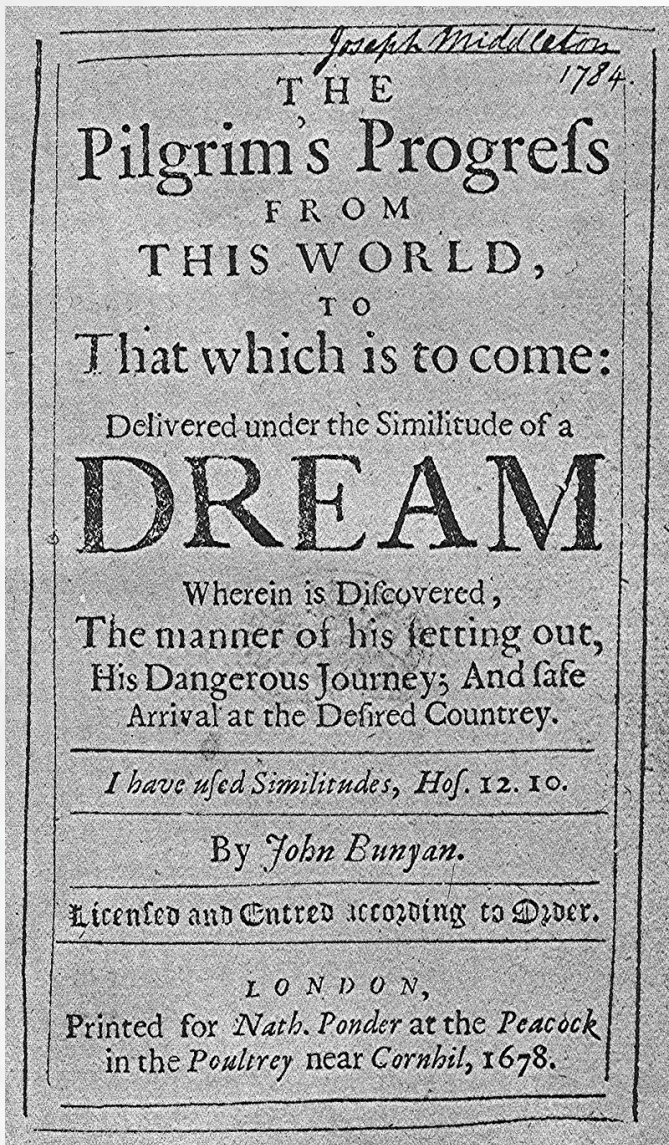




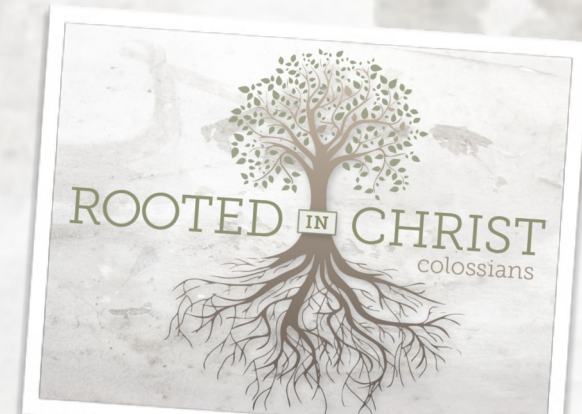
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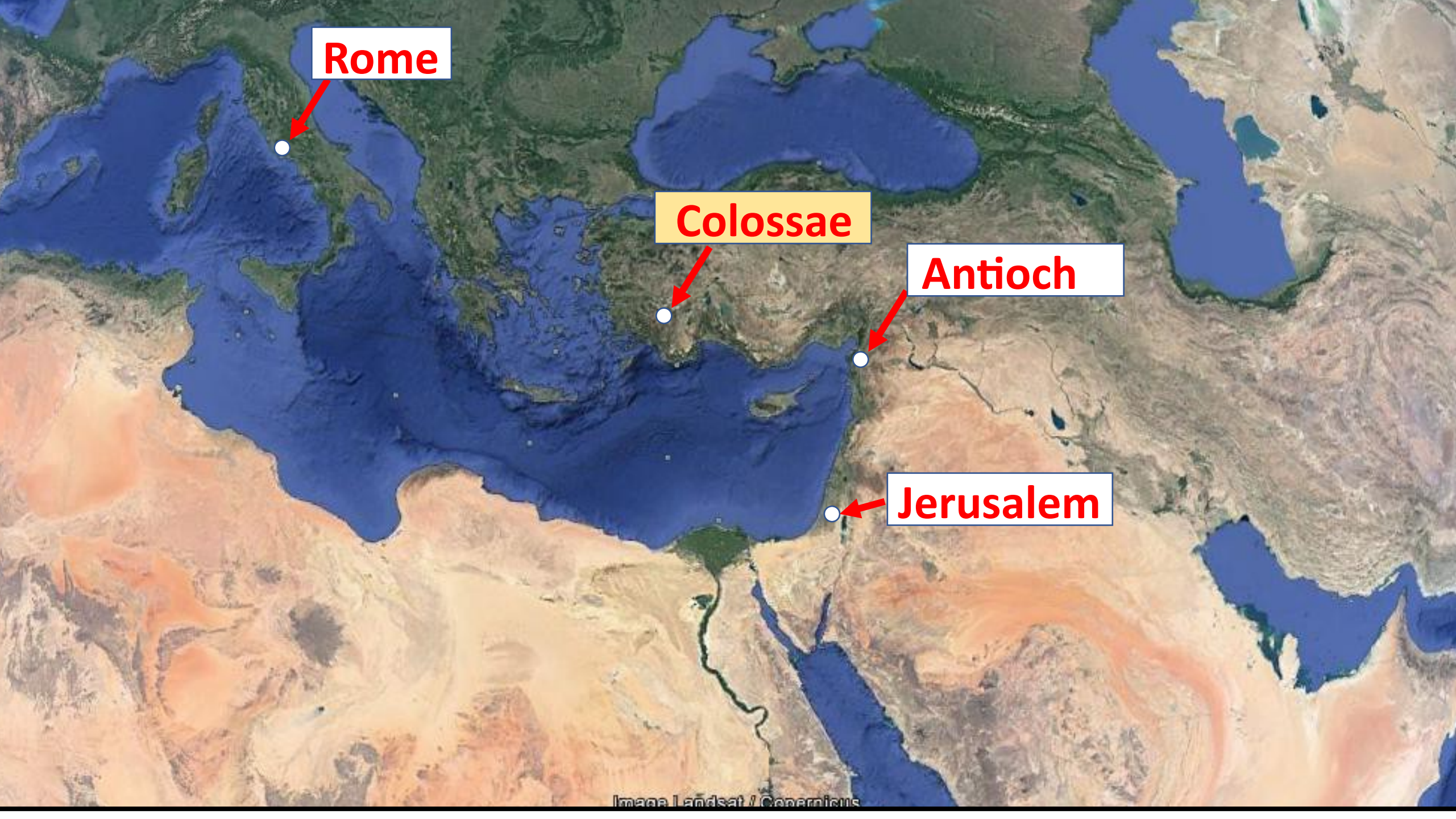
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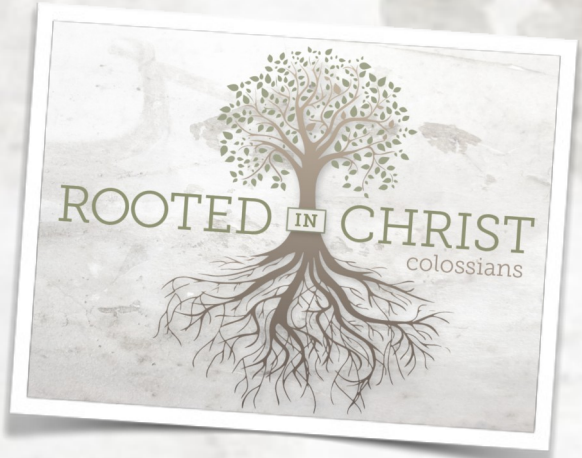


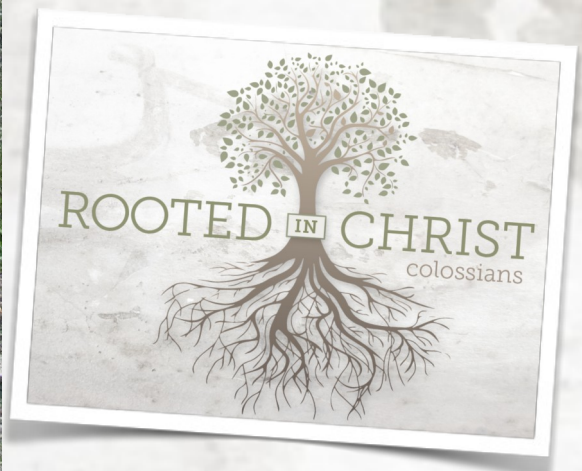
