

Acts 13

v1 – prophets	(noun)	people who received messages from God and communicated them to God’s people
v1 – tetrarch	(noun)	one of four joint rulers of a region in the Roman Empire
v2 – fasting	(verb)	deliberately not eating any food for a period of time as a sign of devotion to God
v2 – Holy Spirit	(proper noun)	<i>Christians believe in one God, who is three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit</i>
v4 – Seleucia	(proper noun)	a city in Syria – see map, location 2
v4 – Cyprus	(proper noun)	an island in the Mediterranean Sea – see map
v5 – Salamis	(proper noun)	a city on Cyprus – see map, location 3
v5 – proclaimed	(verb)	said something in a formal and public way
v5 – Jewish	(adjective)	belonging to the people of Israel, the Jews
v5 – synagogues	(noun)	places where Jews met to worship God
v6 – island	(noun)	an area of land that is completely surrounded by sea
v6 – Paphos	(proper noun)	a city on Cyprus – see map, location 4
v6 – sorcerer	(noun)	someone who performs magic by evil powers
v7 – proconsul	(noun)	the governor of a province in the Roman Empire
v10 – the devil	(noun)	the enemy of God and his people
v10 – deceit	(noun)	behaviour that is deliberately intended to mislead people into believing something that is not true
v10 – trickery	(noun)	the use of dishonest methods to gain a desired outcome
v10 – perverting	(verb)	interfering with something so that it is no longer as good as it used to be
v11 – blind	(adjective)	unable to see
v11 – mist	(noun)	a large number of water droplets in the air which make it difficult to see very far



v11 – groped	(verb)	try to find something you cannot see by moving your hands around to try and feel it
v13 – Perga	(proper noun)	a city – see map, location 5
v13 – Jerusalem	(proper noun)	a city in Palestine; the capital city of the Jews – see map
v14 – Pisidian Antioch	(proper noun)	a city in the region of Pisidia in the province of Galatia – see map, location 6
v14 – Sabbath	(proper noun)	the Jewish day of rest and worship. (The Sabbath is observed on our Saturday.)
v15 – ‘the Law and the Prophets’		the Old Testament
v15 – encouragement	(noun)	action or words gives someone confidence
v16 – motioned	(verb)	moved the hand to tell someone which way to go

v16 – Gentiles	(proper noun)	people who are now Jews
v17 – prosper	(verb)	be successful
v17 – Egypt	(proper noun)	the country where the nation of Israel were slaves
v18 – endured	(verb)	experienced an unpleasant situation and did not avoid it or give up
v18 – conduct	(noun)	the way someone behaves
v18 – desert	(noun)	a large area without any water
v19 – overthrew	(verb)	removed a government or leader from power
v19 – Canaan	(proper noun)	the land that God gave to the nation of Israel
v19 – inheritance	(noun)	money or property you receive from someone when they die
v22 – testified	(verb)	gave a formal statement about something you have witnessed
v23 – descendants	(noun)	people in someone’s family living in a later time
v23 – Israel	(proper noun)	the nation who were God’s chosen people in the Old Testament
v24 – repentance	(noun)	being sorry for the wrong you have done and turning to do what is right
v24 – baptism	(noun)	a ceremony where someone is washed with water to symbolise being cleansed of sin by God
v25 – worthy	(adjective)	deserving of something
v26 – salvation	(noun)	the act of saving someone from something harmful
v27 – condemning	(verb)	saying something is bad and unacceptable
v28 – sentence	(noun)	the punishment someone receives for doing something wrong
v28 – executed	(verb)	killed as a punishment for doing something wrong
v29 – tomb	(noun)	a place above the ground where a dead body is buried
v31 – Galilee	(proper noun)	a town in Palestine (not in map)
v31 – witnesses	(noun)	people who saw an event and can tell others about what happened
v33 – fulfilled	(verb)	achieved; completed
v34 – decay	(verb)	the process of being destroyed by natural processes
v34 – blessings	(noun)	good things that God causes to happen to someone
v36 – generation	(noun)	the people of the same age living at the same time
v37 – ‘raised from the dead’		made alive again after being dead
v38 – forgiveness	(noun)	the act of not being angry with someone anymore even though they have done something against you
v38 – sins	(noun)	rebellion against God; rejection of God
v39 – justified	(verb)	declared to be not guilty
v39 – Moses	(proper noun)	the leader of the nation of Israel when God brought them out of slavery in Egypt. Through Moses God gave Israel his law that taught them how to live as his people.
v41 – scoffers	(noun)	people who speak about others in a way that shows they think the others are ridiculous
v41 – wonder	(verb)	think about something because you find it interesting, worrying or suspicious

v41 – perish	(verb)	come to an end; be destroyed
v43 – congregation	(noun)	a gathering of people
v43 – dismissed	(verb)	sent away; allowed to leave
v43 – devout	(adjective)	very religious; spends much time in prayer and worship
v43 – converts	(noun)	people who changed from another religion to another
v43 – urged	(verb)	tried hard to persuade someone to do something
v43 – grace	(noun)	undeserved kindness; the act of giving someone a good thing that they don't deserve
v45 – crowds	(noun)	large groups of people
v45 – jealousy	(noun)	the feeling of anger because someone has something that you want
v45 – abusively	(adverb)	in an insulting and offensive way
v46 – boldly	(adverb)	bravely; without fear
v46 – eternal	(adjective)	everlasting; does not end
v48 – appointed	(verb)	chosen for something ahead of time
v50 – incited	(verb)	encouraged to behave in a violent or illegal way
v50 – persecution	(noun)	cruel and unfair treatment of people because of their religion, race or beliefs
v51 – Iconium	(proper noun)	a city – see map, location 7

Acts 13 (New International Reader's Version)

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) and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and 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.

