

A 2ND FRONT IS OPENED



- Focus shifts from Peter and the Holy Land to Paul and foreign lands
- Up to now, The Way was 100% Jews
- Gentiles now urged to join!
- Paul & Barnabas back in Jerusalem with famine relief funds sent from Antioch

ACTS 13: BACK IN ANTIOCH



- Teachers and prophets: Barnabas, Paul, Lucius of Cyrene, Shi'mon Niger, and Manaen
- John Mark not mentioned, as he is only a servant
- Prophets and teachers are about the same things
- ***Shi'mon Niger*** = Simon the Black
- ***Manaen*** = ***Menachem***
- All were Jewish Believers

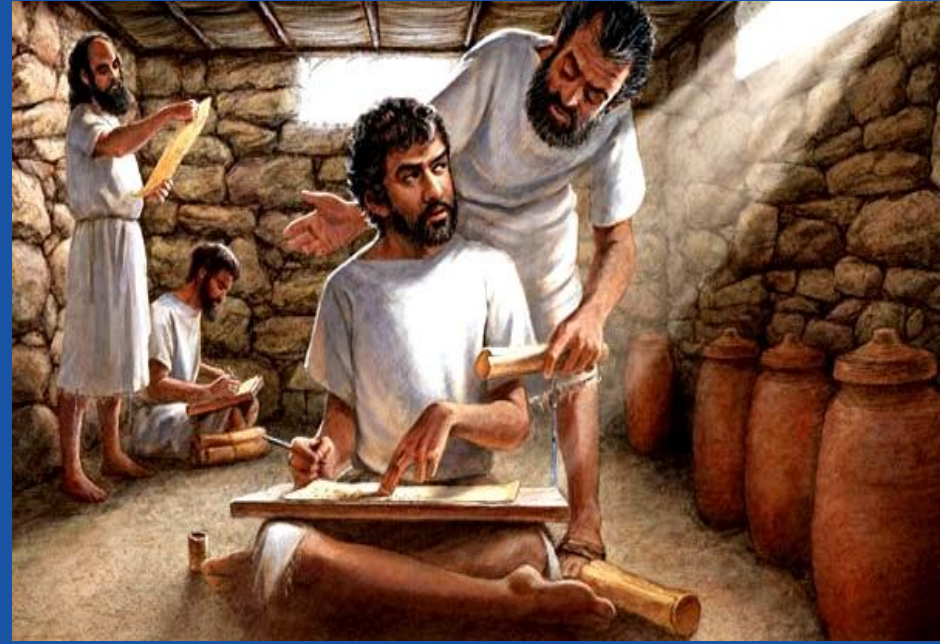
FASTING & PRAYER



- “Holy Spirit told them”, carries same idea as “The Lord told me”
- Fasting often included abstaining from things other than food
- Fasting without prayer has no spiritual purpose
- Apocalypse of Elijah ***“A pure fast....releases sin...heals diseases....casts out demons....”***
- Extreme fasting was used by some in hopes of getting a vision from God

ESSENES AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

- We begin to see the *Ruach HaKodesh* depicted as the giver of the divine marching orders
- It appears that Yeshua and other disciples had much interaction with the Essenes
- DSS 1QH20
- Written well before the birth of Yeshua
- Concept of the Holy Spirit being **WITHIN** a man, as opposed to being **UPON** a man



PAUL'S MISSION TO THE GENTILES BEGINS

- Paul did not begin until he was officially commissioned by the Antioch congregation
- It was Antioch that supported Paul's missions
- Cyprus 60 miles from Seleucia Peiria
- Safe: end of May to middle of September
- Risky: mid Sept. to mid Nov. AND mid March to end of May
- Ships were only for cargo; passengers weren't given accommodations
- Inexpensive



