

THE BOOK OF ACTS:

The birth, growth, and progress of the church

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THE LINK BETWEEN THE GOSPELS & THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES.

CHAPTER 1: The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem

from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 'For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.' (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 'For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT'; and 'LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE.' 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—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." So they



And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Acts 2:3-4



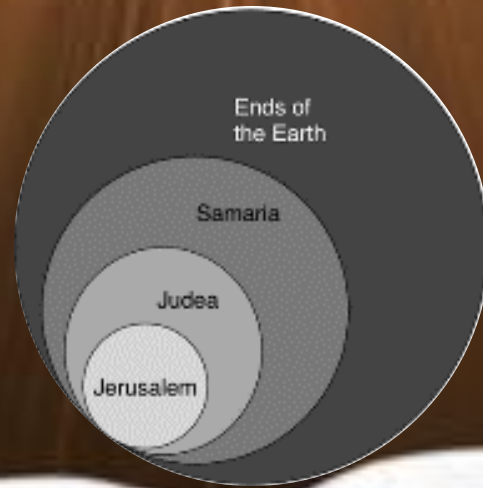
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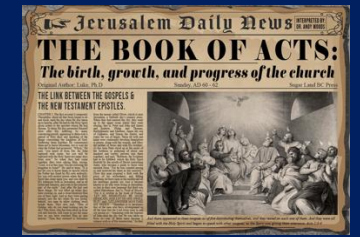
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Acts 1:8

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Structure (Acts 1:8)



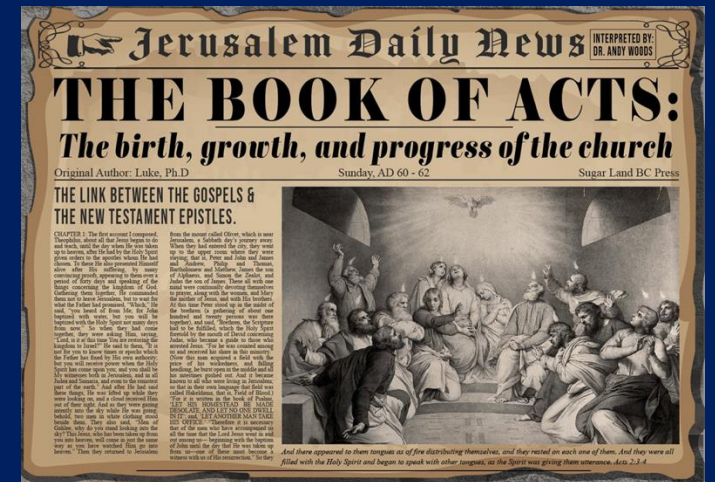
- Jerusalem (Acts 1–7)
- Judea and Samaria (Acts 8–12)
- **Remotest part of the earth (Acts 13–28)**
 - 1st missionary journey (Acts 13–14)
 - Jerusalem council (Acts 15:1-35)
 - 2nd missionary journey (Acts 15:36 –18:22)
 - 3rd missionary journey (Acts 18:23–21:17)
 - Trip to Rome (Acts 21:18–28:31)

