

# Overview of Third Preaching Trip

- Acts 18:23-21:17
- Approximately 2800–3000 miles
- ▶ About 4–5 years
- Have been to these cities or regions so far
  - Galatia
  - Phrygia
  - "upper regions"
  - Ephesus
- Now on to
  - Troas
  - Macedonia
  - Greece
  - And then return trip to Jerusalem

### Cities/Provinces

- Antioch
- Galatia
- Phrygia
- "Upper regions"
- Ephesus
- Troas
- Macedonia
- Corinth (twice)
- Troas
- Assos
- Mitylene

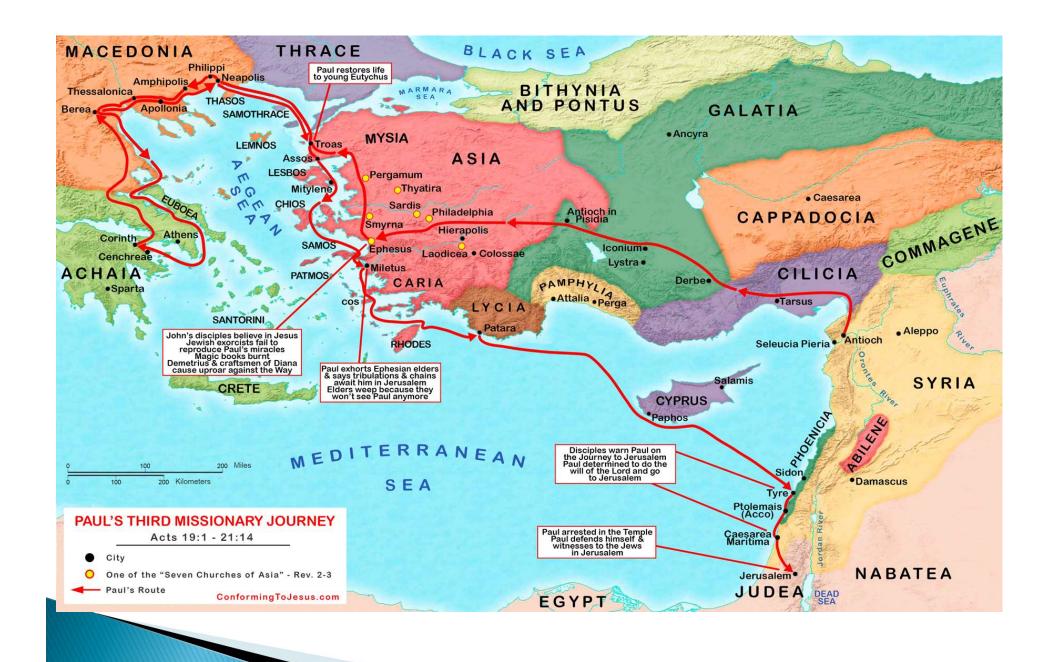
- Chios
- Samos
- Miletus
- Coos
- Rhodes
- Patara
- Tyre
- Ptolemais
- Caesarea
- Jerusalem

### Last week

- We concluded with the riot in Ephesus
  - Demetrius had been successful in stirring up the workers, leading to the stirring up of the whole city
    - Their trade was being injured
    - Their religion was in danger
  - Gaius and Aristarchus were seized
  - Paul did not go in
  - The town clerk took charge and dismissed the assembly
- Now this week:
  - Chapter 20:1–16

