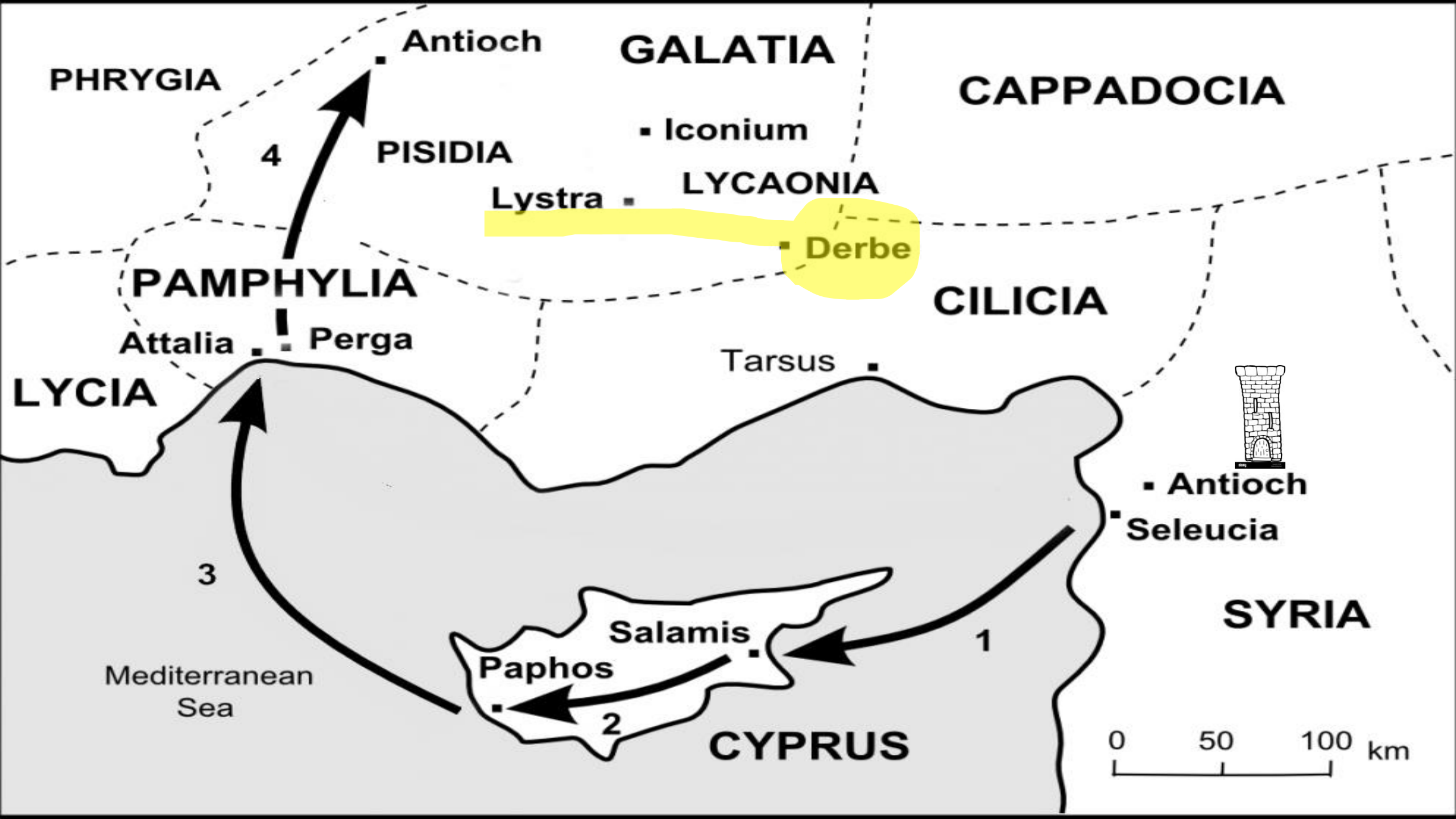
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- ▶ Act 14:4 But the multitude of the city was divided: part sided with the Jews, and part with the apostles.
- ▶ Act 14:5 And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them,
- ▶ Act 14:6 they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region.
- ▶ Act 14:7 And they were preaching the gospel there.



