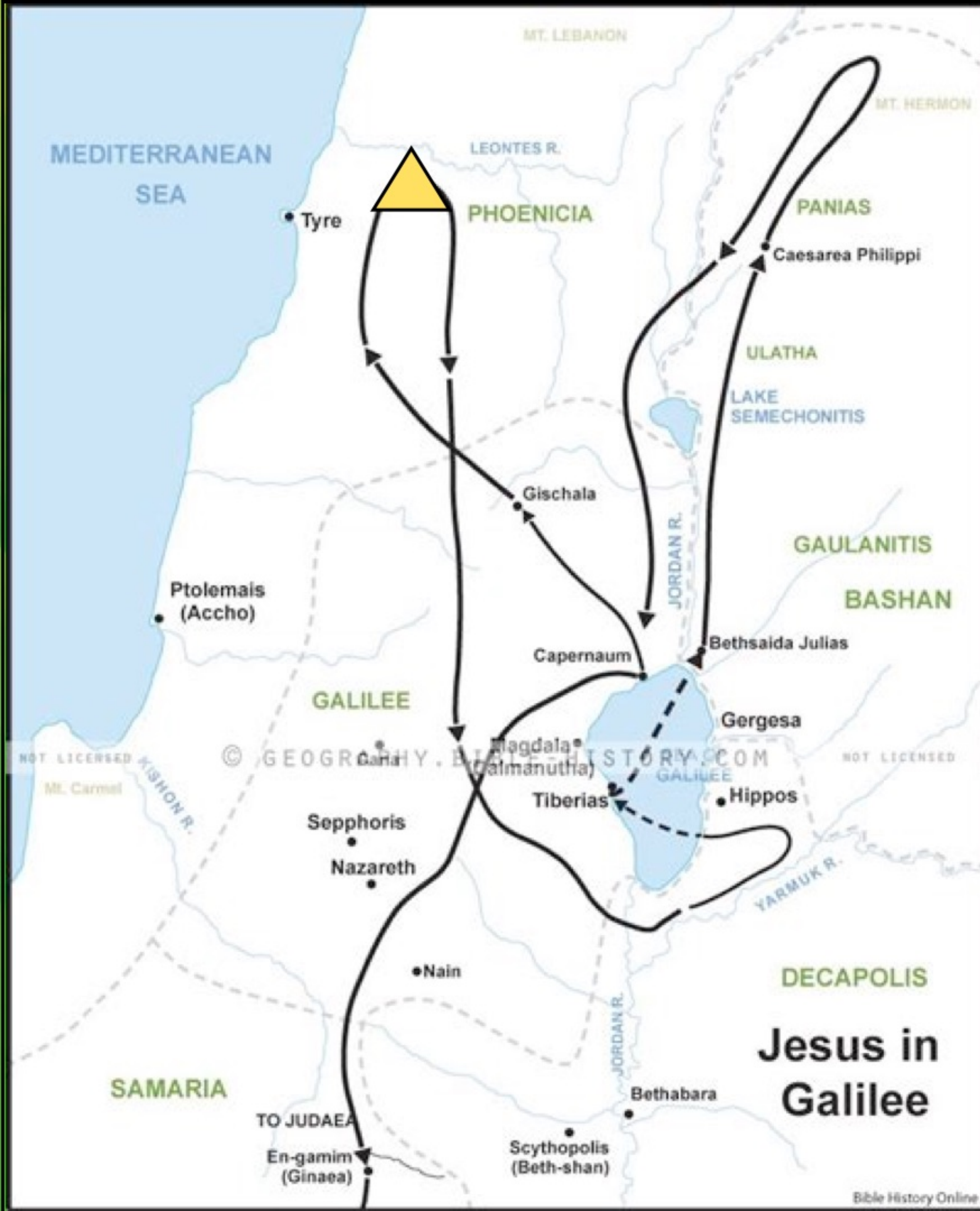
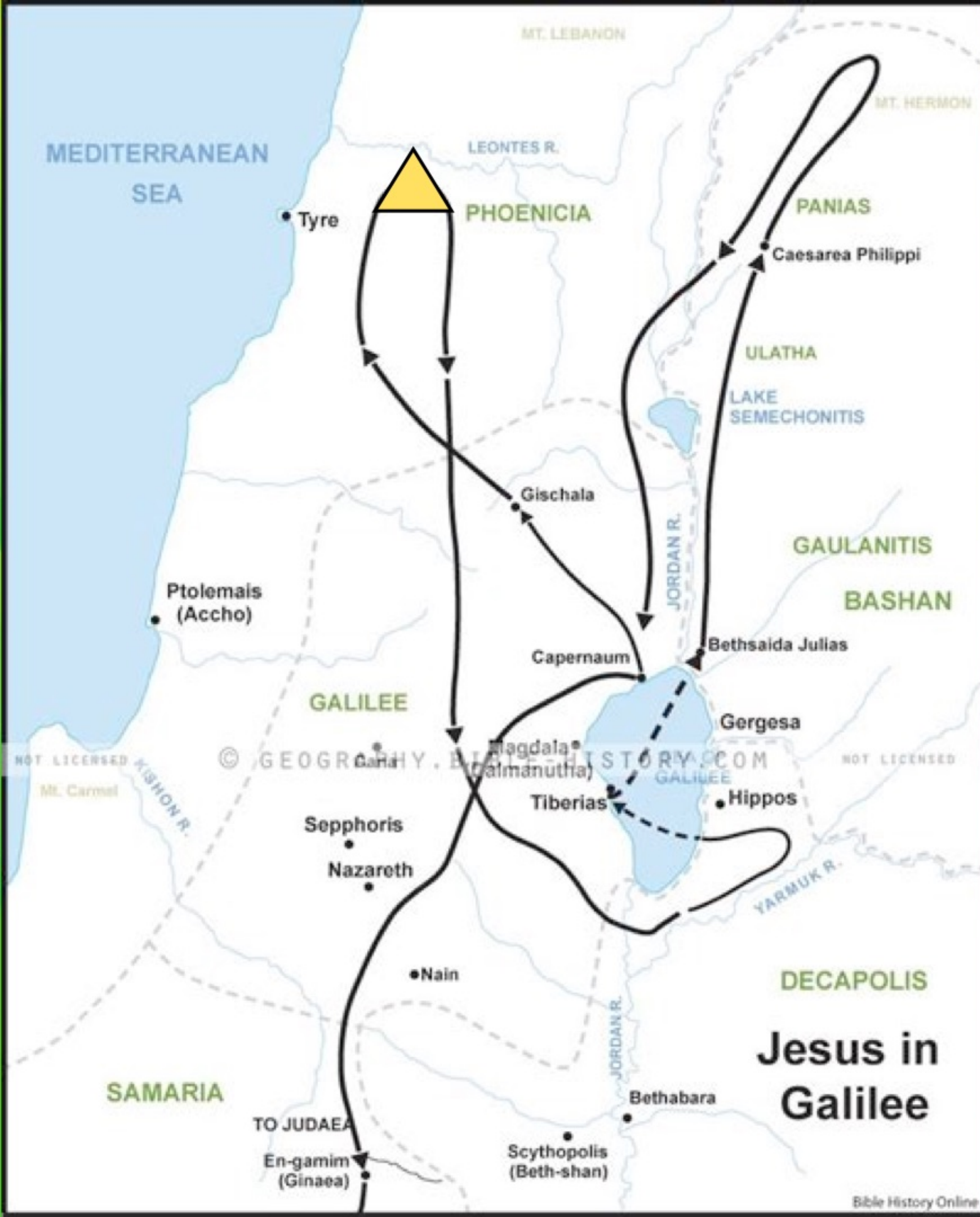




