

Paul and Barnabas, recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Let us now take a short view of their first Missionary voyage, and it will interest you more in the story if you will take your maps, and find out the places Paul and Barnabas went to—this will fix the facts in your memories.

In the 13th chapter of Acts we are told that a direct message was received from heaven, that these two should go on this mission. Immediately after receiving their commission, and communing with their brethren, they started on their voyage. From Antioch, a town on the North West of Asia Minor, they travelled North, probably by land, to Sileucia, and from that sailed to the Island of Cyprus,—landing at a town called Salamis they preached in the synagogues, and crossing the island to Paphos, were asked by the Governor, who had heard of their arrival, to preach the Word of God to him—they did so, and it produced an impression on the mind of the great man. A wicked sorcerer, called Elymas, endeavoured to turn the Governor from the truth, but Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him and behold, the hand of the Lord was on him, and the sorcerer was struck with blindness. Seeing this, the Governor was astonished at the doctrine of the Lord, and became a believer. Leaving Cyprus the Missionaries went to Perga in Pamphylia, and from that to Antioch in Pisidia—entering there, as usual, the synagogue, or Jewish church—after the reading of parts of the Books of Moses and the Prophets, Paul preached Christ, and proved that it was He of whom Moses and the Prophets had written. The Jews heard him quietly, and the Gentiles were so much pleased, that they asked him to preach next Sabbath, he did so, and almost the whole city came out to hear him, which made the Jews so angry that Paul and Barnabas had to leave the city in case they might be put to death.

The next event of interest happened at Lystra, where Paul healed a man lame from his birth. The fame of this wonderful cure got abroad, and crowds of people surrounded