

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



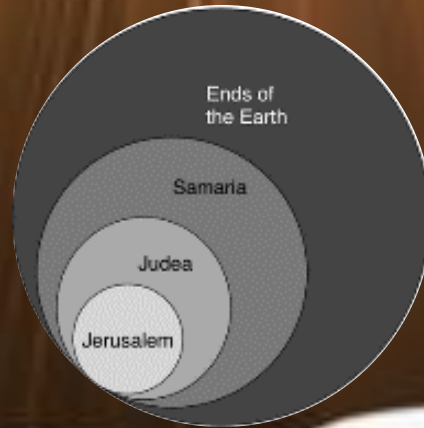
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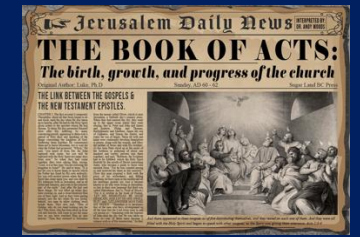
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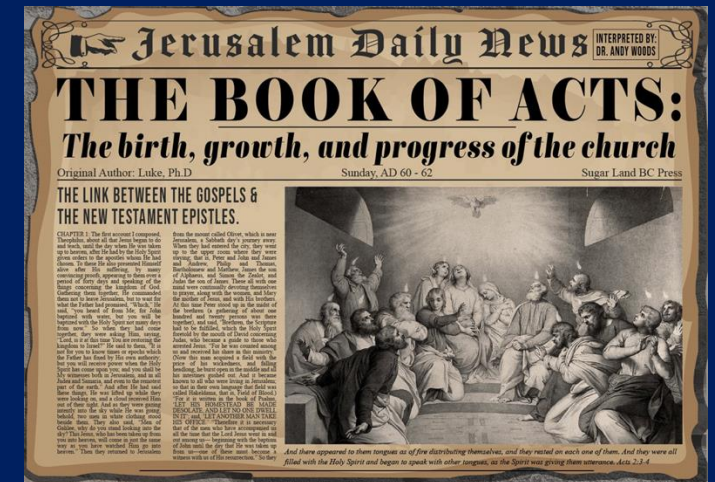
- Jerusalem (Acts 1–7)
- Judea and Samaria (Acts 8–12)
- **Remotest part of the earth (Acts 13–28)**
 - 1st missionary journey (Acts 13–14)
 - **Jerusalem council (Acts 15:1-35)**
 - 2nd missionary journey (Acts 15:36 –18:22)
 - 3rd missionary journey (Acts 18:23–21:17)
 - Trip to Rome (Acts 21:18–28:31)



Acts 15:1-35

Jerusalem Council

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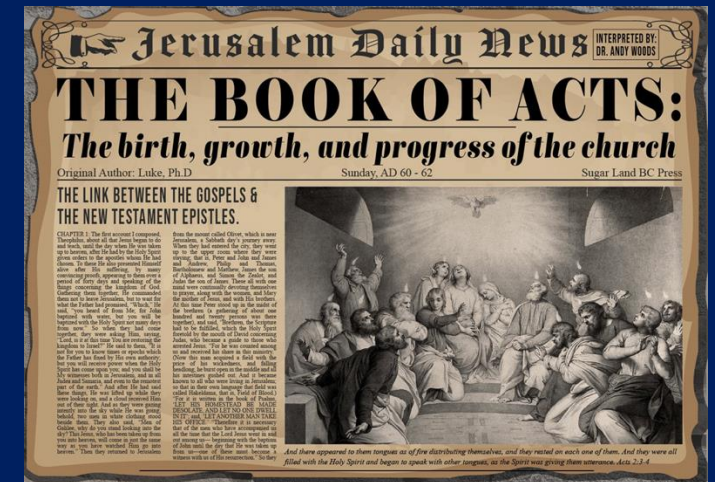
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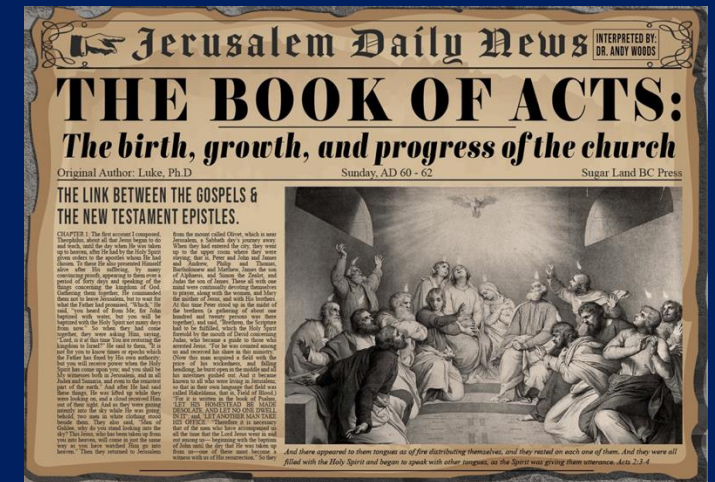
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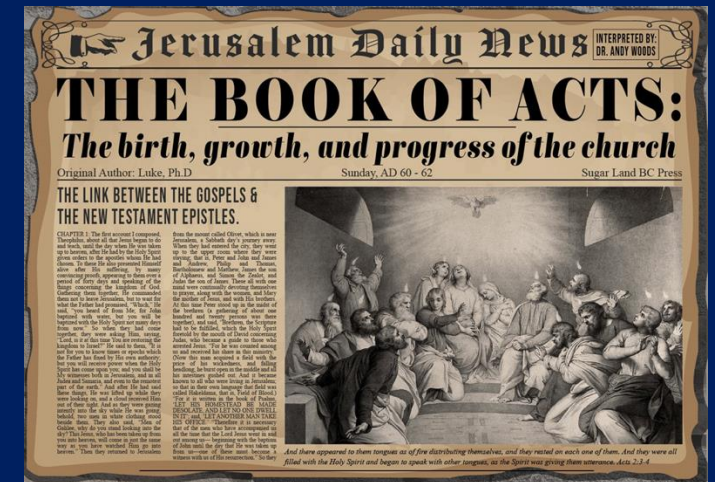
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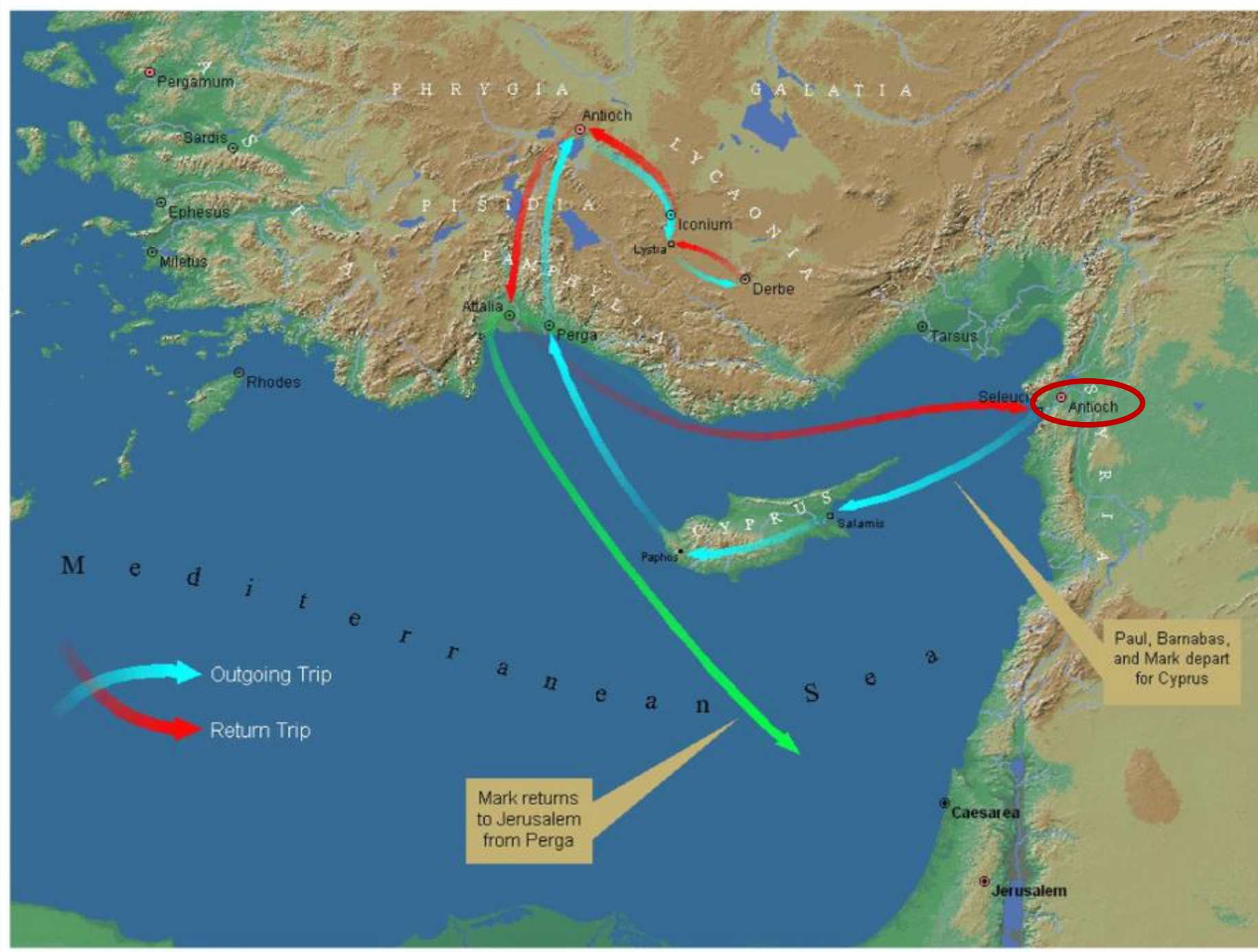
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Ruth 1:16

“But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you *or* turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God.”



TYPES OF PHARISEES

TYPE	OVERTHROWN
Justification	Matthew 5:20
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Galatians 3:3

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



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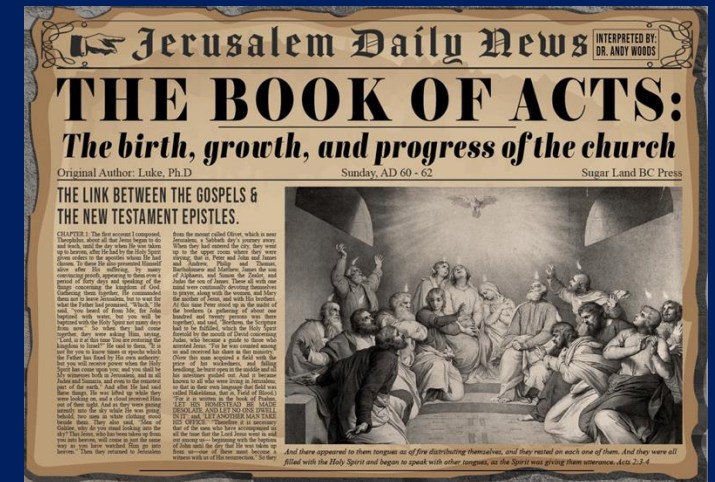
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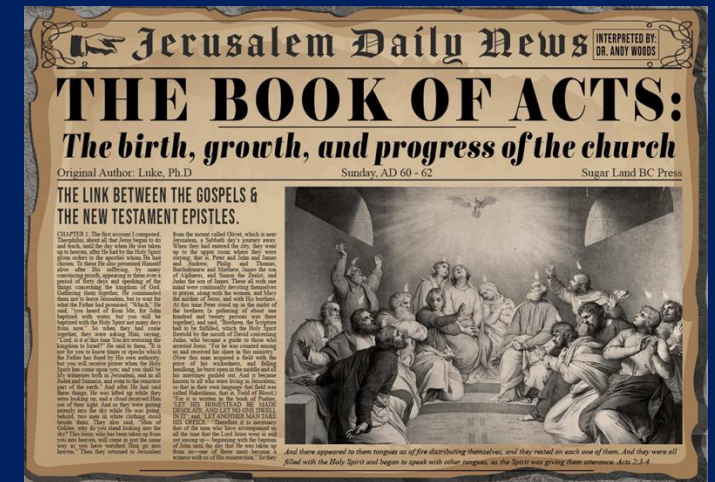
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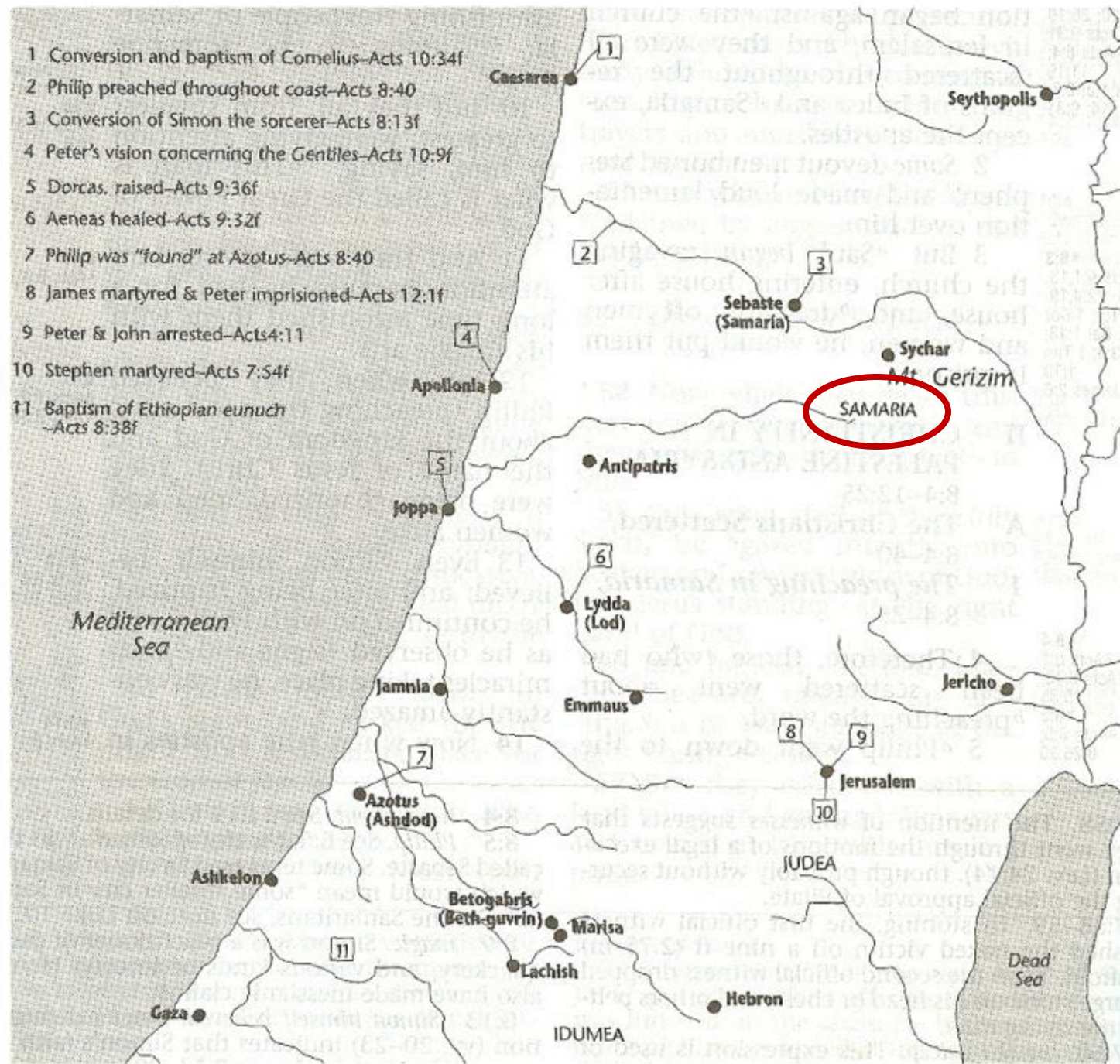
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- 1 Conversion and baptism of Cornelius—Acts 10:34f
- 2 Philip preached throughout coast—Acts 8:40
- 3 Conversion of Simon the sorcerer—Acts 8:13f
- 4 Peter's vision concerning the Gentiles—Acts 10:9f
- 5 Dorcas, raised—Acts 9:36f
- 6 Aeneas healed—Acts 9:32f
- 7 Philip was "found" at Azotus—Acts 8:40
- 8 James martyred & Peter imprisoned—Acts 12:1f
- 9 Peter & John arrested—Acts 4:11
- 10 Stephen martyred—Acts 7:54f
- 11 Baptism of Ethiopian eunuch—Acts 8:38f