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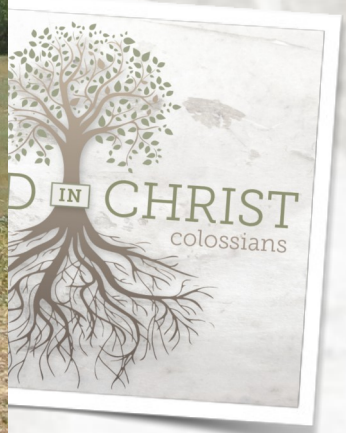
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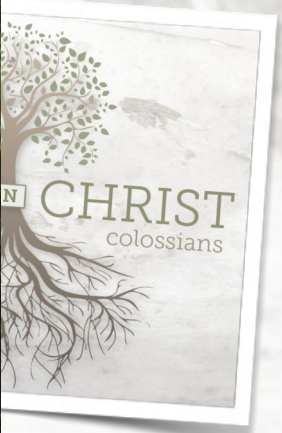
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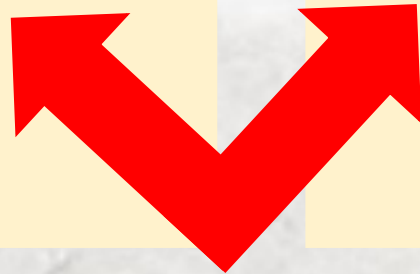
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Jewish Element

