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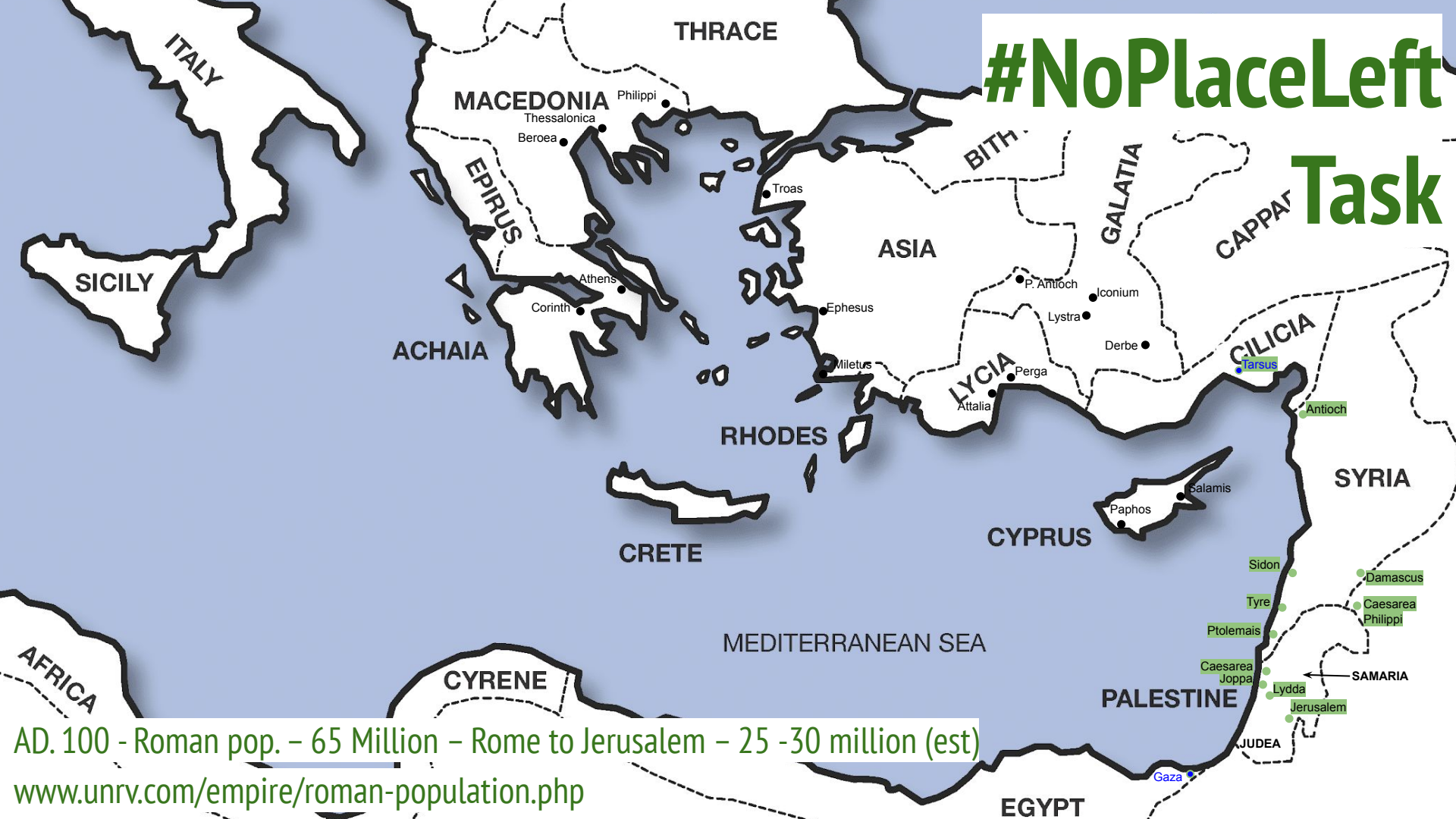
Paul's Church Planting Journeys

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AD. 100 - Roman pop. – 65 Million – Rome to Jerusalem – 25 -30 million (est)

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Key:

Red Text: Acts of Man or Controlables

- **Entry** (Where / to whom did they go?)
- **Gospel** (What did they say?)
- **Discipleship** (How did they disciple?)
- **Church letters** (How did Paul encourage church health with letters?)

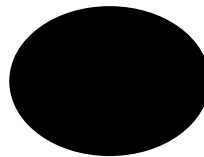
Purple Text / Star: Leaders:

- Leaders *identified, developed, and or sent to follow up with existing work*

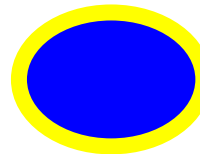
Green Text: Acts of God or Uncontrollables:

- **Response** (How did the hearers respond)
- **opposition / persecution**
- **S&W** (how did God use signs, wonders, miracles?)
- **Favor** (how did God grant favor?)
- **Visions and Prophecies**
- **Converts, church start, healthy church**

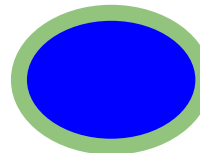
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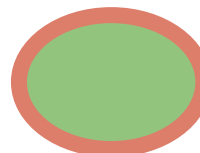
Entry & Gospel



Discipleship or Church Started



Discipleship or Follow up



(Church Letter)



Healthy or Established Church



★ Leader

(Leaders Sent)



Paul's 1st Journey

Acts 13-14

Date:
47-49 A.D.

Time:
Around 2 yrs

Primary Region:
Galatia

Cities w/ New Churches: 5+



1. Antioch: (13:2-3,5)

Healthy Church: while the prophets and teachers worshipped, fasted, prayed, the Holy Spirit instructed them to commission: **Paul and Barnabas** (John-Mark came as well) for 1st Journey. Church fasts, prays, and lays hands on them to commission them out.

(There was most likely a healthy church in Tarsus. Paul spent 14 years there, after becoming a Christian and made disciples - Acts 9:29-31; 11:25-26; Gal 2:1-2)



2. Cyprus (13:4-13)

Sent: by the Holy Spirit

Entry: Synagogue and whole Island

Gospel: Proclaimed Word of God

Response: Sergius Paulus is interested, but Bar-Jesus (the magician) tried to turn him away.

S&W: Bar-Jesus is blinded, then Sergius Paulus (The Proconsul) believes.

Church: #1 start

Exit: leave in peace, then John-Mark returns to Jerusalem at Parga



3. Antioch in Pisidia (Galatia) (13:14-52)

Entry: Synagogue, Jews
Gospel: Abraham-Christ
(13:17-41)

Response: many “followed
Paul and Barn.”

Discipleship: “continue in
the grace of God”

Gospel: Whole city (next
sabbath)

Response: Jews oppose

Gospel: to the gentiles

Response: gentiles believe
and spread word
throughout region. Filled
with joy and Holy Spirit.

Church: #2 start

Exit: persecution by Jews,
shook dust off against them



Exit: persecution from Jews and Gentiles, so they leave



5. Lystra (Galatia)

(14:6-21b)

Entry/S&W: Spoke the Gospel and healed crippled man with faith

Response: People worshipped Paul and Barn. as greek god's

Gospel: We are not gods, turn to the Living God (Creation to Christ presentation).

Response: they continue offering sacrifices, Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, stoned Paul, He rose "went back into city"

Church: #4 Start

Exit: Left to Derbe



6. Derbe (Galatia)
(14:21a-23)
Entry: ?
Gospel: fully preached the gospel here
Response: Many disciples were made
Church: #5 Start
Exit: Returned through all cities and revisited disciples / churches started (14:23 - Paul calls these churches!, not bible studies or discipleship groups...churches)



7. Lystra Revisit #1

(21b-23)

Discipleship: Strengthened disciples, continue in faith! You will face many tribulations.

