

The Apostle Paul

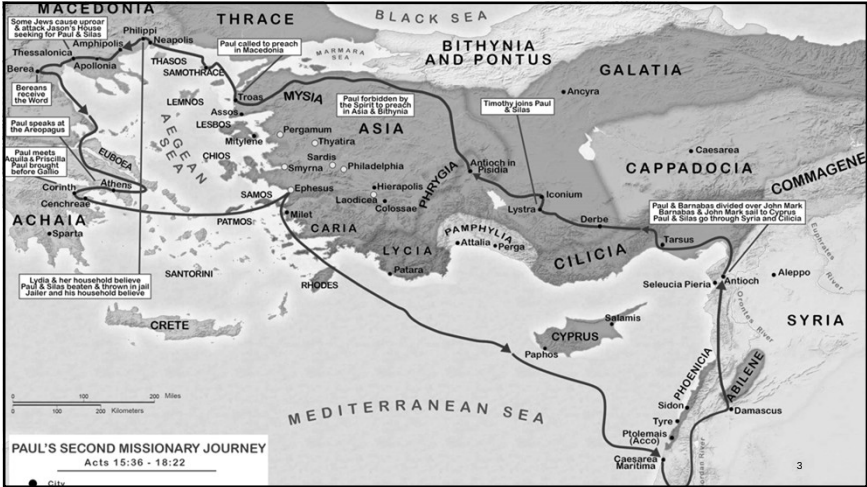


First Timothy

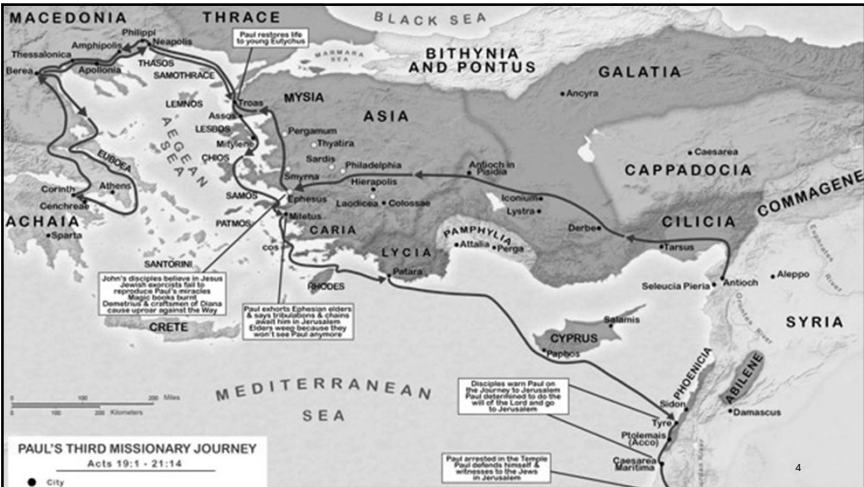
Lesson 1

September 19, 2024

2



3



4

Acts 19:8-9 “And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months....***But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them...***”

5

Acts 19:10; 20:31

Paul stayed a total of 3 years in Ephesus:

- Acts 19:11-16 Paul dealt with **Jewish exorcists and demonic activity**.
- Acts 19:17-19 Both Jews and Greek believers repented of their **occult practices**, brought their **books of magic** to be burned in front of everyone.
- Acts 19:23-41 Paul was confronted by **a riot started by the idol-crafting silversmiths**.

6

6

Acts 19:35-36

“...the town clerk said, 'Men of Ephesus, what man is there after all who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of the image which fell down from heaven? So, **since these are undeniable facts [???**, you ought to keep calm....”



Temple of Artemis (Diana) in Ephesus

7

7

Paul's warning:

Acts 20:28-30 “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock....I know that after my departure **savage wolves will come** in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, **speaking perverse things**, to draw away the disciples after them.”

