

Acts of the Apostles

September 1, 2024

Acts 13:10 Paul to Sorcerer Elymas
**You are a child of the devil
& an enemy of everything that is right!
You are full of all kinds of deceit....**

chapters

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Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?

DEVIL = διαβόλου = diabolou used 38x in N.T. in 6 forms

17x as diabolos as in Matt 4:5 “Then the devil - diabolos - taketh him up
into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Possessed or not—Elymas was under the Father of Lies



I've NOT seen as many lies in any other 5-yr span in my life

origin of
DIABOLICAL



We are told in Acts 13:12 that the Proconsul BELIEVED

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almost exactly 140 years ago**

Devil is growing a little wiser ... still a fool ...

**looked back over his own history, he would see
that HE has been the means of spreading the gospel....**

DIABOLICAL

**A little streamlet of living water flowed through Jerusalem,
and wherever it went it fertilized the earth ... bring forth & bud.**

**It flowed ... became wider, and Satan said within himself,
"If this continues I cannot tell what will come of it; I must stop its flow."**

Satan looked around & found a great stone ... name of Herod.

**This stone the arch-enemy dashed into the bed of the stream intending
to turn it aside.... Yet forced ... water of life splashed right & left,
scattering abroad disciples everywhere preaching the WORD.**



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**Every drop of that streamlet became the mother of
ANOTHER fountain where it fell, and
so other lands were refreshed with
the waters of life.**

DIABOLICAL



**“Divide and conquer,” said Satan: he divided ... did not conquer.
His raging winds carry far afield the precious seed of divine truth;
every tempest that he raises
speeds onward the barque of the church.**

Now, see! Saul of Tarsus ... tells Proconsul Sergius Paul about

The Eternal Truth

so Paul travels far & wide



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Frist stops of many in Acts 13-28 ... maybe 3x as many UNRECORDED

Acts 13 Theme: Christ's Death & Resurrection Central Gospel Message of Forgiveness