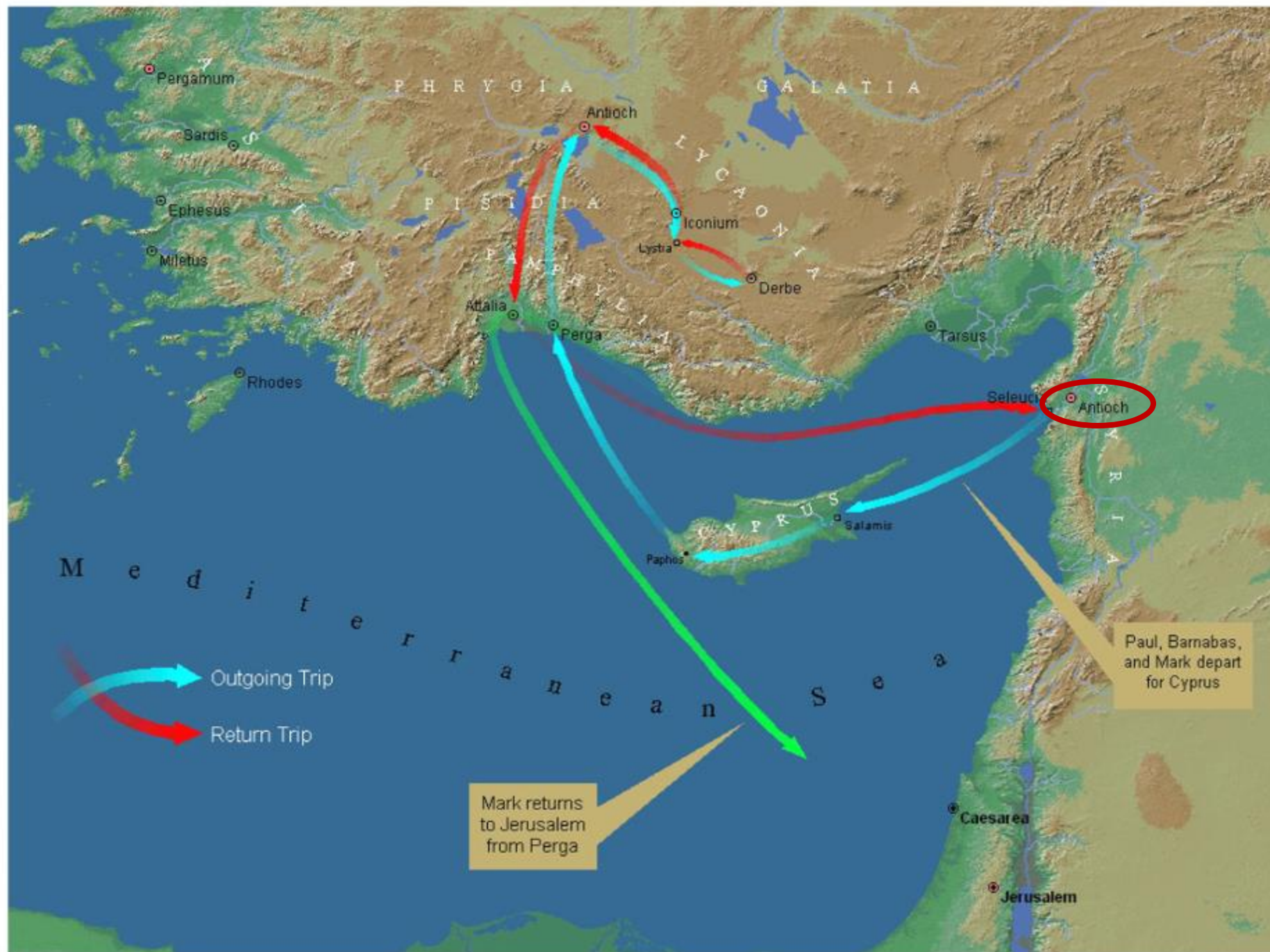


Acts 13–14

1st Missionary Journey

- I. Paul & Barnabas' appointment (13:1-3)
- II. Cyprus ministry (13:4-12)
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- VI. Derbe ministry (14:20b-21a)
- VII. Return to Antioch (14:21b-28)





