Ecclesiology

Session 23



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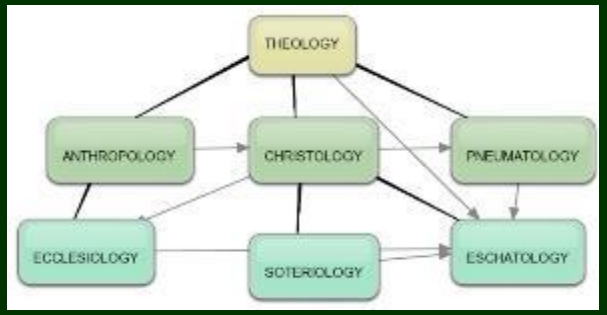
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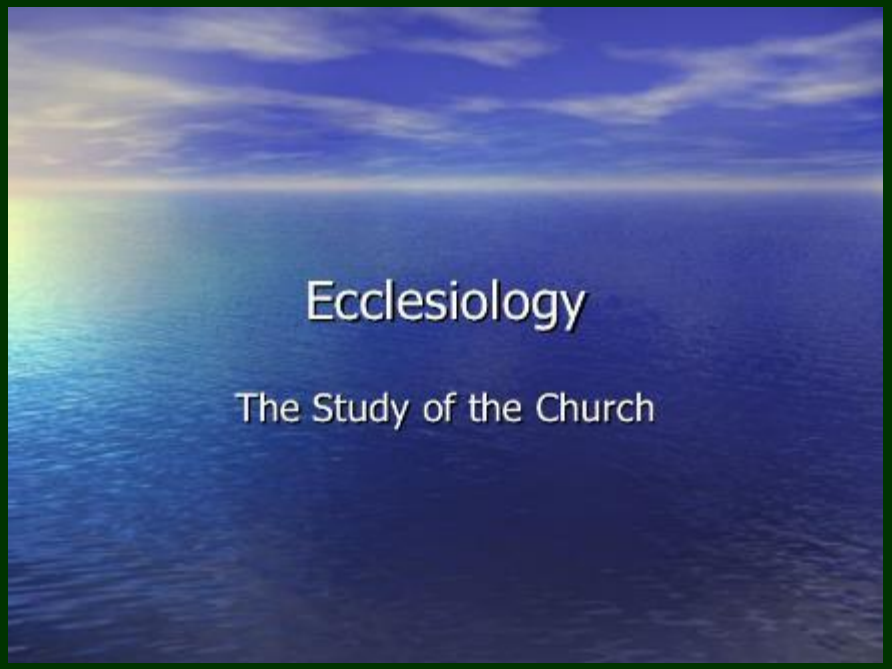


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- Eschatology – Study of the end



Ecclesiology Overview

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II. Universal vs. local
III. Word pictures
IV. Origin
V. Israel – Church differences
VI. Intercalation
VII. Purposes
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2 Timothy 3:16-17

“16 **All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be **adequate, equipped for every good work**.”