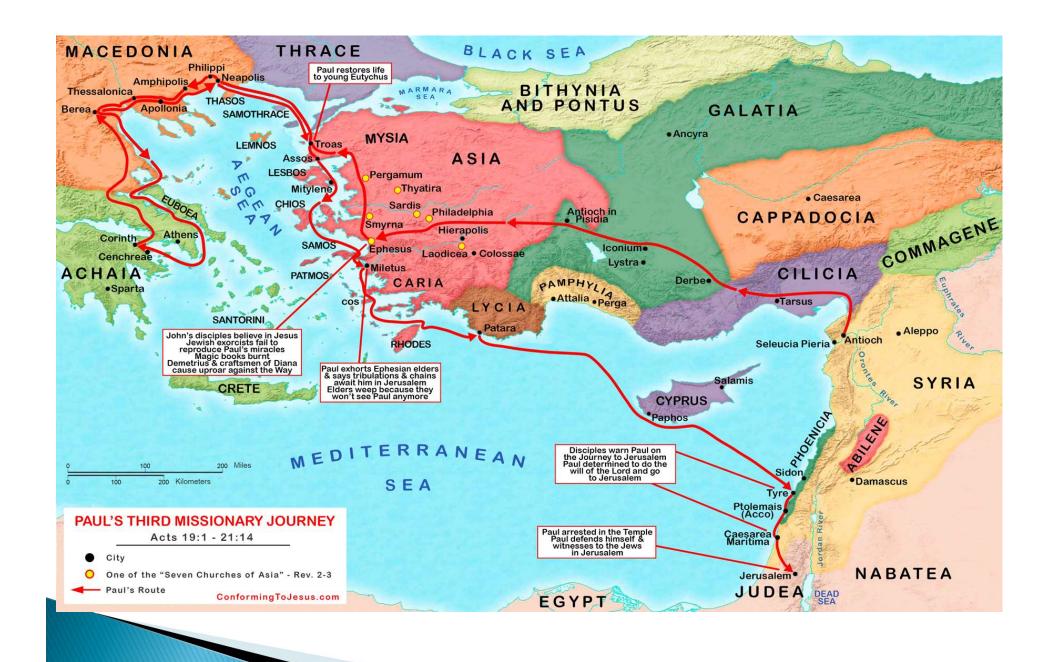
## Leaving Ephesus

- Paul's concern for the brethren in Ephesus demonstrated
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 possibly Paul's assessment of the riot situation
- Paul went to Troas
  - 2 Corinthians 2:12–13
  - Door was opened
  - Expected Titus but did not find him
  - No rest in his spirit
- Departed for Macedonia
- Paul had intentions at some point to go to Corinth, then Macedonia, then back to Corinth
  - 2 Corinthians 1:15–17
  - He actually went from Ephesus to Macedonia to Corinth then back to Macedonia



### To Macedonia

- Paul goes to Macedonia
- Titus does come to Paul in Macedonia with good news
  - 2 Corinthians 7:5–7
  - Titus brought good news of Corinth's repentance
- Churches of Macedonia
  - Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea
  - "Encouraged them with many words" (20:2)
- Paul wrote 2 Corinthians from Macedonia
  - Timothy is with Paul (2 Corinthians 1:1)
  - Paul had sent Titus to Corinth, along with others, to gather the gift for the needy saints in Jerusalem
    - 2 Corinthians 8:6, 16-19; 9:5
- Many believe Paul wrote Galatians about the same time



#### To Corinth

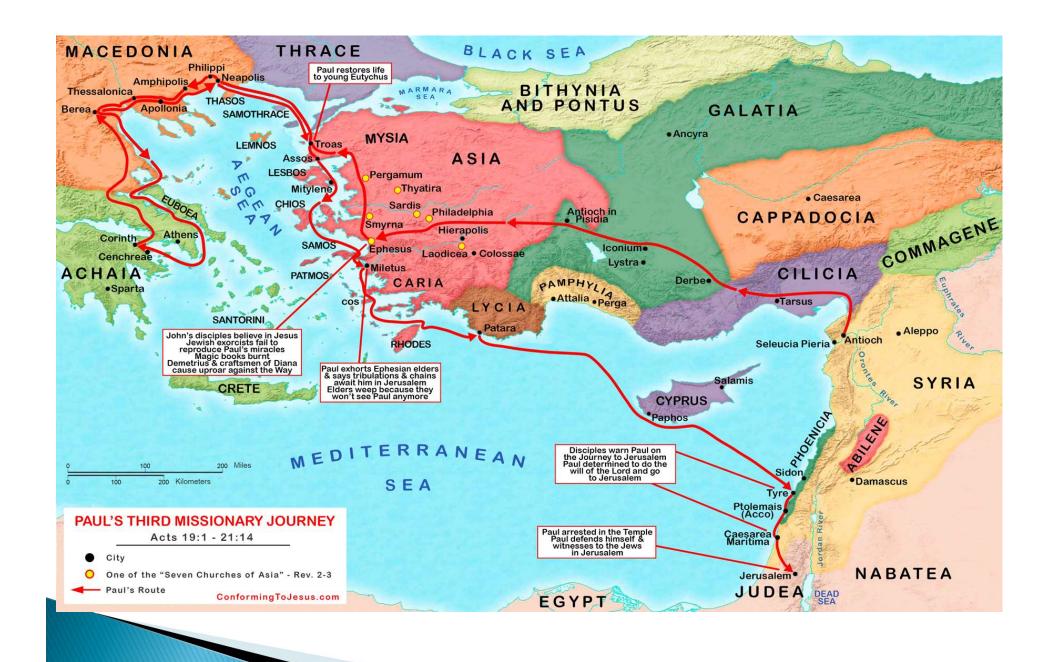
- Stayed 3 months (20:3)
  - Planned to be there in the winter (1 Corinthians 16:6)
  - Late 57 to early 58 A.D.
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> trip to Corinth (2 Corinthians 13:1)
- Wrote the letter to the Romans
  - Several men are with him (Romans 16:21-23)
  - Paul on his way back to Jerusalem with the relief for the needy saints
    - Romans 15:25ff)
- Intended to sail from Greece to Syria, but changed plans to return through Macedonia (20:3)
  - Why?