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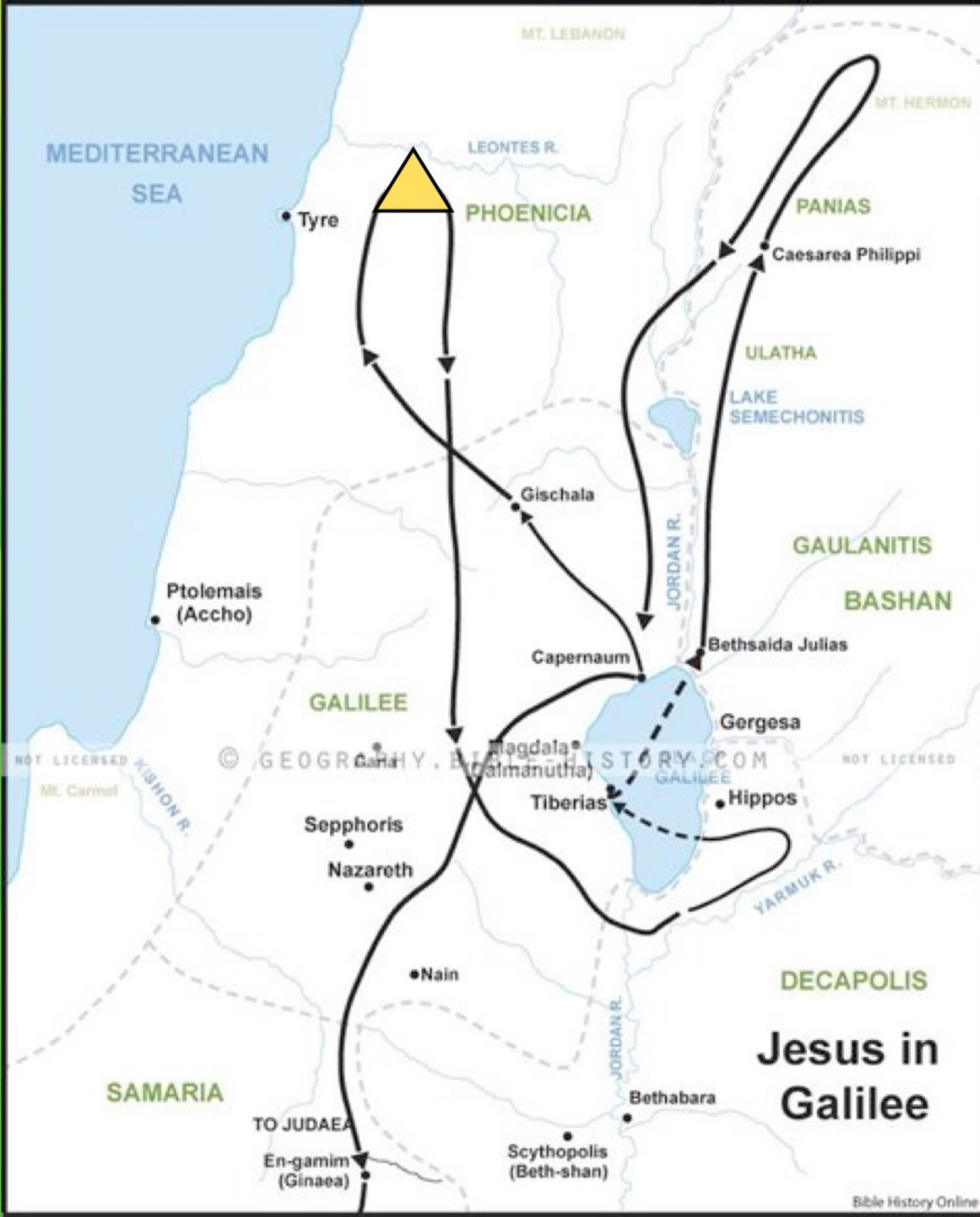
Mark 7:24 (ESV)
24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.