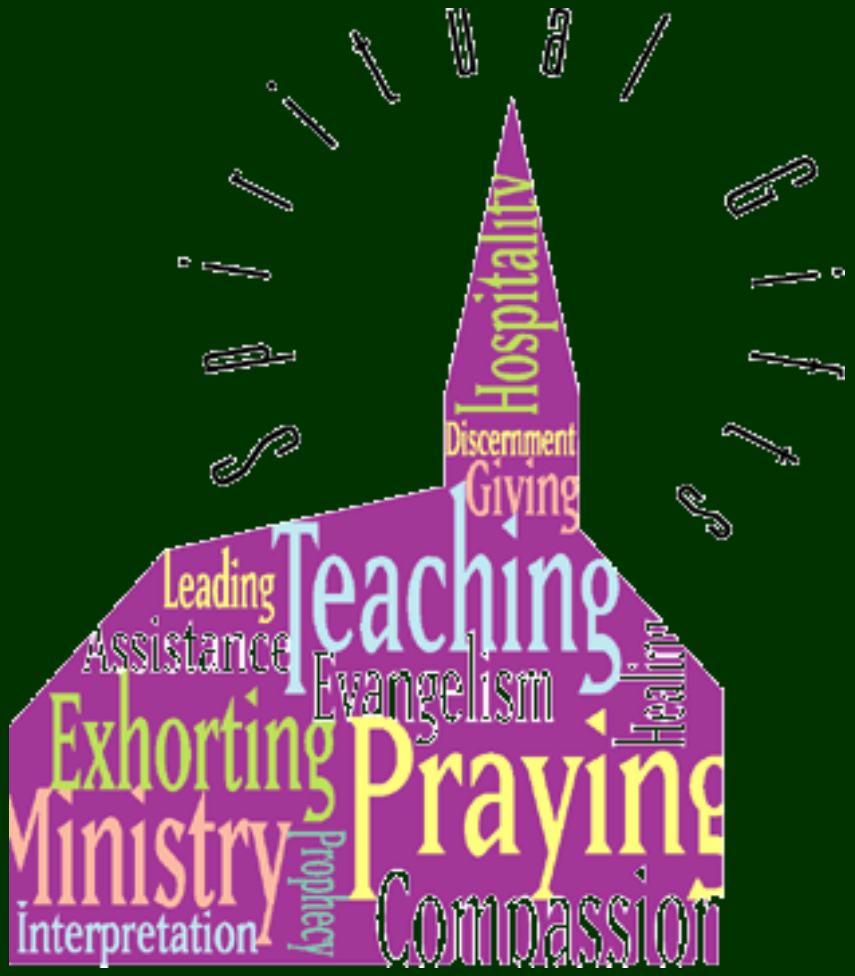


Ephesians 4:11-16

“11 And He gave **some** as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as **evangelists**, and some as **pastors and teachers**, 12 for the **equipping** of the **saints** for the **work of service**, to the **building up** of the body of Christ;”



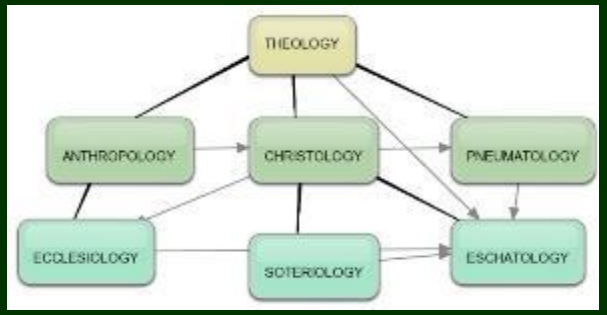
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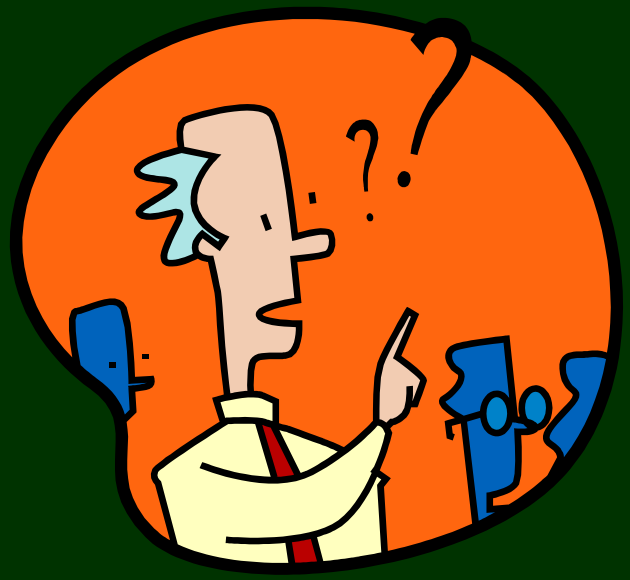
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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
- Ephesians 4



The Disputed Gifts

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Two Camps

- **Charismatics** – All the spiritual gifts are in operation today
- **Cessationists** – Most of the spiritual gifts are in operation today

Preamble to Position Statements of SLBC Constitution

"Although agreement with the **POSITION STATEMENTS is** not required for membership, they are taught in this church. The **POSITION STATEMENTS are not meant to prohibit** honest and healthy discussions concerning what the Bible teaches about these issues; however, we believe that such discussions must be conducted under the guiding principle that believers are to strive to maintain unity."

SLBC Position Statement No. 7

"TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL GIFTS – This church teaches that the miraculous sign gifts, including the gift of tongues, (always the ability to speak in a previously unlearned, known language) along with the gift of healings were temporal gifts, given by the Holy Spirit solely to authenticate both the apostles and their message before the close of the canon of Scripture (1 Cor. 13:8-10). We do not believe that these are active as gifts today. However, we affirm that God is sovereign and may heal and/or give someone the ability to speak in a tongue (foreign language) today. We believe that the majority of what is termed 'miraculous' within the contemporary charismatic movement is something other than the Biblical gifts of tongues or healing."