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 their helper.

⁶ They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus,⁷ who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ¹⁰ "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?" 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.

¹³ From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

¹⁶ Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! ¹⁷ The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country; ¹⁸ for about forty years he endured their conduct in the wilderness; ¹⁹ and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years.

"After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

²³ "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ As John was completing his work, he said: 'Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'

²⁶ "Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no proper

ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb.³⁰ But God raised him from the dead,³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

³² "We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

"You are my son;
today I have become your father.'

³⁴ God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

"I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'

³⁵ So it is also stated elsewhere:

"You will not let your holy one see decay.'

³⁶ "Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.³⁷ But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

³⁸ "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.⁴⁰ Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

⁴¹ "Look, you scoffers,
wonder and perish,
for I am going to do something in your days
that you would never believe,
even if someone told you."

⁴² As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.⁴³ When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.⁴⁵ When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.⁵⁰ But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.⁵¹ So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium.⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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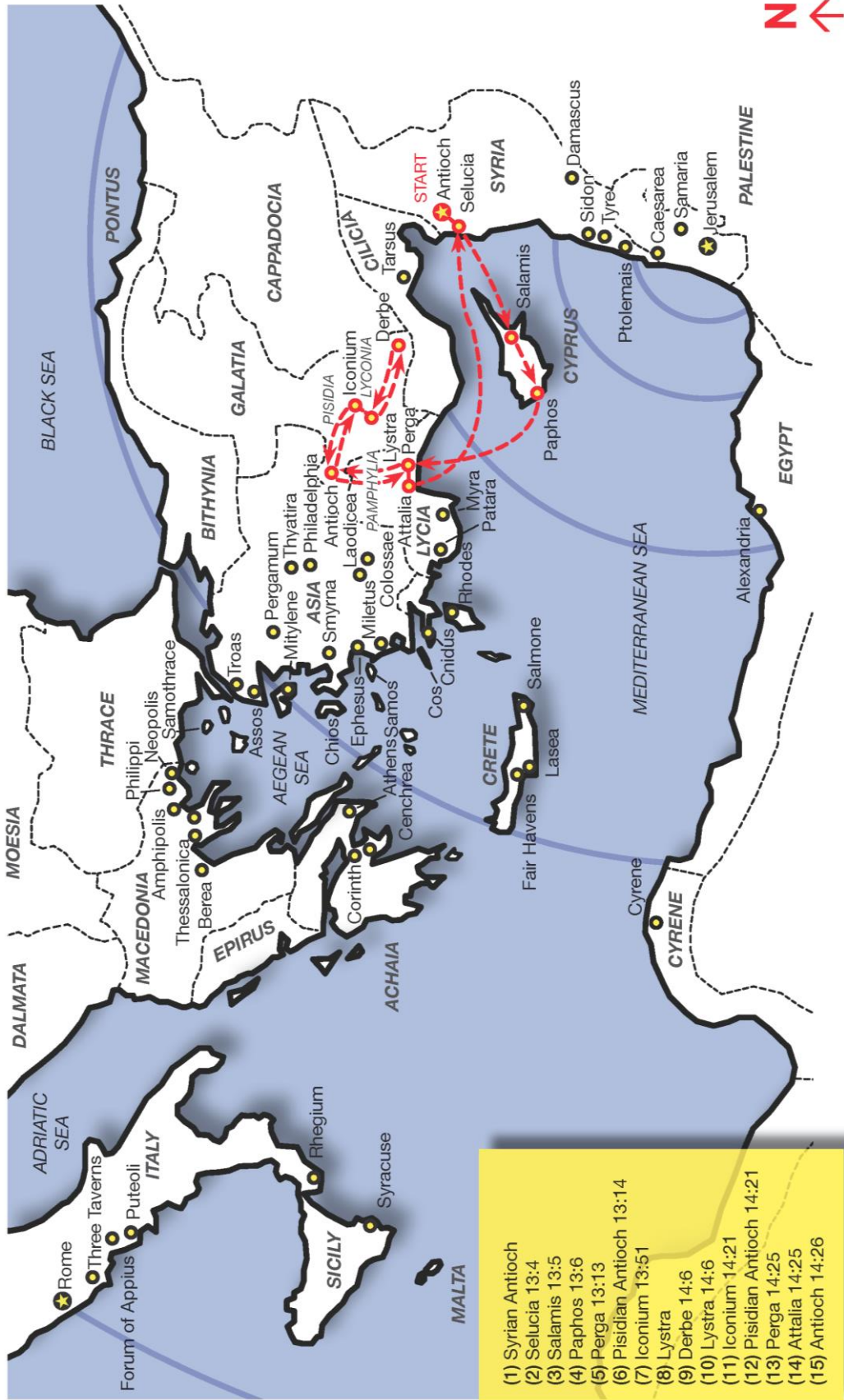
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- (1) Syrian Antioch
- (2) Selucia 13:4
- (3) Salamis 13:5
- (4) Paphos 13:6
- (5) Perga 13:13
- (6) Pisidian Antioch 13:14
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- (9) Derbe 14:6
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- (12) Pisidian Antioch 14:21
- (13) Perga 14:25
- (14) Attalia 14:25
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