

11. Jerusalem & Antioch (Acts 11:19 – 12:25)



Rise, Peter; kill and eat.

Certainly not, Lord!
For I have never eaten
anything common or unclean.

***What God has cleansed
you must not call common.***

**“Then God has also granted to the Gentiles
repentance to life.”**

(Acts 11:18)

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as **Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch**, preaching the word to no one but the **Jews only**.

But some of them were men from **Cyprus** and **Cyrene**, who, when they had come to **Antioch**, spoke to the **Greeks**...
(Acts 11:19-20)



The hand of the Lord was with them,
and a great number **believed** and **turned** to the Lord.
(Acts 11:21)

Barnabas

And Joseph, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles
(which is translated ***Son of Encouragement***),
a Levite of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold it,
and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.
(Acts 4:36-37)

...he was a good man, **full of the Holy Spirit** and of **faith**.
(Acts 11:24)



Barnabas

When he came and saw **the grace of God**, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with **steadfast purpose**...

(Acts 11:23)



Therefore we also,
since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of **witnesses**
let us lay aside

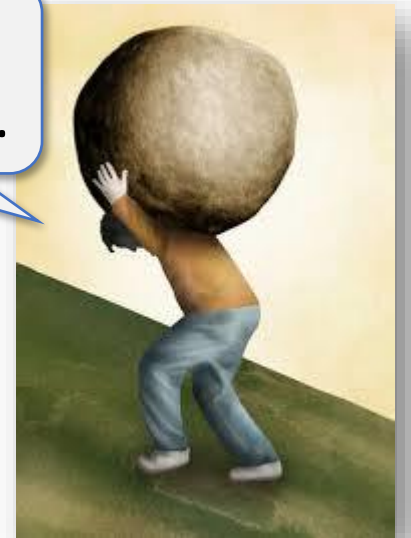
- every **weight**, and
- the **sin** which so easily ensnares us,

**and let us run with endurance
the race that is set before us...**

(Hebrews 12:1)



I want to run
but it's hard...



Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul

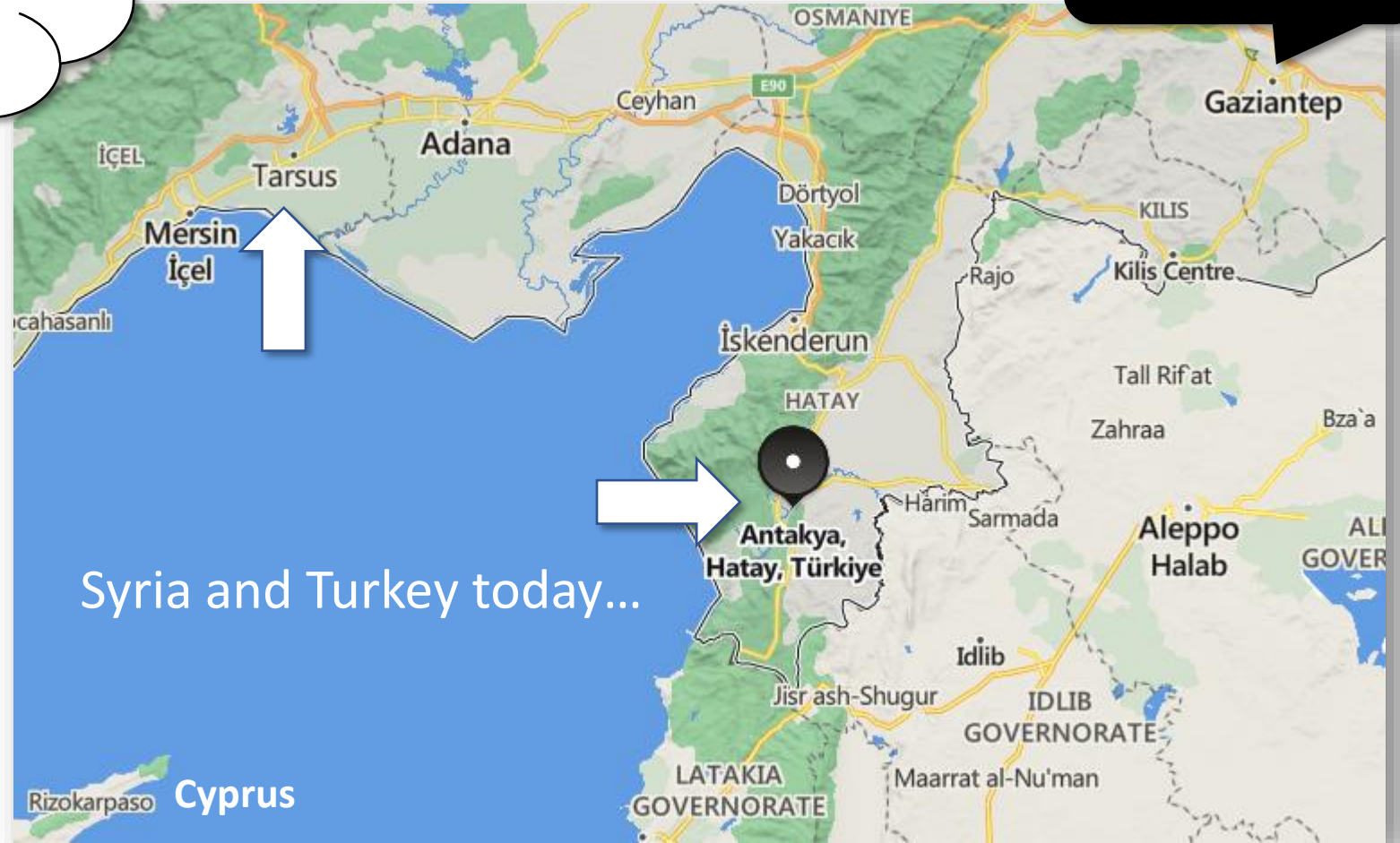
(Acts 11:25)

About 240km
on foot...