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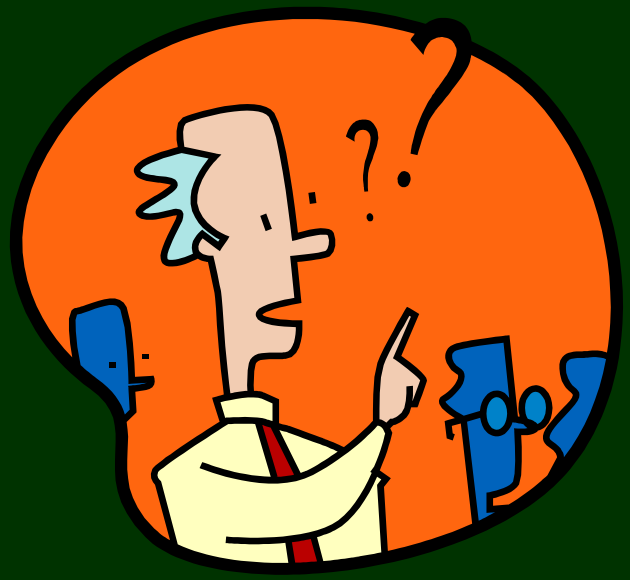
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Acts 1:21-25

“21 Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— 22 beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become **a witness with us of His resurrection**.” 23 So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen 25 to occupy this ministry and **apostleship** from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.”

1 Corinthians 9:1