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Short Passage



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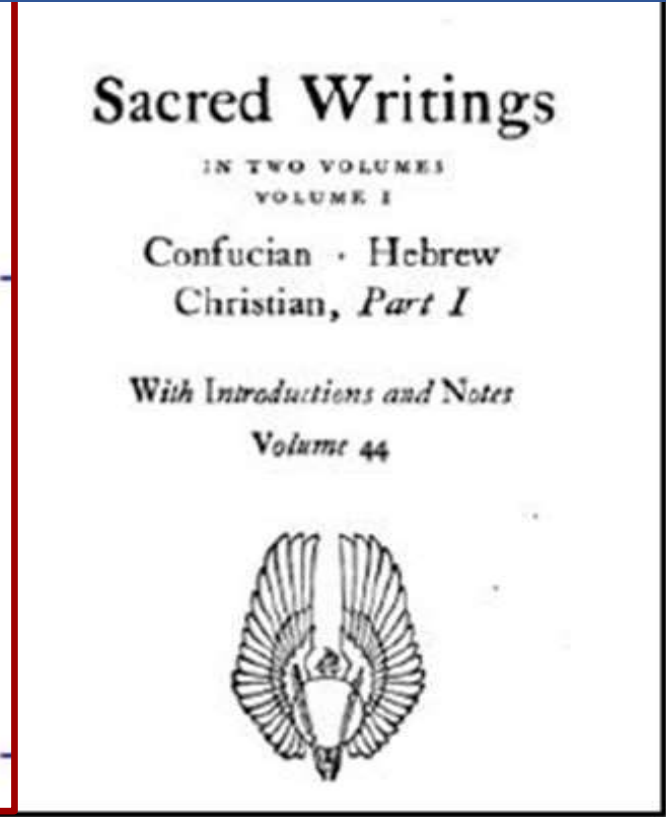
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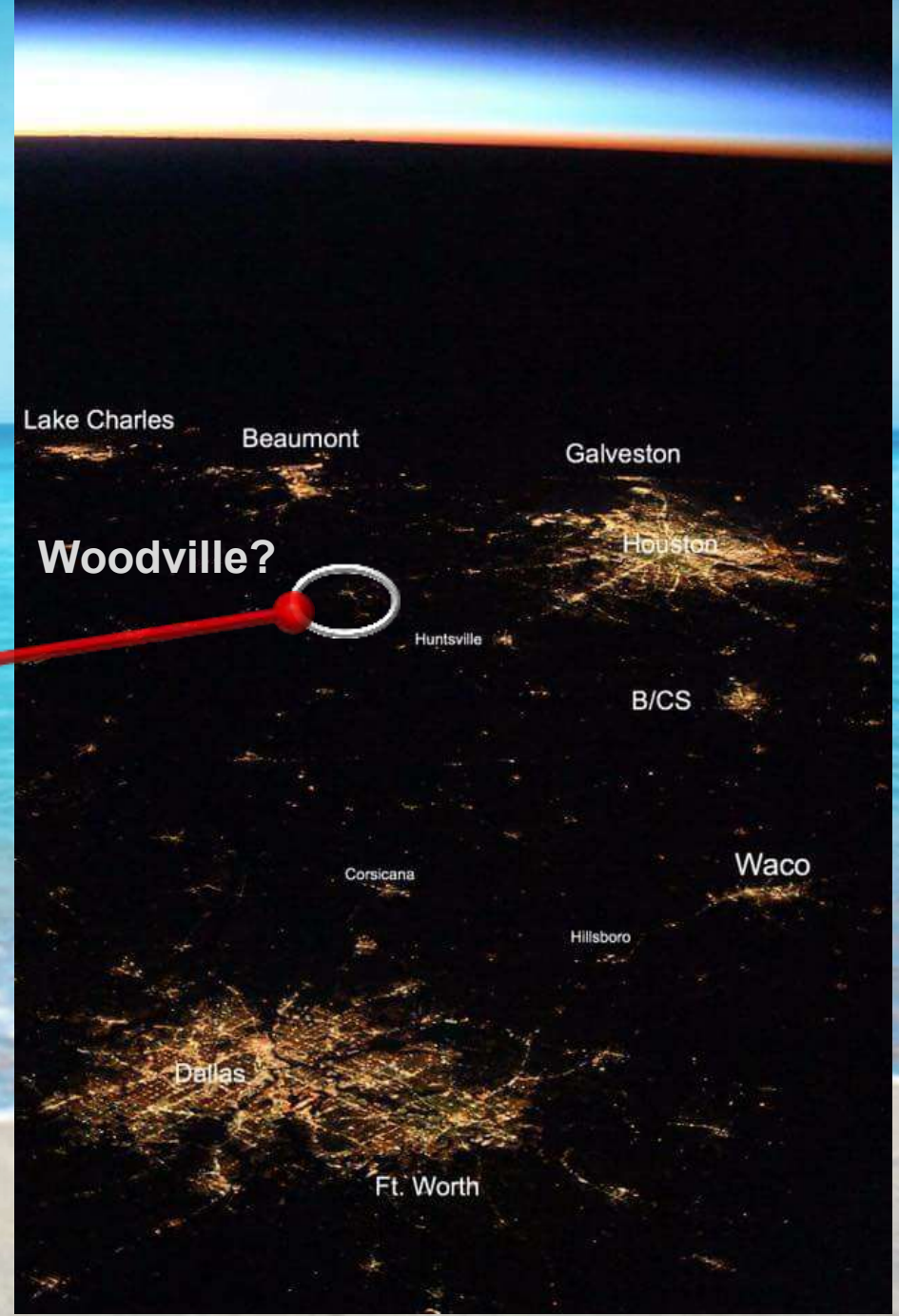
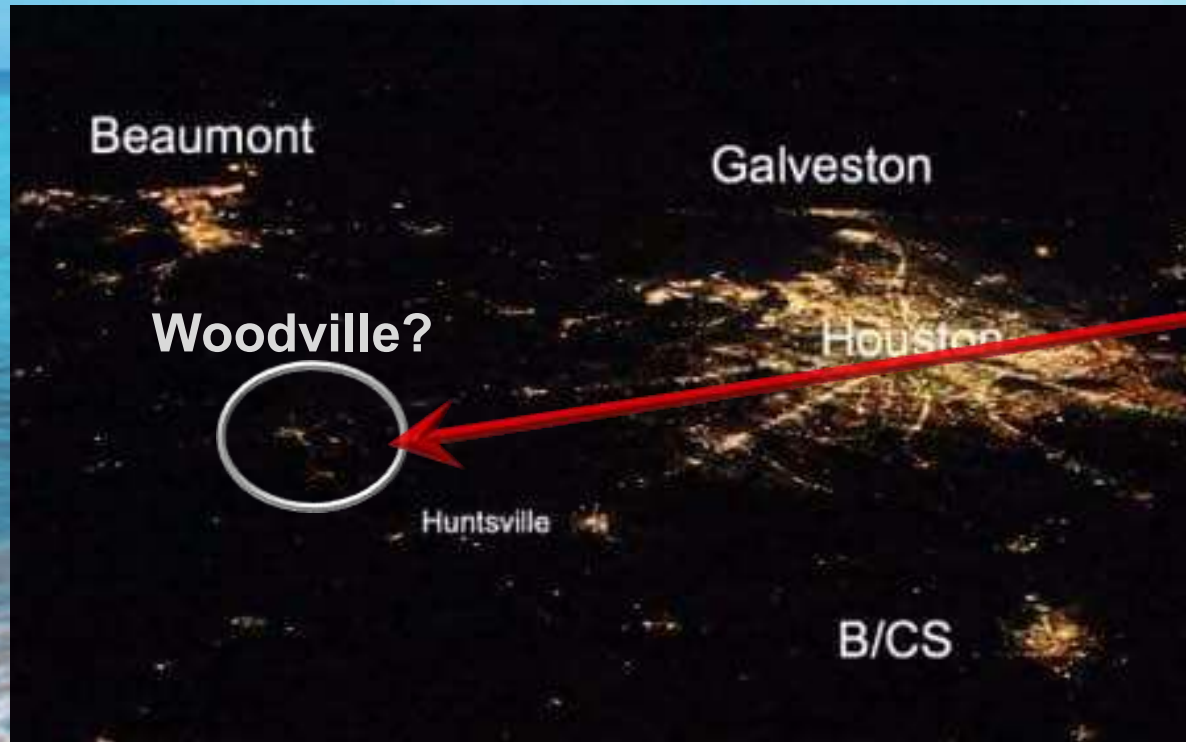
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**Just for fun ... photo of SE Texas
night from International Space Station
Where is Woodville?**