Church/Leaders: Prayed, fasted, appointed elders in the churches, committed them to Lord

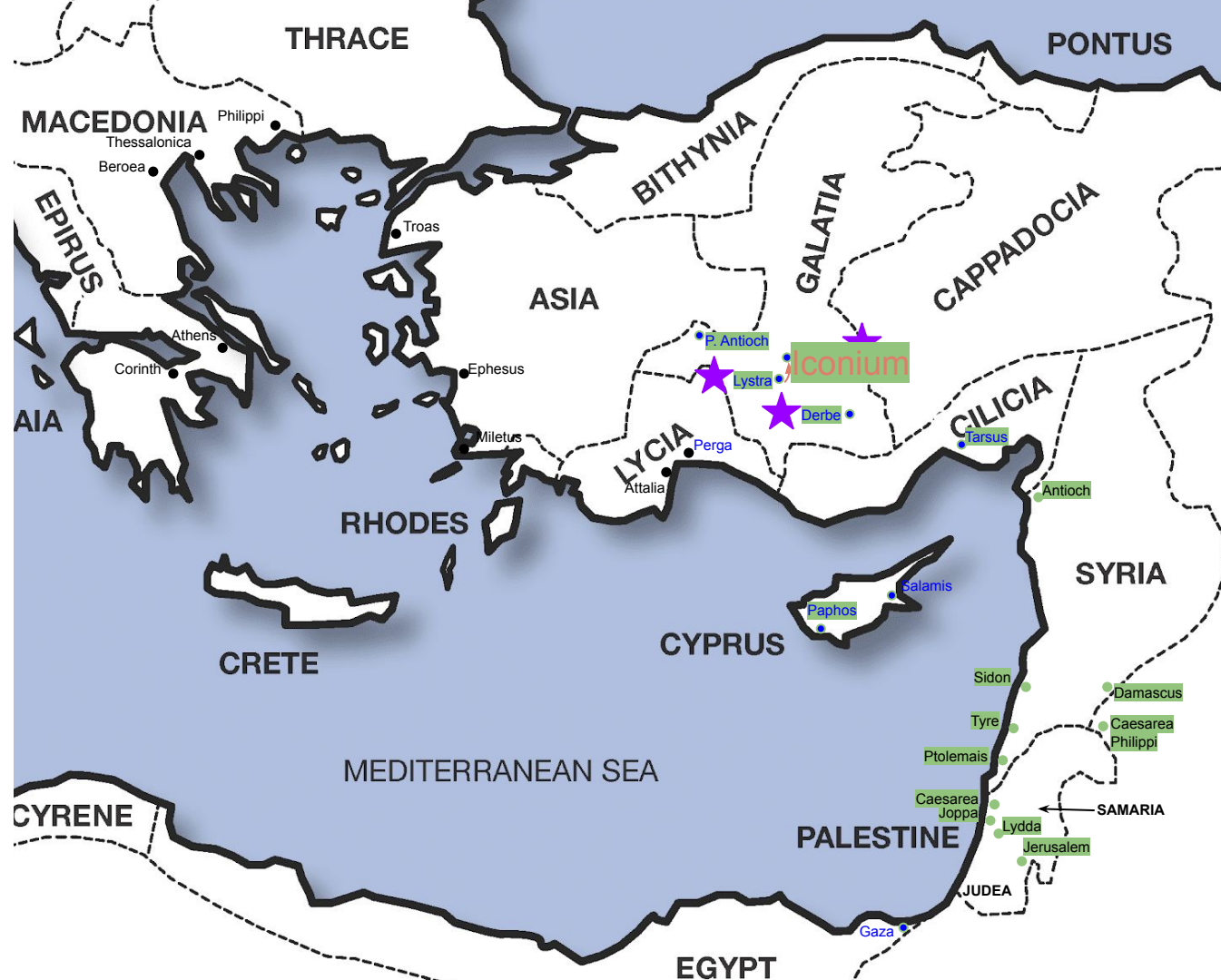


8. Iconium Revisit #1

(21b-23)

Discipleship: Strengthened disciples, continue in faith!
You will face many tribulations.

Church/Leaders: Prayed, fasted, appointed elders in the churches, committed them to Lord



9. Antioch in Pisidia

Revisit #1 (21b-23)

Discipleship: Strengthened disciples, continue in faith! You will face many tribulations.

Church/Leaders: Prayed, fasted, appointed elders in the churches, committed them to Lord



10. Antioch (Return)

(14:26-28)

Healthy Church: Fulfilled first Journey, reported to church all God did, opened door of faith to gentiles. Remained here for “no little time.”

Exit: Paul and Barn. go to Jerusalem to settle matter of circumcision.



While in Antioch Paul
Wrote:

Church Letter: Galatians
(49 A.D.)

Sent and circulated to all
South Galatian cities where
churches were started
during the first Journey:

Antioch in Pisidia,
Iconium, Lystra, and
Derbe



Paul's 2nd Journey

Acts 15:30-18:23

Date:

49-52 A.D.

Time:

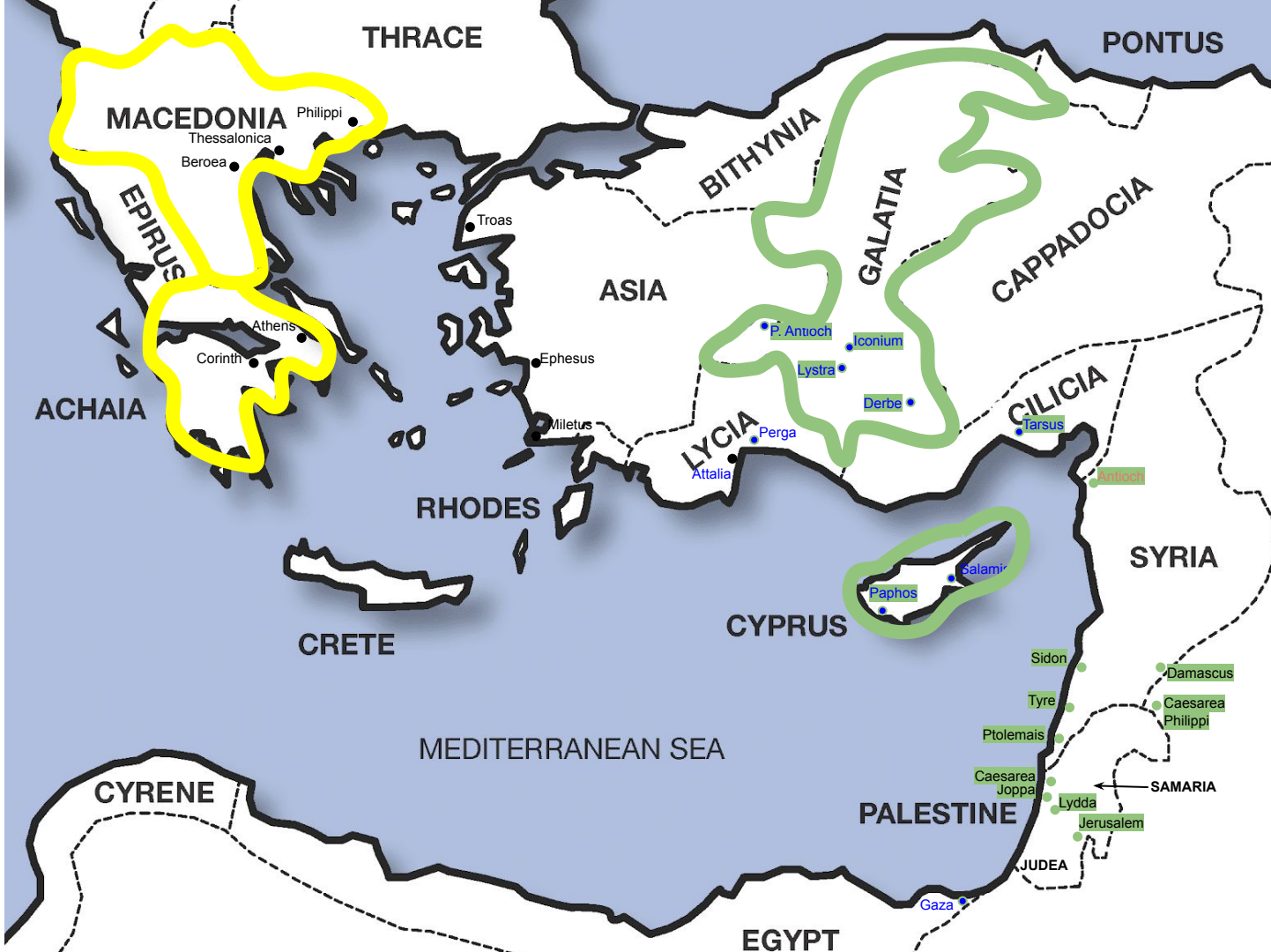
Around 3-4 yrs

Primary Region:

Macedonia / Achaia

Cities w/ New Churches:

5+



1. Antioch (15:32-41; 16:4-5)

Discipleship: Silas and Judas prophecy to Church, Judas returns to Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch teaching and preaching the Lord, “with many others also.” (multiple leaders in a healthy church)

Plan: Paul and Barn. plan to revisit every city where they proclaimed, strengthening the churches “to obey” (NET)
Barn. wanted to take John-Mark, Paul did not agree since John-work did not fulfill the first work. (New Teams, Same Work)

- Barn & John-Mark (Return to **Cyprus**)

- Paul, Silas (& Luke-16:10: “we”) (Start in “**Tarsus**”)



2a. Cyprus (Revisit #1)

(15:39)

Barnabas and John-Mark

follow up with this church
start from first journey.