VII. Return to Syrian Antioch

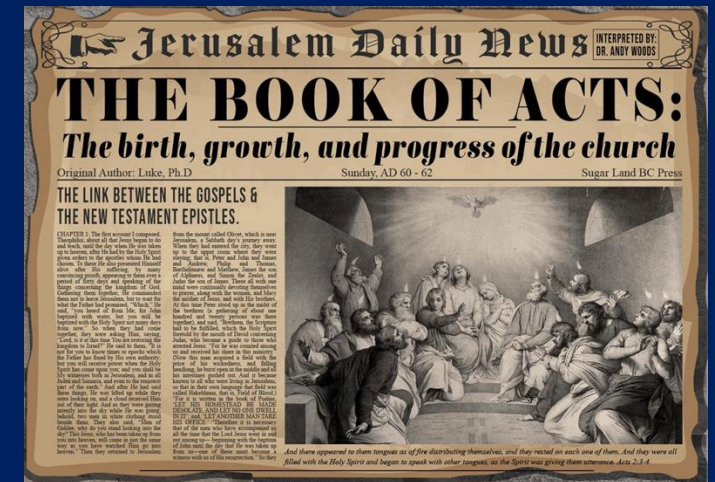
Acts 14:21b-28

A. Return route (21b)

B. Ministries in revisited cities (22-23)

C. Route to Antioch (24-26)

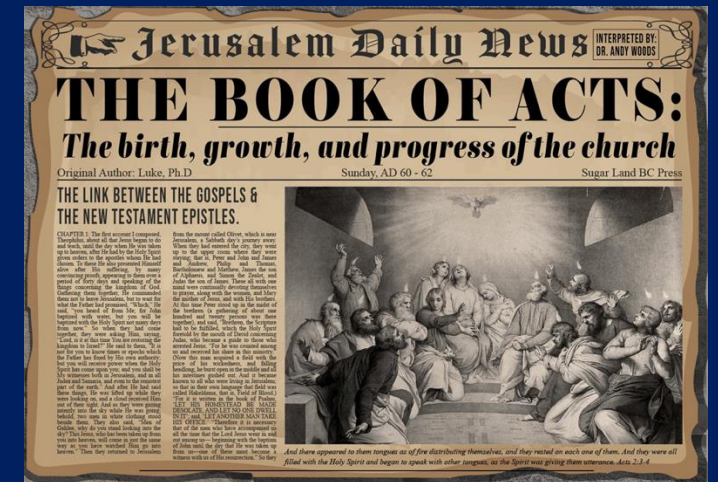
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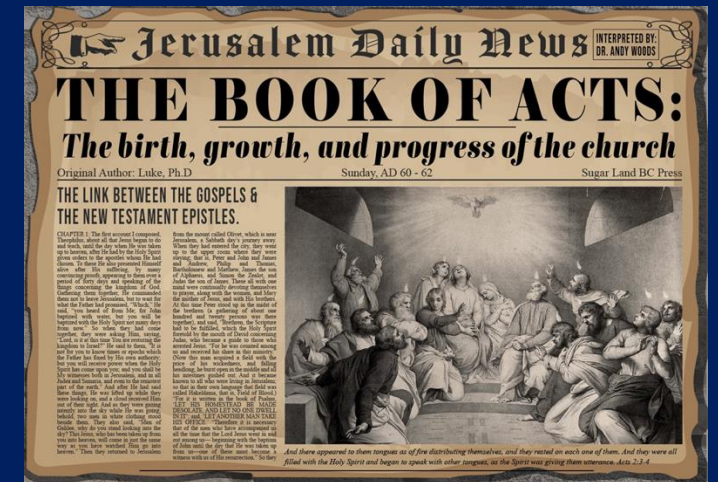
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The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1: 11





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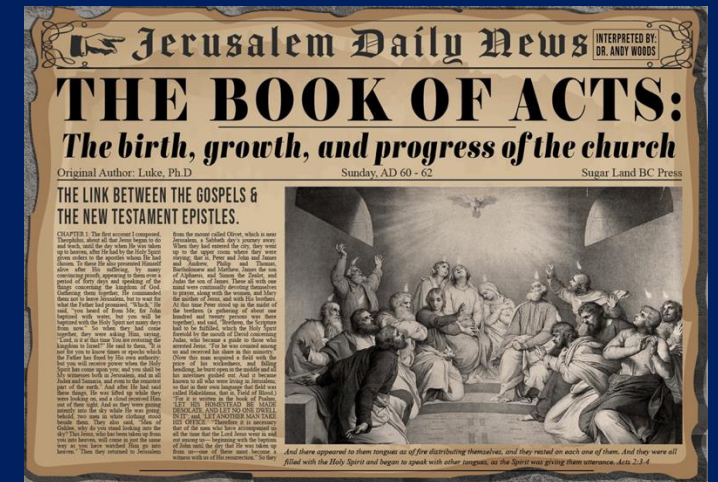
vol. 7, *Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

“This vital newness of mind is a part of believing, after all, and therefore it may be and is used as a synonym for believing at times (cf. Acts 17:30; 20:21; 26:20; Rom. 2:4; 2Tim. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9). Repentance nevertheless cannot be added to believing as a condition of salvation, because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).”