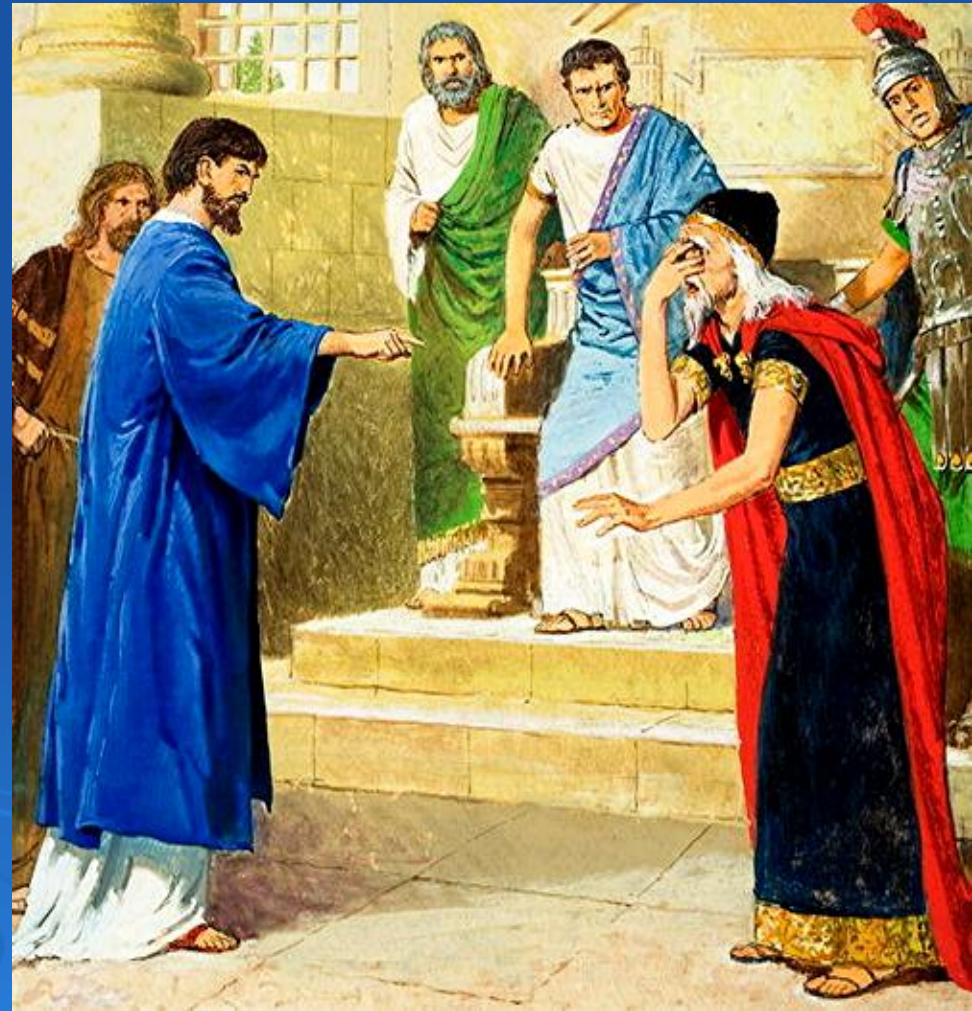
PAUL AND BARNABAS ALWAYS WENT TO THE SYNAGOGUES



- No “churches” where gentiles met separately
- John Mark a cousin of Barnabas
- The gentiles Paul approached were God-fearers
- Synagogues provided a ready-made system
- Diaspora Jews were Hellenists who loved to hear new ideas
- Synagogue invented by and for Diaspora Jews

BAR YESHUA THE JEWISH SORCERER

- From Salamis they went to Paphos (on Cyprus)
- *Elymas* = *Bar Yeshua*
- *Bar Yeshua* = son of *Yeshua* a common name
- Sergio Paulus the Roman proconsul
- Paul curses *Elymas* with blindness (reminds one of Paul's blindness)
- *Ben Belial* = son of worthlessness
- Greek = *huios diabolos* = son of slandering
- A Hebraism hidden by the Greek translation



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES



- Sergio Paulus “believed” Paul, but was it a saving belief?
- Sailed to Perga
- John Mark left amid some kind of issue
- Next stop was Pisidian Antioch
- 15 or 16 Antiochs
- Went to the local synagogue

SYNAGOGUE ORDER OF SERVICE

- Paul and Barnabas only going to towns with Synagogues
- After reading the Torah, the *Haftara* is read
- *Haftara* = reading from the Prophets
- Afterwards a short comment, then perhaps others allowed to say something
- Readings would have been from the Greek Septuagint
- Teaching usually a moral teaching, NOT an exegetical Scripture study
- *Beit Midrash* = house of study



THE STORY OF THE HEBREWS BEGINS WITH ABRAHAM

- Paul offered to speak, so goes up to the Bema
- Address his audience as 1) men of Israel (*Israelim*) 2) God-fearers
- Proof that this synagogue allowed gentiles to worship with Jews
- Paul's speech much like Stephen's
- Paul's speech justifies our faith as a "Hebrew Roots" faith





RESCUE FROM EGYPT

- Great = many
- David Stern “..being aware of this favor as undeserved ought to make us humble...”
- An “outstretched arm” means with judgment
- 7 nations destroyed in Canaan (Deut. 7)
- Give to Israel as an inheritance, not as a spoil of war
- After this God gave Israel Judges (*Shofetim*)
- Gen. 45 Benjamin given 5 times as much; prophetic of Saul of tribe of Benjamin as the first king of Israel



THE MESSIANIC PROMISE TO DAVID



- A turning point: Saul is removed, David is King
- *Lev* = heart, but means mind
- God promised David that his bloodline would never end
- 2Sam. 7:9 – 16
- To fulfill that promise God brought forth the descendant of David who would sit on the throne.....forever!
- Yeshua!!

