

The present evil age

Produces another  
gospel

# Galatians 1:1-12

- 1 Paul, an apostle (not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),
  - 2 and all the brothers with me, to the churches of Galatia.
  - 3 Grace be to you, and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ,
  - 4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world according to the will of God and our Father,
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- 1 Paul, apôtre, non de la part des hommes, ni par un homme, mais par Jésus Christ et Dieu le Père, qui l'a ressuscité des morts,
  - 2 et tous les frères qui sont avec moi, aux Églises de la Galatie:
  - 3 que la grâce et la paix vous soient données de la part de Dieu le Père et de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ,
  - 4 qui s'est donné lui-même pour nos péchés, afin de nous arracher du présent siècle mauvais, selon la volonté de notre Dieu et Père,

5 to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.  
6 I marvel that you so soon are being moved away from  
Him who called you into the grace of Christ, to another  
gospel,  
7 which is not another, but some are troubling you, and  
desiring to pervert the gospel of Christ.  
8 But even if we or an angel from Heaven preach a  
gospel to you beside what we preached to you, let him  
be accursed.

5 à qui soit la gloire aux siècles des siècles! Amen!  
6 Je m'étonne que vous vous détourniez si promptement  
de celui qui vous a appelés par la grâce de Christ,  
pour passer à un autre Évangile.  
7 Non pas qu'il y ait un autre Évangile, mais il y a des  
gens qui vous troublent, et qui veulent renverser  
l'Évangile de Christ.  
8 Mais, quand nous-mêmes, quand un ange du ciel  
annoncerait un autre Évangile que celui que nous vous  
avons prêché, qu'il soit anathème!

- 9 As we said before, and now I say again, If anyone preaches a gospel to you beside what you have received, let him be accursed.
- 10 For now do I persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I would not be a servant of Christ.
- 11 And, brothers, I make known to you the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not according to man.
- 12 For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it except by a revelation of Jesus Christ.

- 9 Nous l'avons dit précédemment, et je le répète à cette heure: si quelqu'un vous annonce un autre Évangile que celui que vous avez reçu, qu'il soit anathème!
- 10 Et maintenant, est-ce la faveur des hommes que je désire, ou celle de Dieu? Est-ce que je cherche à plaire aux hommes? Si je plaisais encore aux hommes, je ne serais pas serviteur de Christ.
- 11 Je vous déclare, frères, que l'Évangile qui a été annoncé par moi n'est pas de l'homme;
- 12 car je ne l'ai ni reçu ni appris d'un homme, mais par une révélation de Jésus Christ.

# Background of Galatians

- Written by the apostle Paul in about A.D. 54
- During Paul's second ministry journey
- Perhaps Paul's earliest epistle
- Written when he was younger