Discipleship: Probably, like
Paul and Silas, they
delivered observances from
Jerusalem council (16:4)

Church: #1 healthy

(We don't hear anything else
about Cyprus except for
Paul, on a prison ship,
sailing past it on his journey
to Rome)



2b. Tarsus (Revisit #1)

(15:40-41; 16:6)

Paul and Silas, started through Syria and Cilicia - likely going through Tarsus where Paul spent 14 years Making disciples before these journeys (Acts 9:30; Gal. 2:1)

The team then moved through churches in S. Galatia and Phrygia

Discipleship: Delivered observances from Jerusalem council: "Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily." (16:4-5)



3. Derbe (Revisit #1) (16:1)

Discipleship: Delivered observances from Jerusalem council. "Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily." (16:4-5)

Church: #5 Healthy

Leaders: possible first encounter with **Gaius** (20:4)



4. Lystra (Revisit #2)

(16:1-3)

Leaders: finds **Timothy** here.

Son of a Jewish believing mother, greek father.

(possibly a 2nd gen. disciple from Paul's first visit to lystra)

Paul had Timothy circumcised, then took Timothy with him and Barnabas.

Discipleship: Delivered observances from Jerusalem council: "Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily." (16:4-5)

Church: #4 healthy



5. Iconium (Revisit #2)

(16:2, 4-5)

Leadership: Church here vouches for Timothy's character.

Discipleship: Delivered observances from Jerusalem council: "Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily." (16:4-5)

Church: #3 healthy



6. Antioch in Pisidia

(Revisit #2) (16:4-5)

Discipleship: Delivered observances from Jerusalem council: “Churches were strengthened in faith, and the number of churches increased daily.” (16:4-5)

Church: #2 healthy



(16:6b-7)

This includes the city of **Ephesus** and the other six cities where churches are mentioned in Revelation



8. Troas (Alexandria)

(16:8-10)

Vision: Paul receives vision: Macedonian man saying, “come over to Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea) to help us”

Leaders: possible encounter with **Apollos** “native of Alexandria (Troas)” (18:24), who later goes to Ephesus. Also **Luke** is believed to be from Troas (Change of pronouns from “they” to “we” after visiting Troas), and now joins team on the way to Philippi.



9. Philippi (Macedonia) (16:12-40)

Entry: Place for prayer, found Lydia (POP)

Gospel: shared Gospel

Response: Lydia and family believe.

Discipleship: Baptized Lydia and household, Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy stayed at her home

Entry: Place for prayer, encounters slave girl with an evil Spirit

Gospel/S&W: Paul casts out demons in Jesus name.

Response: Girl is freed, but girls owners had Paul and Silas beat with rods and placed in prison.

Gospel: Paul & Silas prayed and sang hymns to God while in prison.

S&W: earthquake, doors opened, Jailor (POP) open to hear how to be saved

Gospel: "Believe in the Lord Jesus"

Discipleship: Spoke word to jailer and household

Response: Jailor and family believe, baptized. Hosted Paul and Silas, cared, fed (then took back to jail)

Church: #6 Start

Exit: Freed from Jail, visited Lydia and the brothers (picked up Tim), left city. **Luke** likely stayed behind with the new disciples and church (he stops using "we" at 16:40)



10. Thessalonica

(Macedonia) (17:1-10)

Entry: Synagogue, Jews

Gospel: Reasoned from scripture, necessity for Jesus, as the Christ, to suffer & rise as King

Response: Jason (POP) along with some Jews and Greeks believed and joined Paul and Silas.

But, persecution arose from jealous Jews, started mob, attacked Jason's house. Authorities fined Jason

Church: #7 Start (Timothy revisits with Paul's letters)

Leaders: possible first encounter with **Aristarchus and Secundus** (20:4)

Exit: Paul, Silas, Timothy sent away by night



11. Berea (Macedonia)

(17:10-15)

Entry: Synagogue, Noble Jews

Gospel: proclaimed Word of God

Response: Jews received the word with “eagerness,” Many others believed including few high standing Greek women and men

Discipleship: Jews examined Scripture daily to see accuracy of Paul’s message
But, Jews from Thess. came to stir up crowds

Church: #8 start

Leaders: possible encounter with **Sopater** (20:4)

Exit: Silas and Timothy stayed, Paul left for Athens



12. Athens (Greece/ Achaia)
(17:16-34)

Entry: observes city full of idols, marketplace

Gospel: spoke of Jesus and the resurrection

Response: Epicurean and Stoic philosophers invited Paul to Areopagus to speak his “new teaching”

Gospel: shared C2C with Greece's “unknown god,” and their “poets.” One God created all things, has no need. All man created from one. God commands repentance. He will judge all by the “appointed man” He resurrected.

Response: Some mocked, others open, but Dionysius and a woman named Damaris with others believe and *join* him

Potential Church Start?

Exit: Paul leaves



13. Corinth (Greece / Achaia)(18:1-17)

Entry: Jews Aquilla and Priscilla (POPs), Paul stays with them to make tents; Synagogue

Regroup: Timothy and Silas rejoin Paul (Having spent time with the church in Berea after Paul left)

Gospel: to Jews, Jesus is the Christ

Response: Jews opposed the message, Paul shakes off dust and says, "I will go to gentiles"

Entry: Paul and team stay with Titius Justus (HOP) his house was next to Synagogue

Gospel: Proclaims to Crispus, the Synagogue ruler, and to many other Corinthians

Response: Crispus (POP) and family believes. Many others corinthians believe and are baptized

Vision: Paul instructed in a vision by Jesus not to be afraid or be silent, keep speaking: "I am with you, no one will harm you, I have many people in this city"

Discipleship: Paul and team stay 1 year and 6 months teaching the word of God

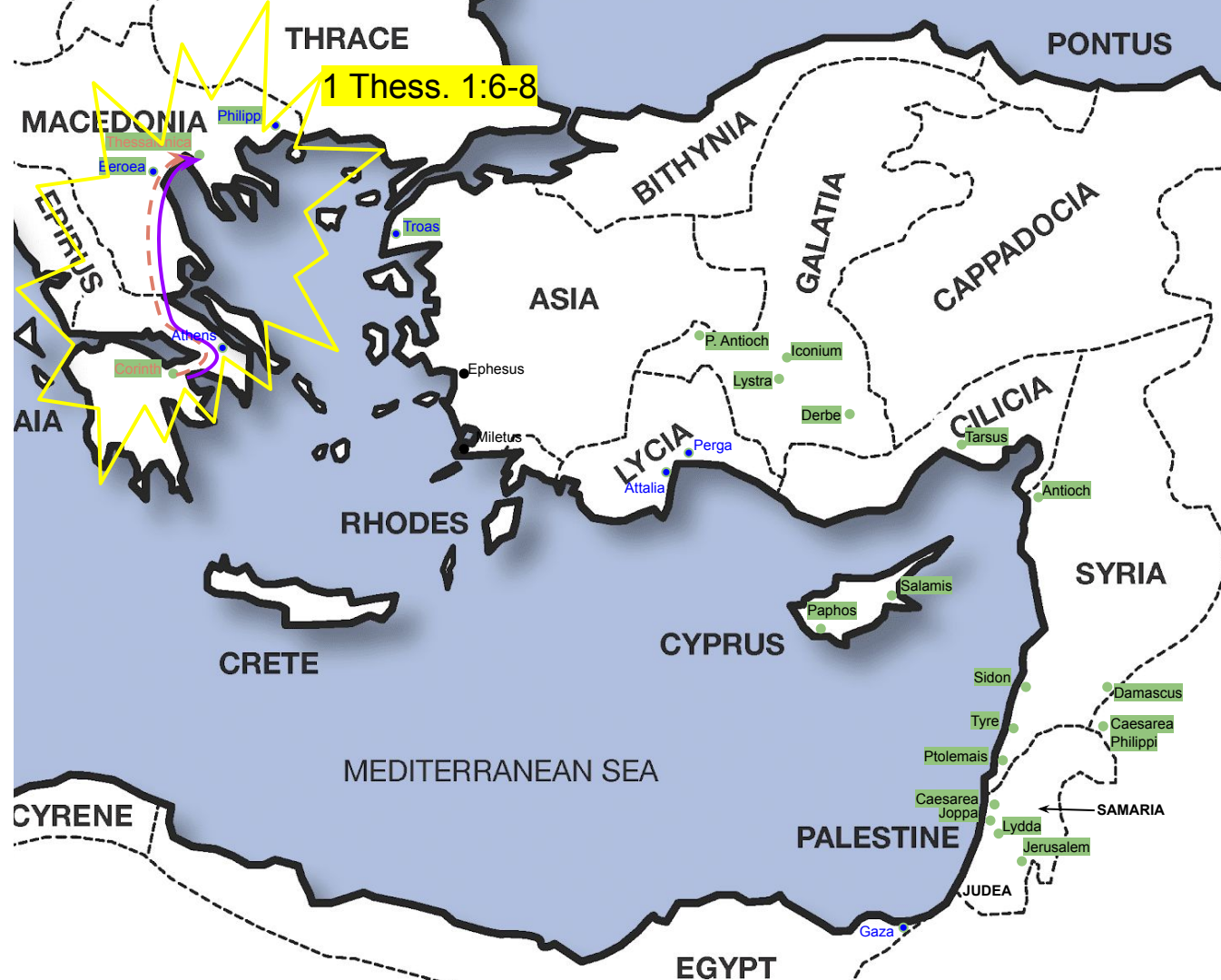
Church: #9 Start



Corinth (Greece / Achaia)(18:1-17)
Response: Sosthenes, another ruler of Synagogue, believes. But, Jews make united attack on Paul.
Favor: Gallio (proconsul of Achaia) refuses to Judge Paul. So Jews seized and beat Sosthenes
Leaders: Justus, Crispus, Sosthenes (1 Cor. 1:1, 14)

Church Letter: 1 & 2
Thessalonians (50-51 a.d.) -
Timothy had revisited Thessalonica (1 Thes. 3:6,), and reported to Paul of the church, Paul sent him back with 1st letter, within 12 months Paul sent a second letter. By Timothy's report, the church seems to be very healthy.