**Lot of churches in Tyler County
Church has spread FAR since A.D. 33**

Book of Acts – the Early Church

Acts in 2 Parts

1 Intro – Theophilus, Appearances, Ascension

2-12 Peter – Church from Jerusalem to Antioch

2-7 Jerusalem – Pentecost, Peter, John, Ananias & Sapphira, Stephen

8 Samaria – Paul persecutes, Philip, Simon

9 Conversion of Paul

10-12 Conversion of Cornelius, Peter's vision of sheets, Gentile Pentecost

13-28 Paul – Church from Antioch to Rome

13-14 1st Missionary Journey – Saul/Paul & Barnabas

15:1-35 1st Church Council in Jerusalem

15:36 – 18:22 2nd Missionary Journey of Paul

18:23 – 21:16 3rd Missionary Journey of Paul

21:17 – 23 Paul to Jerusalem

24-26 Paul to Caesarea

27-28 Paul to Rome

Our 13 Weeks



Acts 13-28 – just 16 chapters

13:1 – 14:28

Paul's *FIRST* Missionary Journey

13:1-12 To Cyprus

14:1-7 Iconium

13:13-52 Pisidia Antioch

14:8-28 Lystra, Derbe, to Antioch

15:1-35

Jerusalem Council

15:36 – 18:22

Paul's *SECOND* Missionary Journey

15:36 – 16:10

Antioch to Troas

16:11-40

Troas to Philippi

17:1-34

Philippi to Thessalonica to Athens

18:1-22

Athens to Corinth

18:23 – 21:16

Paul's *THIRD* Missionary Journey

18:23 – 19:41

Ephesian Pentecost

20:1 – 21:16

Macedonia to Troas, Athens, Corinth, return

21:17 – 28:31

Paul in Route to & in Rome

21:17 – 23:35

In Jerusalem

24:1 – 26:32

In Caesarea

27:1 – 28:15

Voyage to Rome

28:16-31

Ministry in Rome



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50+ Cities visited by Apostle Paul

9:26 Jerusalem
 9:30 Caesarea
 9:30 Tarsus
 11:26 Antioch (Syria)
 13:1 Antioch (Syria)
 13:4 Seleucia
 13:13 Perga
 13:14 Antioch (Pisidia)
 13:4 Cyprus
 13:5 Salamis (Cyprus)
 13:6 Paphos (Cyprus)
 13:51 Iconium

Paul's First Journey

14:6 Derbe
 14:6 Lystra
 14:25 Attalia
 14:26 Antioch (Syria)
 16:1 Lystra
 16:1 Derbe
 16:11 Neapolis
 16:8 Troas
 17:1 Apollonia
 17:1 Thessalonica
 17:10 Berea
 17:16 Athens
 18:1 Corinth
 18:18 Cenchrea
 18:19 Ephesus

Paul's Second Journey

18:22-23 Antioch (Syria)
 18:22 Caesarea
 20:13 Assos
 20:14 Mitylene
 20:15 Trogyllium
 20:15 Miletus
 20:6 Troas
 21:1 Patara
 21:11-17 Jerusalem
 21:3 Tyre
 21:7 Ptolemais
 21:8 Caesarea
 23:11 Jerusalem
 23:23 Caesarea
 23:31 Antipatris

