

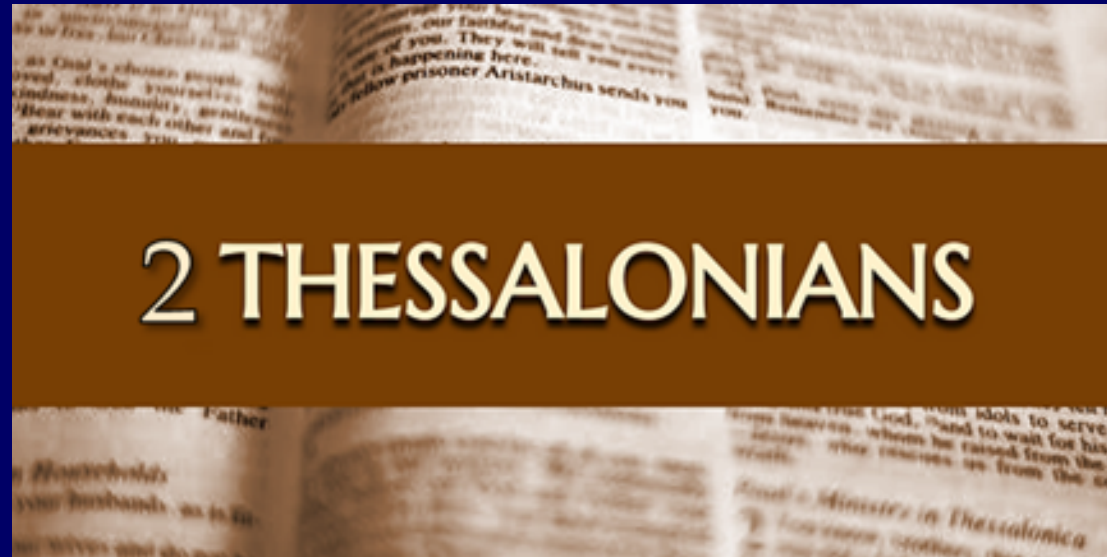
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2 Thessalonians

