



Acts 11

Genesis 1:27–30 (ESV)

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food."

And it was so.

Genesis 2:16–17 (NASB95)

16The LORD God commanded the man, saying,
“From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;
17but from the tree of the knowledge of good and
evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat
from it you will surely die.”

The Lord gave man dominion of the whole earth with the exception of the one tree,
Knowledge of Good and Evil.

When humanity took for themselves the knowledge of evil, the earth and everything in it was cursed its consequences: pain, suffering, violence, and death.

In the beginning we could rule and reign over the earth as the Lord because we were created in His image and were in His presence.

Adam and Eve were separated from the presence of God and governed by their own conscience.

Man's conscience could be, and was,
corrupted by lust's of the flesh.

From Cain to the days of Noah man worshipped the demonic realm through sorcery, immorality, drug/alcohol abuse searing their conscience to the point that unGodly offspring were produced.

The Lord gave a 120 year invitation through
the only preacher, Noah.

The Lord punished the demons that left their
dominion by chaining them in the depths of
the Abyss until the end days

Jude 6–7 (ESV)

6And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—
7just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

He then judged and cleansed creation by
water.

This is the first time that water has been used to represent cleansing both spiritual and judgment.

The Lord cleanses the earth from unrepentant humanity with water but delivers Noah through the product of God's grace - the Ark (Jesus).

**This is where we first see the meaning of the
New Testament Baptism.**

Matthew 3:11 (ESV)

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire

is spiritual regeneration from death to life by the will of God with the purpose of sanctification through trial and suffering.

For what purpose?

To bring Glory to God just like Jesus.

John 1:12–13 (ESV)

12But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
13who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 Peter 1:14–16

14As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, 15but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; 16because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

God's holiness is separate uniqueness.

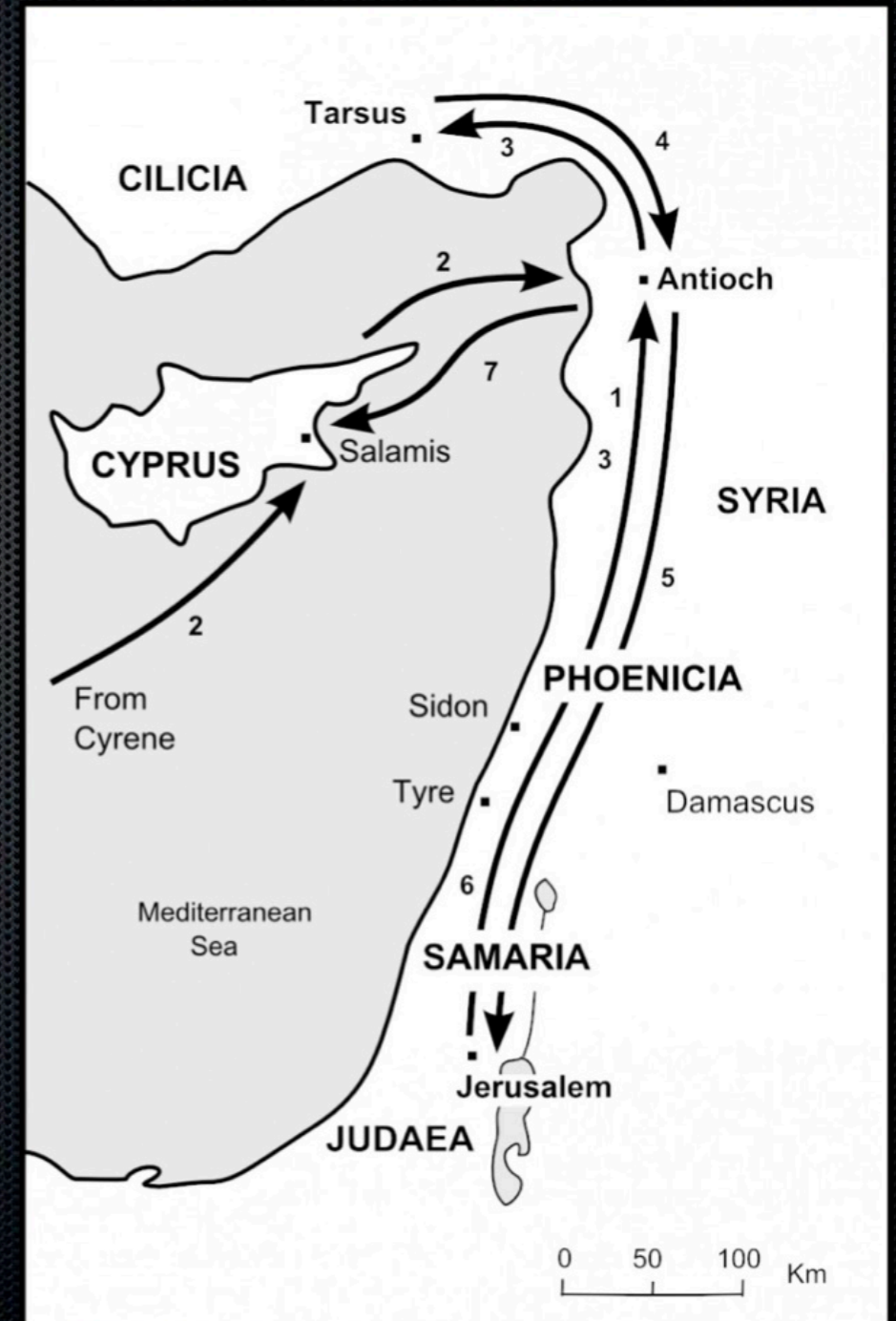
What God separates for Himself
becomes Holy.

What God separates for Himself
comes by faith.

Abraham & Sarah

Jewish Nation of Israel

Ignorant of God Gentiles



Acts 11:19–21 (ESV)

19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews.

20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

Acts 11:22–24 (ESV)

22The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

23When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,

24for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Acts 11:25–26 (ESV)

25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,
26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

This is our heritage, this is who we are.