Epicentre of
earthquake

And the **disciples**
were first called
Christians in Antioch.

(Acts 11:26)



Syria and Turkey today...





A great famine...

...during the reign
of Claudius Caesar
(41-54 AD)



And in these days **prophets** came from Jerusalem to Antioch.

Then the disciples, **each according to his ability**,
determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

...and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

(Acts 11:27-30)

Then **after fourteen years**
I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas,
and also took Titus with me.

(Galatians 2:1)

Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria **had peace** and were edified.

(Acts 9:31)



Herod Agrippa I,
grandson of Herod the Great.
This took place in 42 or 43 AD.



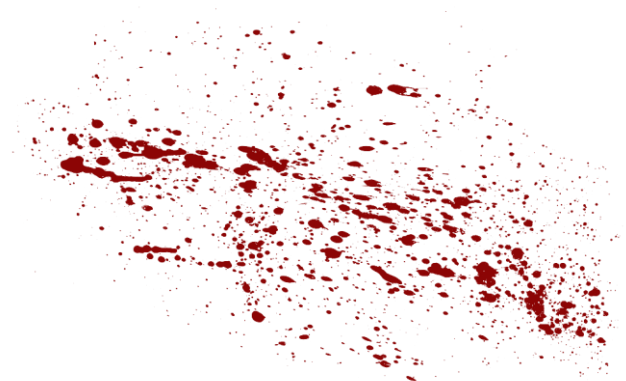
About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church.

(Acts 12:1)

Boanerges
"Sons of
Thunder"
(Mark 3:17)

He killed
James the brother of John
with the sword...

(Acts 12:2)





When he saw that **it pleased the Jews**,
he proceeded to arrest Peter also.

(This was during the days of **Unleavened Bread**.)

And when he had seized him, he put him in prison,
delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him,
intending after **the Passover** to bring him out to the people.

So Peter was kept in prison,
but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

(Acts 12:3-5)

*A quaternion - A
guard consisting
of four soldiers.*



“Arise quickly!”

“Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”

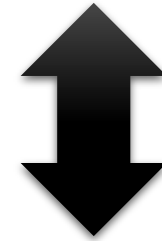
“Put on your garment and follow me.”

(See Acts 12:7-8)



“Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel
and rescued me from the hand of Herod
and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

(Acts 12:11)



He killed
James the brother of John
with the sword...

(Acts 12:2)



The cousin of Barnabas...
(Colossians 4:10)

So, when he had considered this,
he came to the house of Mary,
the mother of John whose surname was **Mark**,
where many were gathered together praying.
(Acts 12:12)

Then, as soon as it was day,
there was no small stir among the soldiers
about what had become of Peter...
(Acts 12:18)

44 AD

On a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel,
sat on his throne and gave an oration to them.

And the people kept shouting,

“The voice of a god and not of a man!”

Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him,
because he did not give glory to God.

And he was eaten by worms and died.

But the word of God grew and multiplied.

(Acts 12:21-24)



Now when Agrippa had reigned three years over all Judea, he came to the city Caesarea...

On the second day of which shows he put on a garment made wholly of silver... and came into the theater early in the morning; at which time the silver of his garment being illuminated by the fresh reflection of the sun's rays upon it, shone out after a surprising manner... and presently his flatterers cried out, one from one place, and another from another, ... that he was a god; and they added,

“Be thou merciful to us; for although we have hitherto revered thee only as a man, yet shall we henceforth own thee as superior to mortal nature.”

Upon this the king did neither rebuke them, nor reject their impious flattery....

A severe pain also arose in his belly, and began in a most violent manner...

Accordingly he was carried into the palace, and the rumor went abroad everywhere, that he would certainly die in a little time. ...

And when he had been quite worn out by the pain in his belly for five days, he departed this life, being in the 54th year of his age, and in the 7th year of his reign.

(Antiquities of the Jews 19:8:2)

Then **after fourteen years**

I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas,
and also took Titus with me.

(Galatians 2:1)



Those who seemed to be something...

- When they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me... and
- When James, Cephas, and John, **who seemed to be pillars**, perceived the grace that had been given to me,

they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship,
that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

(See Galatians 2:6-10)

Then **after fourteen years**

I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas,
and also took Titus with me.

(Galatians 2:1)



Now it happened, **when I returned to Jerusalem** and was praying
in the temple, that I was in a trance and saw Him saying to me,

***“Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly,
for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.”***

“Lord, they know that in every synagogue I imprisoned
and beat those who believe on You...”

“Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.”

(See Acts 22:17-21)

...and sent it to the elders
by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.
(Acts 11:30)

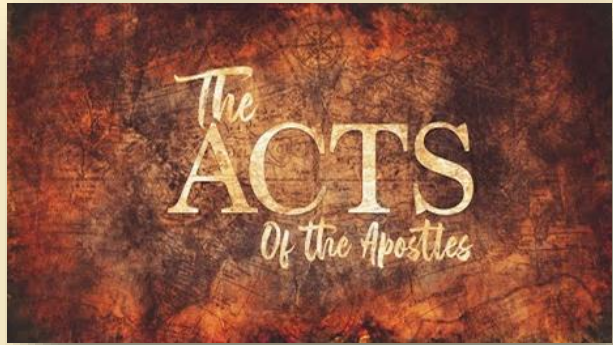


And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem
when they had fulfilled their ministry,
and they also took with them
John whose surname was **Mark**.

(Acts 12:25)

The cousin of Barnabas...
(Colossians 4:10)





Next: **The first missionary journey...**