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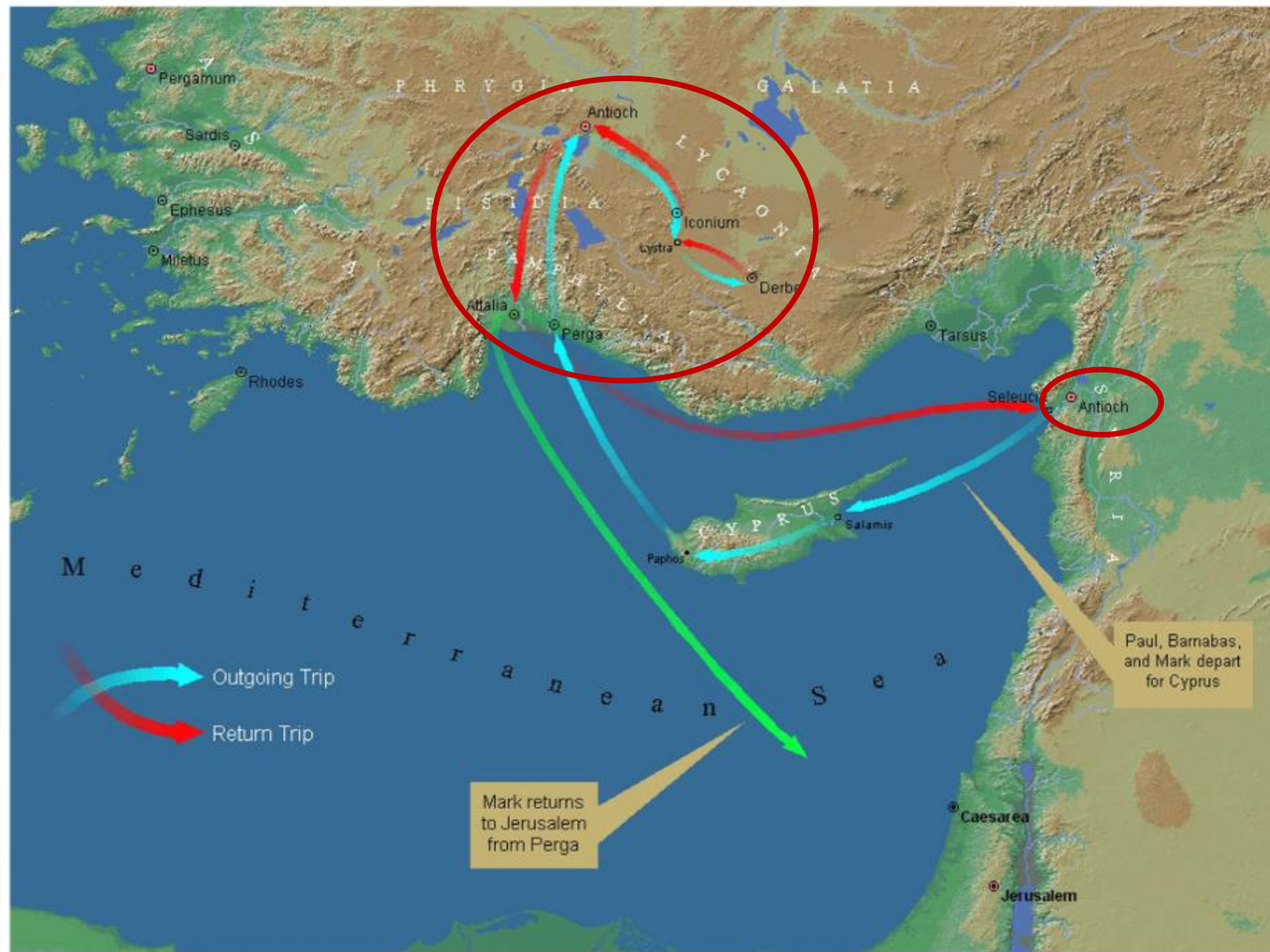