BALANCE: WORKING & WAITING

Second Thessalonians

Balance: Waiting and Working



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Pauline Authorship

- 1:1; 3:17
- Strong external support
- Not challenged until the 19th century

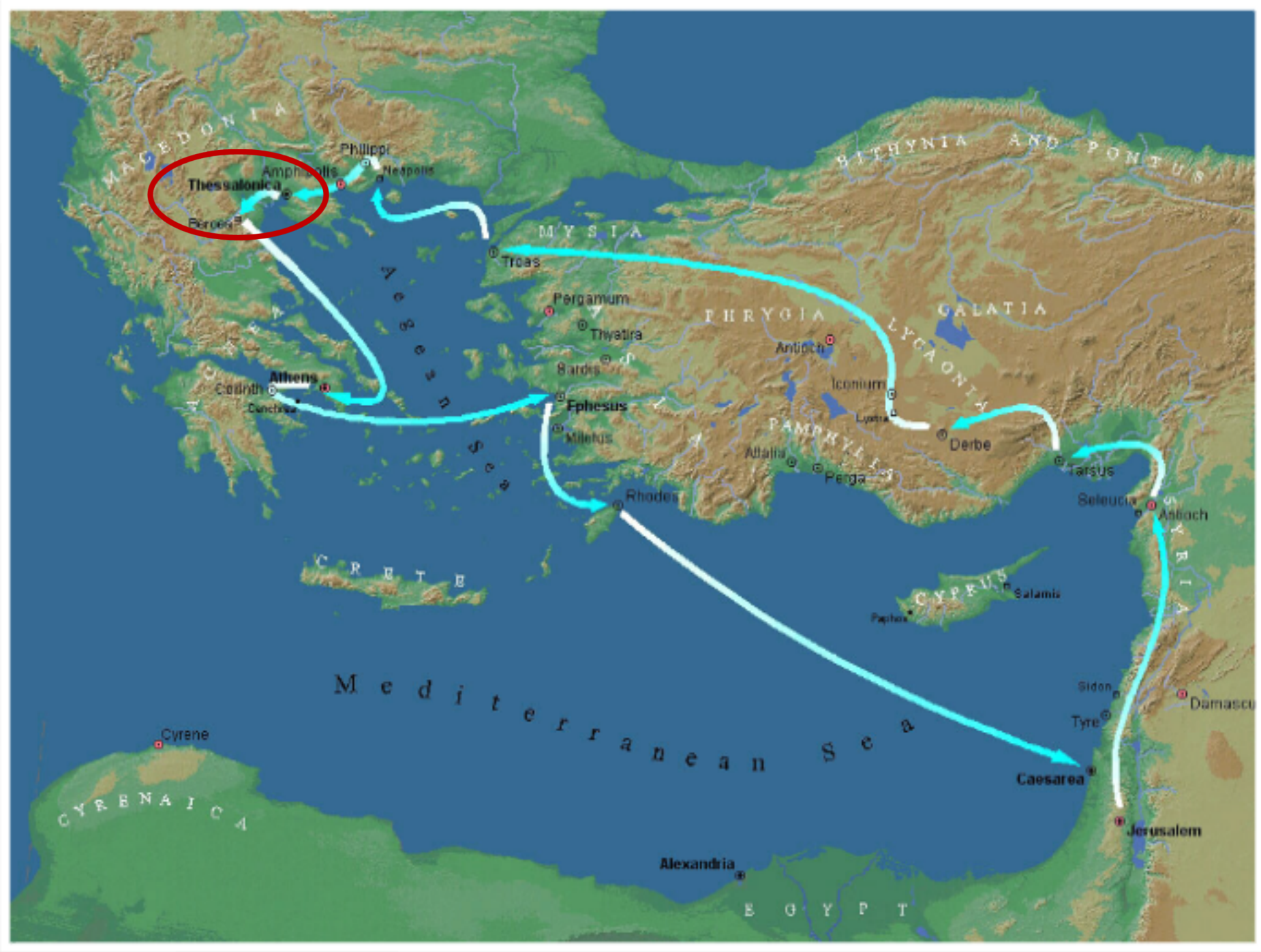
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Audience