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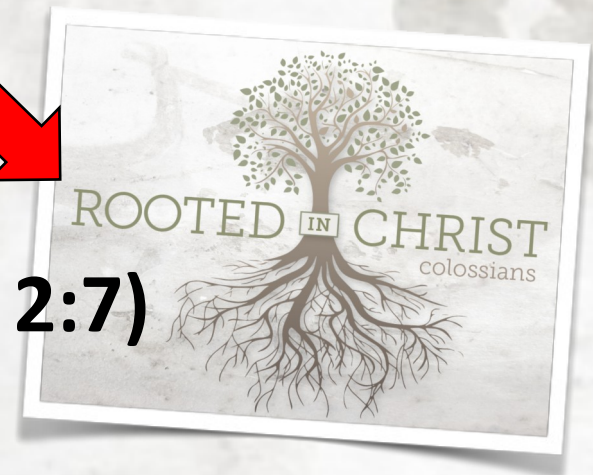
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“...that in everything he
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Col 1:18

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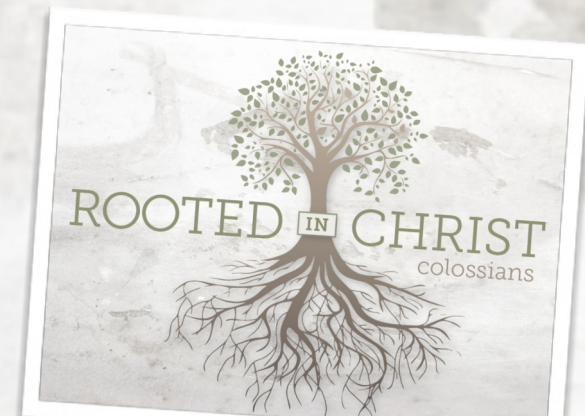