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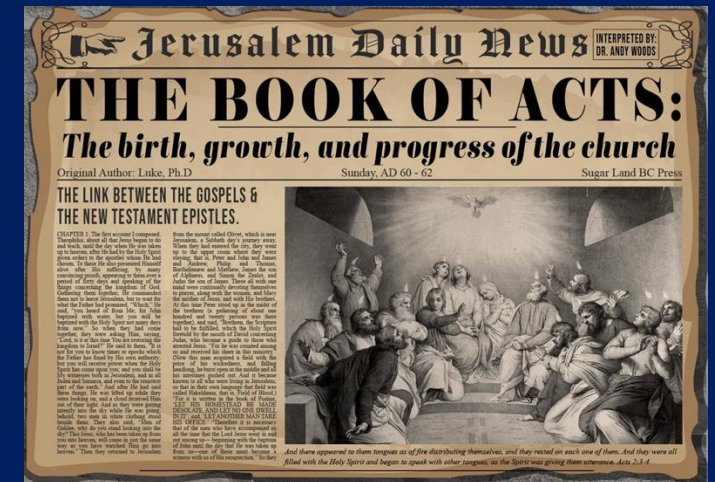
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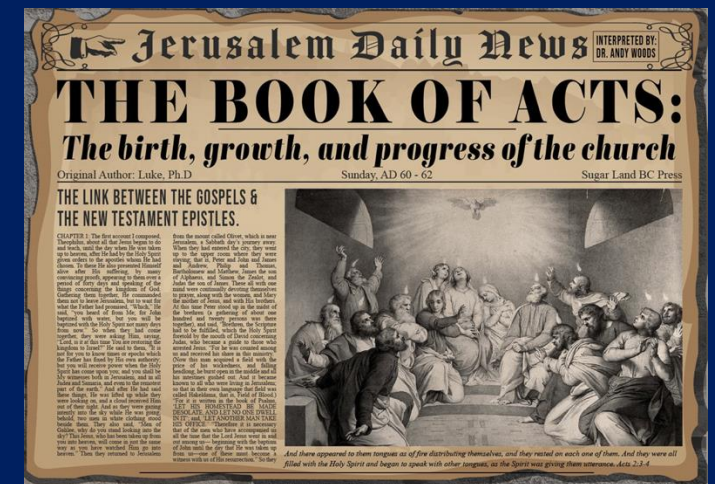
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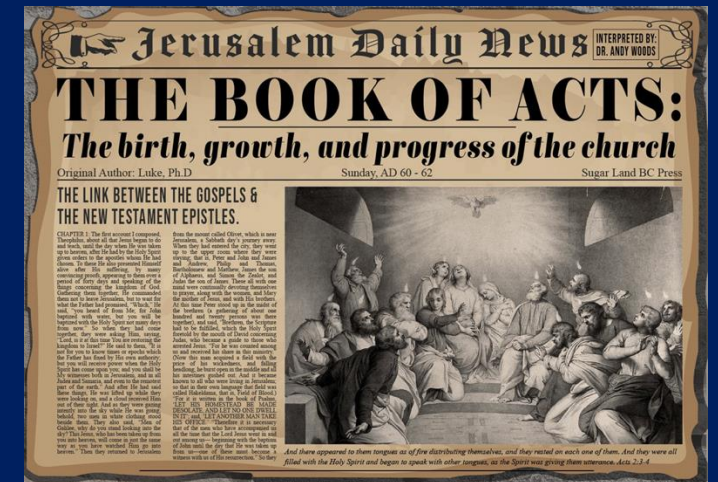
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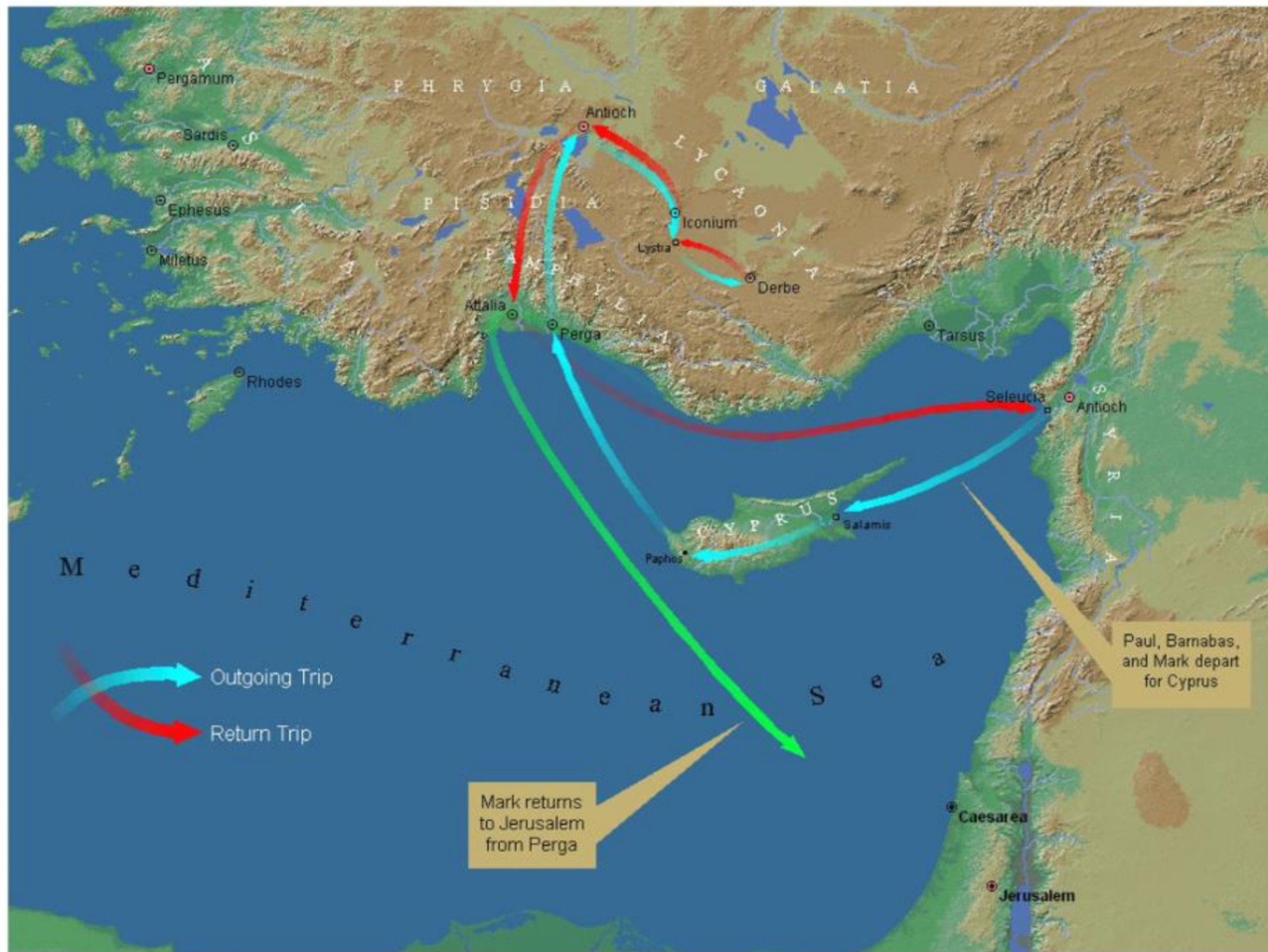
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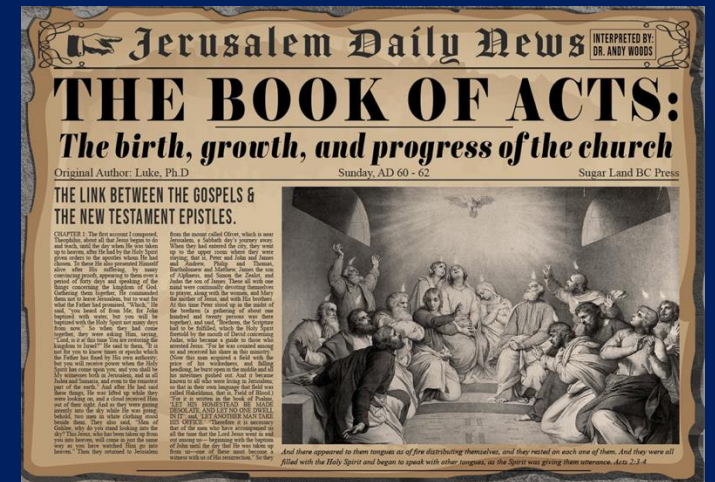




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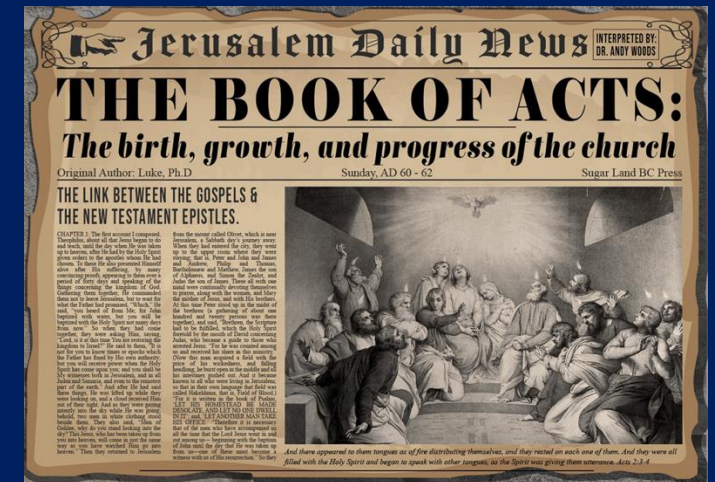
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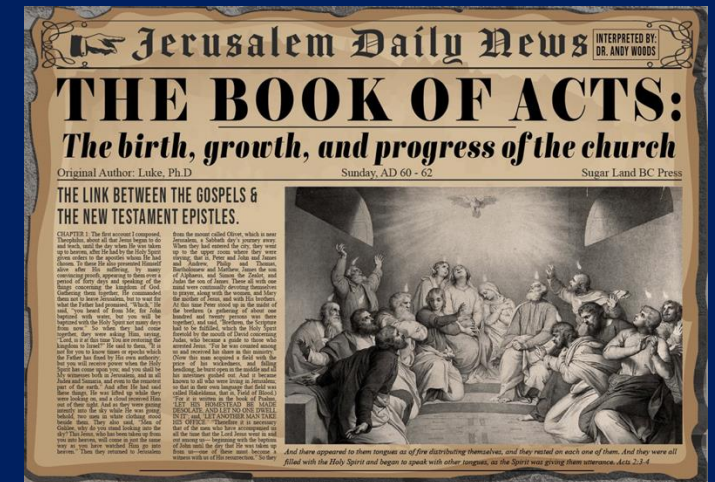
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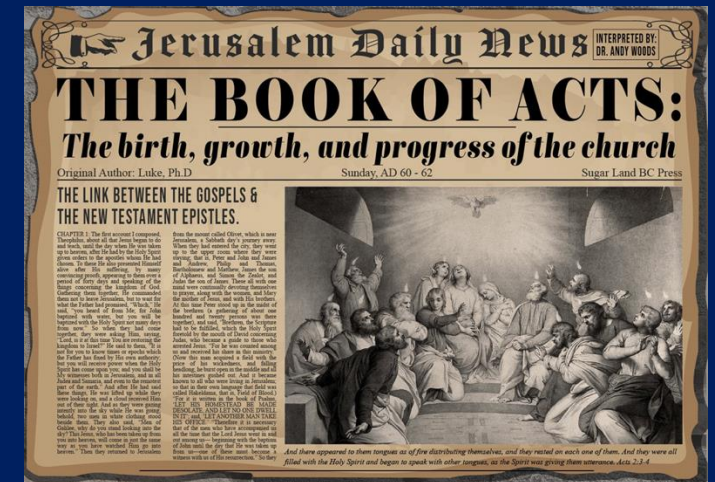
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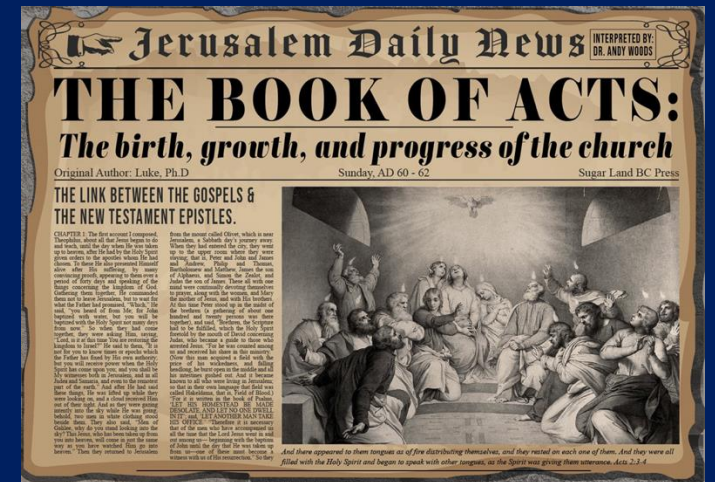
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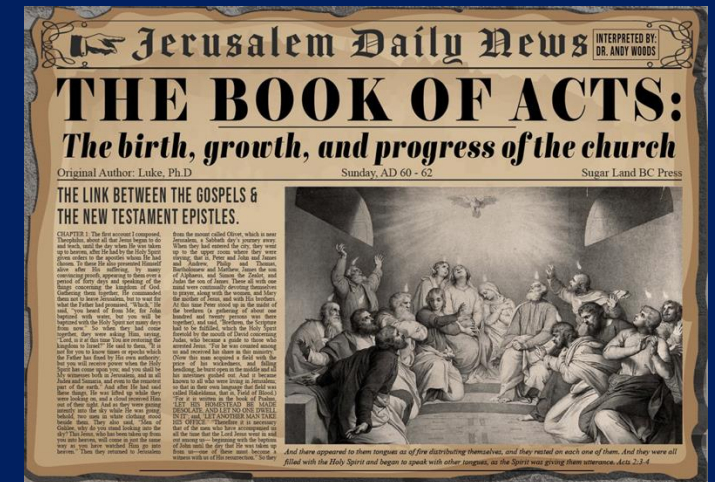
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From Peter to Paul

Reference	Center	Person	Place	Outreach
Acts 1–12	Jerusalem	Peter	Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria	Jewish
Acts 13–28	Antioch	Paul	Uttermost parts	Gentiles

From Peter to Paul

Peter

Heals a man lame from birth (3:1-11)

Heals by shadow (5:15-16)

Success is a cause of jealousy (5:17)

Confronts a sorcerer (8:9-24)

Raises Dorcas (9:36-41)

Jailed and miraculously freed (12:3-19)

Paul

Heals a man lame from birth (14:8-18)

Heals by handkerchief (19:11-12)

Success is a cause of jealousy (13:45)

Confronts a sorcerer (13:6-11)

Raises Eutychus (20:9-12)

Jailed and miraculously freed (16:25-34)

Belief – God’s One Condition for Justification



“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).”

