



# THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY

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8A

# **SEEING AND RESPONDING TO WHAT GOD IS DOING**

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BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

Troas

Assos

Pergamum

Smyrna

Ephesus

Miletus

MYSIA

Simav R.

Sardis

ASIA

Maeander R.

Colossae

PHRYGIA

Antioch

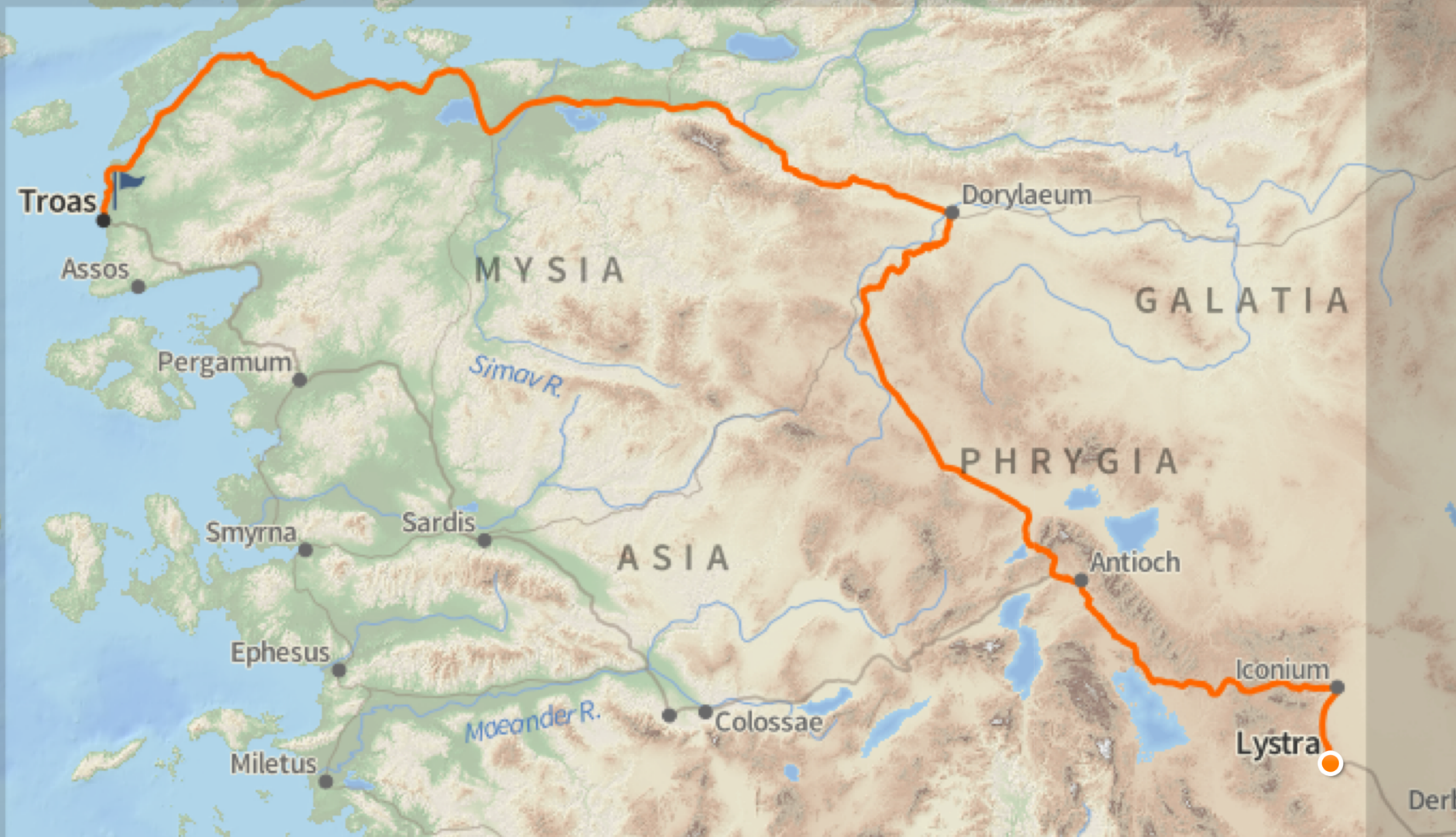
Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

GALATIA

Halyk



# DIFFERENT SEASONS

- Ecclesiastes 3 – He has made everything beautiful in its time.
- Isaiah 43:19 – Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it?
- Timothy's first trip is not only into uncharted territory, but is requiring adjustments to their team's methodology along the way.
- We must recognize what God is doing in every season and respond appropriately.

# SEEING WHAT GOD IS DOING

- Acts 16:9-10
  - Troas itself was a great idea
  - But what is God doing?
  - How did He reveal this?
- "Experiencing God"
  - After we pray, see what happens next
  - Adjust to what God is doing



# SETTING SAIL

- "...concluding that God had called us..."
- Obedient response
- Two days at sea



# HOW DO THEY ADJUST THEIR METHODS TO FIND OUT WHAT GOD IS DOING?

- Still keeping to Paul's general pattern of working from larger cities, in this case, Philippi
- No synagogue
- "Place of prayer"
- They found people seeking the Lord
- Lydia





# **“THESE MEN ARE THROWING OUR CITY INTO CONFUSION!”**

- This Pythoness followed their team, disturbing and distracting
- “deeply troubled”
- Roman justice, inappropriately administered
- Timothy sees, but is not persecuted himself.
  - Likely joins with Luke at Lydia’s house to pray.

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