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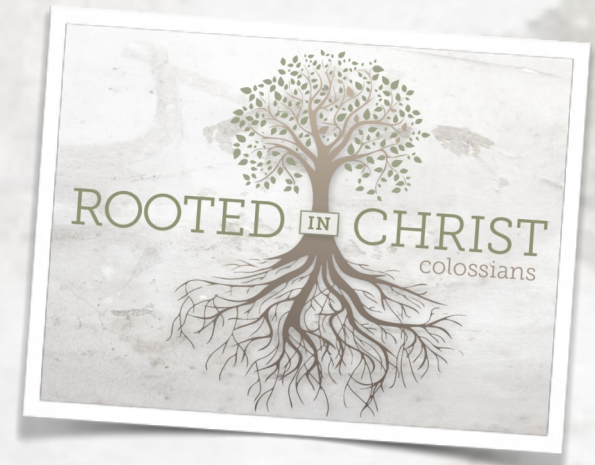
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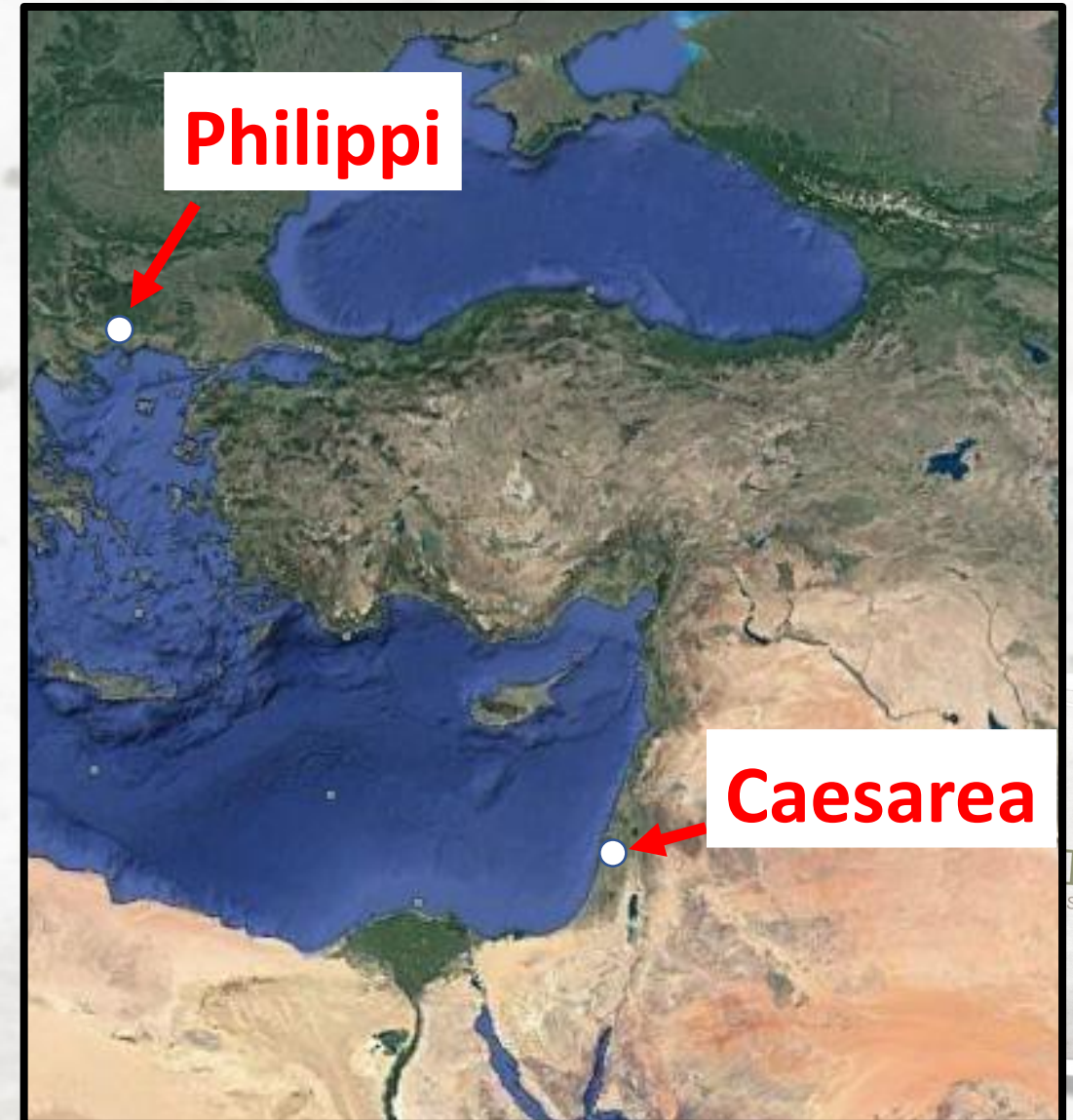
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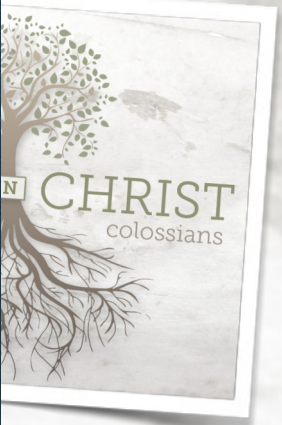
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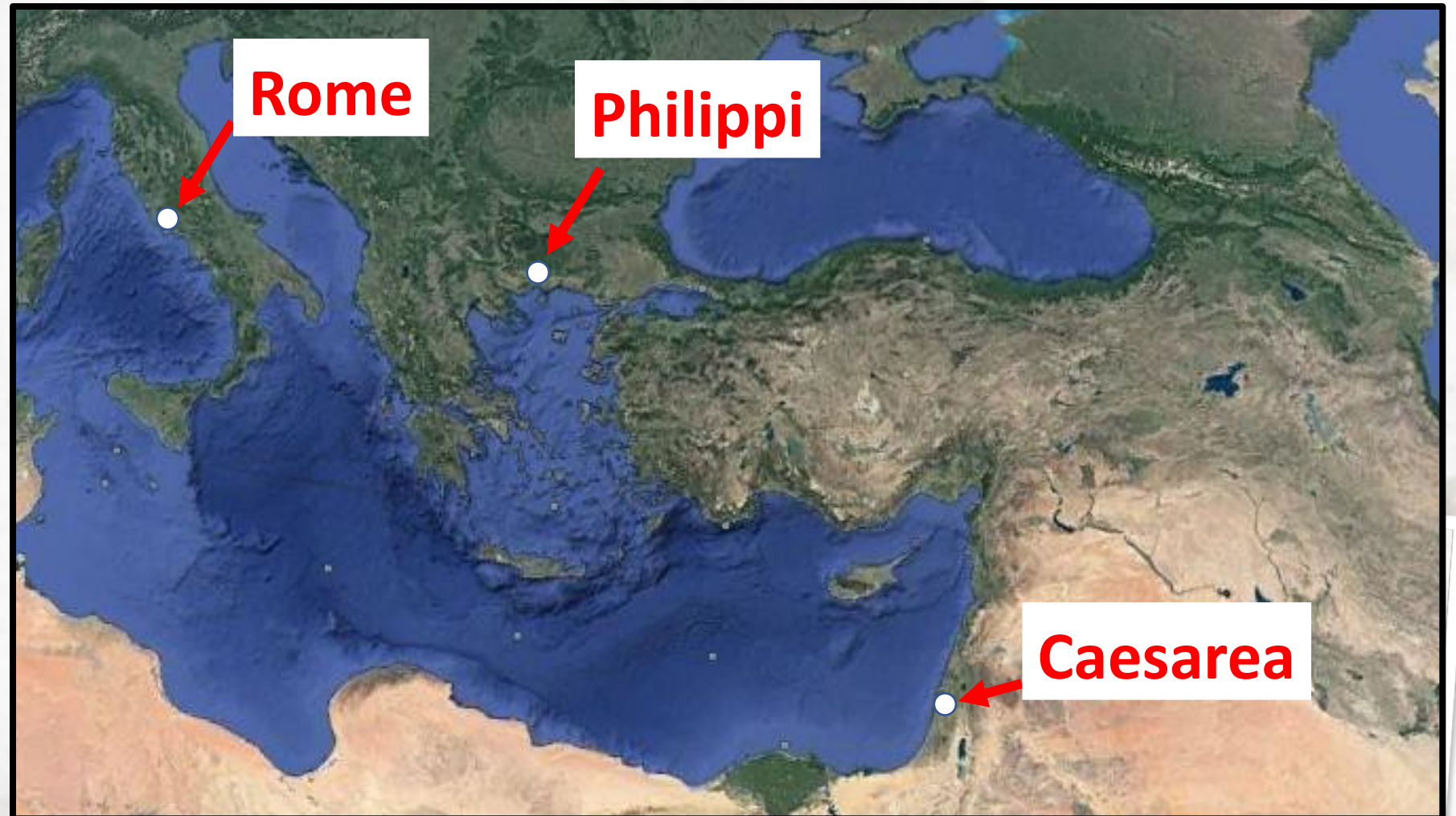