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

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Gen 15:6

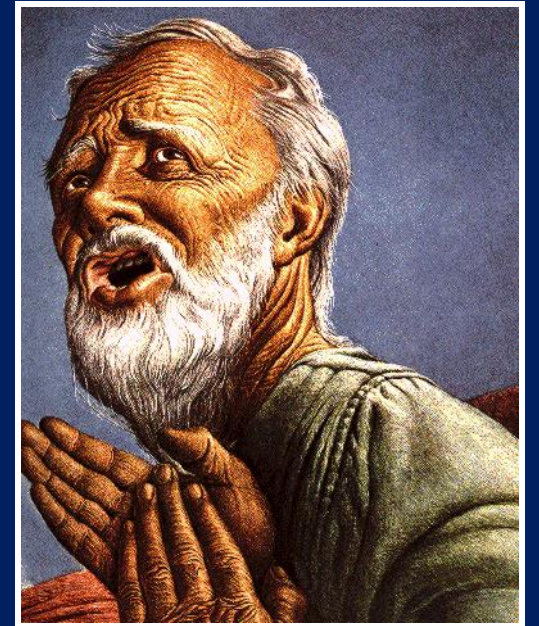
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Acts 16:30-31

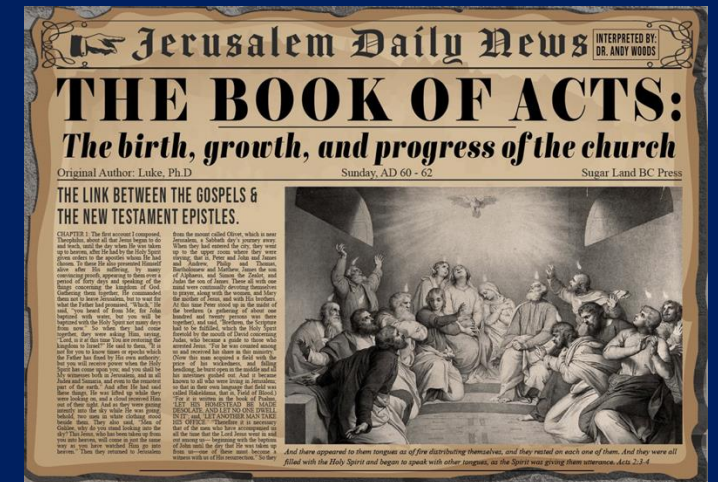
"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



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Acts 11:15-16

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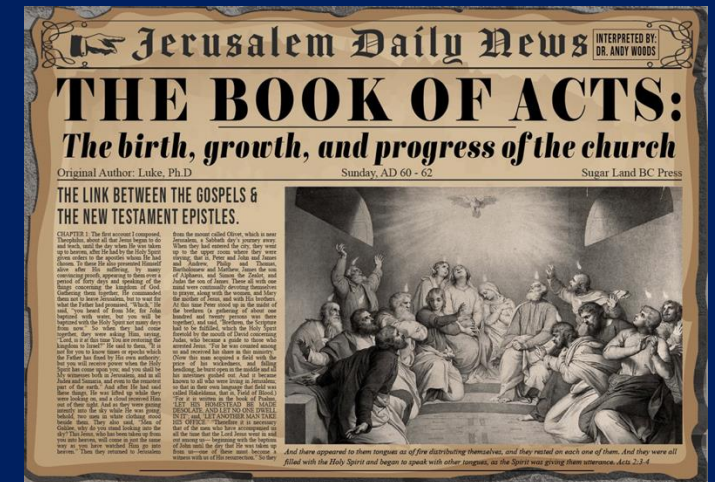
“¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is the Law of commandments contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.”



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Six Parts of a Suzerain-Vassal Treaty in Deuteronomy

- Preamble (1:1-5)
- Prologue (1:6–4:40)
- Covenant obligations (5–26)
- Storage and reading instructions (27:2-3; 31:9, 24, 26)
- Witnesses (32:1)
- ***Blessings and curses (28)***



ISRAEL'S JUDGMENTS

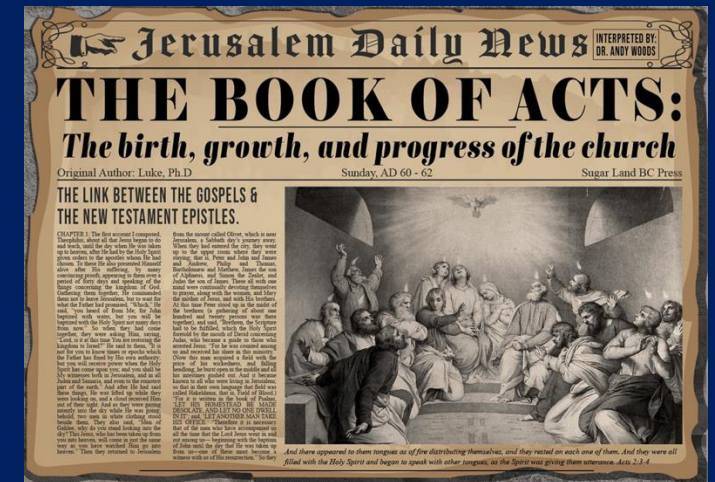
- Division of the kingdom in 931 B.C. (1 Kgs. 12)
- Assyrian judgment in 722 B.C. (2 Kgs. 17)
- Babylonian captivity in 586 B.C. (2 Kgs. 25)
- Rome *Diaspora* in A.D. 70 (Luke 19:41-44)



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Acts 2:38

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μετανοέω

metanoeō / change one's mind; repent



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Matthew 12:41

“The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it because they repented **at [in the face of/because of] (*eis*)** the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”



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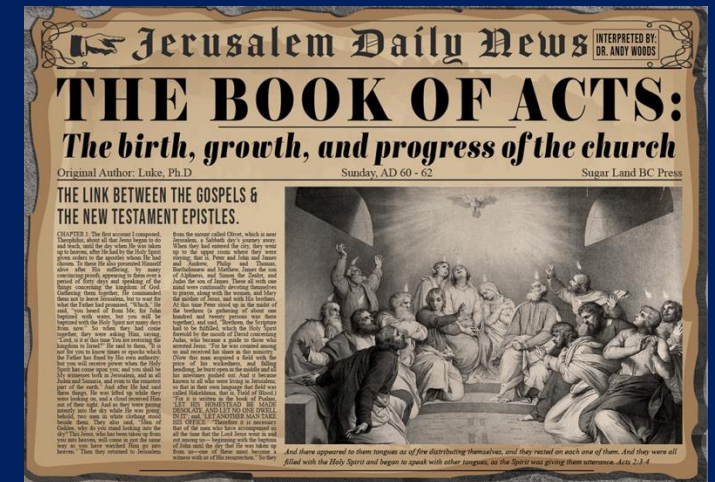
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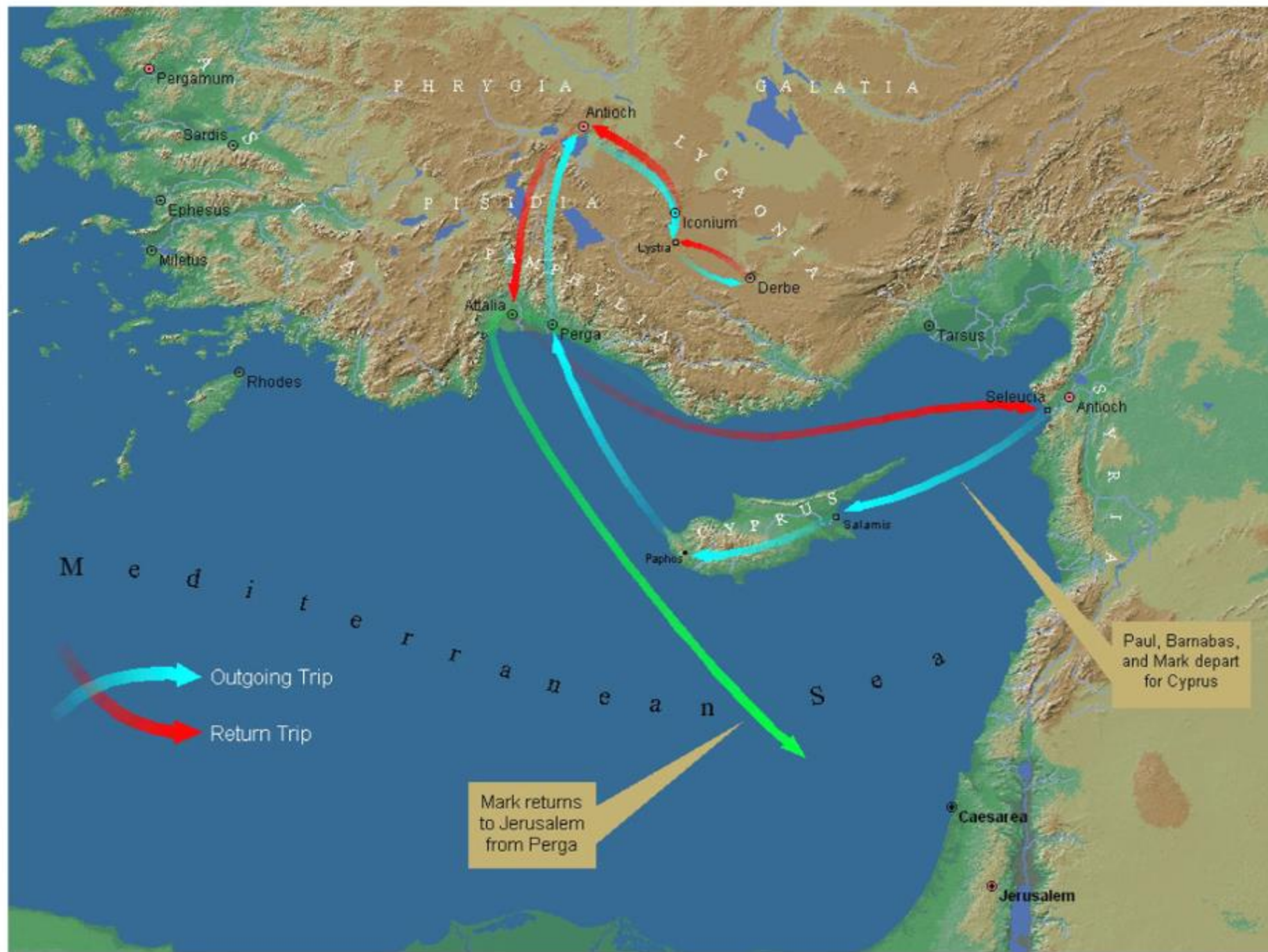
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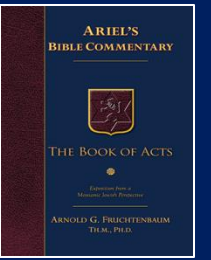






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The Book of Acts, 83



“The apostles did many signs and wonders. In fact, the only ones who performed miracles in the book of Acts were the apostles or their delegates, such as Stephen (Acts 6:8). These apostolic delegates were appointed by the laying on of hands by the apostles. Signs and wonders were not performed by the believers at large.”

Ephesians 2:20

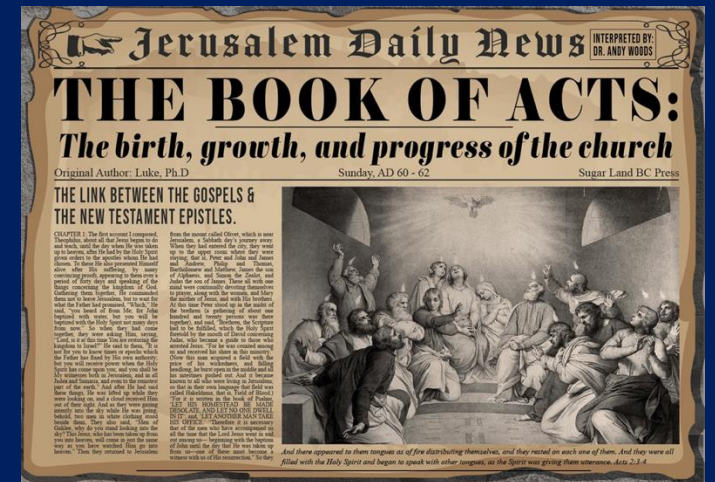
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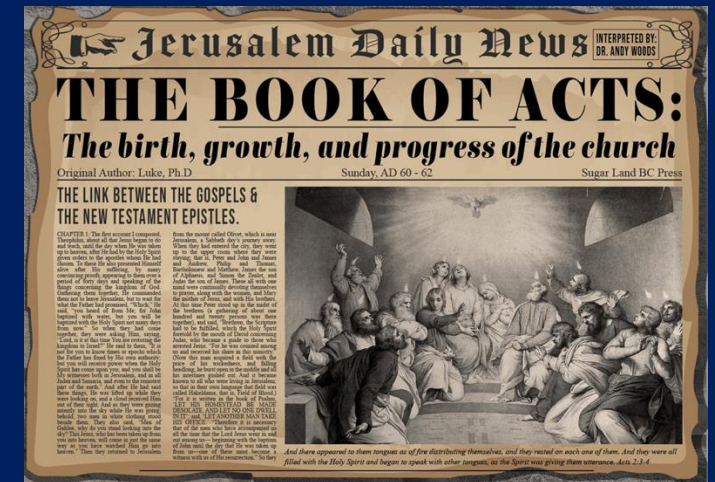
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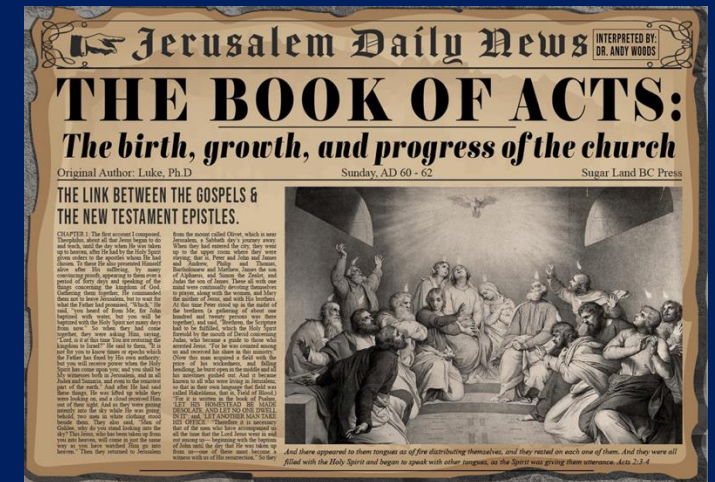
JAMES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Father of Judas (not Iscariot)
- The son of Alphaeus
- The son of Zebedee and brother of John
- The half brother of Christ

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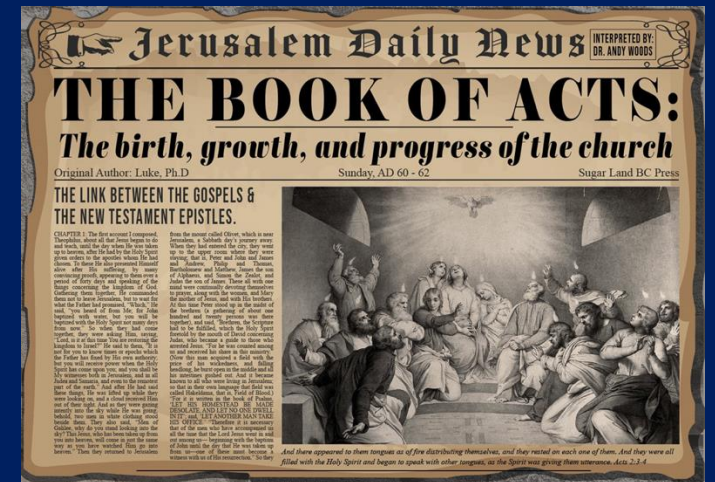
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Acts 15:14

“Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.”