Exit: Paul stays for many more days, then he and his team leave for Syria (Antioch) including Priscilla and Aquila



14. Ephesus (Asia)

(18:19-21)

Entry/Gospel: Synagogue, proclaimed to Jews

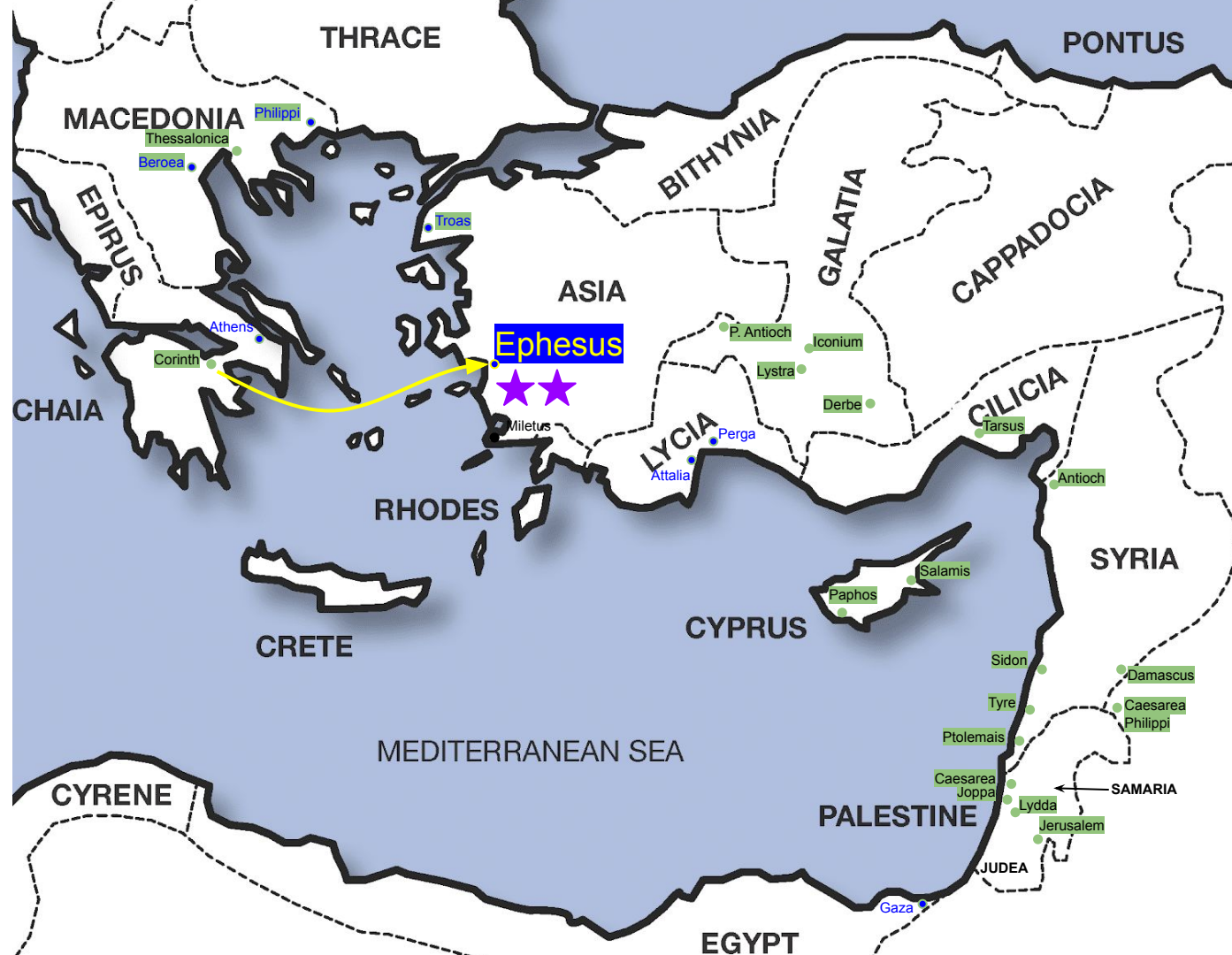
Response: strong interest, asked him to stay

Church: #10 pre-start?

Leaders: Paul leaves Priscilla and Aquila here.

Possible first encounter with Tychicus and Trophimus(20:4)

Exit: Paul and team leave to go back to Antioch, promising to return "if God's will"



Apollos in Ephesus

(18:24-27b)

Discipleship: Apollos comes from Troas (Alexandria) to teach about Jesus. Though he didn't know about baptism of Jesus (only of John)

Response: Priscilla and Aquila instructed Apollos in the way more accurately.

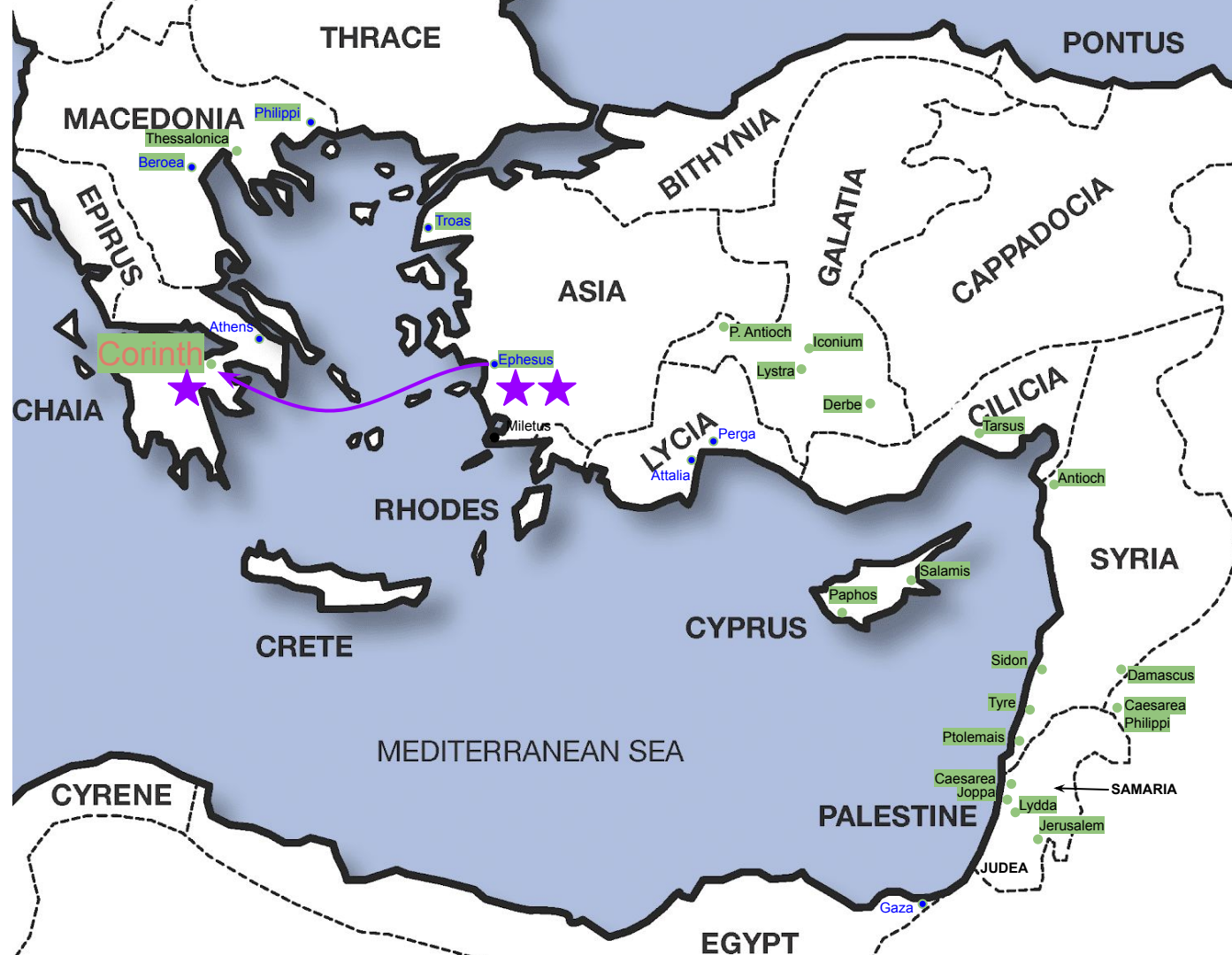
Sent: Apollos, upon his wish, was mobilized to Corinth.

