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As the House of Israel prepared for Assyrian captivity 700 years after having rejected the 10 commands, the Lord said: Though I wrote ten thousand, they are regarded as a strange thing -- Hosea 8; as the House of Judah prepared for Babylonian captivity, He allowed them their onerous manmade traditions and said: So, I permitted them statues that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live -- Ezekiel 20.

But scattered through this letter, it is apparent, Paul knew what Moses originally told the people of God... in order that they prosper and live long in the land they were to enter, first promised to Abraham.

The certainty of the letter by Paul is not in question: the only question is where is Galatia? Often bible scholars posit one of two places: **Northern Galatia** or **Southern Galatia** – both are **Roman Galatia** in Asia Minor – the land of modern day Turkey.



¹ Paul, an apostle, (not of men, nor by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father - who raised him from the dead) / Paul was the honored penman of this letter written with a heavenly directive: inspired by the Lord Jesus.

² And all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia / Bishop Lightfoot said this letter of Paul was written to the **Gauls of Celtic Galatia**; an area identified with many followers of Jesus including: Lazarus, Mary and Martha of the Bethany house: so, this third possibility is found in Gallia, also known as Gaul; and we know from church history, it was faithful **Irenaeus** who taught in this region -- modern day Lyon, France; from: The Drama of the Lost Disciples, George F. Jowett; Chairman of the Board of Planning and Development of the St. Lawrence Seaway project, opened by H.M. the Queen; more recently we discover that Aquitania, the region closest to the Basque communities in southern France / northern Spain... was an outpost of Antioch; and DNA tests now connect the Basque people with Armenia. Though their written languages are different; what is clear is the root of their cultures, their spoken languages share numerous basic words. We know south of Armenia is where the 10 northern tribes of Israel resettled in Assyrian captivity; then lost to history, but not to God:



³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ / the Messiah, mentioned 7 times in this chapter,

⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father:

⁵ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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⁶ I marvel that you are so soon removed / Paul was astonished they were so quickly deserting... Him who called you by the grace of Christ, to another gospel / to a different gospel:

⁷ which is not another / because there is no other Good News; but they had already begun to move away from what Paul received, what he took from the Lord himself; the only good news, that is found in the fullness of God's grace sent to us, packaged in His only begotten Son: Jesus the Christ, the Messiah of God, who was raised from the dead for us; to rescue us from this present evil time;

but there are some who trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ / Paul was fully aware of those charlatans who would come among them to twist and distort the gospel of the Messiah; Paul would be shocked to see what so many in our genius generation willingly do; it is by God's grace that He allows us to resist and expose the works of the devil that are swelling up in these last days.

⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach to you any other gospel than what we preached to you, let him be accursed / now that English word sounds a little to proper, doesn't it? In Greek: **anathema**. For someone to preach anything about Jesus the Christ that excludes His unique humility -- coming to earth; and to teach contrary to His substitutionary death on the cross -- His life taking our place; is to listen to the voice of a fraud or a swindler who is: **God damned**.

⁹ As we said before, so now I say again: if anyone / Paul says, I repeat if anyone, man, woman or child -- young or old; rich or poor; educated or self-taught -- red, yellow, black or white... was not listening;

if anyone preaches to you another gospel than what you received, let him be God damned.

¹⁰ For am I now seeking the favor of men, or God? Or am I trying to please man? for if I just please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

¹¹ But I make known to you brethren / Paul wants all the family -- all the brothers and sisters to know, **that what was preached by me is not a man-made gospel.**

¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it

but through a revelation of Jesus Christ / so it wasn't something he learned at any seminary.

¹³ For you heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently / beyond measure... to destroy it:

¹⁴ and profiting in Judaism beyond many my own age among my own people, and being so exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

¹⁵ But God, who set me apart from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace, when it please Him,

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16 to reveal His Son in me, that I preach Him among the gentiles; I did **not immediately confer with flesh and blood** / Paul did not consult anybody:

17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were sent / apostles before me / in the last 2000 years, some – usually archbishops and right reverends... and other such clerics... have narrowly misapplied that word to indicate: only the **12 apostles**; but the Lord sent many people; Luke tells us, He first sent the 12 disciples (including one who would betray him) and as they headed out of town, **Jesus immediately sent 70 more apostles two by two**; and the 70 who returned with joy, came back and caused the Lord Jesus... to rejoice greatly in the Holy Spirit – **Luke 9–10**; not anyone of them was consulted;

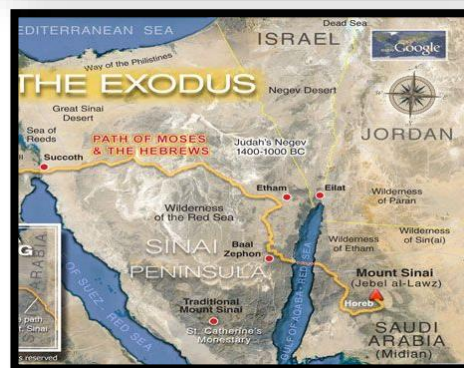
nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were sent / apostles before me;

but I went to Arabia / Paul did not go on a pointless excursion over hill and dale; he went to **Mount Sinai in Arabia**... (which he talks about in chapter 4) **not** to that very strange money-making location near the south tip of the Sinai Peninsula first identified by roman ascetics in the middle ages, whom we know were and still are terribly ignorant of the word of God.

Paul went to the very place in Arabia, about 50 miles south of where Solomon kept his naval fleet moored on the yom suph; to where Moses first encountered the Lord God at the burning bush – the mountaintop is still blackened; where God wrote the great Covenant, 10 commandments and no more, written with His own finger; where amid the burning mountain covered in darkness, they heard His awesome voice.

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but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus / so he went to where it started with Moses, and then where it started for himself, Paul passed through all the locations, Capernaum along the Sea of Galilee... and saw many there – he was aware of the 500 to whom the Lord appeared after the resurrection; then traveling on approaching the Damascus road and again recalled where he was stopped by the Lord, falling to the ground and hearing what he heard; then stumbling blind to meet Ananias; so from Arabia to Damascus, Paul recalled many events he could never forget the rest of his life.

18 Then after three years I went to Jerusalem to see Cephas / Peter,

and remained with him fifteen days.

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19 But I saw none of the other who were sent /apostles, except James - brother of the Lord / the half-brother who never followed the Lord; he was there in Jerusalem till he was martyred; the others were well on their way as the Spirit led them: Thomas to India; Bartholomew and Thaddaeus to Armenia.

20 (Now what I write to you, behold, before God, I do **not lie!)**

21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia / 15 days – 2 weeks in Jerusalem was enough for Paul; suddenly he was on the move again; he had enough of the traditionalists in Jerusalem – you know, manmade traditions are no different than graven images slavishly attended to and worshiped – idolatry always seeks to replace the clear word of God with our muddy, manmade artifacts. 2000 years later and Jerusalem is still cluttered with mountains of worthless manmade hocus pocus.

So Paul, being well-schooled, headed north this time to regions far beyond Damascus; to southeast Asia Minor where the 10 northern tribes of Israel resettled during Assyrian captivity – it's as if the words of Jesus were ringing in his ears: go first to the lost sheep of the House of Israel;

Most people do not know, according to the Spanish history around Zaragoza, Paul visited their country 3 times. And writing to the Galatians... wherever they were, Paul says...

22 and I was still unknown in person to the Judean churches that are in Christ.

23 They only heard that “he who previously persecuted us, now is preaching the faith he once destroyed.”

24 And they glorified God because of me. The congregations were singing: To God be the glory!

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