# The heart of the divine revelation

- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians

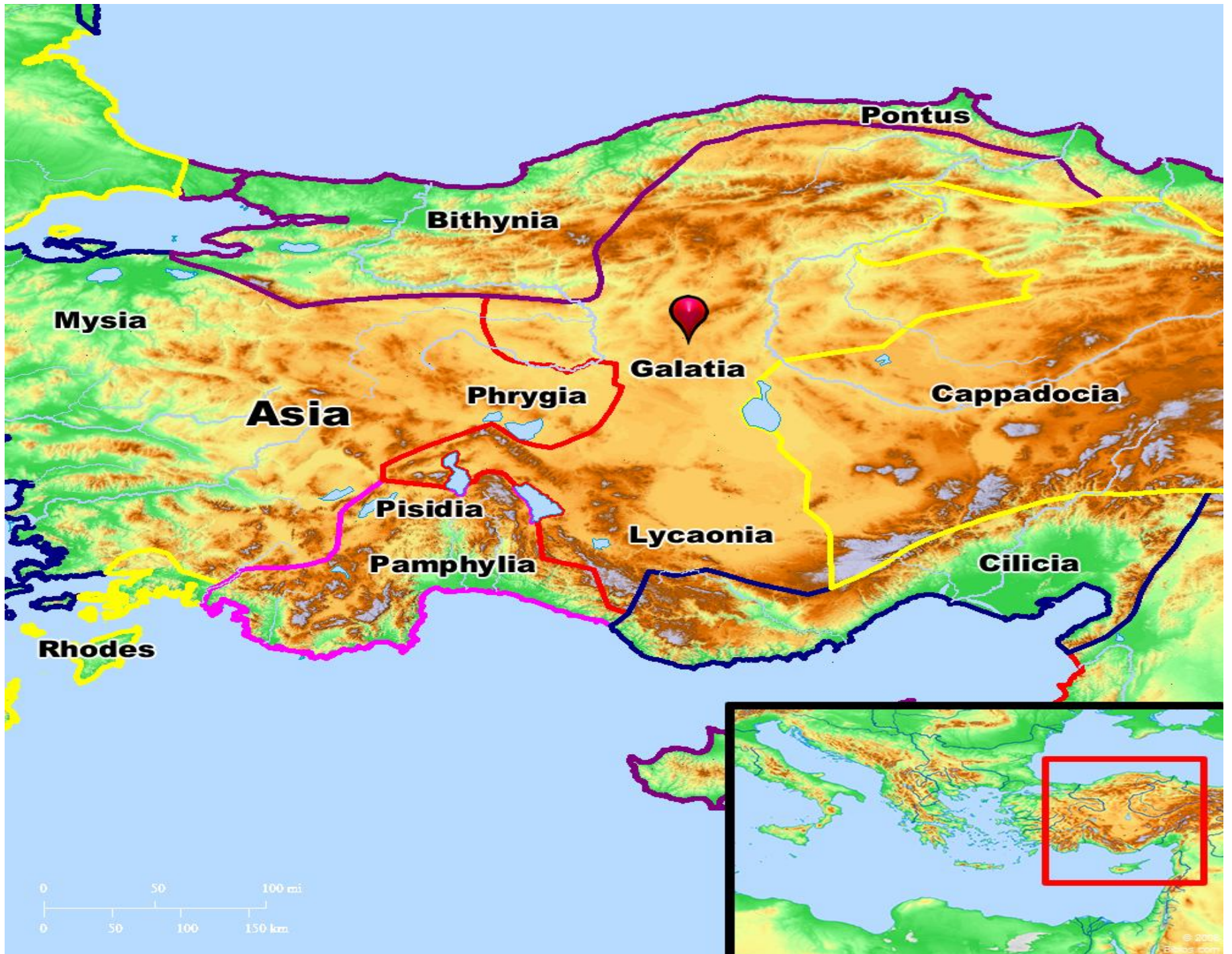
**Apostle Paul's  
First Missionary Journey  
44 - 46 A.D.**



**Apostle Paul's  
Second Missionary Journey  
49 - 52 A.D.**







# Written not just to one church, but to several churches in the province of Galatia

- Indicating that this book is not just written to address the individual need of a local church, or problems of a local church, like the book of 1 Corinthians
- Rather, this book addresses the need of churches

Underlying problems

- Different/another gospel
- The present evil age

# The present evil age

- Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father. Galatians 1:4
- The religious age
- A part of the world satanic system
- The religious world
- The age that is present, right now
- It is evil
- This is not referring specifically to the sinful or immoral age, but to the religious age
- The religious course of the world
- Caught in this evil age

- This evil age is insidious
- It is not necessarily the sinful and immoral things
- It is rather the so-called good things that are promoted and taught
- Eventually, these things become an age or a system, according to which we try to live our lives

# Producing a different gospel

- I marvel that you are so quickly removing from Him who has called you in the grace of Christ to a different gospel. Galatians 1:6
- The present evil age produces another gospel

# A gospel according to the Jewish religion

- According to man
- From man
- Taught by man
- Not according to revelation
- Beyond that which the believers received
- Brought in by false brothers
- The observance of the law
- The observance of the Jewish ceremonial laws:
  - Circumcision
  - The Sabbath
  - The dietary regulations

# God-given, God-ordained

- Ordained by God in the Old Testament
- Boasted of by the Jews
- Separating God's chosen people (the Jews) from all the other nations in the world
- Designating the Jews as God's peculiar people, a people for His possession
- Even the announcing of the gospel in the New Testament was to the Jew first, then to the Gentile (Romans 1:16)



## A different gospel

- What does it mean to have a different gospel?

# No revelation

- In Greek, the meaning is « uncovering » or « unveiling »
- Are we unveiled?
- Has the Lord touched our heart so that something in us is uncovered or exposed?

# Because someone told us to

- Because brothers tell us to do so
- Without contacting the Lord
- No transactions with the Lord
- No transaction of faith
- Seeking to please men

# The result

- Such a living in the church life becomes dry and joyless
- No life, no freshness, routine and stale

# What is a different gospel?

- Something very close to the true gospel
- With no revelation
- In the church life, it can be a teaching or a way of life that seems good, that apparently does not adversely affect the truth of the gospel, or the Christian faith

# What do we need?

- Revelation of Jesus Christ
- The gospel that changes and governs our lives
- Not a gospel that we adapt to our human thought and logic