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- Thessalonians
- 1:1

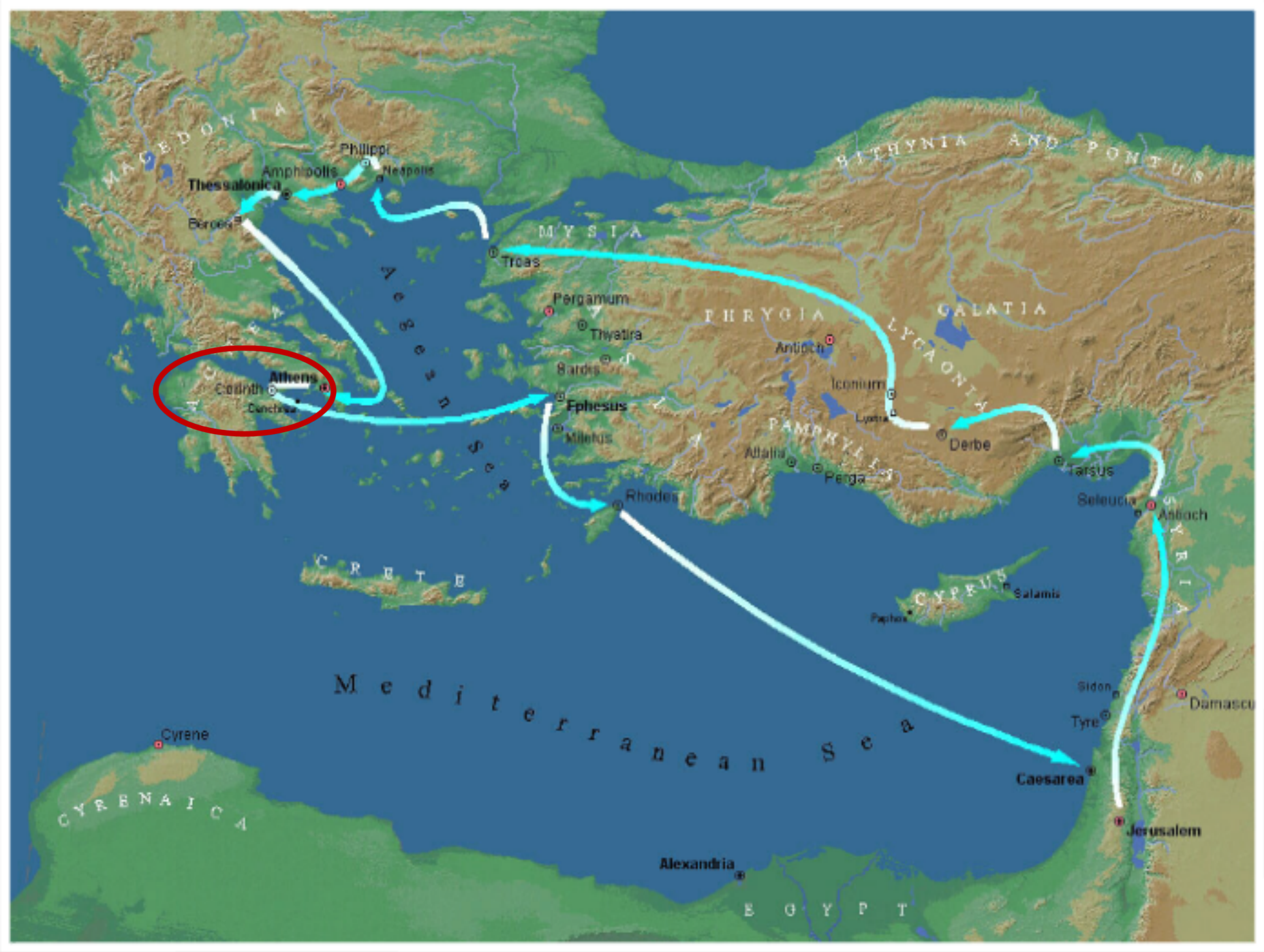