Paul's Third Journey

Then to Jerusalem

Paul's Arrest



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- 27:3 Sidon
- 27:5 Myra
- 27:8 Fair Havens (Crete)
- 28:1 Malta
- 28:12 Syracuse (Sicily)
- 28:13 Puteoli
- 28:13 Rhegium
- 28:13-15 Appian Way – Rome
- 28:15 Appii Forum – Rome
- 28:15 Three Taverns – Rome
- 28:16 Rome

Paul's cities in Epistles

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|----------------------|-----------|
| 2 Timothy 1:17 | Rome |
| Galatians 1:17 | Arabia |
| Romans 15:22, 25, 28 | Spain |
| Titus 3:12, 15 | Nicopolis |

**ALL visits
led by the**

Holy Spirit

Paul's Journey to Rome



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No doubting, Acts even tells us among the horde recorded
Paul visited MANY more towns

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13:1
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15:1
15:3
15:3
18:2
21:1



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— 1st Missionary Journey Black ¶
 — 2nd Missionary Journey Blue ¶
 — 3rd Missionary Journey Red ¶
 — Paul to Rome Green ¶



13:1 – 14:28 Paul's First Missionary Journey

13:1-12 Antioch to Salamis in Cyprus
Then overland about 100 miles to Paphos

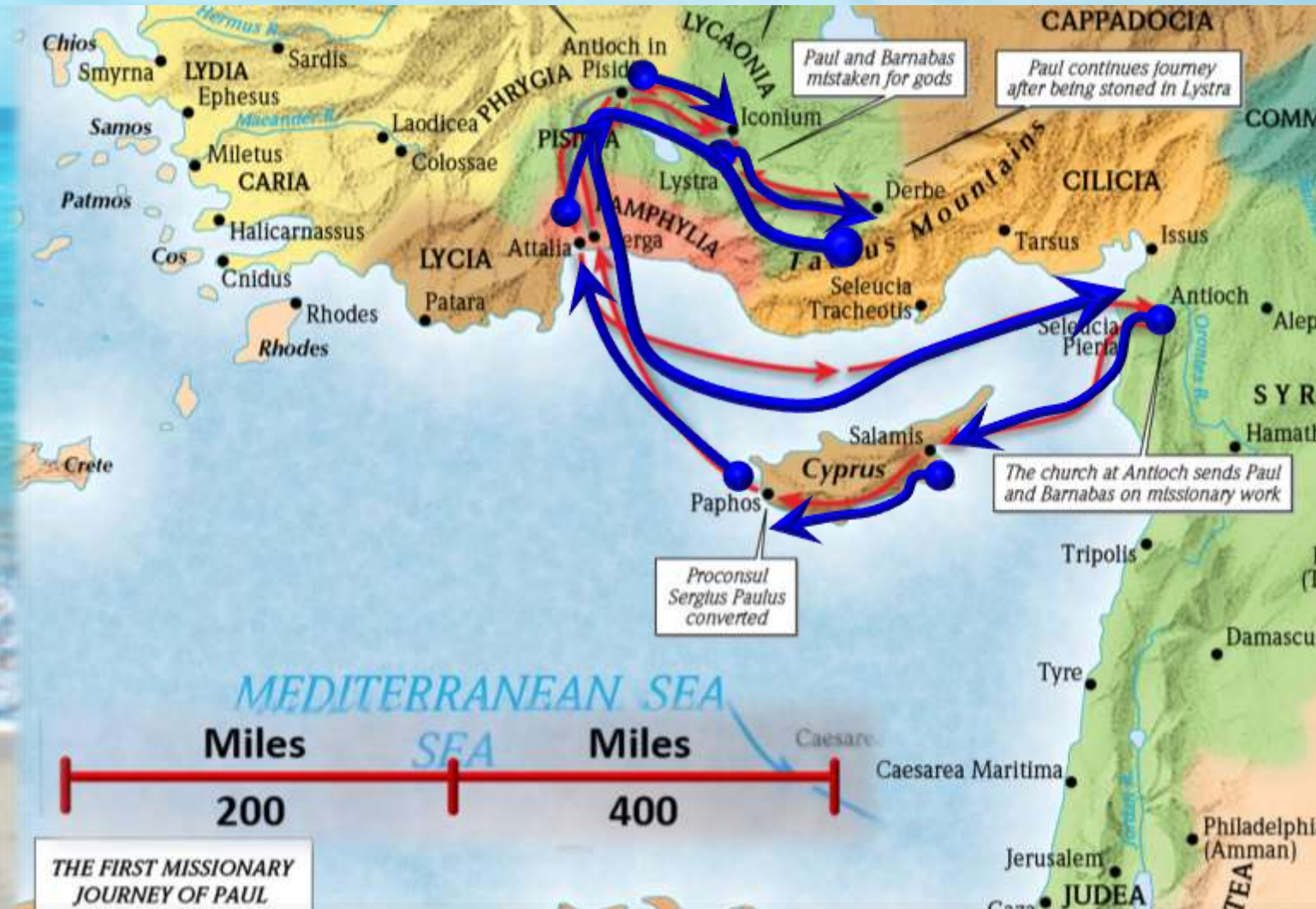
13:13-52 to Pisidian
Antioch

14:1-7 to Iconium

14:8-28 to Lystra
& Derbe

Back to Antioch in Syria

Conscious
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By the end of Acts 28, Paul will have travelled to most of the major cities

Circa A.D. 2 to 4 – Paul is born in Tarsus

- ✠ Tribe of Benjamin, Phil. 3:5, circumcised 8th day
- ✠ “Saul” Hebrew name – “Paul” used for Gentiles

12 to 15 – Jerusalem w Rabbi Gamaliel Acts 5:34 & 22:3

- ✠ Pharisee means "to separate" or "separated"
- ✠ **CRITICAL—PRIOR TO ACTS, Paul has Ph.D. in Judaism**
- ✠ Pharisees hold to RIGID letter of the Law Acts 26:5, Matt. 23:3, Luke 11:39

32 - Martyrdom of Stephen, stoned to death Acts 6-7

- ✠ Acts 7:58 – 8:1 Stephen among first deacons ...
- ✠ Saul okay w Stephen's death ... not much more in Acts

Brutality of Stoning OPPOSING Stephen's Vision



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While Teaching ... People Get Angry Acts 9:20-25

✠ **Paul Flees Damascus**

✠ **3 years in Arabia taught by Jesus: Gal. 1:11-12, 15-18**

A.D. 36 – Paul's First Visit to Jerusalem after conversion

✠ **Back to Damascus, Gal. 1:17 ... then Jerusalem 2 weeks
Acts 9:26, Galatians 1:18-19.**

✠ **Paul's angers Jews ... want to kill him, Acts 9:29**

✠ **Sent by church to Caesarea, back home to Tarsus**

✠ **Was Paul married? Social norm required Pharisees
and members of Sanhedrin to be married. If so, he