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Galatians 3:3

“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”



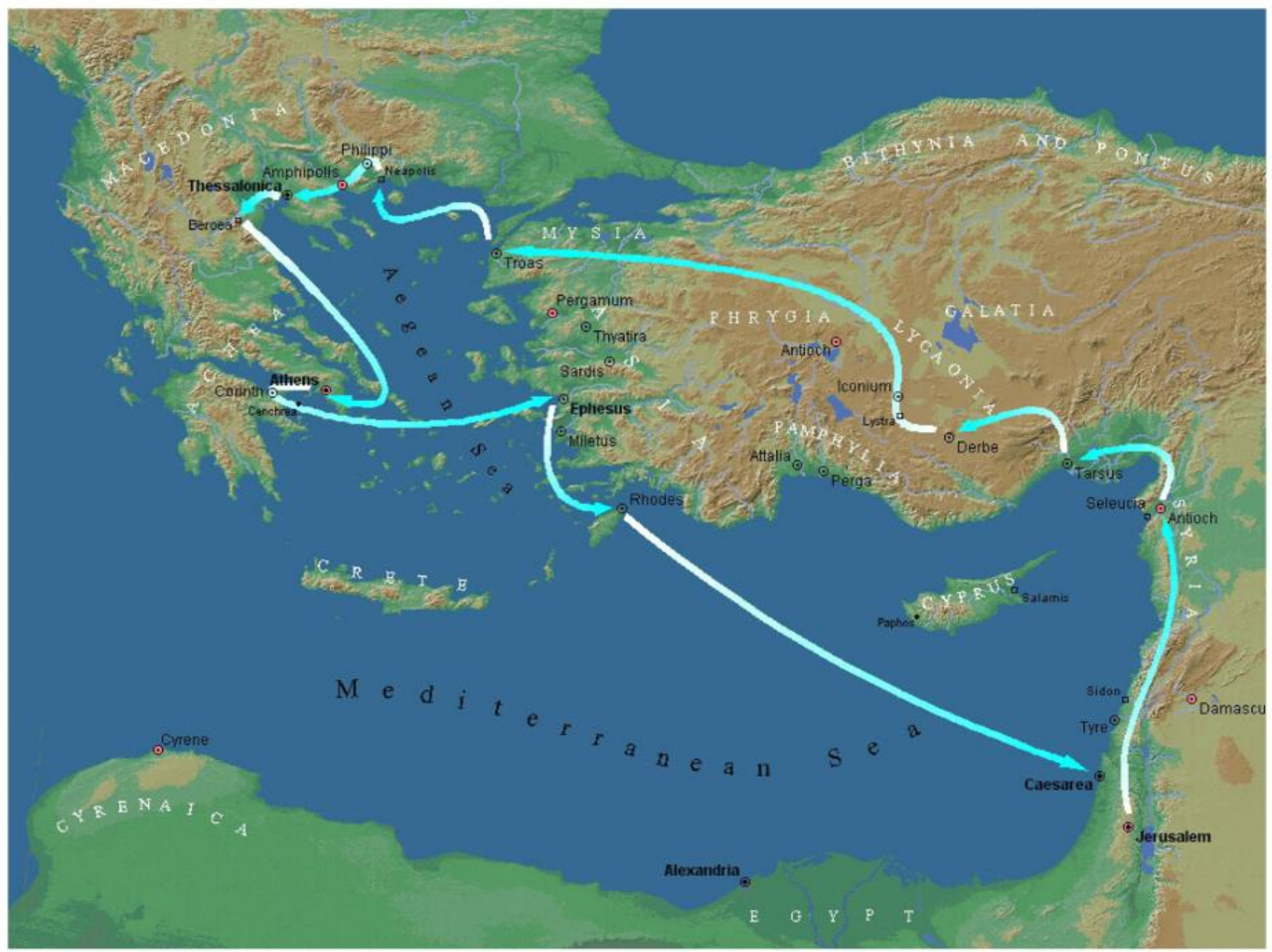
TYPES OF PHARISEES

TYPE	OVERTHROWN
Justification	Matthew 5:20
Sanctification	Galatians 3:3
Ecclesiology	Acts 15



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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede. . .