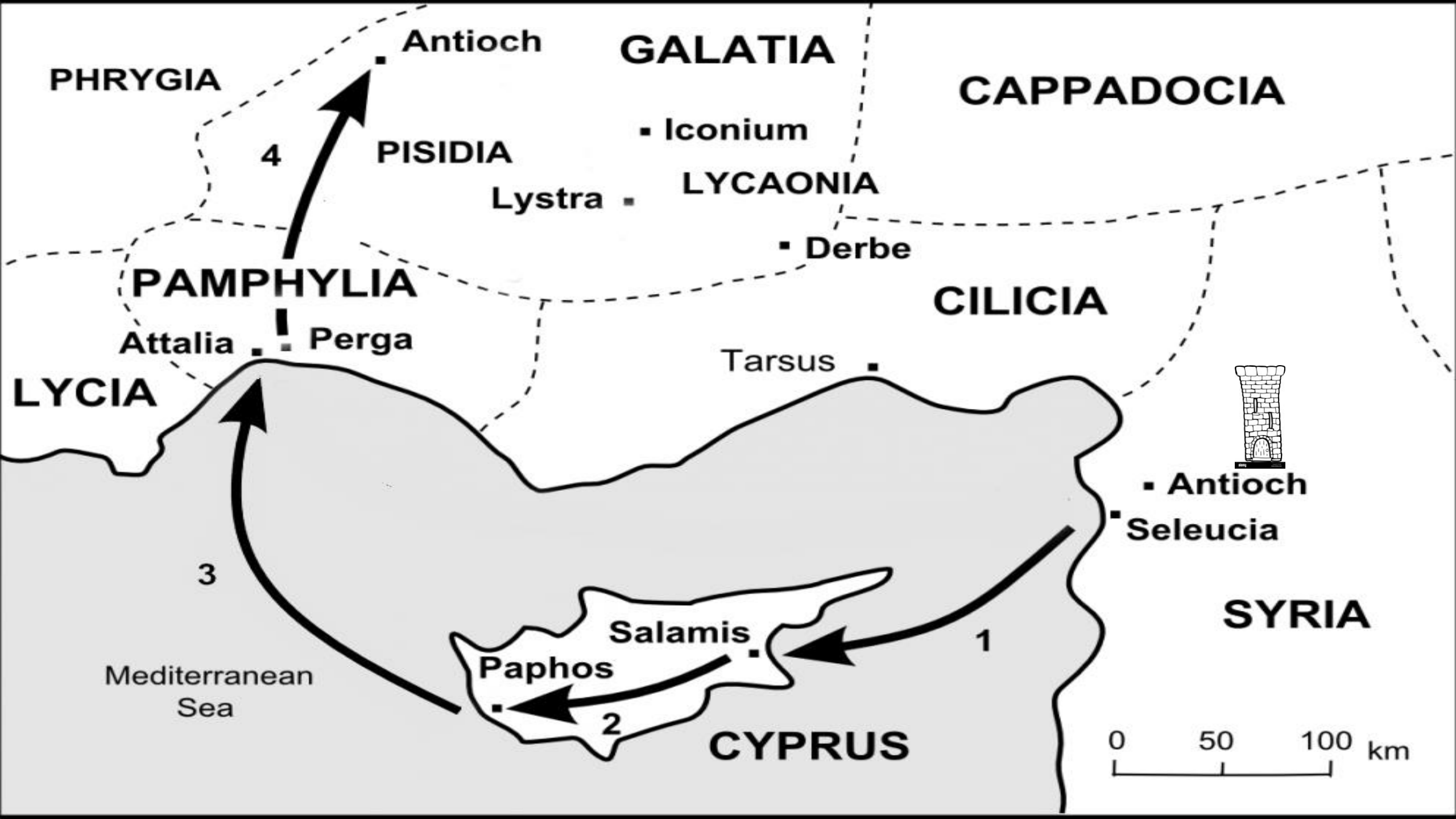
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- ▶ Act 14:19 Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul *and* dragged *him* out of the city, supposing him to be dead.
- ▶ Act 14:20 However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.