Apollos in Corinth (Achaia)

(18:27-19:1a)

Entry/Discipleship: Apollos powerfully refuted Jews, proved that Jesus was the Christ.

Response: those who through grace believed, were helped greatly by Apollos. Corinth churches increasing in health.



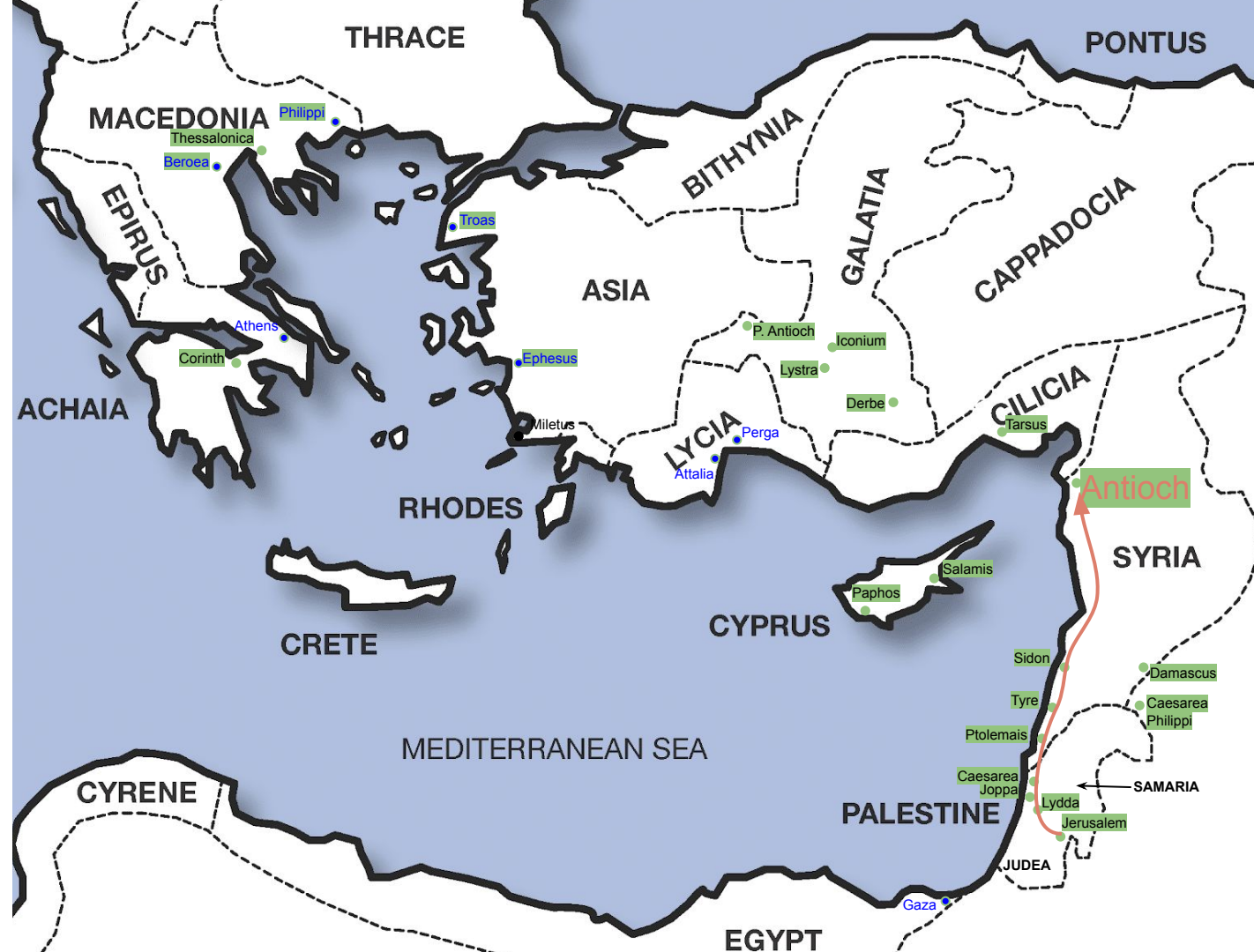
15. Caesarea and Jerusalem Revisited

Discipleship: Paul and team pass through Caesarea and Jerusalem to greet the churches on their way back to Antioch.



16. Antioch (18:22-23)

Discipleship: Paul and team pass through and greet the churches on their way back to Antioch. Paul and his team spent some time here in Antioch after completing Journey #2



Paul's 3rd Journey

Acts 18:22-21:20

Date:

52-57 A.D.

Time:

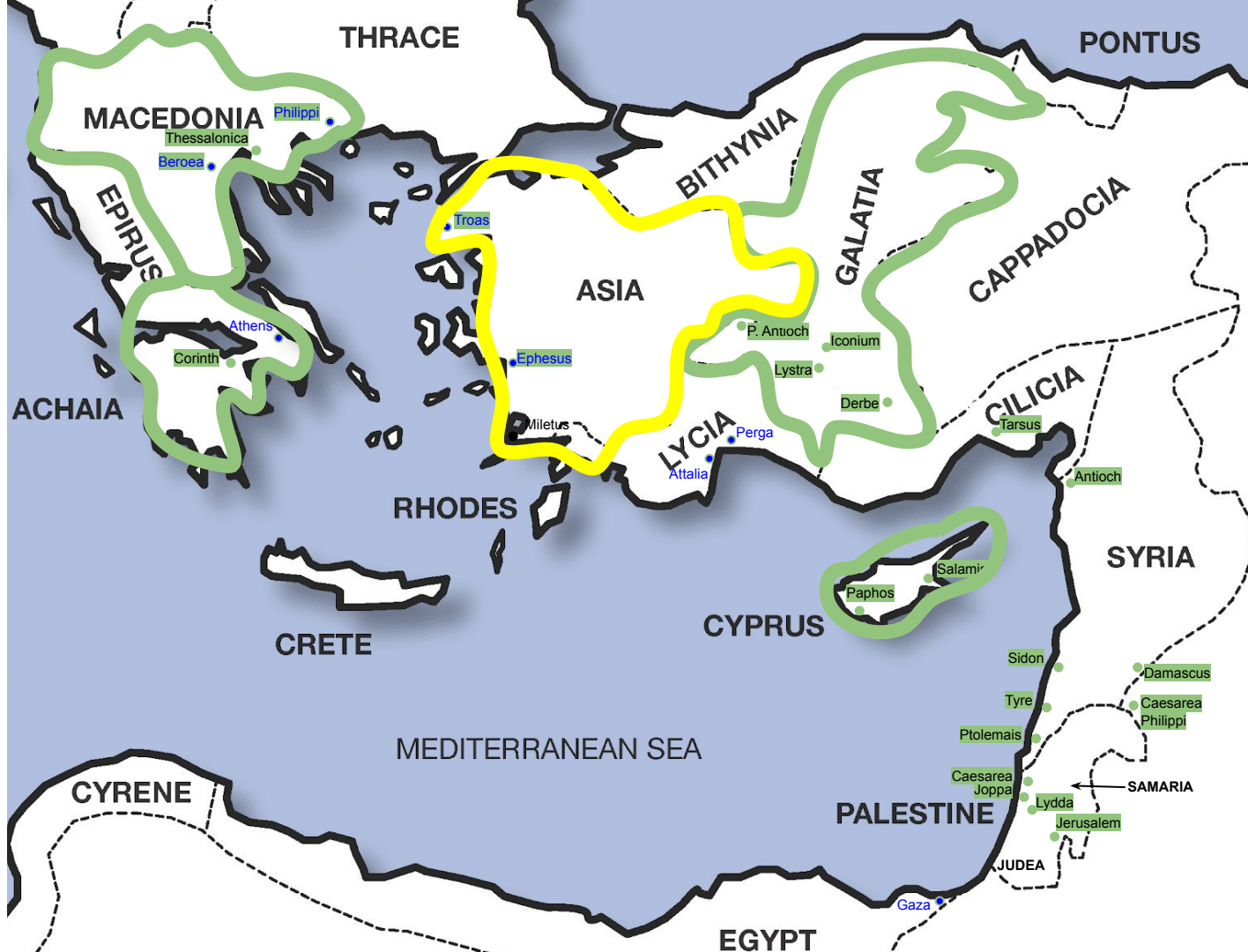
Around 4-6 yrs

Primary Region:

Asia (Ephesus)