Mark 7:25–26 (ESV)

25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet.

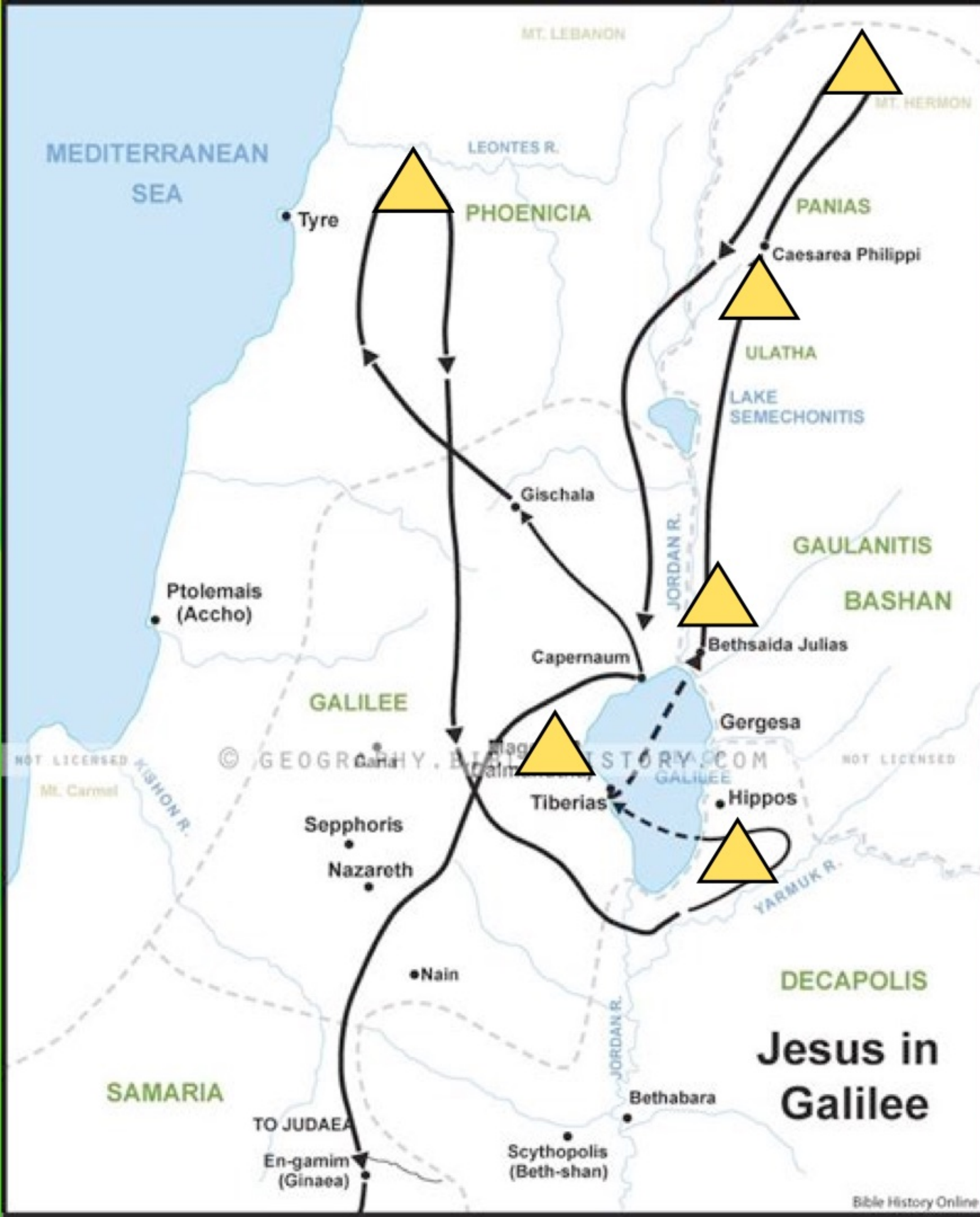
26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.