Romans 11:25-26

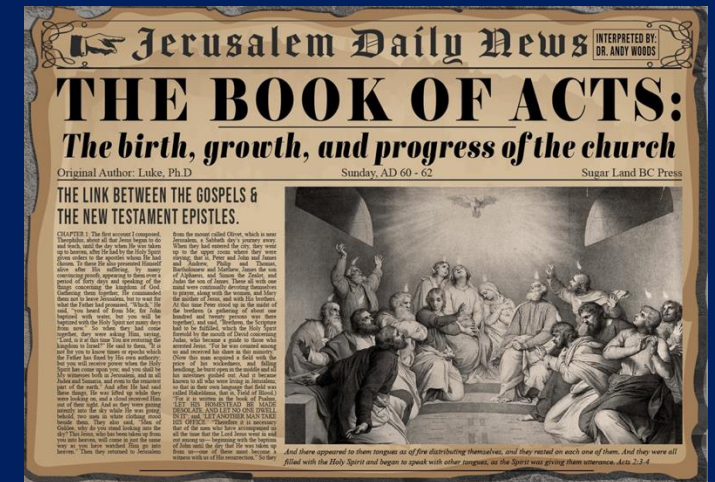
“²⁵For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;²⁶and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.’”



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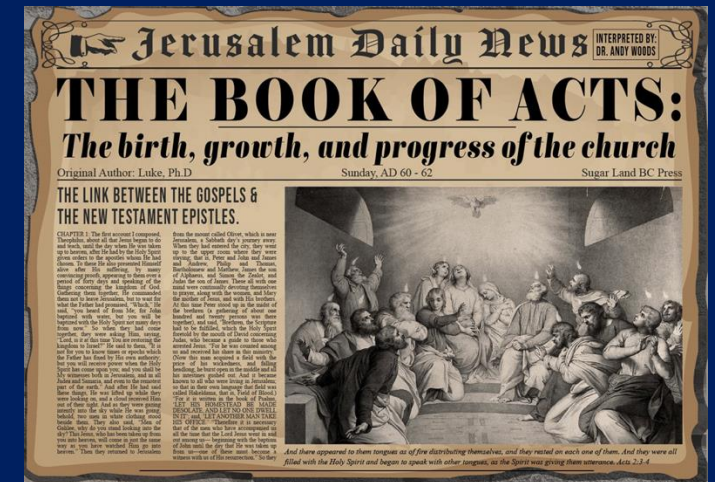


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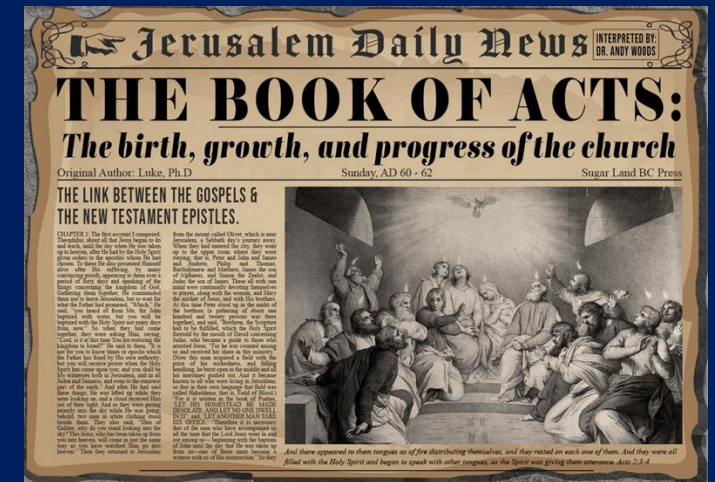


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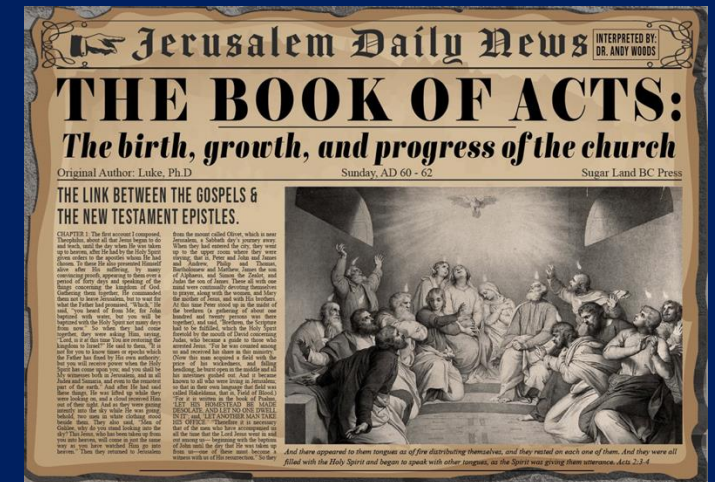


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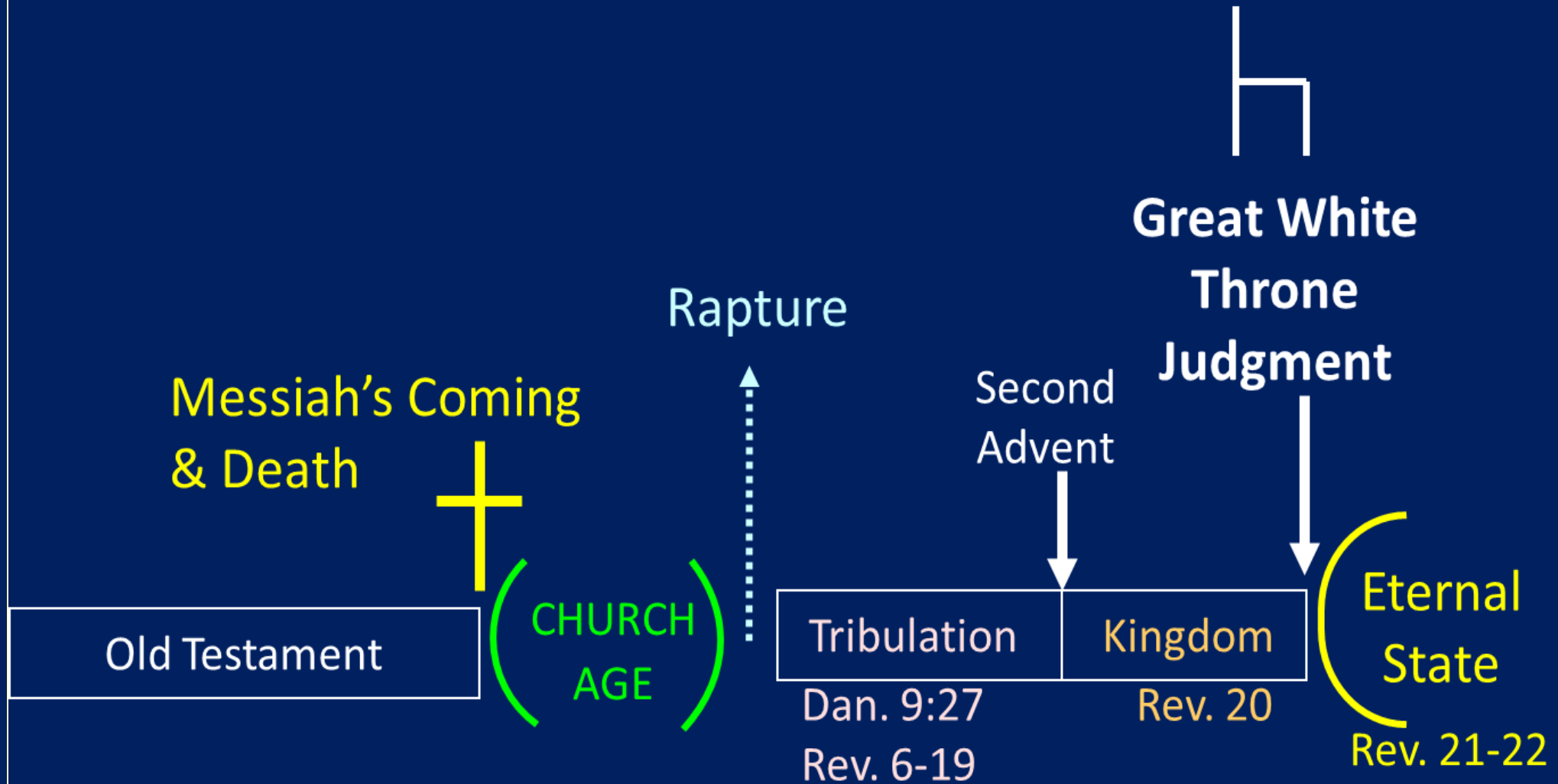
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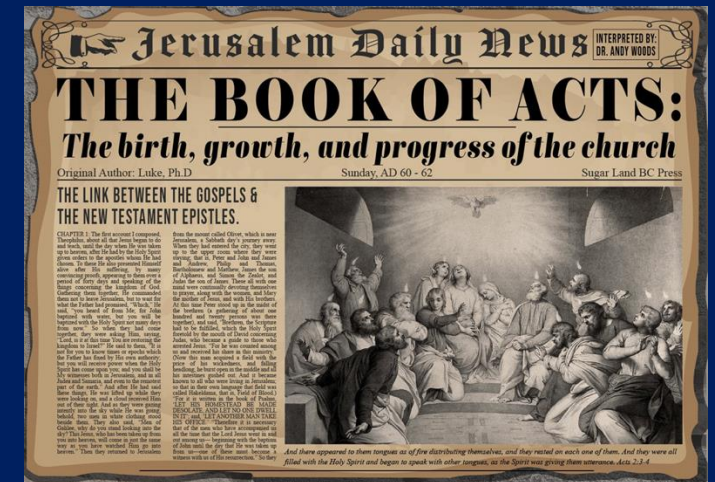
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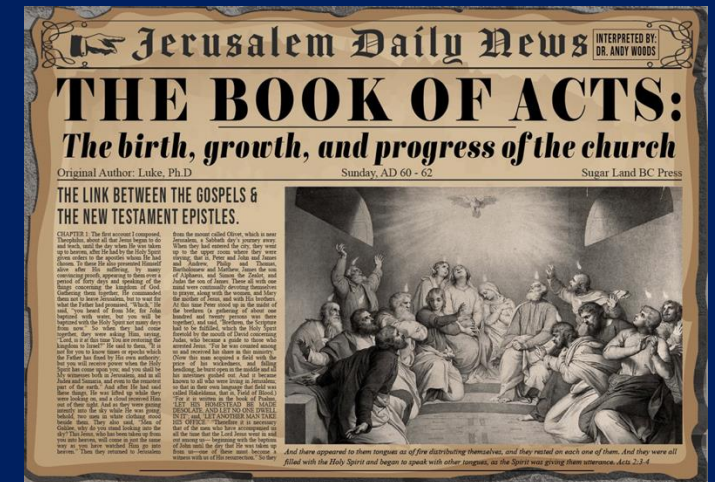


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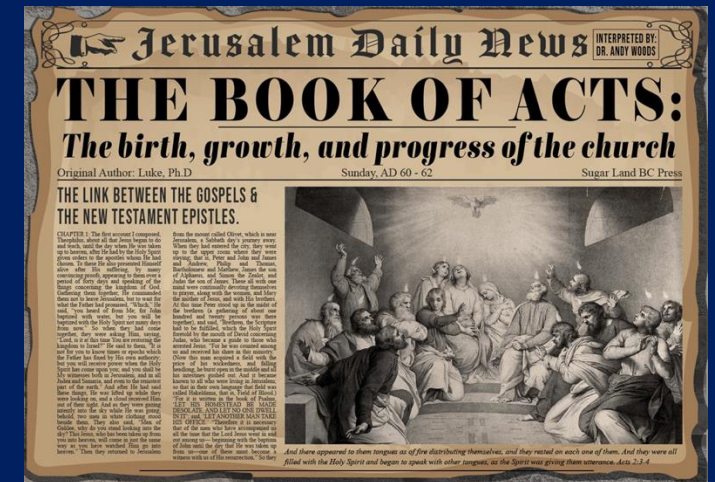


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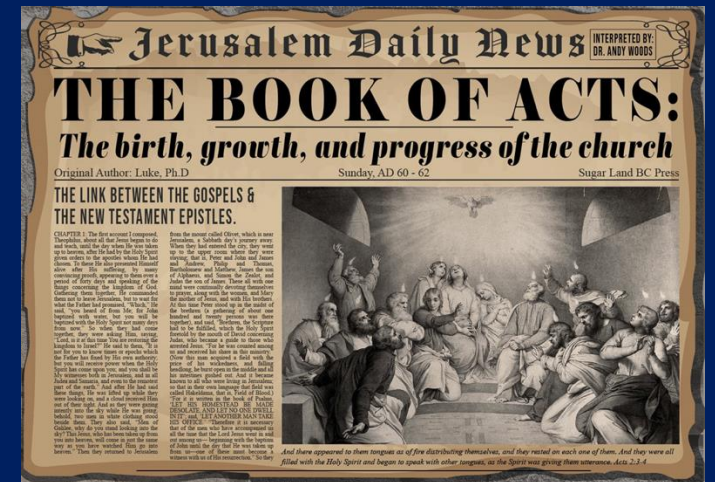
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Concerning the Gentiles

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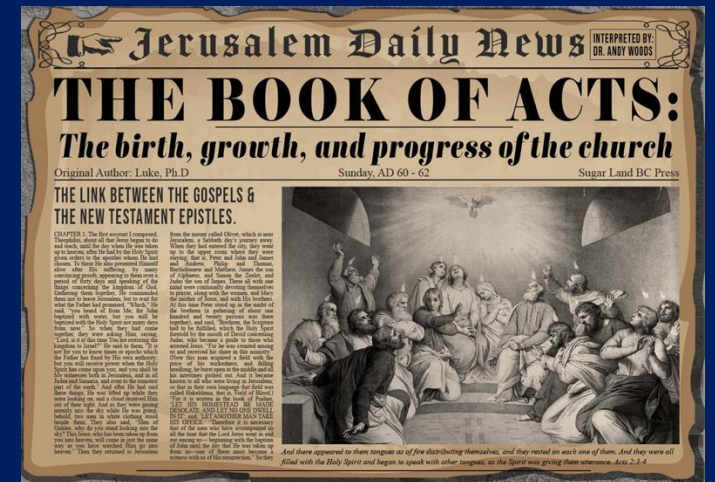