Cities w/ New

Churches: 8+



1. Antioch: (18:22b-23)

Discipleship: Paul and his team spent some time here after completing Journey #2, then they (Paul, **Silas**, & **Timothy**) departed to go through the regions of Galatia, Phrygia, and Asia

(They had already established churches in Galatia and Phrygia, but were prevented by the Spirit to speak in Asia on Journey #2 - 16:6)



2. Tarsus (Pass through) (18:23; 19:1)

Paul and his team most probably passed through Tarsus in Cilicia on their “inland” journey through through Southern Galatia and Phrygia, headed for Ephesus

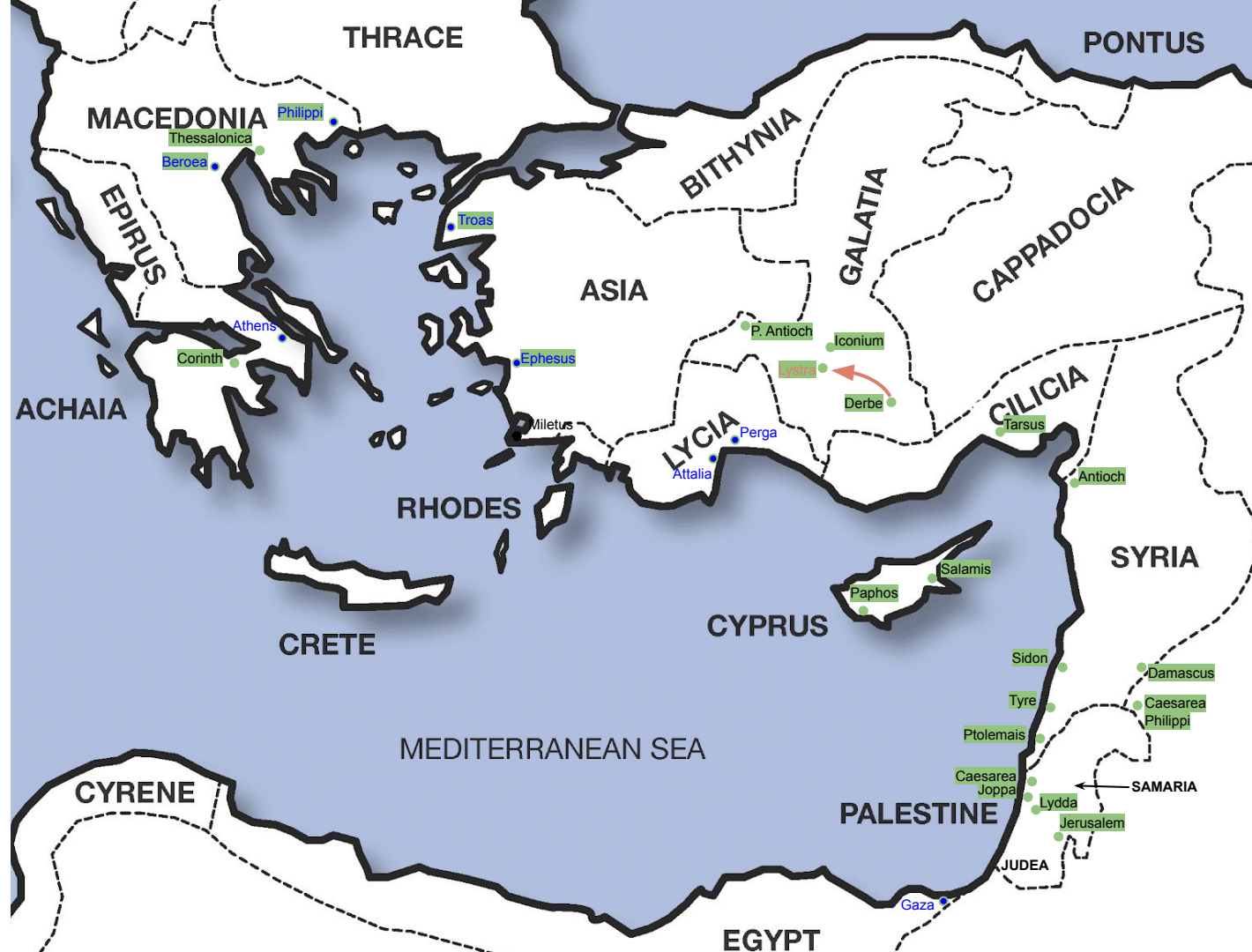


3. Derbe (Pass through) (18:23; 19:1)
Paul and his team likely passed Derbe on their “inland” journey through Galatia and Phrygia, bound for Ephesus

Leaders: **Gaius** possibly joins Paul’s team (20:4)



4. Lystra (Pass through) (18:23; 19:1)
Paul and his team possibly passed Lystra on their “inland” journey through Galatia and Phrygia, bound for Ephesus



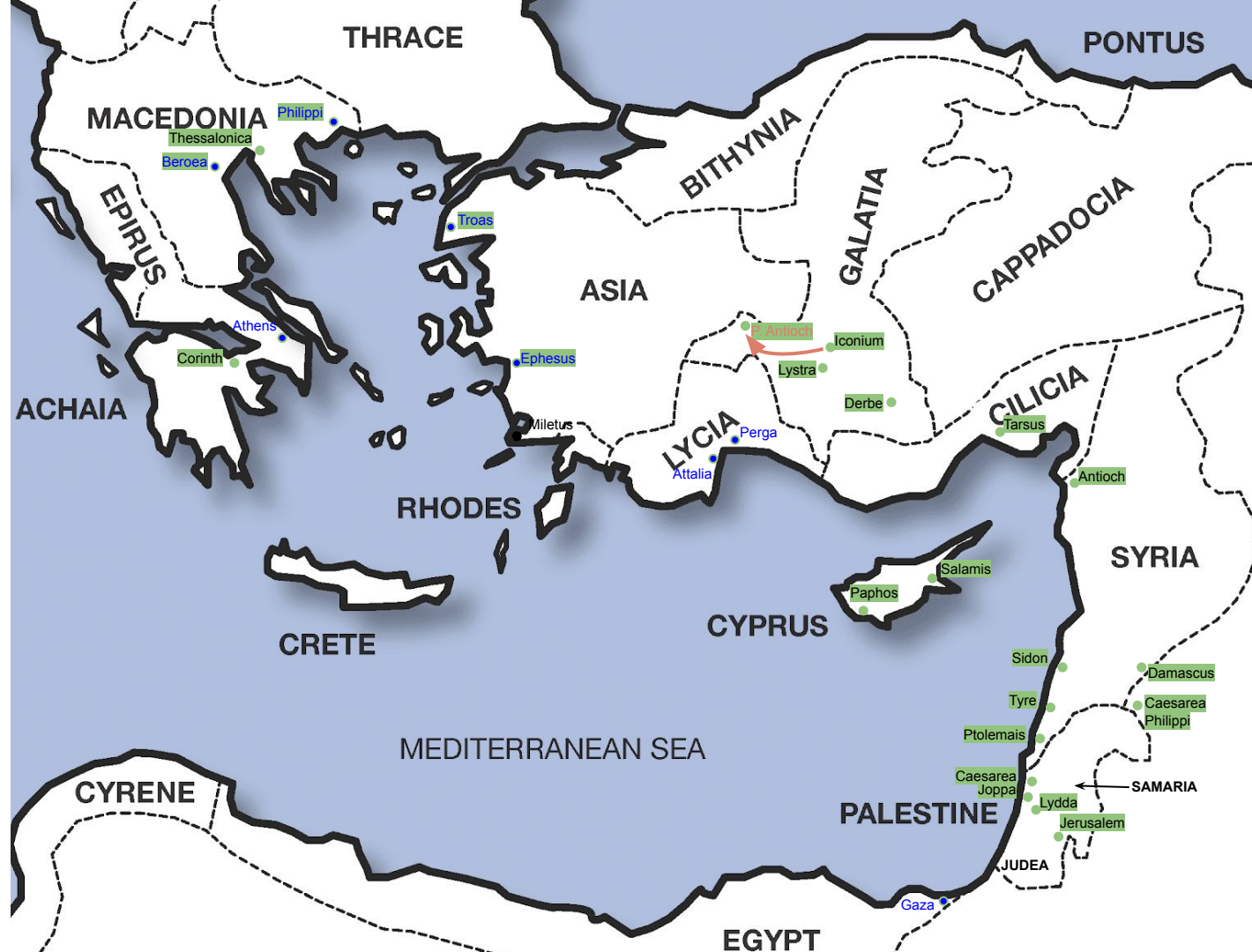
5. Iconium (Pass through) (18:23; 19:1)

Paul and his team possibly passed Iconium on their “inland” journey through Galatia and Phrygia, bound for Ephesus



6. Antioch in P. (Pass through) (18:23; 19:1)

Paul and his team possibly passed through Antioch in Pisidia on their “inland” journey through Galatia and Phrygia, bound for Ephesus



7. Ephesus (Revisit #1)

(19:1-10)

Entry: Paul and team arrive in Ephesus and find disciples

Discipleship: Teaching about Holy Spirit and Baptism in Christ (vs Baptism of John)

Response/S&W: 12 men are baptized and began to Praise God through speaking native tongues and prophesying.