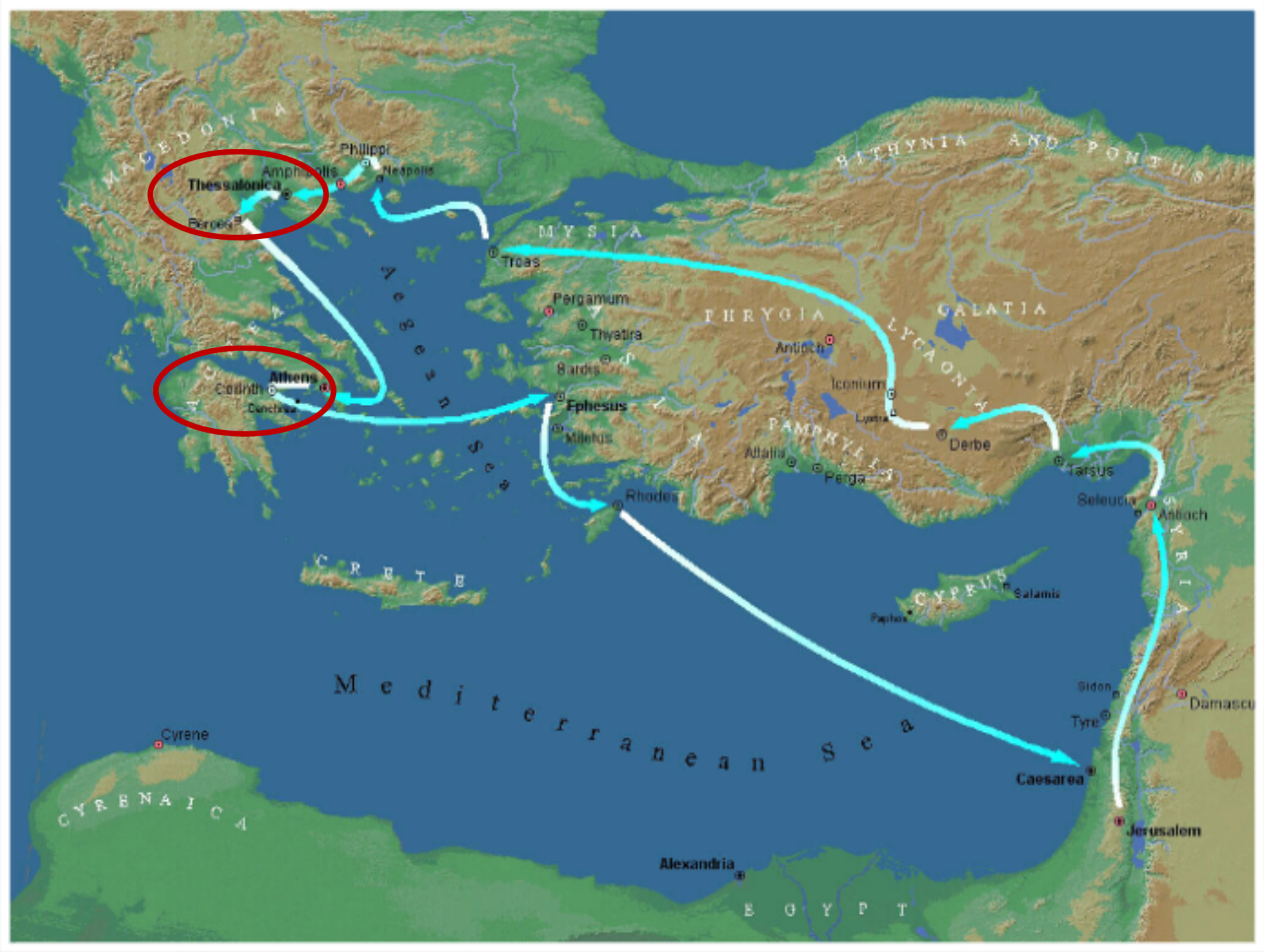
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Place of Writing