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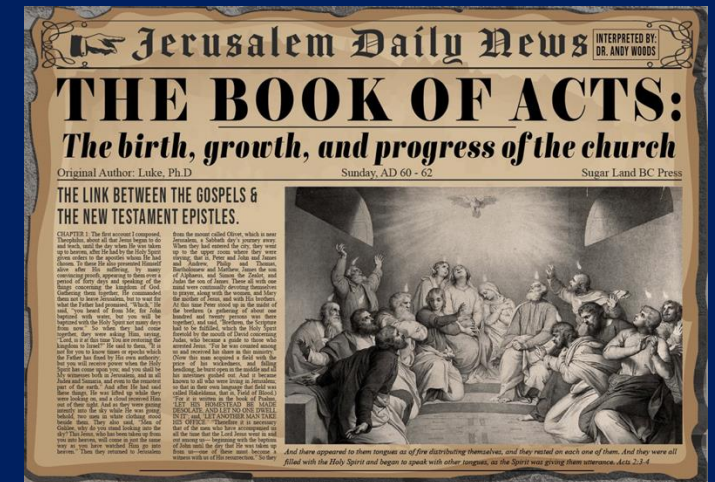
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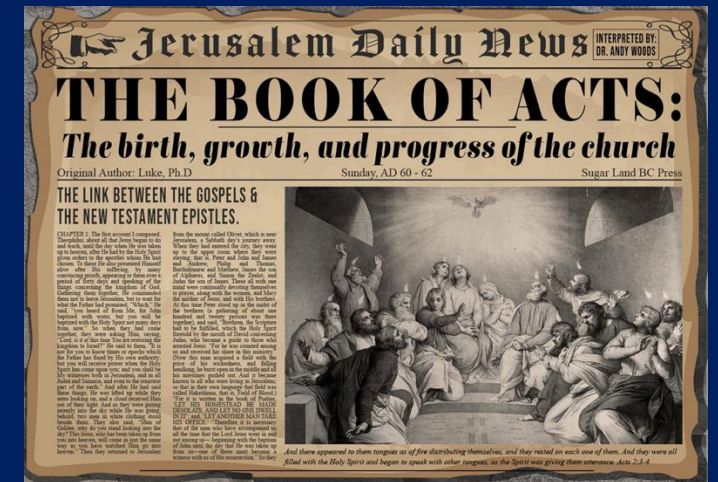
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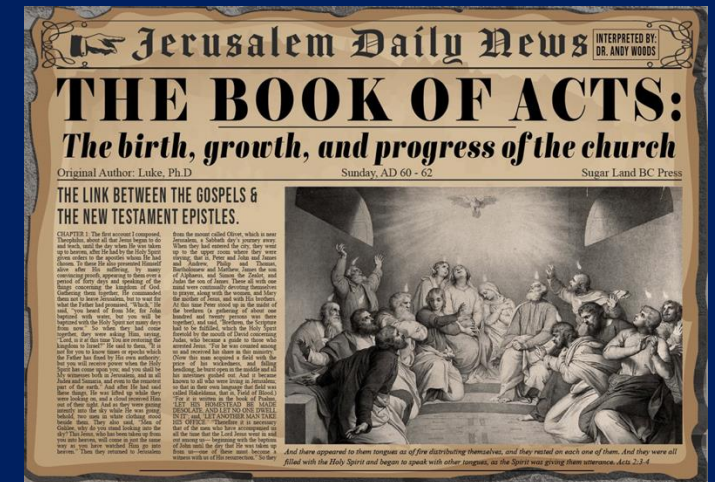
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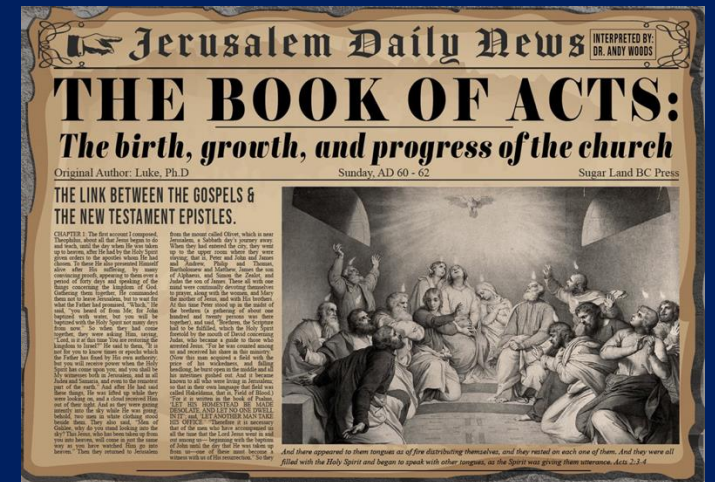
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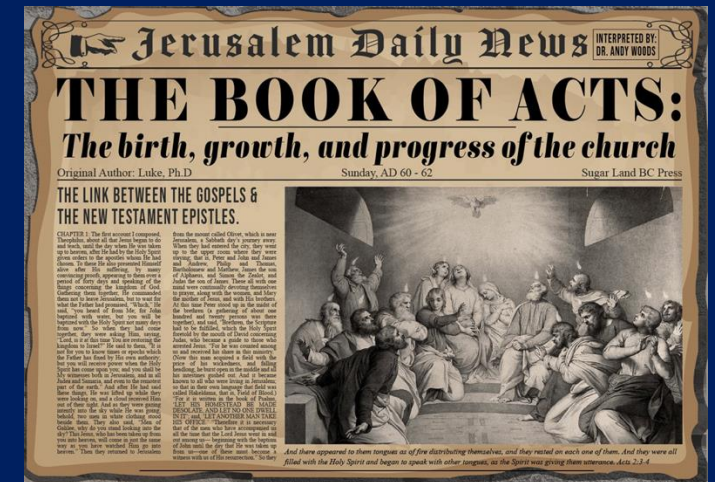
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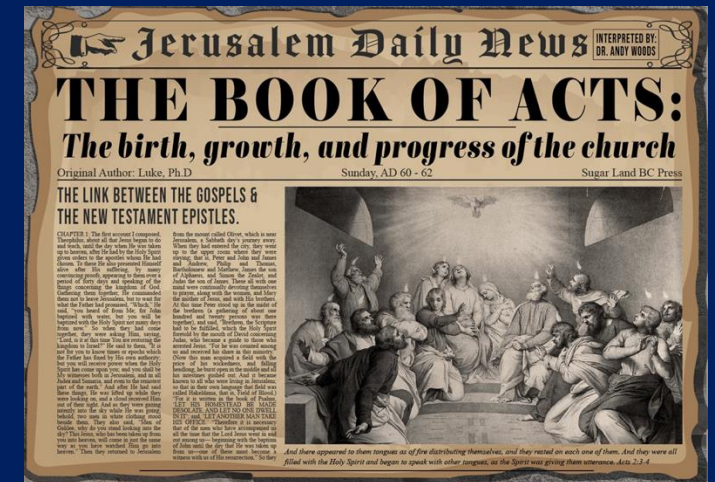


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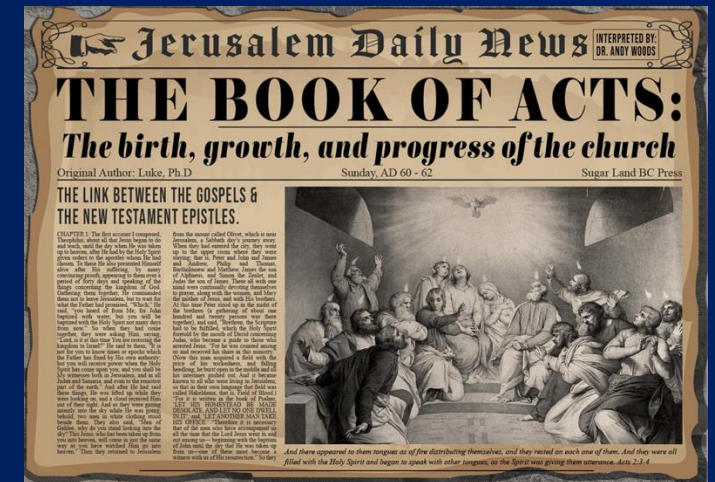
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Acts 15:1-35

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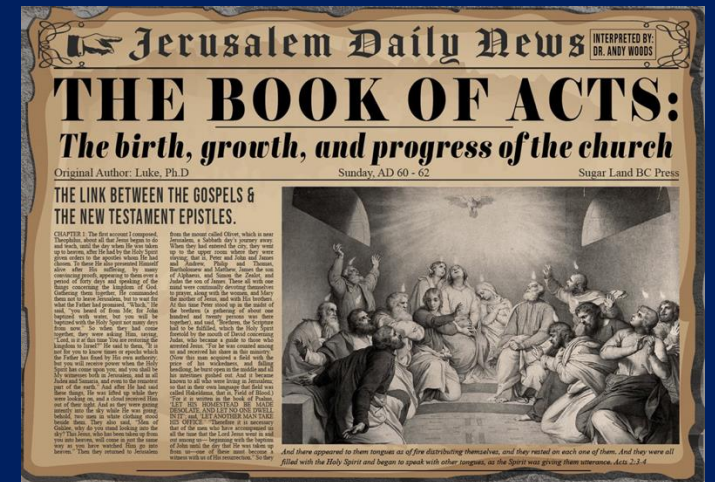
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Ephesians 2:20

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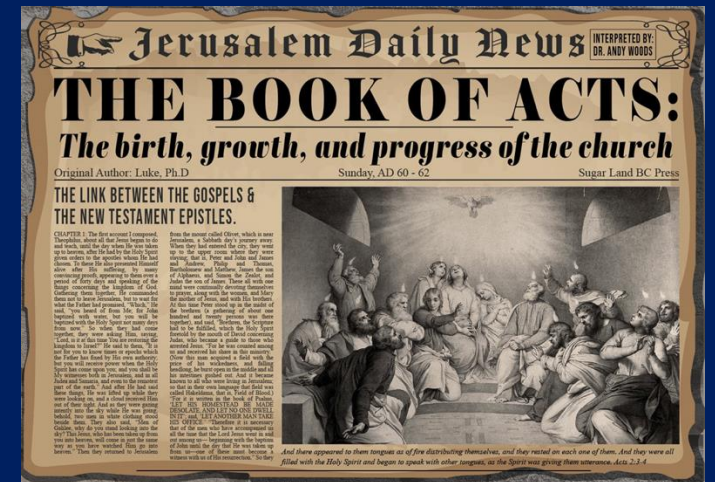
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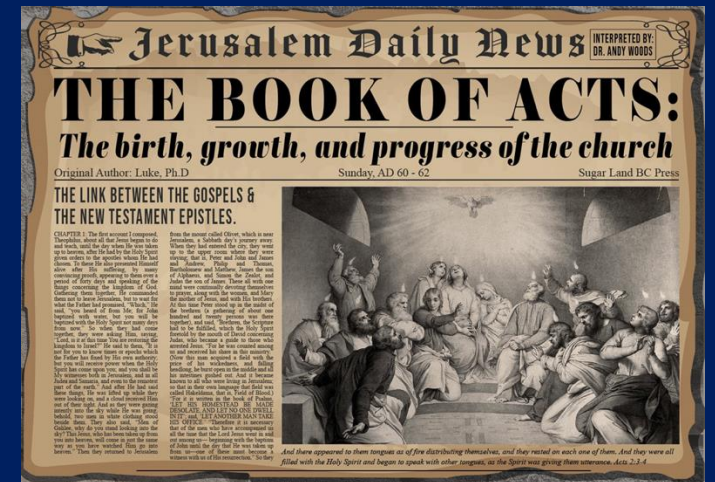


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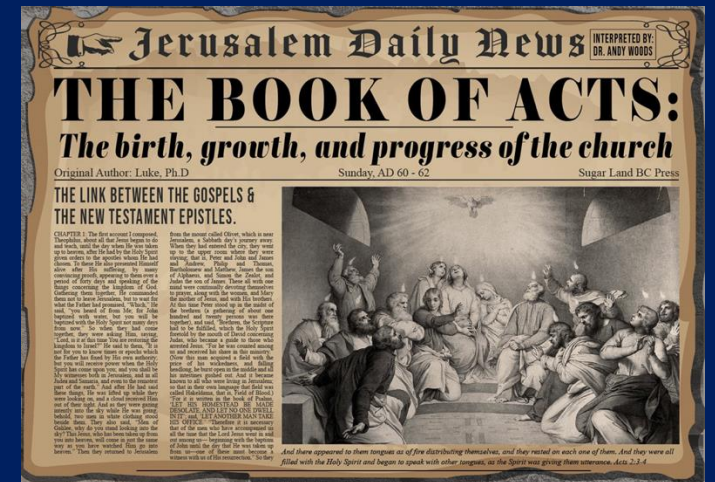
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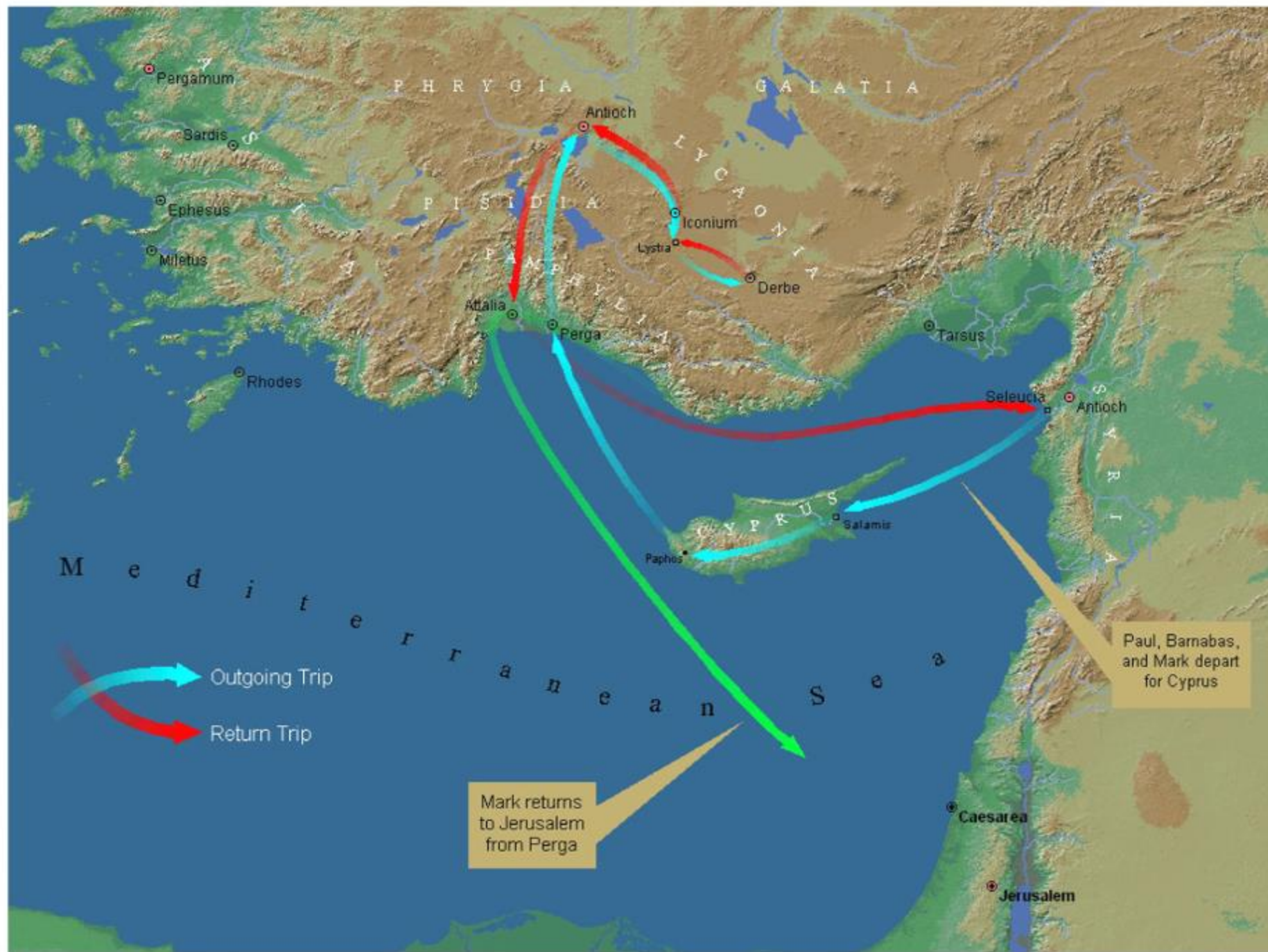
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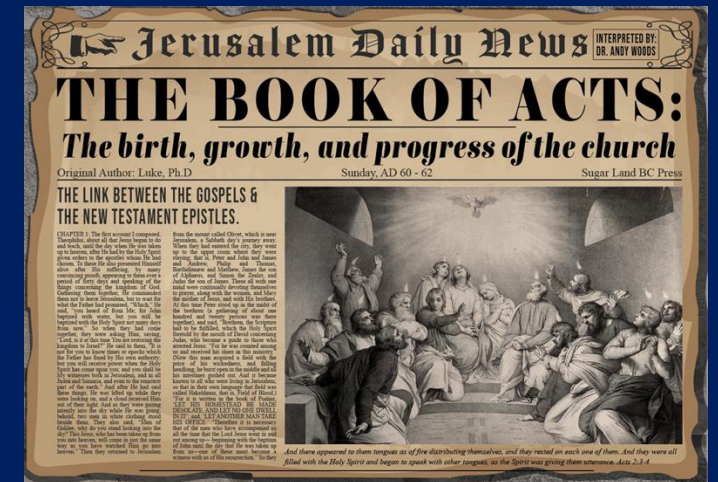