"Am I not free? Am I not an **apostle**? Have I not **seen Jesus** our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?"



1 Corinthians 15:8-9

“[8] and **last** of all, as to one **untimely born**, He appeared to me also. [9] For I am the **least** of the **apostles**, and not fit to be called an **apostle**, because I persecuted the church of God.”



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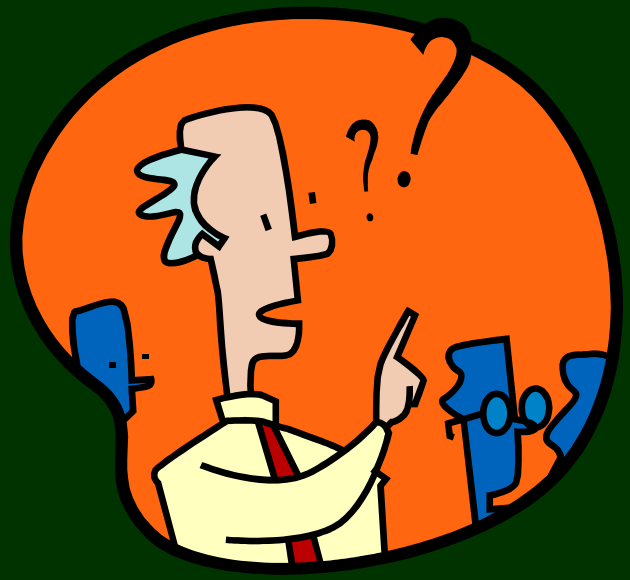
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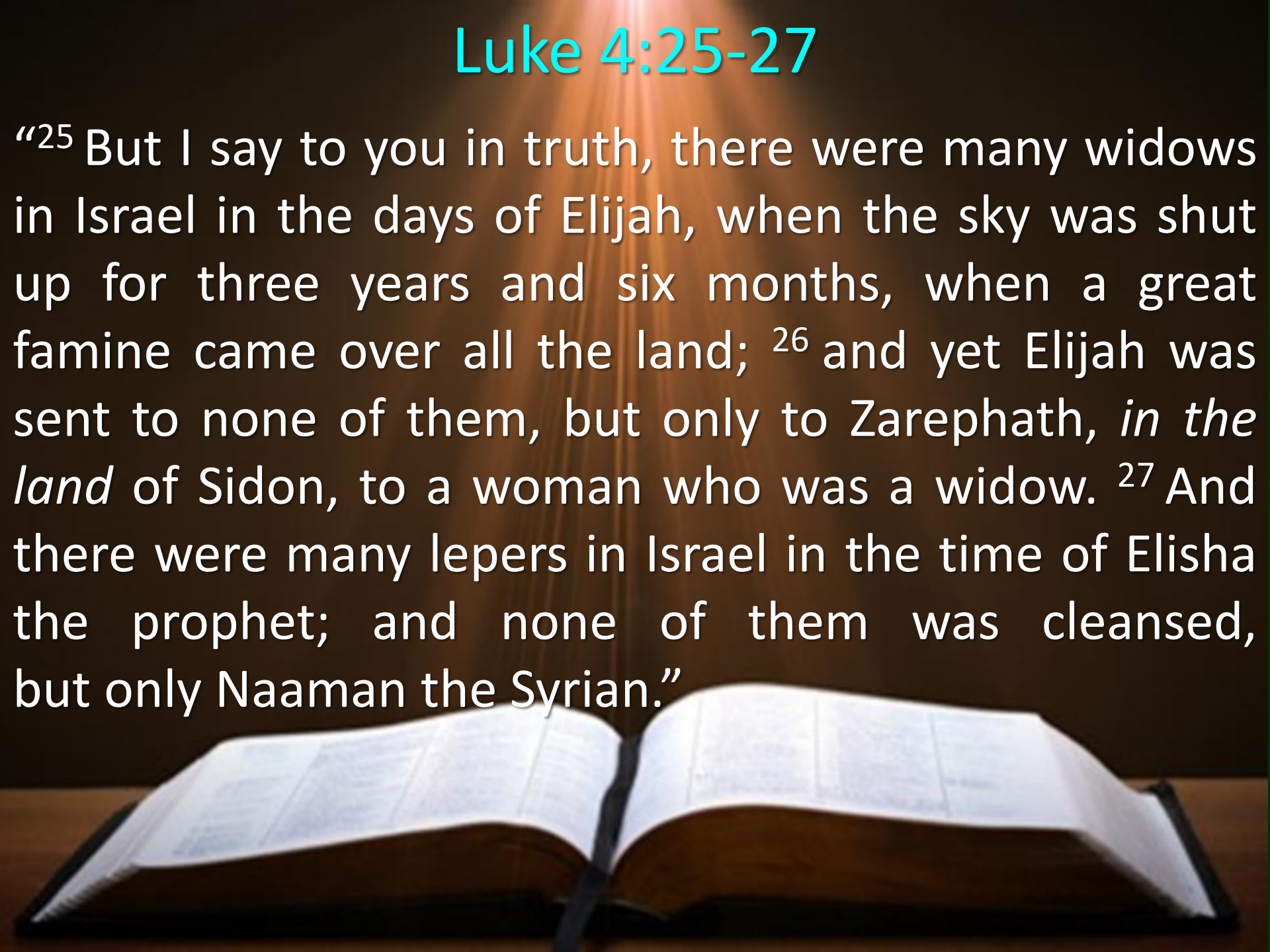


