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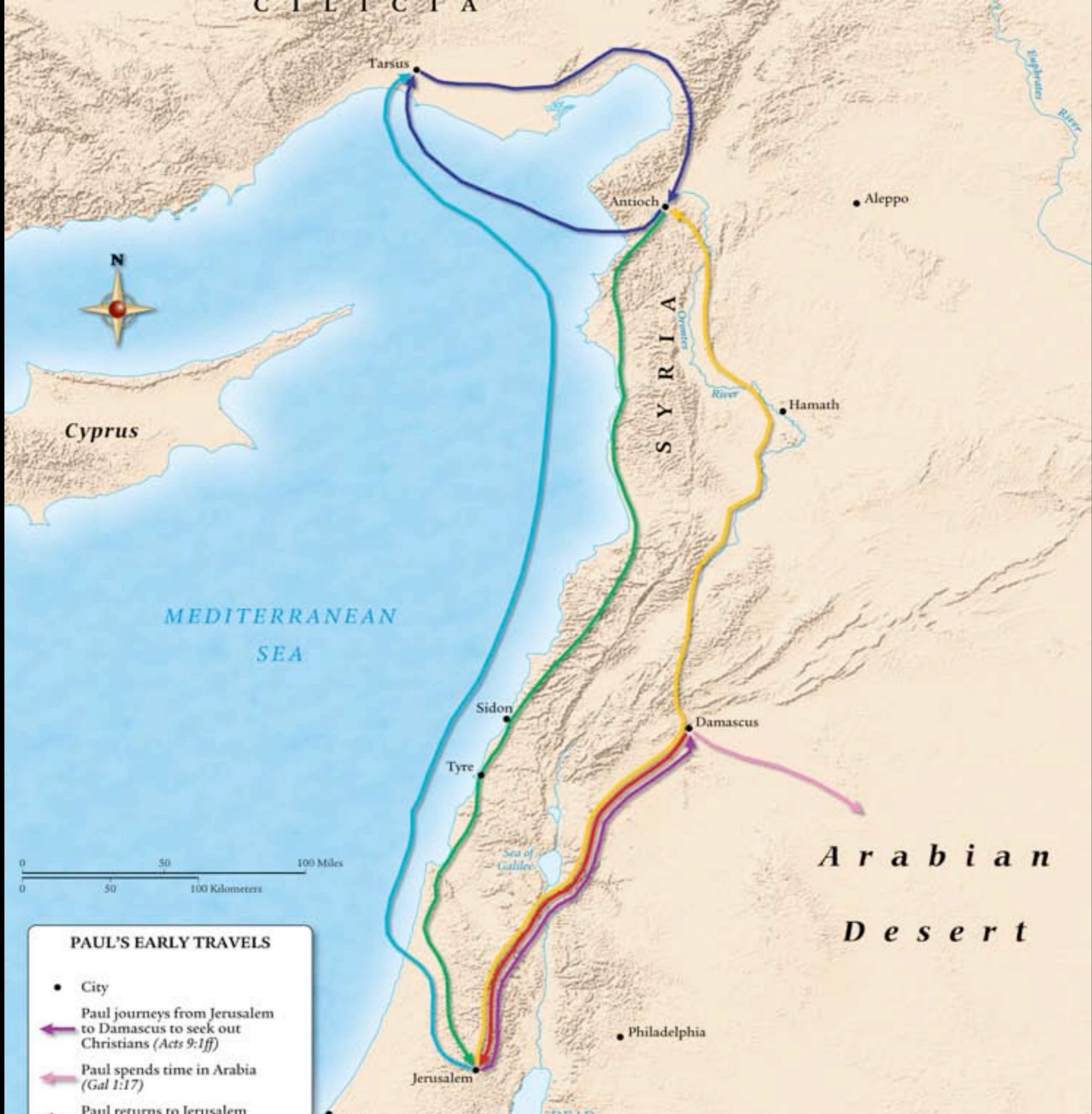
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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

Saul to Paul: Psychotic Break; Psychological Delusion or Divine Revelation of Grace? Part 3 Acts 9:1–21





Cyprus

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

S Y R I A

Arabian Desert

PAUL'S EARLY TRAVELS

- City
- ← Paul journeys from Jerusalem to Damascus to seek out Christians (*Acts 9:1ff*)
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- ← Paul returns to Jerusalem

Phil. 3:5, “circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;

Phil. 3:6, “concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.”

Acts 22:3, “I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.

Acts 22:4, “I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women,

Acts 22:5, “as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders, from whom I also received letters to the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who were there to Jerusalem to be punished.”

Gal. 1:12, “For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Gal. 1:13, “For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

Gal. 1:14, “And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.”