- Corinth
- 1:1
- Acts 18:5







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Date

- Arose out of concerns raised in the 1st letter
- 6-12 months later
- Late 51 or early 52 AD
- 3rd letter

Paul's Ministry Chronology

# of books	Journey	Acts	Date	Books
1	1	13–14	48–49	Gal
2	2	15:36–18:22	50–52	1–2 Thess
3	3	18:23–21:17	53–57	1–2 Cor, Rom
4	4	28:16-31	60–62	Eph, Col, Phlm, Phlp
2	Between Imprisonments	Post Acts	62–66	1 Tim, Titus
1	2 nd Imprisonment	Post Acts	67	2 Tim

Order of Paul's Letters

1. Galatians (A.D. 49)
2. 1–2 Thessalonians (A.D. 51)
3. 1–2 Corinthians (A.D. 56)
4. Romans (A.D. 57)
5. Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians (A.D. 60–62)
6. 1 Timothy, Titus (A.D. 62–66)
7. 2 Timothy (A.D. 67)



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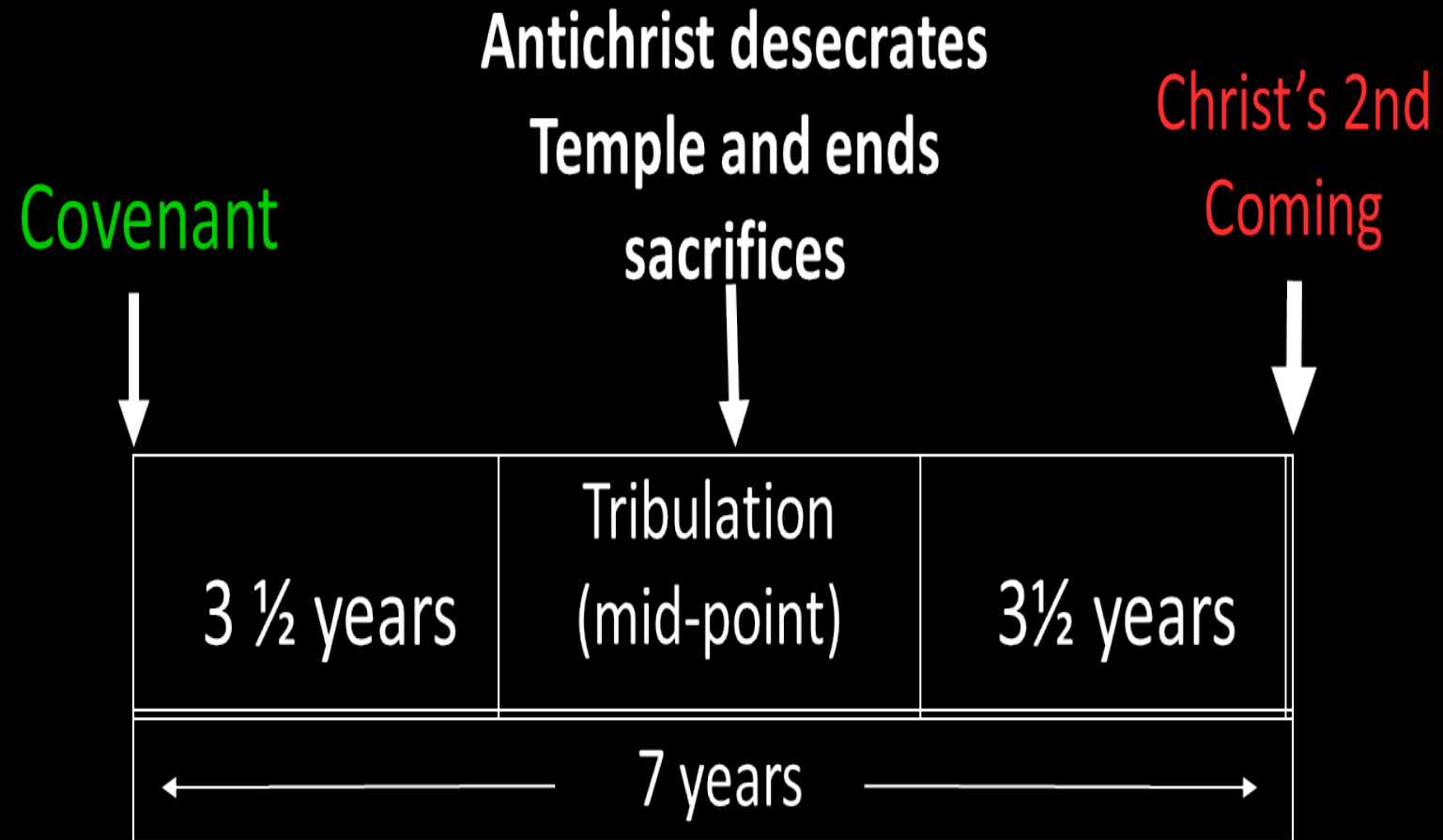
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Daniel 9:27