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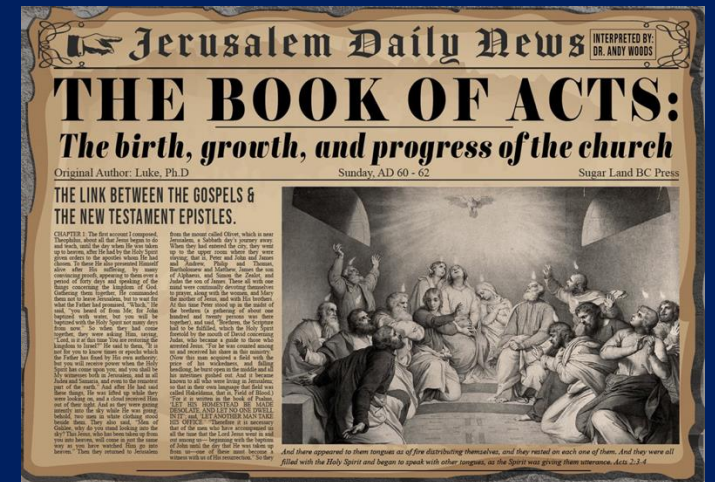
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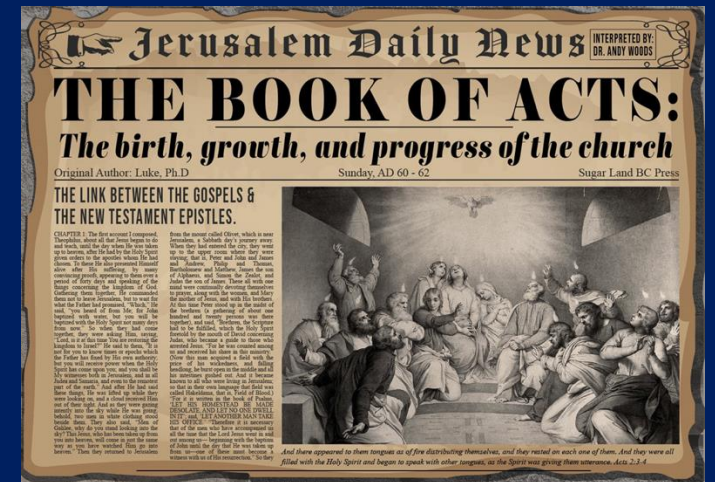
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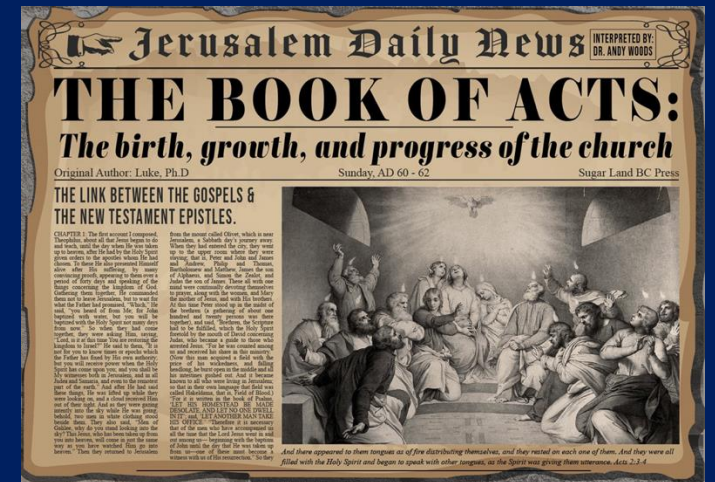
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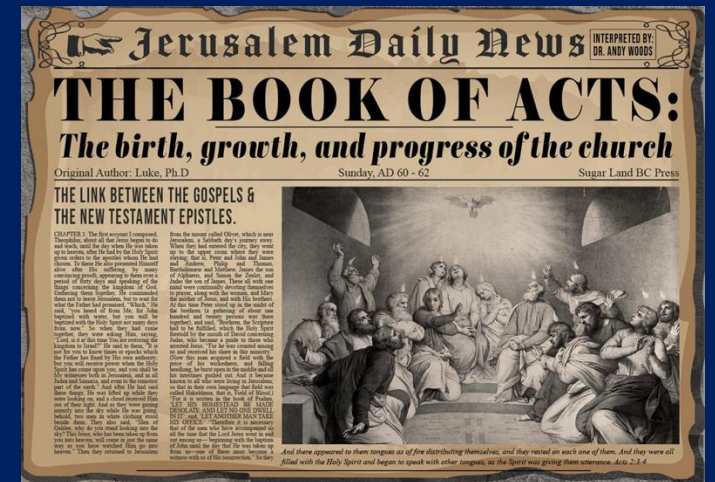
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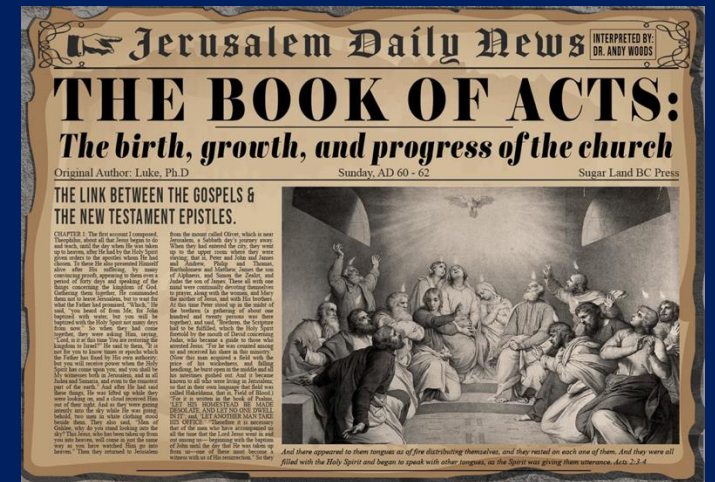
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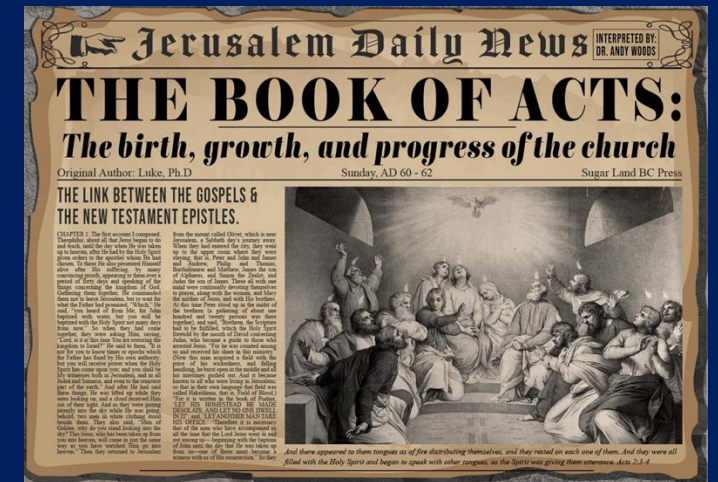
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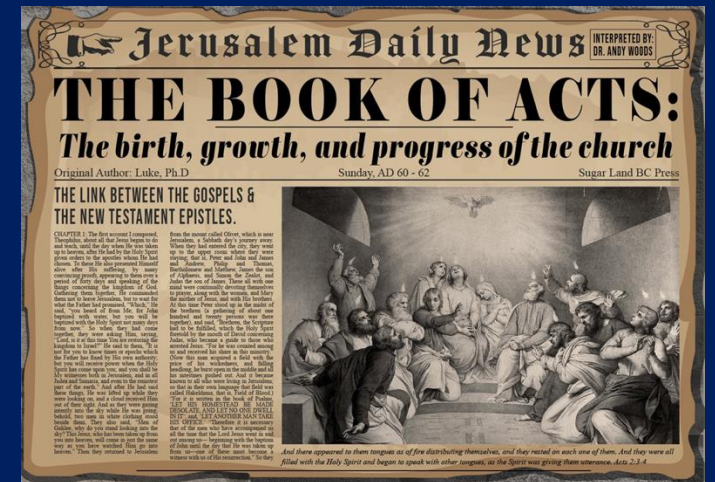
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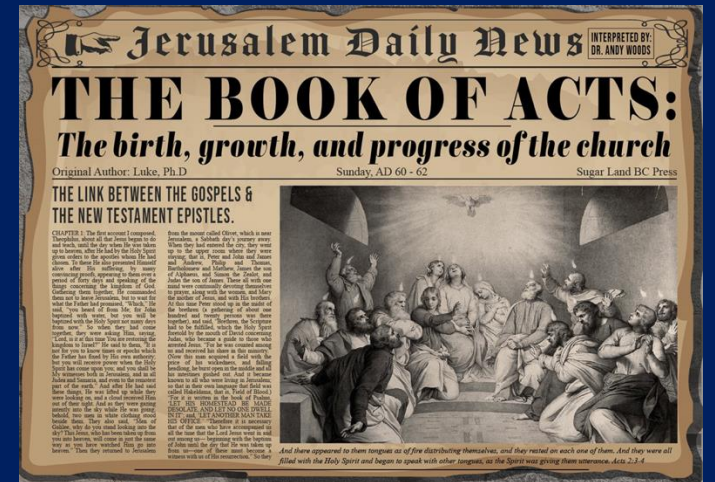
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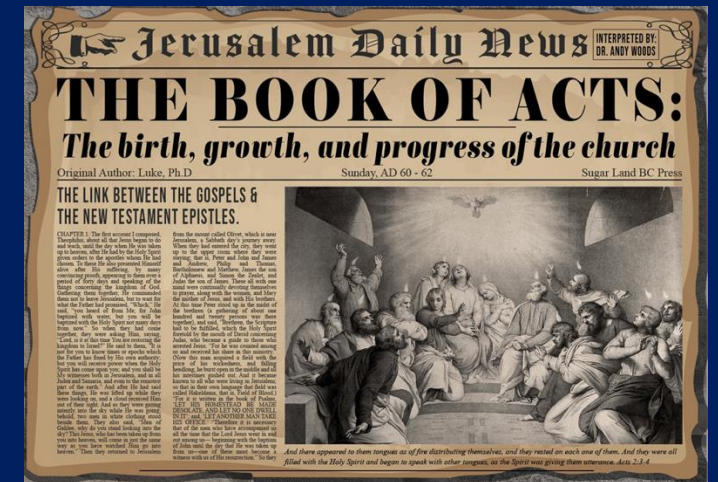
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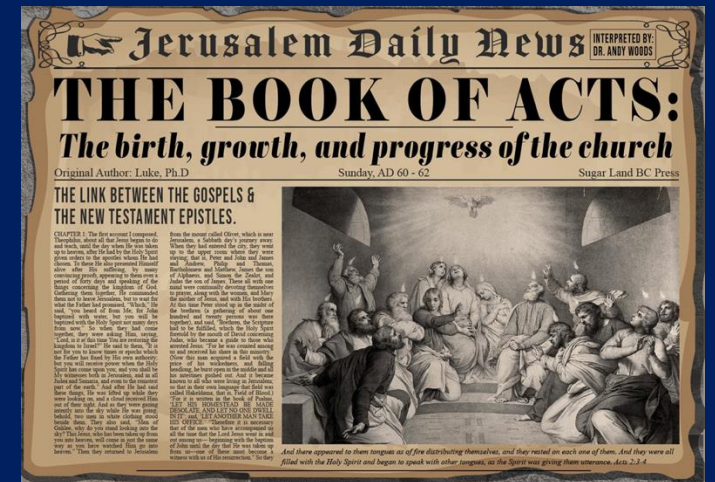
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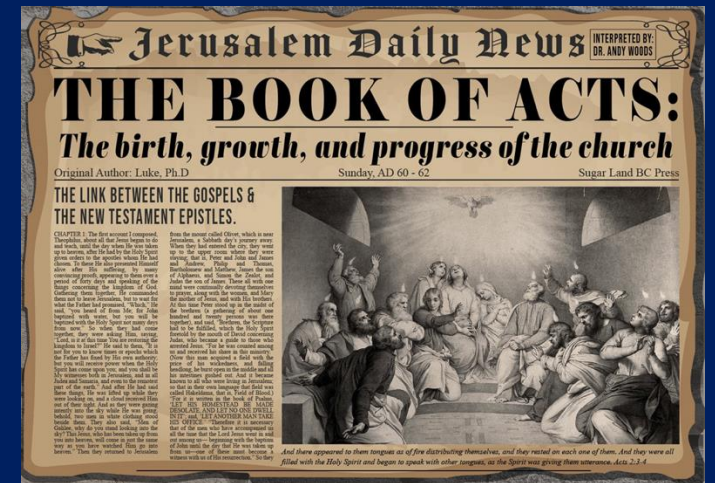
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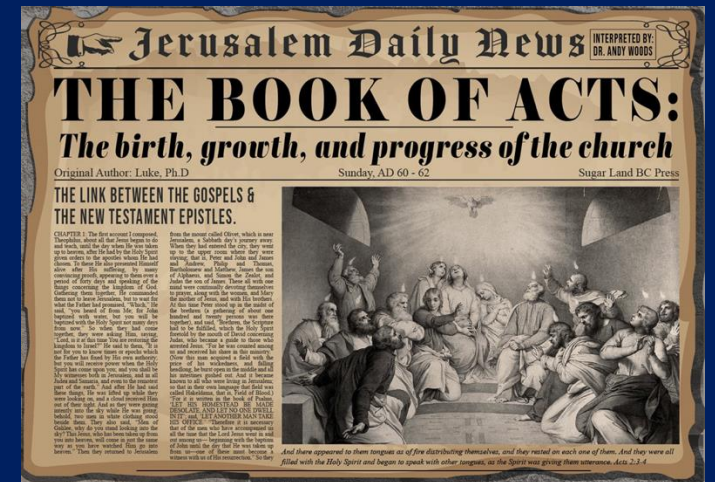
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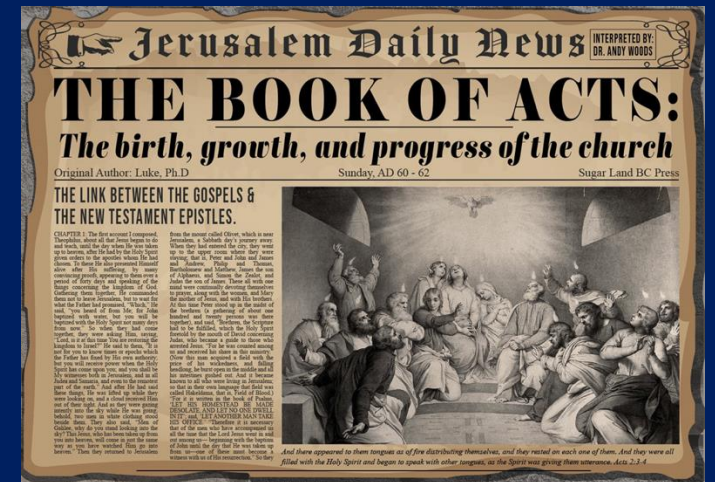
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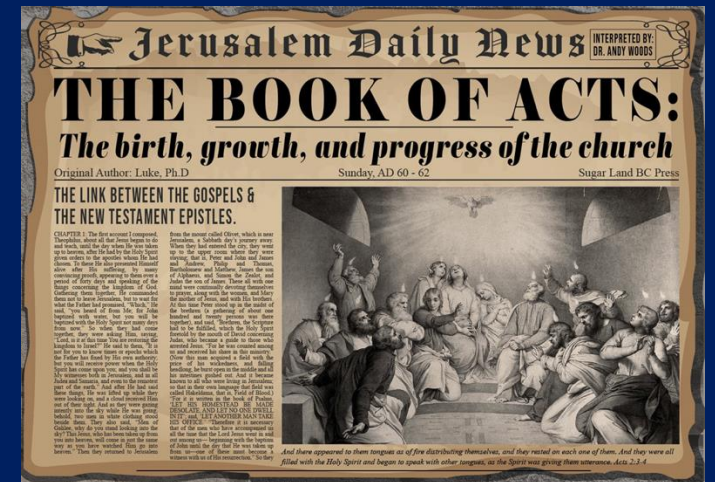
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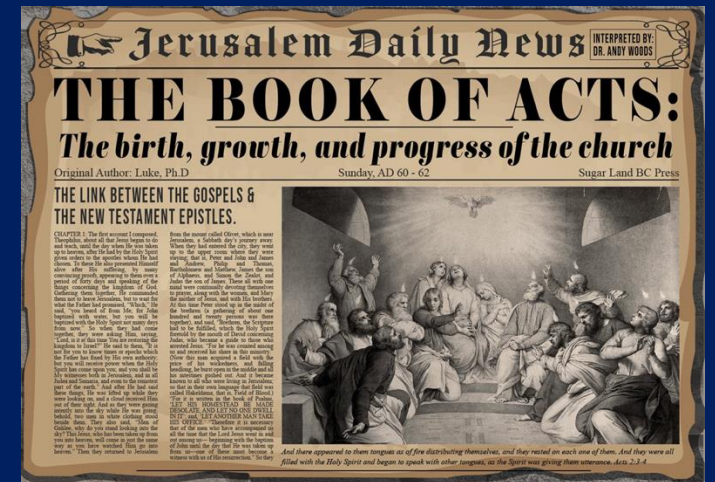
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Acts 2:47