8

8

I Tim 1:5 “But the goal of our instruction:”

- “love from a pure heart” = no ulterior motives
- “and a good conscience” = heart right with God and men
- “sincere faith” (KJV “unfeigned faith”) = not hypocritical; not one thing in public and something else at home

Cp v.19 “keeping faith and a good conscience”

9

9

Mt 23:2-36 Jesus condemns the Scribes and Pharisees for adding to the Law:

- **Mt 23:2-7** “The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses....They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger. But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men.... They love the place of honor at banquet and the chief seats in the synagogues, and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men.”
- **Mt 23:23** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness....”

10

10

• **Romans 7:7** “...Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, ***I would not have come to know sin except through the Law;*** for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, ‘You shall not covet.’”

• **Galatians 3:24** “Therefore ***the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ***, so that we may be justified by faith.”

11

11

Paul’s thankfulness to God; I Tim 1:12-16

- God strengthened (enabled) Paul
- God considered Paul faithful
 - “considered” = counted, deemed faithful:
 - “you’re the one for the job”
- God put him into service
 - NKJV: “enabled me...putting me into the ministry”

12

12

“It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, among whom I am foremost of all.”
I Timothy 1:15

13

13



14

Paul's instruction to Timothy, v.18-19:

- “fight the good fight” (KJV “war a good warfare”)
- “keeping (KJV “holding”) faith and good conscience” cp v.5
- The contrast: “some have rejected and suffered shipwreck”
- Two examples: Hymenaeus and Alexander

15

Who were these men? What was their sin??

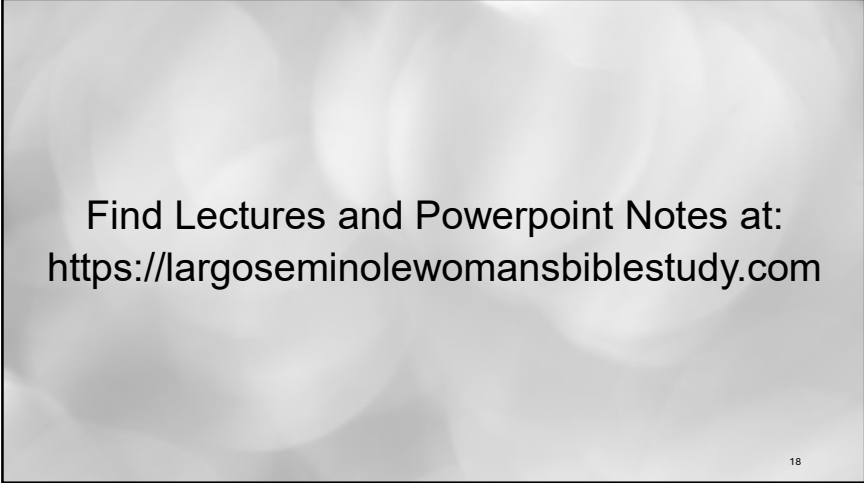
- **Hymenaeus:** taught the resurrection already happened → upset the faith of some. (II Tim 2:17-18)
Perhaps, this was the gnostic teaching that held that the physical body was evil; therefore, there would be no future physical resurrection = false doctrine.
- **Alexander:** a common name
II Tim 4:14 –*possibly* the same coppersmith who opposed Paul's teachings.
Acts 19:33 –an Alexander mentioned in connection with the riot in Ephesus, possibly the same coppersmith

16

Lessons from I Timothy 1:

1. Don't get caught up in distractions like “myths,” “speculations,” and “fruitless discussions;” they waste time and keep you from doing what God wants you to do. I Tim 1:4,6
2. Remember your “why:” what are your spiritual goals? v.5
 - ✓ Love from a pure heart
 - ✓ A good conscience
 - ✓ A genuine faith
3. Remember Who called you and entrusted you with the gospel. I Tim 1:11-12
4. Sometimes it will be hard; “fight the good fight” I Tim 1:18-19
5. Remember why Jesus came into the world: “to save sinners” I Tim 1:15

17



Find Lectures and Powerpoint Notes at:
<https://largoseminolewomensbiblestudy.com>

18