“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



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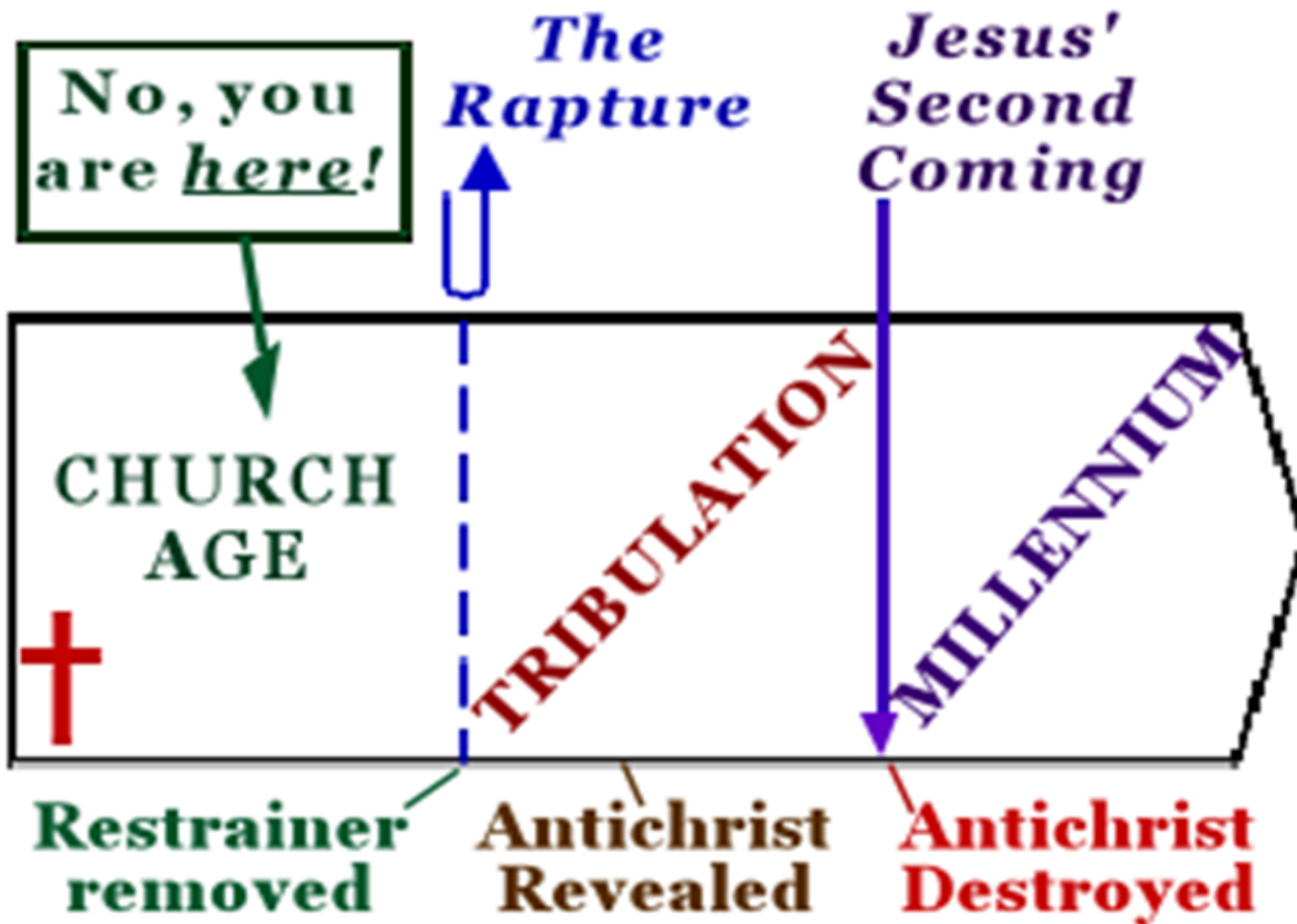
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The Thessalonians' False Idea



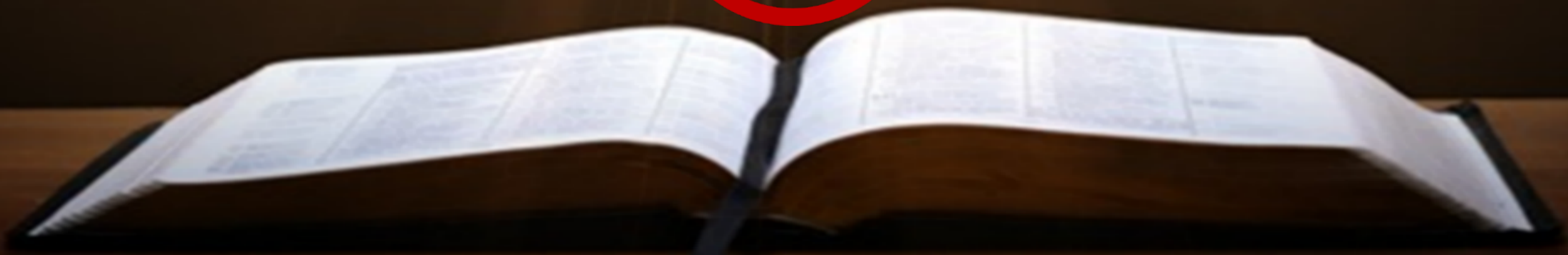
Paul's Correction of their Error



1 Thessalonians 1:10

“and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues (*rhyomai*) us from (*ek*) the wrath (*orgē*) to come.”

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Structure

- 1 – Commendation
- 2 – Correction
- 3 – Consequences



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Message

2 THESSALONIANS

- A correct understanding of eschatology (2) leads to encouragement (1) and a proper balance between waiting and working (3)



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Purpose



- To exhort the Thessalonians to adhere to a correct eschatology and thus live rightly



Conclusion

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- Authorship: Paul
- Audience: Thessalonians
- Place of writing: Corinth
- Date: AD 51
- Occasion: Forgery
- Structure: 3 Parts
- Message: working & waiting
- Purpose: Correction of orthodoxy
& orthopraxy