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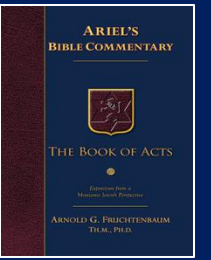
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“Some ancient authorities insert, with variations, verse 34: *But it seemed good unto Silas to abide there*. Some Bibles may have the sentence in the main text, others in the margin. Either way, the verse was probably a scribal attempt to explain how Silas could leave with Paul from Antioch on the second missionary journey, in verse 40. Yet, most likely, the verse is not part of the original text, because verse 33 states that both Judas and Silas returned to Jerusalem. Apparently, Silas came back to Antioch later to accompany Paul.”

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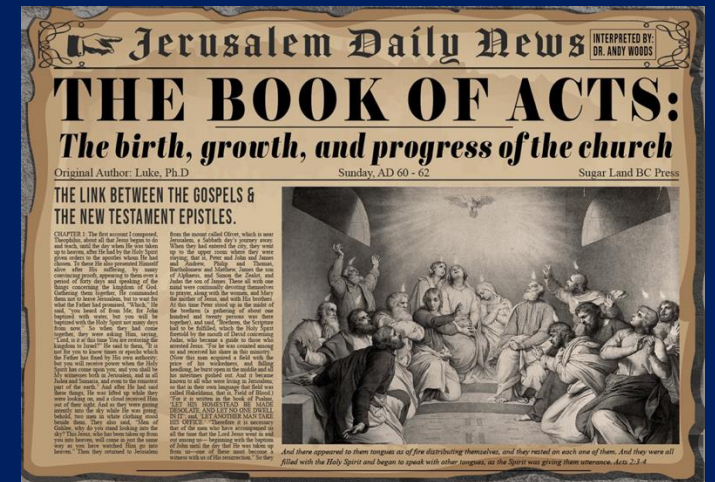
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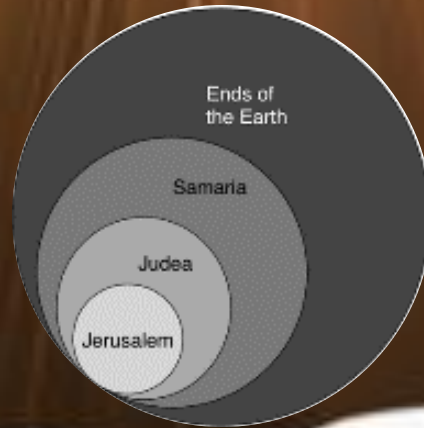
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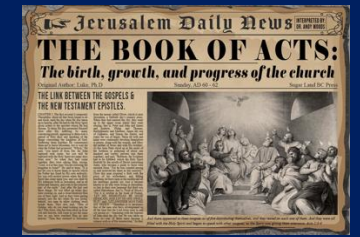


Acts 1:8

“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.”

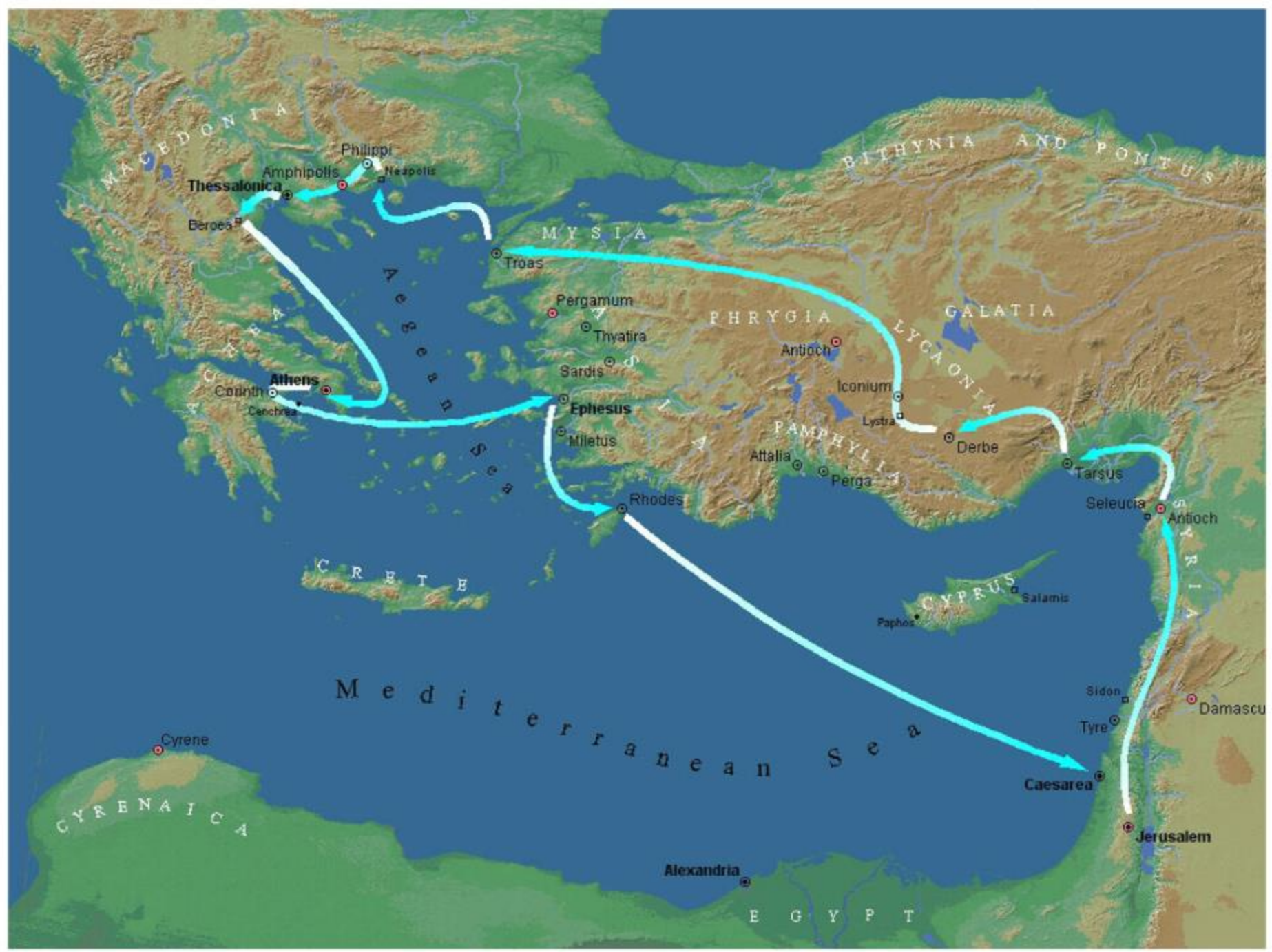


Structure (Acts 1:8)



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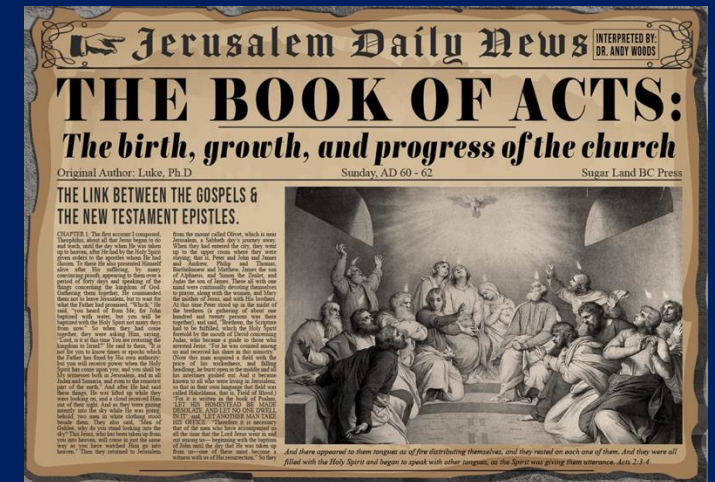