Mark 7:27–28 (ESV)

27 And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”

28 But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”



Mark 7:29–30 (ESV)

29 And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.”

30 And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Mt. Hermon

Transfiguration

Caesarea
Philippi

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Gate Caesarea Philippi



Matthew 16:13–17 (ESV)

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Why these 7 churches?

Byzantium

Satan's Throne

Ba'al Zephon

Ba'al Hermon

Caesarea Philippi

Zeus

Jupiter

Region of Lydia

**Gates of Hades shall
not prevail.
Matt. 16:18**





Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea

Paul imprisoned

Luke joins Paul

Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia

Paul brought on charges before Gallio

Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work

Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture

Jerusalem Conference, AD 49, (Ac 15:1-30; Gl 2:1-21)

THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL

ACTS 15:36-18:22

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Via Egnatia
- () Pass
- ← Route of Paul and Silas

Paul establishes Ephesus

Revelation 2:1–3 (ESV)

1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

2“ I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.

3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary.

Revelation 2:4–5 (ESV)

4But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

5Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Revelation 2:6–7 (ESV)

6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

They were doing what they were supposed to be doing but forgot love.

Revelation 2:8–11 (ESV)

8“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

9“ ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and ‘I will give you the crown of life.

11He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

We will be tested and our testing brings Glory to
the Father.

Revelation 2:12–13 (ESV)

12“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

13“ *I know* where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

Revelation 2:14–16 (ESV)

14But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.

15So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

16Therefore repent. If not, *I will come to you* soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.

Revelation 2:17 (ESV)

17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

Correct false teachers and teachings that creep in
so they don't defile the body of Christ.

Revelation 2:18–19 (ESV)

18“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:
‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a
flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished
bronze.

19“ *I know* your works, your love and faith and
service and patient endurance, and that your latter
works exceed the first.

Revelation 2:20–23 (ESV)

20But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works,
23 and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.

Revelation 2:24–25 (ESV)

24But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.

25Only hold fast what you have until I come.

Revelation 2:26–29 (ESV)

26The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him *I will give authority* over the nations,

27and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

28And *I will give* him the morning star.

29He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Church discipline is necessary. We don't tolerate wolves in any form.

Revelation 3:1–3 (ESV)

1 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “ ‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.

3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

Revelation 3:4–6 (ESV)

4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and *I will never* blot his name out of the book of life. *I will confess* his name before my Father and before his angels.

6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Don't go through the hypocritical motions of church, pursue Jesus and follow His path.

Revelation 3:7–9 (ESV)

7“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:
‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key
of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and
no one opens.

8“ ‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an
open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you
have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and
have not denied my name.

Revelation 3:9–11 (ESV)

9Behold, *I will make* those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie— behold, *I will make* them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.

10Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, *I will keep you* from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

11*I am coming* soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

Revelation 3:12–13 (ESV)

12The one who conquers, *I will make* him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and *I will write on him* the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

13He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

What the Lord keeps no one can overpower.

Revelation 3:14–16 (ESV)

14“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

15“ ‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!

16So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, *I will spit* you out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:17–19 (ESV)

17For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

18I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

19Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Revelation 3:20–22 (ESV)

20Behold, *I stand at the door and knock.* If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, *I will come* in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

21The one who conquers, *I will grant* him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

22He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”

Jesus ends with an invitation



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