Entry: Synagogue, Proclaim to Jews

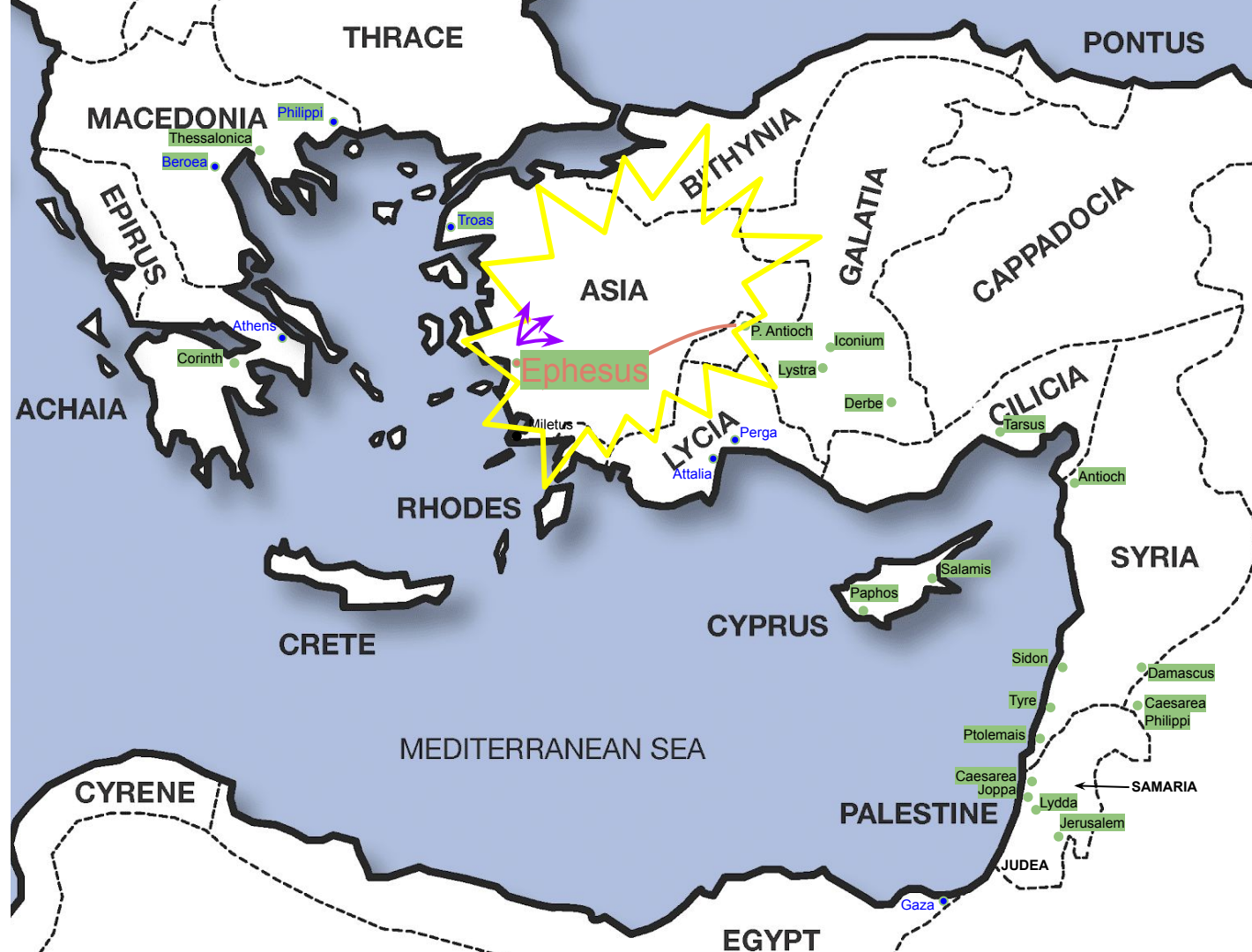
Gospel: kingdom of God

Response: opposition, evil speaking of *the way*

Discipleship: Paul took the disciples to the Hall of Tyrannus. Paul and team trained and **mobilized disciples** here for almost 3 years (20:31).

Church: #10 Healthy

Result: "ALL the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jew and Greek." (19:10, 26)



Revelation Churches of Asia
(Rev. 1:4)

Even Paul's downline of churches started struggled in health, and the churches considered healthy (no rebukes mentioned) were enduring persecution and obeying God's word.

Church at Ephesus (2:1)

- Abandoned first love

Church at Smyrna (2:8)

- Faithful in Persecution

Church at Pergamum (2:12)

- False teachings, Sexual Immorality - Repent!

Church at Thyatira (2:18)

- False teaching, Sexual Immorality - Repent!

Church at Sardis (3:1)

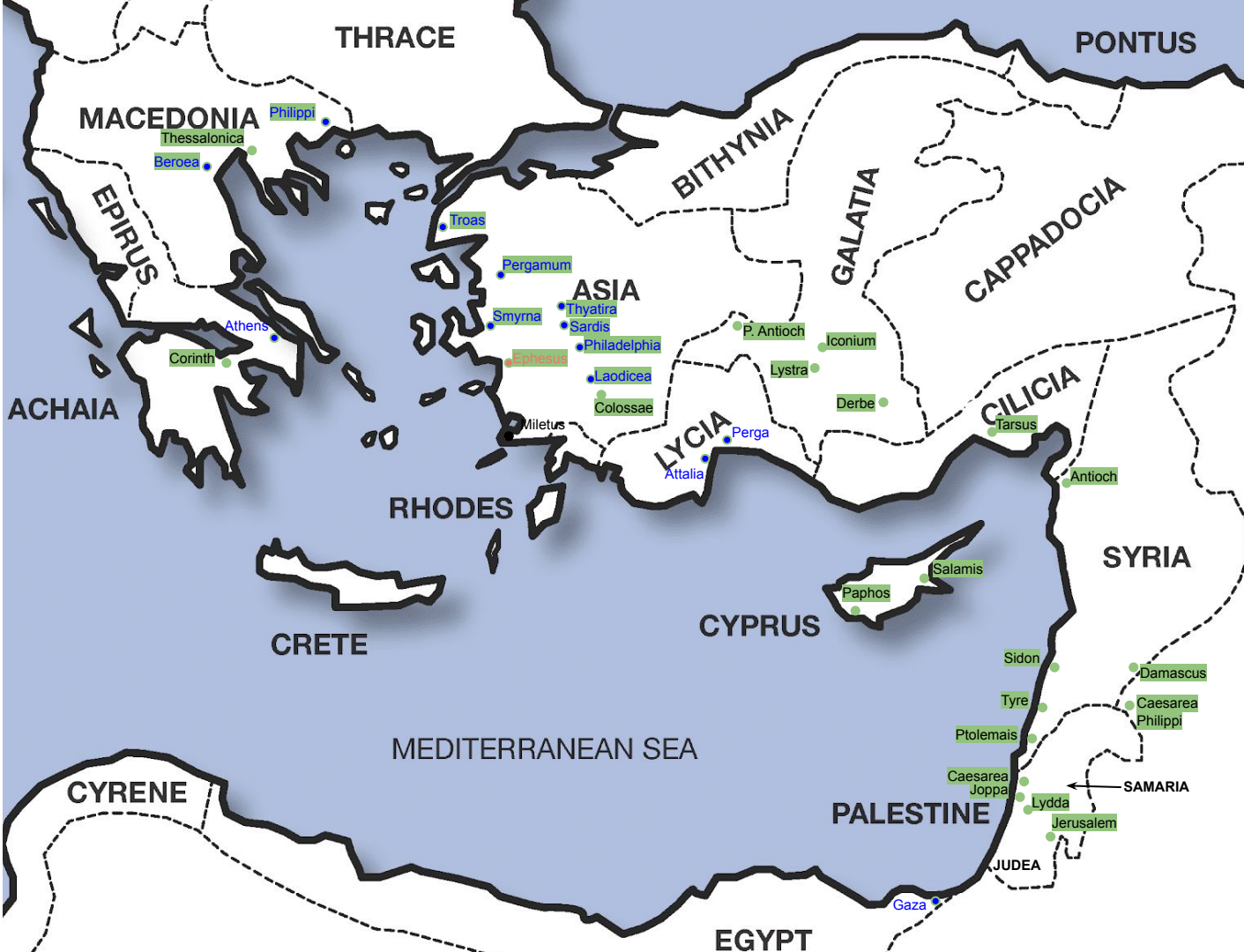
- Dead - Repent!