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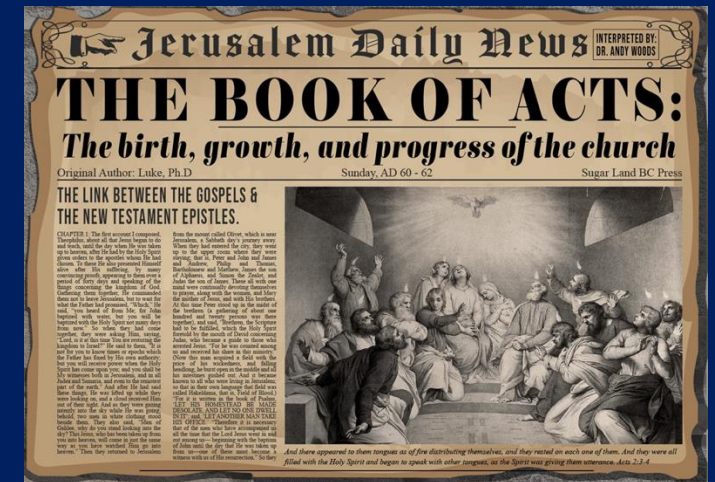
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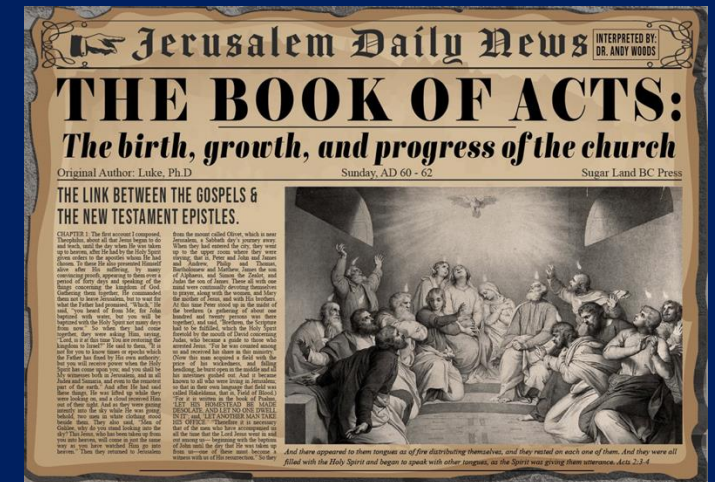
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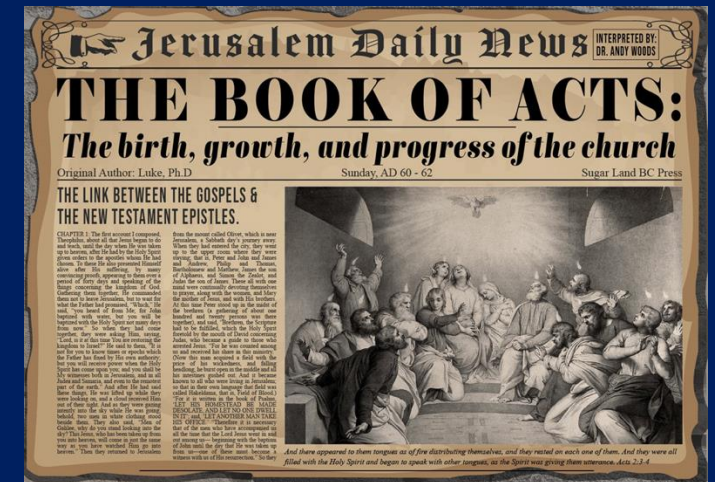
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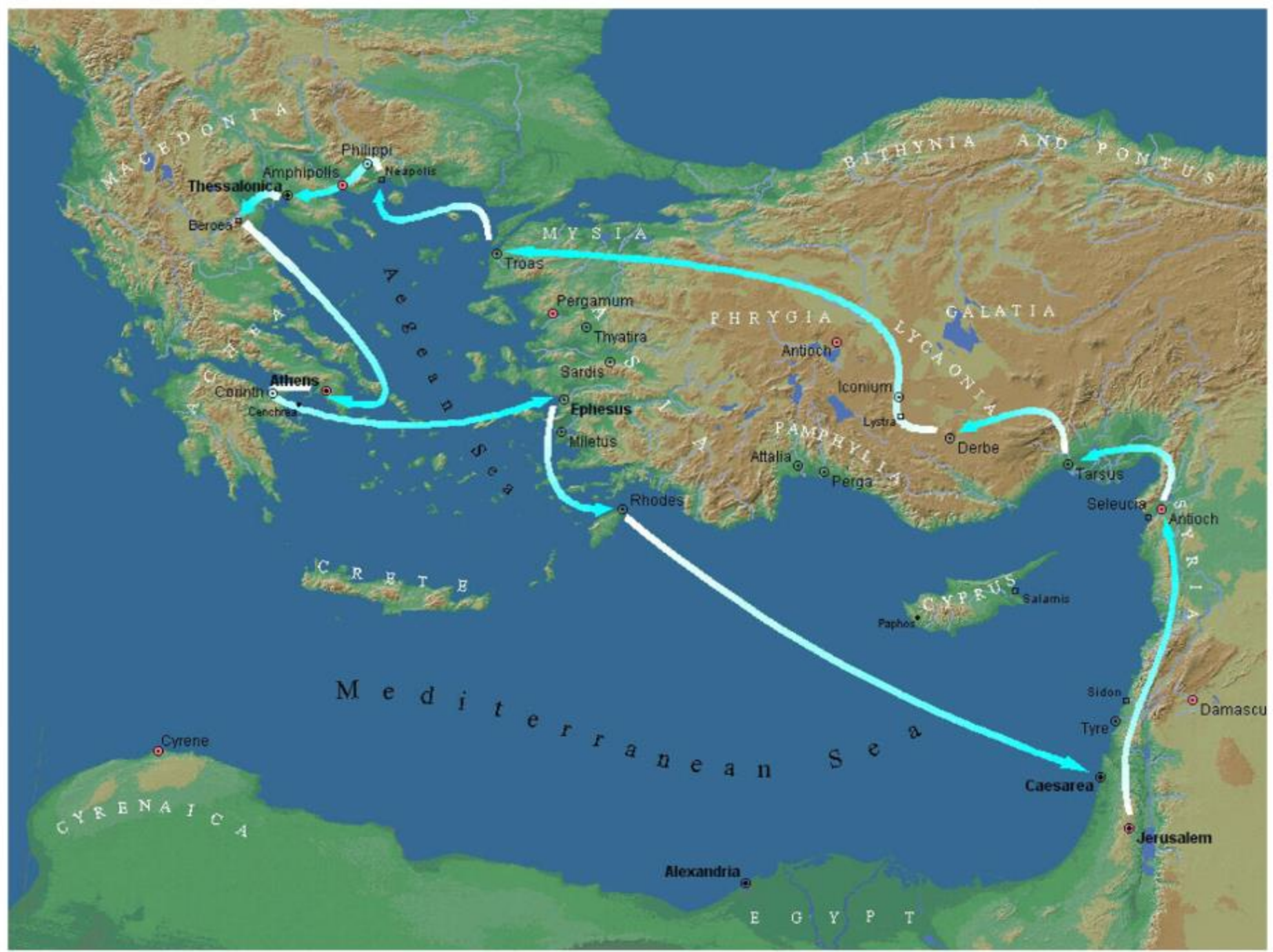
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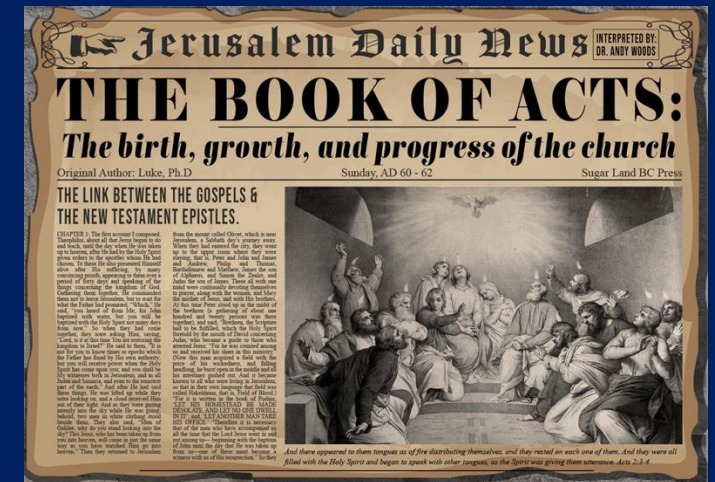
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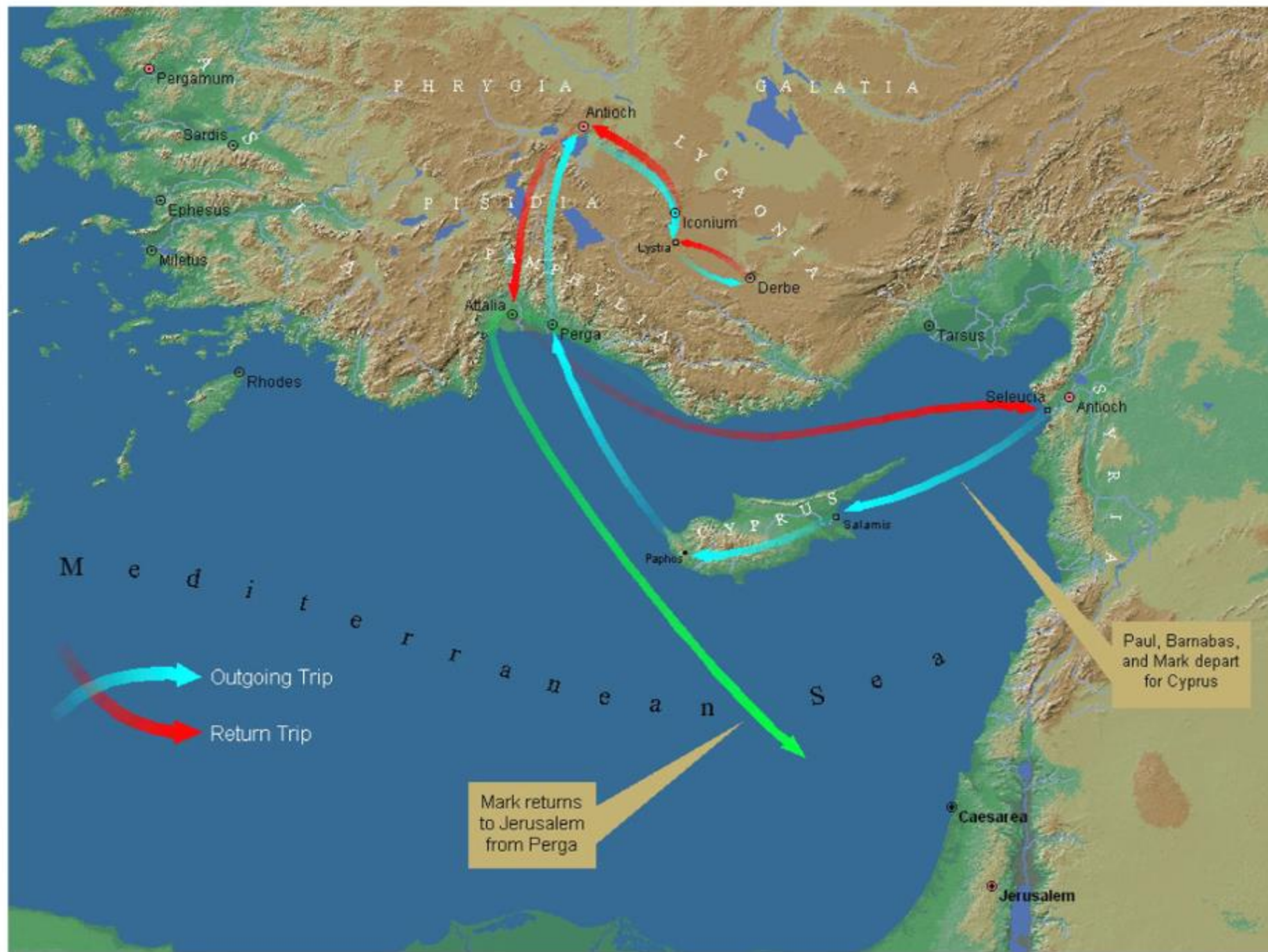
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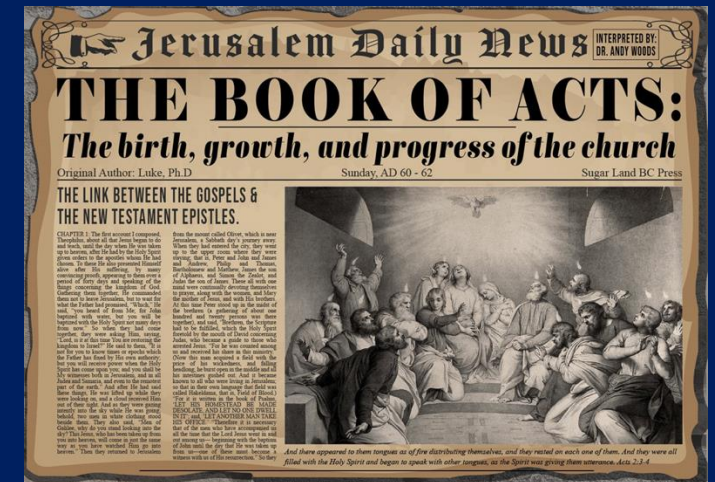
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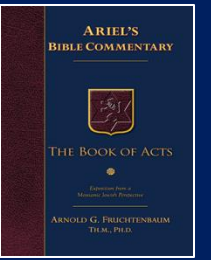
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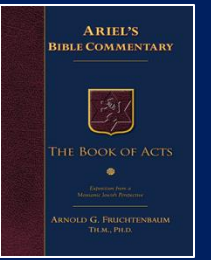


“This disagreement between Paul and Barnabas led to a schism (v. 39): *And there arose a sharp contention, so that they parted asunder one from the other.* The Greek word for “contention,” *paroxysmos*, means ‘a very sharp disagreement.’ It seems that Barnabas, whose name means ‘son of consolation,’ lost his temper during the lengthy discussion. Barnabas stuck with his position to take Mark with him, and the dispute led to his departure. The Greek word for ‘parted asunder,’ *apochōristhēnai*, means ‘to separate,’ ‘to sever.’ There was no personal slander; they disagreed sharply only over the issue at hand. But it was an apocalyptic disaster.””



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“Some later developments of this dispute are known from other Scriptures. In spite of their disagreement over Mark, Paul and Barnabas maintained fellowship. This is evident from I Corinthians 9:6, which was written during the third missionary journey and shows that the schism had healed. Colossians 4:10 also shows that they maintained fellowship. Furthermore, Paul himself was reconciled to Mark later on (Col. 4:10; II Tim. 4:11; Philemon 24).”

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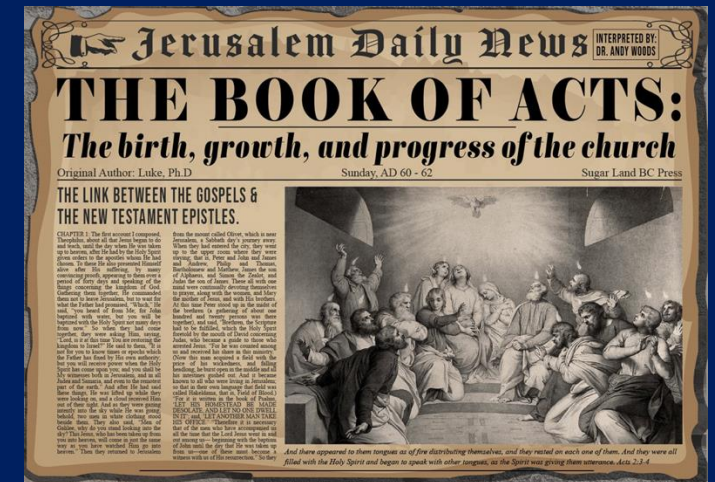
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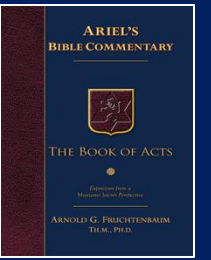
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“Silas was a key individual: He was a leading Jerusalemite believer (Acts 15:22, 27); he had the gift of prophecy, receiving direct revelation from God (Acts 15:32); he, like Paul, was a Roman citizen, which would help him later (Acts 16:37); and in the book of Acts, while Silas was associated with Paul, at times he was also associated with Peter (I Pet. 5:12).”

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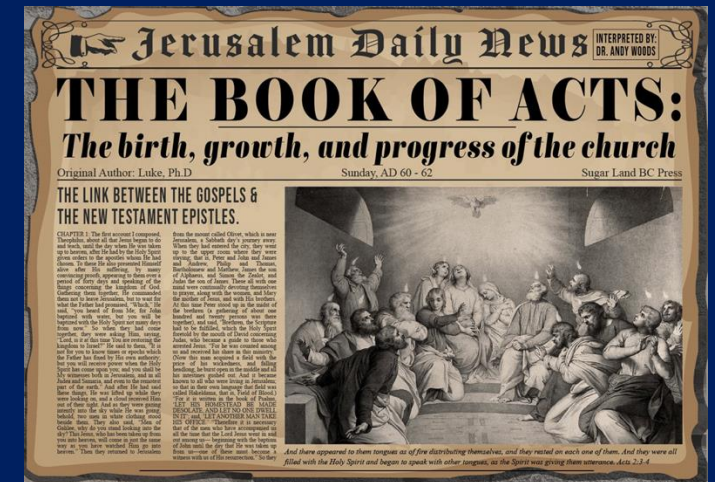
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Conclusion

Acts 15:1-35

Jerusalem Council

- I. Occasion (1-5)
- II. Declarations (6-21)
- III. Decision (22-29)
- IV. Delivery (30-35)

