1 – **The Church In Thessalonica**1 Thessalonians Chapter 1

2 – **Paul In Thessalonica**

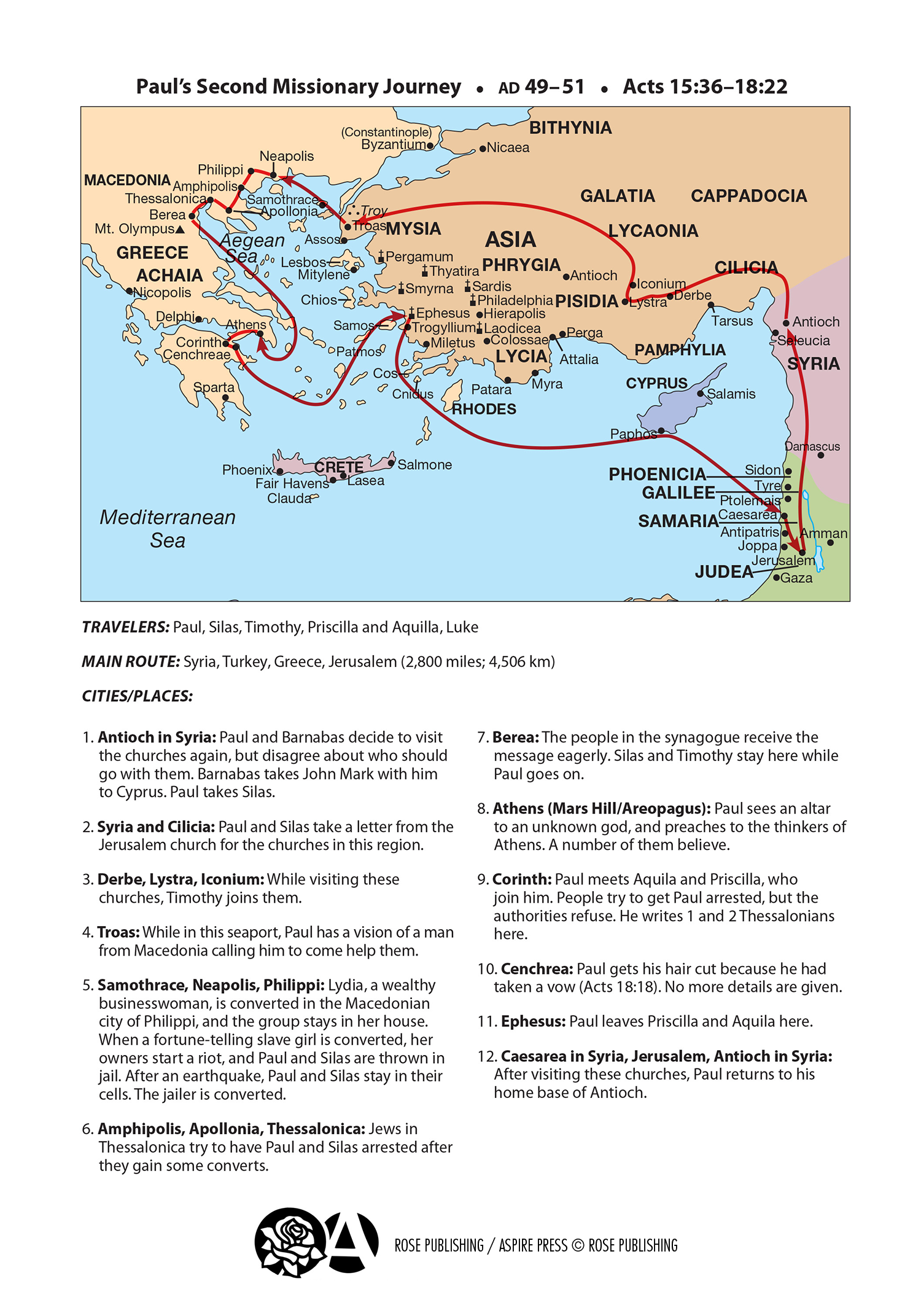
On his 2nd missionary journey, Paul went to the synagogue of the Jews and “***reasoned with them from the scriptures***” regarding Jesus Christ.   
(Acts 17:2-3)

Some success (Acts 17:4) which provoked jealous Jews to cause an uproar and sought to arrest Paul and Silas. ***“These men who have turned the world upside down”.***

Paul in addition to receiving support from the Philippians (4:16), worked to support himself while he was there. (1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8)

1st letter written by Paul from Corinth perhaps a year or so after leaving. The 2nd letter written also from Corinth perhaps a year after the 1st.

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4 – **Positives**

1. Their ***“work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope.”*** (1:3)

Is our **faith “working”** (James 2:18; Galatians 5:6) and our   
**love “laboring”** (John 14:15; Genesis 29:20)?

1. Their “**imitation” of “us and the Lord**”. (1:6; cf., Philippians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Hebrews 6:11-12)

Following in His steps in matters of “***tribulation***” and adversity. (1 Peter 2:19ff)

5 - **Positives**

1. The ***“word of the Lord has sounded forth from you…”*** (1:8)
   * Is the word of the Lord reverberating everywhere we go?   
     (Acts 8:4; Proverbs 22:18) Is our heart set to teach?
2. Their acceptance of the message as **the “*word of God*” and not as “*the word of men.”*** (2:13; 2 Pet. 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 4:11)
   * Compare Acts 17:11?

6 - **Positives**

1. **Their endurance of “the same sufferings”. (2:14)**

* Are we able to endure? (Hebrews 10:35ff)

1. **Their *“walking and pleasing God…”* (4:1)**

* The need to keep putting to death the lusts of the flesh. (Ephesians 4:17; 5:8, 15)

7 - **Positives**

1. **Their Love of the brethren. (4:9-10; John 13:35; 15:12)**
   * **Will we love as He loved us?**

8 – **Continuing Needs**

1. **The need to keep growing. (1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Thess. 1:3;   
   2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:17-18; Philippians 3:13-14; John 15:2)**
2. **The need to keep loving truth. (2 Thess. 2:10; Matthew 6:33; Psalms 25:4-5)**
3. **The need to keep working. (2 Thess. 3:8-10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Romans 12:11; Luke 10:2)**
4. **The need to keep praying. (1 Thess. 5:16-18; Colossians 4:2)**
5. **The need to stay alert. (1 Thess. 5:4-11; 1 Peter 1:13; Rom. 13:11)**