

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 4 (January 25-29)

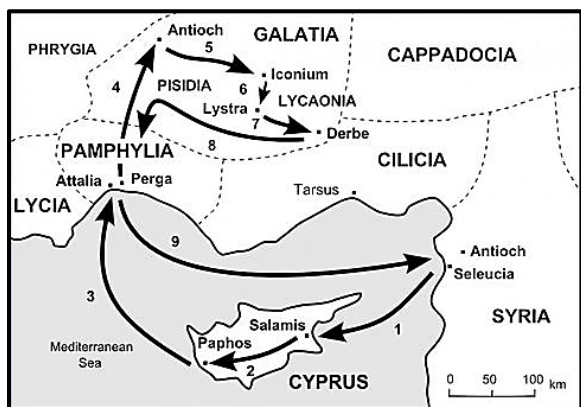
("Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly" ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16.

Historical Context

- 42 AD Church is started in Antioch. Barnabas goes to Tarsus in Cilicia and brings back Paul.
- 43 AD Paul and Barnabas teach for a full year in Antioch. Name "Christian" first used.
- 44 AD James (brother of John) is killed, Peter is imprisoned; the antagonist, Herod Agrippa dies. The church in Antioch sends Paul and Barnabas to carry famine relief to Jerusalem. They bring back John Mark (who is thought to be the writer of the Gospel of Mark).
- 45-48 AD Paul and Barnabas' first evangelistic tour.
- 49 AD Paul writes the letter to the Galatians from Antioch, Syria.
Emperor Claudius expels all the Jews (and Jewish Christians) from Rome. Gentile Christians are not expelled.

Dates synthesized from: www.datingthenewtestament.com, www.thebiblejourney.org, [Chronological Study Bible](#), [Word Pictures of the New Testament](#), [IVP Bible Background Commentary: N.T.](#), and [Paul Apostle of the Heart Set Free](#).

<u>Day</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Clarification from the Greek (the original language)</u>
Mon.	Acts 11	(:26) <i>Christian</i> = belongs to / follows Christ. Cf. Acts 26:28; I Peter 4:14-16.
Tues.	12	(:6) <i>Angel</i> = Classical Greek, and Judaism: a messenger of God who speaks and acts on God's behalf. Created (Romans 8:38-39, Hebrews 2:6-8).
Wed.	13	(:10) <i>Devil</i> = Diabolos (<i>dia</i> = "through, across, over" + <i>bolos</i> = "throw, cast"). Slanderer, bringer-of-charges-with-hostile-intent, deceiver, divider.
Thur.	14	(:12) <i>Zeus</i> = Greek god of the sky and the thunder; and considered to be the ruler of all other gods and of humans. The name "Zeus" is thought to have originated from the Ancient Greek word for "bright." The word has a close connection with "dies", which is the Latin word for "day."
Fri.	Galatians 1	(:2) <i>Galatians</i> = Celtic people from Gaul (France) who settled in Asia Minor (Turkey) in the 4 th Century B.C. Sought after mercenaries throughout the Mediterranean world. Of the people visited by Paul and Barnabas.



Antioch (Antakya today) in Syria, was a port city with a population of about 400,000, at the mouth of the Orontes river; and around about 300 B.C.

Note that there is also an "Antioch" in /of Pisidia in the Roman province of Galatia. ("Galatia" was also the name of the kingdom of Galatia, just to the north.)

Antioch is about 440 miles (740 km) north of Jerusalem.

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Primary references: [Dictionary of New Testament Theology](#), Vol. 1-3; [Analytical Greek Lexicon, Revised](#); [The Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament](#); [The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#); <https://www.greekmythology.com/Olympians/Zeus/zeus>; ancient.eu/galatia; brewminate.com/conflict-and-celts-the-creation-of-ancient-galatia; [The Broadman Bible Commentary](#), Vol. 11, and turkisharchaeonews.net/site/antioch-pisidia
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