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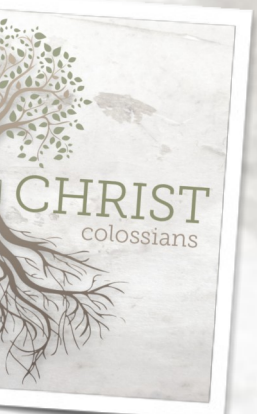






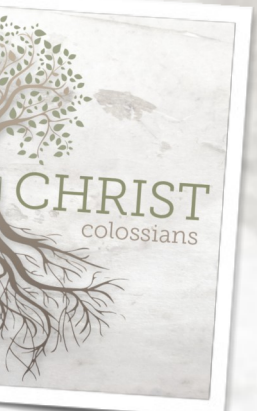
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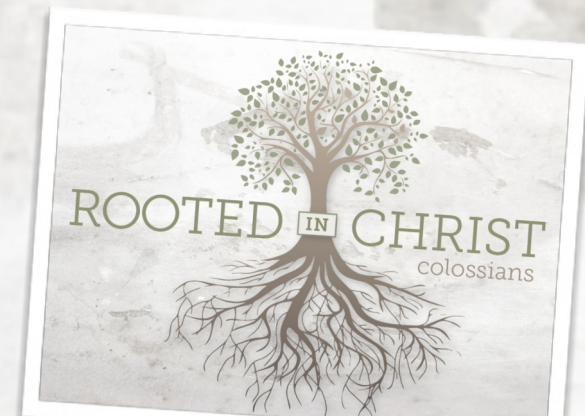


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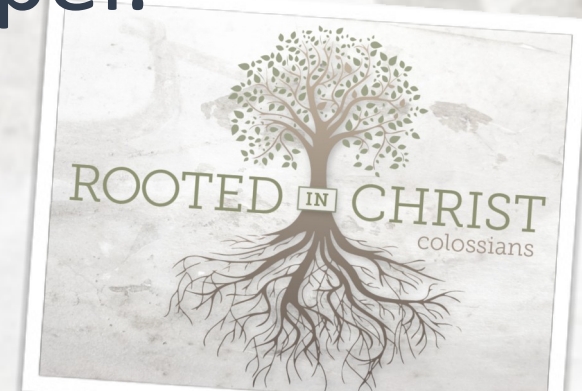
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“When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ...This **mystery** is that the **Gentiles are fellow heirs**, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”



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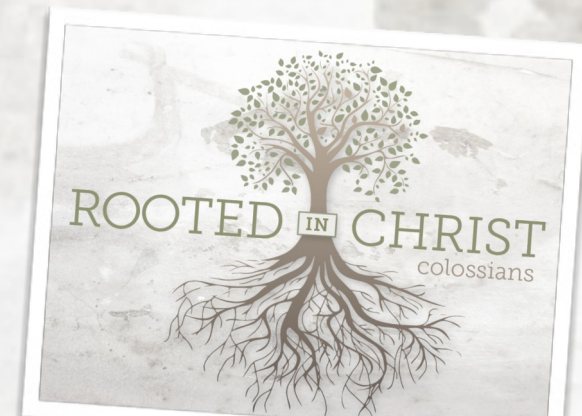
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