### Return Trip - On His Way to Jerusalem

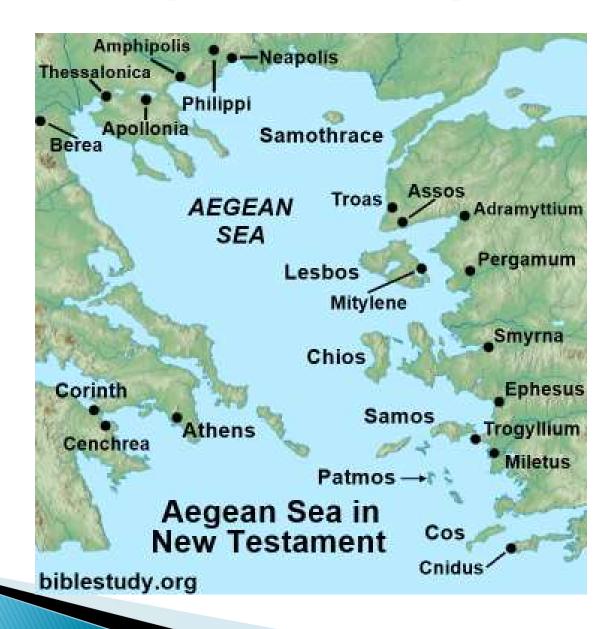
- Many men accompanied him (20:4)
  - Very possibly messengers of the churches carrying the relief to the needy saints in Jerusalem
    - 1 Corinthians 16:3
    - 2 Corinthians 8:18–21
    - What churches have been instructed regarding making a contribution for the needy saints in Jerusalem?
      - Galatia 1 Corinthians 16:1
      - Corinth 1 Corinthians 16:1
      - Macedonia 2 Corinthians 8:1

# **Accompanied Paul**

- Sopater of Berea
  - Possibly Sosipater of Romans 16:21
- Aristarchus of Thessalonica
  - Acts 19:29 Had been seized in Ephesus riot
  - Acts 27:2 Traveled with Paul to Rome
  - Colossians 4:10 fellow prisoner
  - Philemon 24 fellow laborer
- Secundus of Thessalonica
- Gaius of Derbe
  - Not to be confused with Gaius the Macedonian Acts 19:29
- Tychicus
  - Colossians 4:7 with Paul in Rome
  - Titus 3:12 possibly will be sent to Crete
  - 2 Timoth 4:12 Paul sent him to Ephesus
  - Ephesians 6:21 being sent to Ephesus
- Trophimus
  - Acts 21:29 a Gentile from Epheus
  - 2 Timothy 4:20 at some point later, Paul left him in Miletus sick



### Sailing Across the Aegean



#### To Troas

- Verses 4&5
  - Many who accompanied Paul went on ahead to Troas
    - from Achaia, or
    - From Macedonia
- Paul and Luke went by land through Macedonia
- From Philippi, they sailed to Troas to meet up with the others (20:5-6)
- Left Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread
  - March/April
  - Remember Paul writing to Corinth from Ephesus that he would remain in Ephesus until Pentecost (May/June)?
    - 1 Corinthians 16:8
    - This is about 1 year later

# On the First Day of the Week...

- Troas: "where we stayed seven days"
  - Even though Paul is "hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost" (Acts 20:16)
- On the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight"
- "break bread"
  - Can mean common meal Acts 2:46, but that does not fit the context and meaning of Acts 20:7
  - Lord Supper 1 Corinthians 10:16
    - Acts 2:42
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