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

. . . those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words."



2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

- Problem (2:1-2)
- Prerequisites for the Day of the Lord (2:3-12)
 - The apostasy (2:3a)
 - Advent of the lawless one (2:3b-4)
 - Removal of the restrainer (2:5-7)
 - Destruction of the lawless one (2:8-9)
 - Destruction of lawless one's followers (2:10-12)



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Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



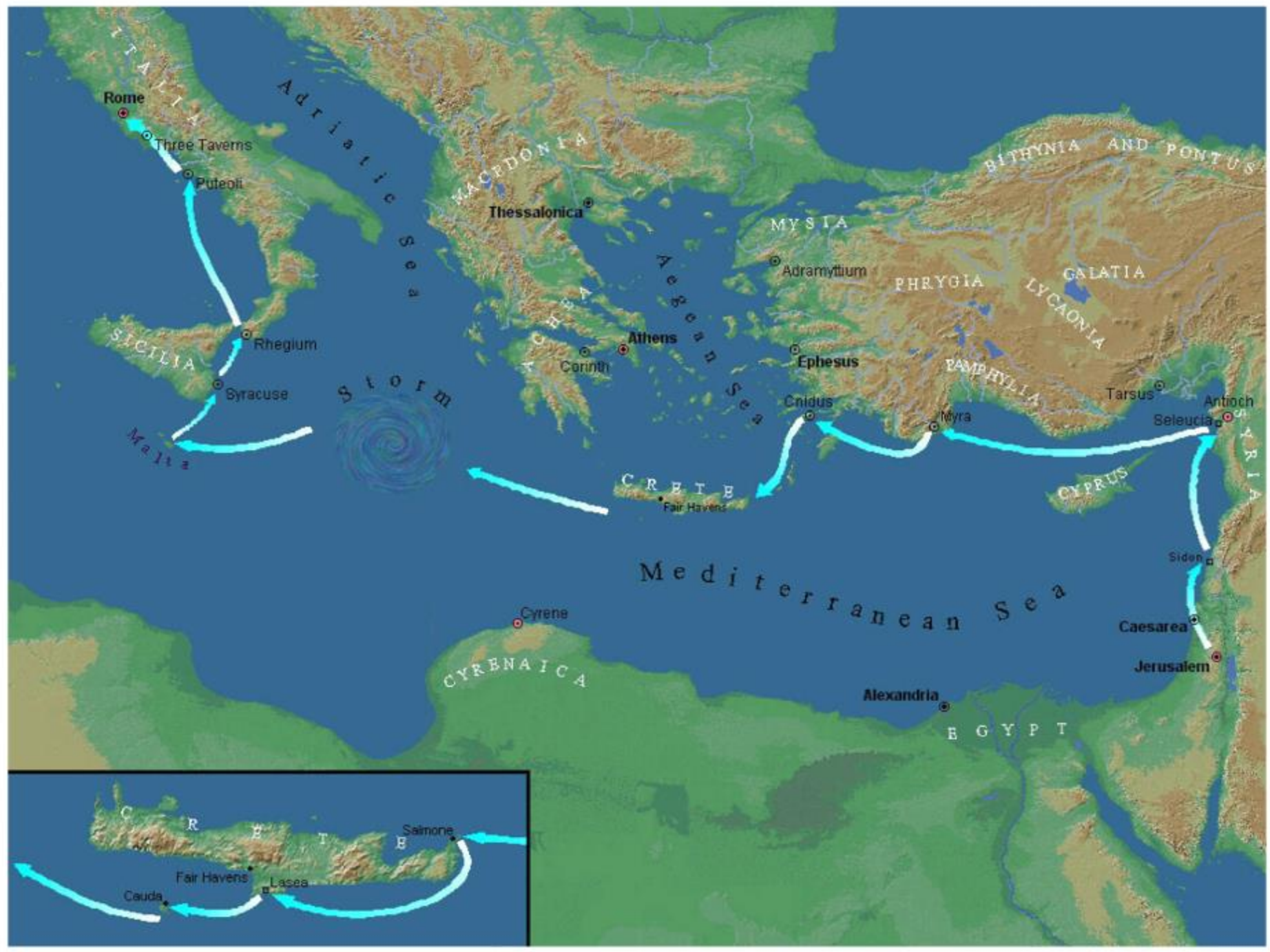
Romans Outline

- I. Salutation (1:1-17)
- II. Sin (1:18–3:20)
- III. Salvation (3:21–5:21)
- IV. Sanctification (6–8)
- V. Sovereignty (9–11)
- VI. Service (12:1–15:13)
- VII. Summation (15:14–16:27)