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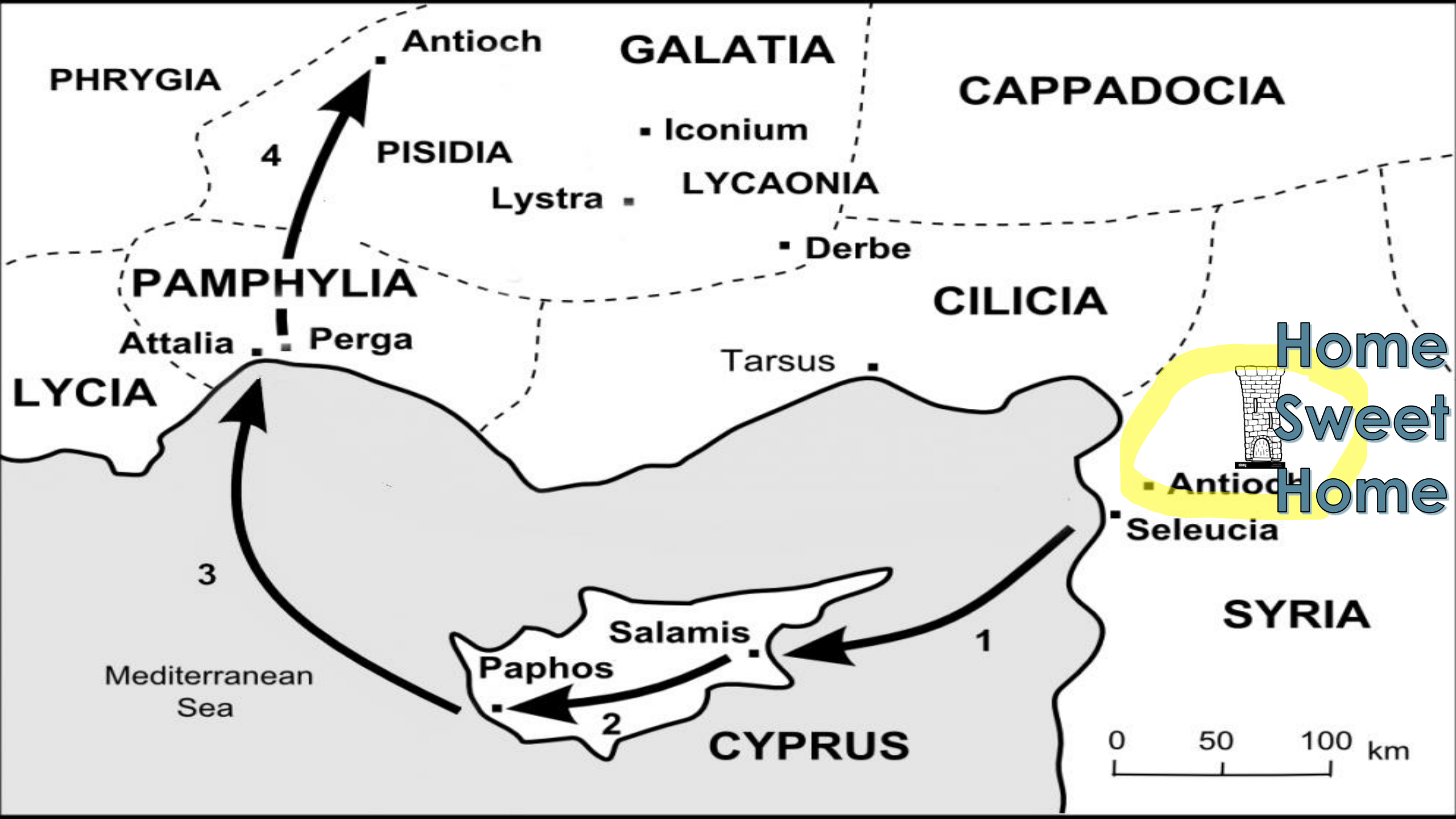
- ▶ Act 14:21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch
- ▶ Act 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."



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- ▶ Act 14:23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.
- ▶ Act 14:24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.
- ▶ Act 14:25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.
- ▶ Act 14:26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.



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- ▶ Act 14:27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.
- ▶ Act 14:28 So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

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- ▶ **Act 15:1** And certain *men* came down from Judea, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Which is it???

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