Miracle Clusters In Scripture

Num.	Era	Authentication
1.	Moses	Law
2.	Joshua	Conquest
3.	Elijah-Elisha	Prophet
4.	Christ	Kingdom offer
5.	Apostles	Church
6.	Tribulation & Millennium	Kingdom establishment

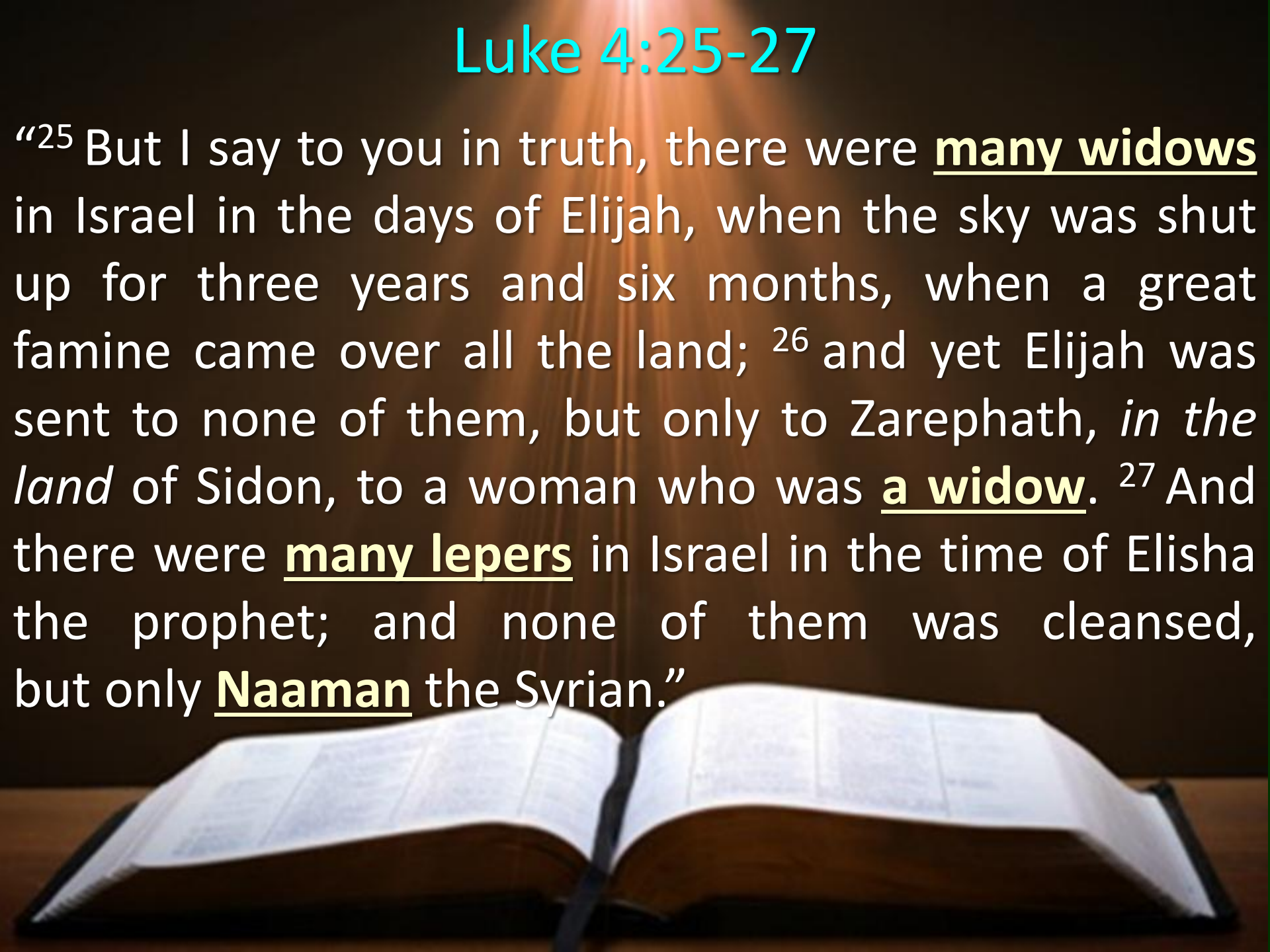
Luke 4:25-27

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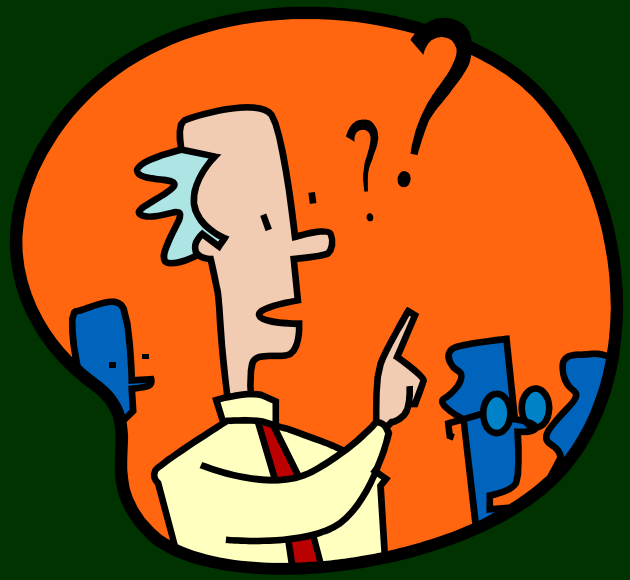
John 14:12

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the **works that I do**, he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do**; because I go to the Father."



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2 Corinthians 12:12

"The **signs of a true apostle** were performed among you with all perseverance, by **signs and wonders and miracles**."



Acts 2:43

"Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many **wonders** and **signs** were taking place through the **apostles**."



Acts 5:12

"At the hands of the **apostles** many **signs** and **wonders** were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico."