Gal. 1:15, “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace,

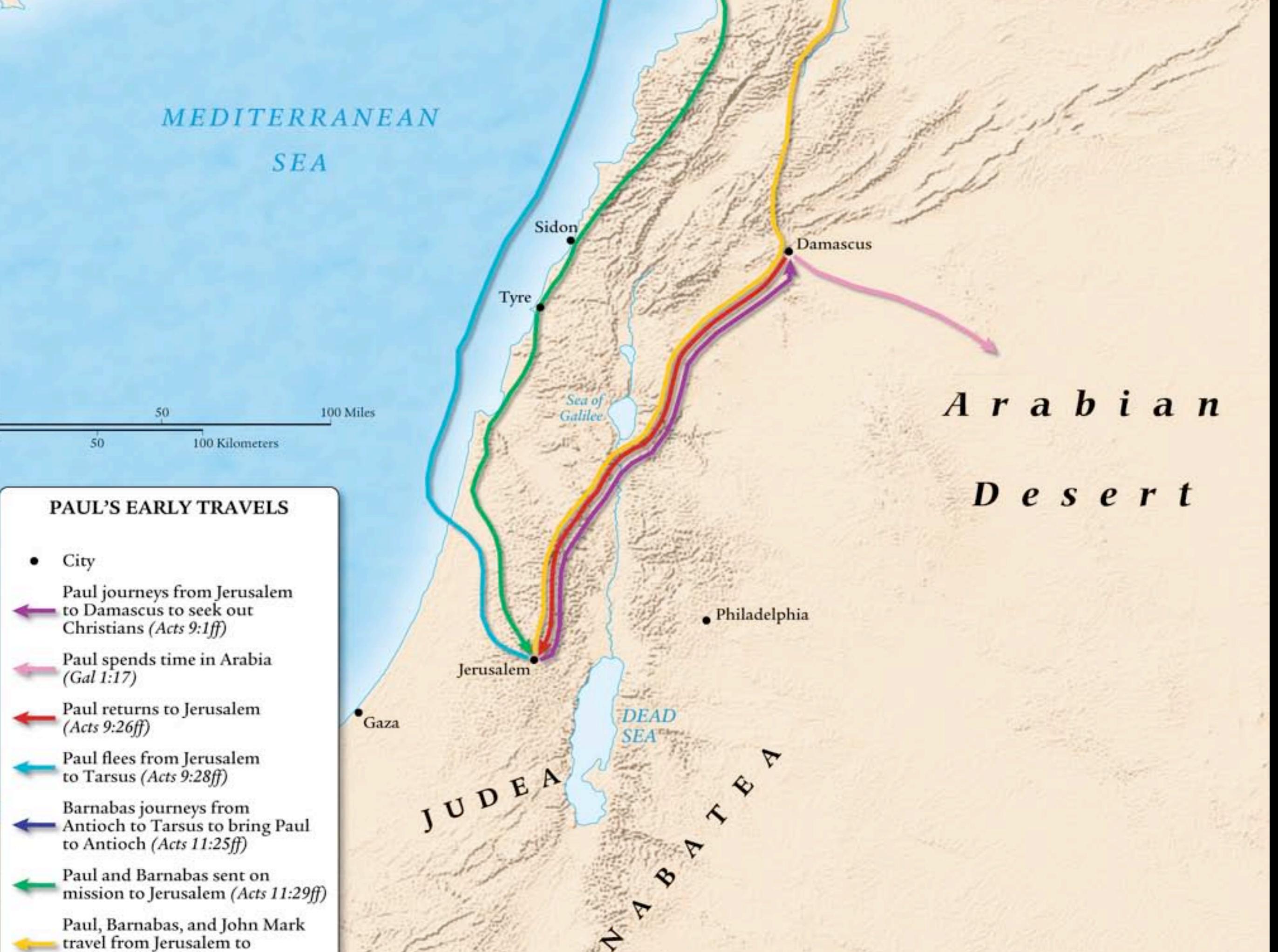
Gal. 1:16, “to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

Gal. 1:17, “nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Gal. 1:18, “Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

Gal. 1:19, “But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord’s brother.”





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- ← Paul flees from Jerusalem to Tarsus (*Acts 9:28ff*)
- ← Barnabas journeys from Antioch to Tarsus to bring Paul to Antioch (*Acts 11:25ff*)
- ← Paul and Barnabas sent on mission to Jerusalem (*Acts 11:29ff*)
- ← Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark travel from Jerusalem to

JUDEA

NABATEA

DEAD
SEA

Sea of Galilee

Sidon

Tyre

Damascus

Philadelphia

Jerusalem

Gaza

Acts 9:1, “Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Acts 9:2, “and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”

Acts 9:3, “As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

Acts 9:4, “Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ ”



Acts 9:5, “And he said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ Then the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ (only in TR)

Acts 9:6, “So he, trembling and astonished, said, ‘Lord, what do You want me to do?’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’ ”



Acts 9:8, “Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

Acts 9:9, “And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.”



**Damascus,
Bab Sharqi,
Straight Street
gateway**

Acts 9:10, “Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ And he said, ‘Here I am, Lord.’”

Acts 9:11, “So the Lord said to him, ‘Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.’”

Damascus, Straight Street



Acts 9:12, “ ‘And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.’ ”

Acts 9:13, “Then Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.’ ”

Acts 9:14, “ ‘And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.’ ”

**Damascus,
Straight Street, near east gate**



Acts 9:15, “But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

Acts 9:16, “ ‘For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.’ ”

**Damascus,
House of Ananias**





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Acts 9:17, “And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’

Acts 9:18, “Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

Acts 9:19, “So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.”

Acts 9:20, “Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

Acts 9:21, “Then all who heard were amazed, and said, ‘Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?’

Acts 9:22, “But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.”

**Damascus, Straight Street,
covered portion**