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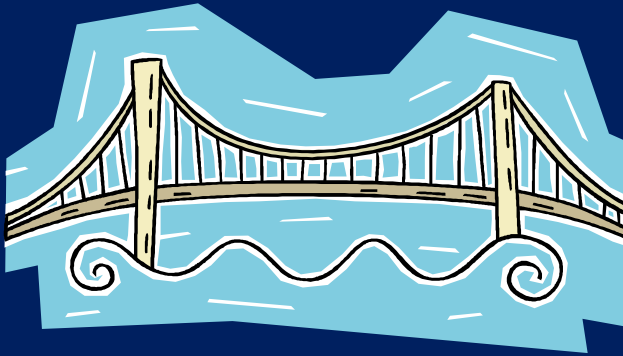




Ephesians 4:1

Therefore...

1-3



4-6

EPHESIANS: WHAT IS INSIDE?

1–3

Relationship

Doctrine

Orthodoxy

Knowledge

Belief

Position

Privileges

4–6

Responsibility

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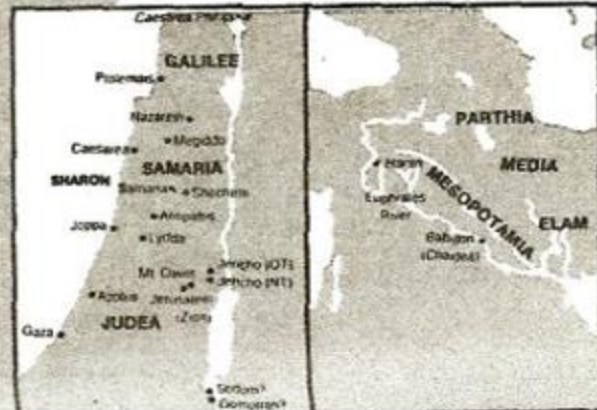
Orthopraxy

Wisdom

Behavior

Practice

Responsibility

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Philippians Outline

CHAPTER 1

- God can use negative circumstances to bring about positive results

CHAPTER 2

- Christ's example of servanthood

CHAPTER 3

- Avoiding legalism

CHAPTER 4

- Reliance upon Christ's strength for daily life



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This map illustrates the Eastern Mediterranean region, highlighting various kingdoms and cities. Two red circles are drawn on the map to indicate specific locations of interest:

- The first circle is located in Macedonia, near the city of Nicopolis.
- The second circle is located on the island of Crete, near the city of Phoenix.

The map includes labels for various regions and cities, such as Italy, Macedonia, Thrace, Bithynia, Cappadocia, Galatia, Cilicia, Syria, Phoenicia, Israel (Canaan), Arabia, Midian, Ethiopia, Egypt, Libya, Cyrenaica, Syria, Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, and Samaria. Other cities marked include Rome, Athens, Jerusalem, and many others. The map also shows the Adriatic Sea, Aegean Sea, and Mediterranean Sea.

Titus 2:13

“Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.”

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Paul's Two Roman Imprisonments Contrasted

First Imprisonment (Acts 28:16-31)	Second Imprisonment (2 Tim)
Wrote prison epistles	Wrote 2 Timothy
Religious charges	Political charges
Local and sporadic persecutions (AD 60-63)	Neronian persecution (AD 64-68)
Decent conditions (house)	Poor conditions (dungeon)
Many friends	Virtually alone
Evangelistic opportunities	Opportunities restricted
Optimistic for release (Phil 1:24-26)	Execution anticipated (2 Tim 4:6)

Adapted from Nelson's Complete Book of Charts and Maps, 433.

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

Conclusion

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