would have been a widower at the time of his ministry.**

A.D. c. 36 to 40 – Home in Tarsus 4 years



A.D. 46 to 48 – Apostle Paul's First Missionary Journey

Acts 13:1-3, Paul & Barnabas ordained by apostles

13:1, Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) *a n d*

Saul

✠ **Syrian Antioch is now a Center for the Christian Church**

✠ **Paul, Barnabas & John Mark embark to Cyprus**

That is ... OFF they go on Paul's First Journey



**13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord & fasting,
the Holy Spirit said,**

**“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for
the work to which I have called them.”**

**3 So after they had fasted and prayed,
they placed their hands on them and sent them off.**

SENT THEM OFF

To Lands Unknown ... as the Holy Spirit GUIDES

Somewhere ... out there ... Peter has gone before



13:4 The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit,
went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

5 When they arrived at Salamis,
they proclaimed the word of God
in the Jewish
synagogues.

John was with them
as a helper.



13:6 They traveled thru the whole island until they came to Paphos.

whole island of Cyprus to Paphos ... 75-100 miles overland

**There they met a Jewish sorcerer & false prophet named Bar-Jesus
7 who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus.**

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We must be careful when using such language ...

We are not Paul ... but then look around today

We **SEE** this very thing today ...

Devil is actually to **PERVERTING** the Church

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13:11 Now the hand of the Lord is against you.

You are going to be blind for a time,

not even able to see the light of the sun.”

Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and

he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

12 When the proconsul saw what had happened,

he believed

for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

Reminds me of Ananias & Sapphira - miracle-curse

This is a frighteningly awesome power ...

“Blind for a time” means a recovery ... and ...



Paul the Apostle

Has *NOT* taken up his pen yet

Has *NOT* written any of his

**Foundational Theological
Masterpieces**

Not yet written Romans

Nor 1 & 2 Corinthians

Nor Galatians, Ephesians

Philippians, or Colossians


Paul is the church's **BEST**



**Apostle Paul, c. 1657
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There's NO place Paul will not go ...

Where will YOU go?

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