Acts 14:3-4

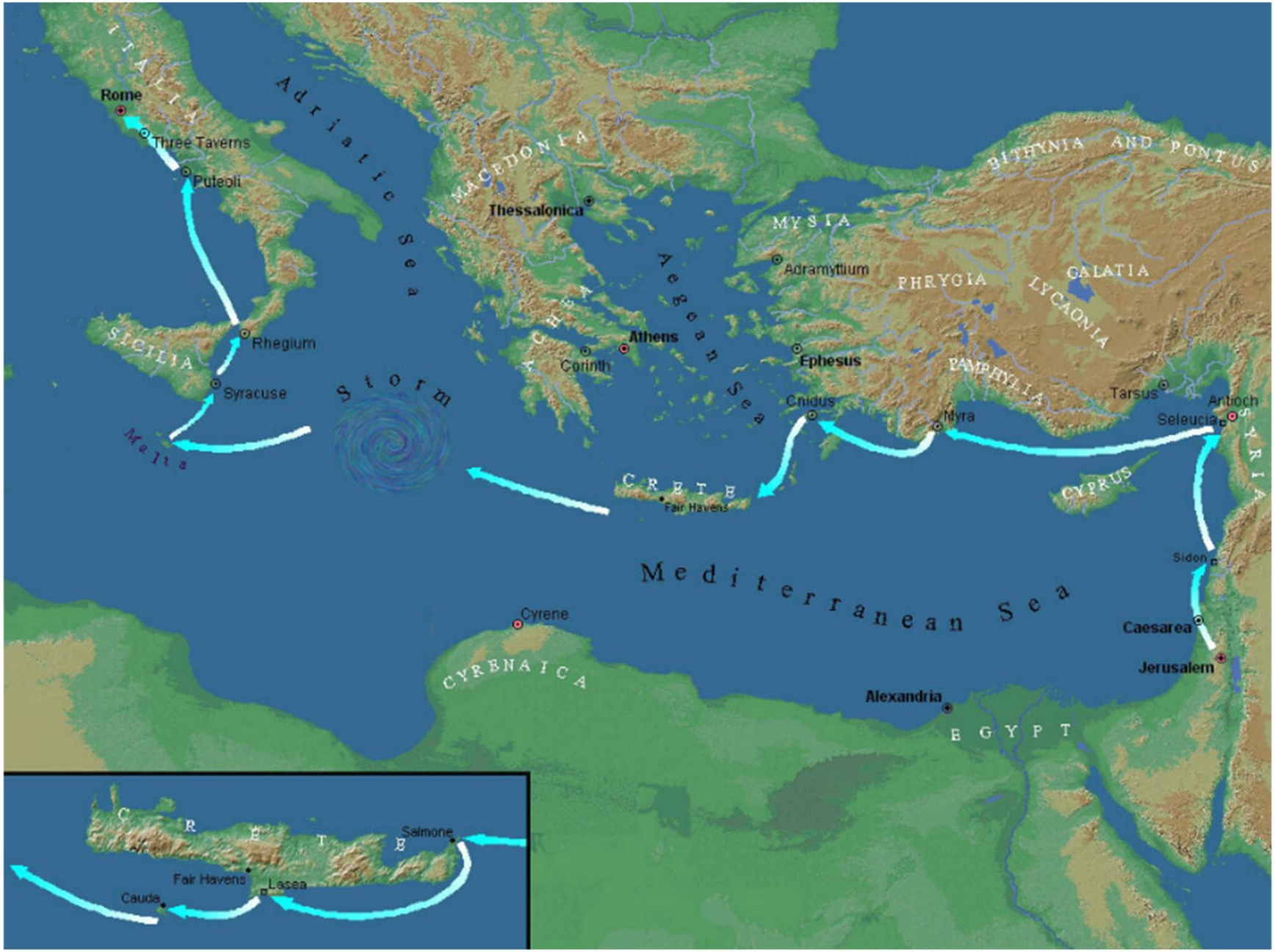
"[3] Therefore they spent a long time *there* speaking boldly *with reliance* upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that **signs and wonders** be done by their hands. [4] But the people of the city were divided; and some sided with the Jews, and some with the **apostles**."



Romans 15:18-20

“[18] For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished **through me**, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, [19] in the power of **signs and wonders**, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. [20] And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, so that I would not build on another man’s foundation.”




ITALIA
Rome
Three Taverns
Puteoli
Adriatic Sea
MACEDONIA
Thessalonica
ACHAIA
Athens
Corinth
Aegean Sea
MYSIA
Adramyttium
BITHYNIA AND PONTUS
PHRYGIA
GALATIA
LYCAONIA
Ephesus
PAMPHYLIA
Tarsus
Antioch
Seleucia
SYRIA
SICILIA
Rhegium
Syracuse
Storm
Malta
Cnidus
Myra
CRETE
Fair Havens
CYPRUS
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Mediterranean Sea
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Acts 20:7-10

“[7] On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. [8] There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. [9] And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead. [10] But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, “Do not be troubled, for his life is in him.”



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)



Philippians 2:25-27

“25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need; 26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.”



1 Timothy 5:23

"No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments."



2 Timothy 4:20

"Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus."