Church at Philadelphia (3:7)

- Obeyed God's word

Church at Laodicea (3:14)

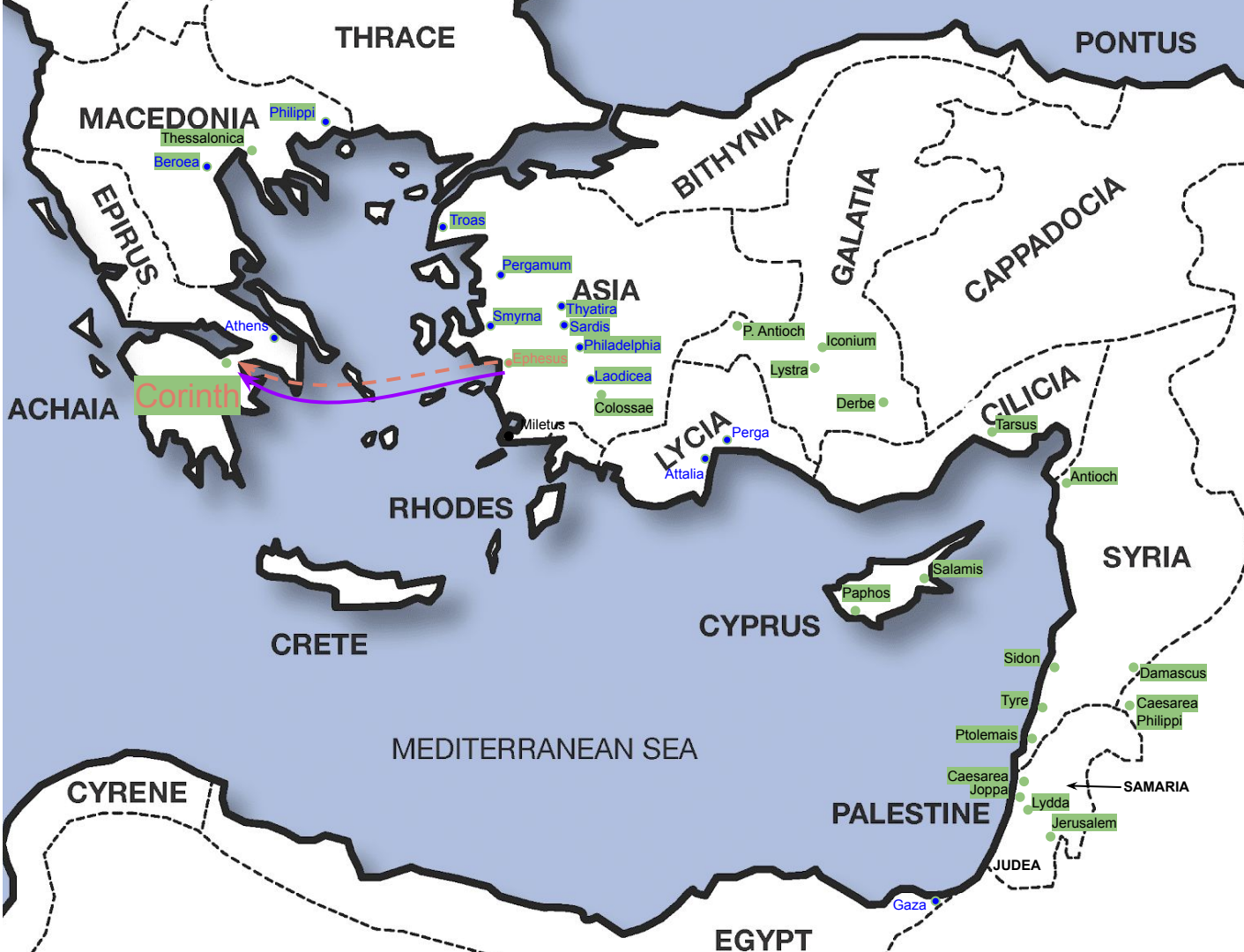
- Lukewarm, materialistic - Repent!



While in Ephesus Paul
discipled Corinth at a
distance....

Church Letter: 1 Corinthians
(56 A.D.) - While here in
Ephesus, Paul heard of the
sexual immorality and factions
at the church in Corinth, so he
sent this letter near the end of
his time in Ephesus (1 Cor.
16:8) with plans to send
Timothy for follow up. (1 Cor.
4:17; 17:10).

Revisit #2: However, the
matter worsens so Paul makes
a short visit to Corinth, then
returns (2 Cor. 2:1; 12:14).
Paul then sends a second
letter with **Titus** and an
unnamed brother to Corinth (2
Cor. 7:8-12; 12:18), we do not
have a copy of this second
letter.



Ephesus continued (19:11-20:1)

S&W: many healings and freedom from evil spirits by God through Paul

Response: Jesus was feared / worshiped in Ephesus, believers confessing and repenting from pagan practices, magic books burned. Word of Lord increased and prevailed mightily.

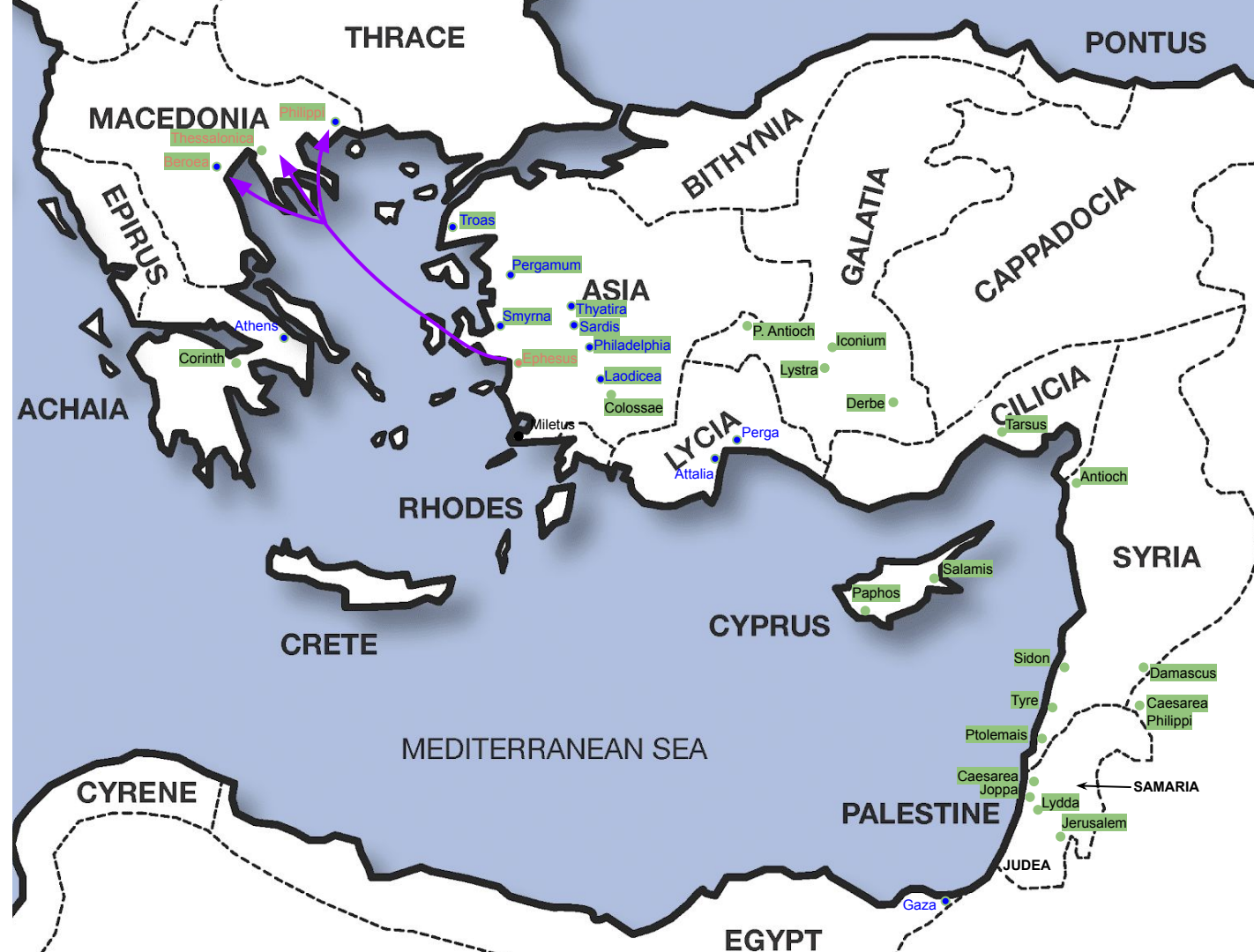
However, idol craftsman begin losing profit, riot breaks out, **Gaius** and **Aristarchus** are drug into theatre

Favor: Town clerk quiets the riot, and says take your complaints to the court

Plan: Paul had already decided to return to Jerusalem, then to Rome (v21)

Mobilize: Paul sent **Timothy** and **Erastus** ahead of him to Macedonia (Philippi, Thessalonica, Beroea)

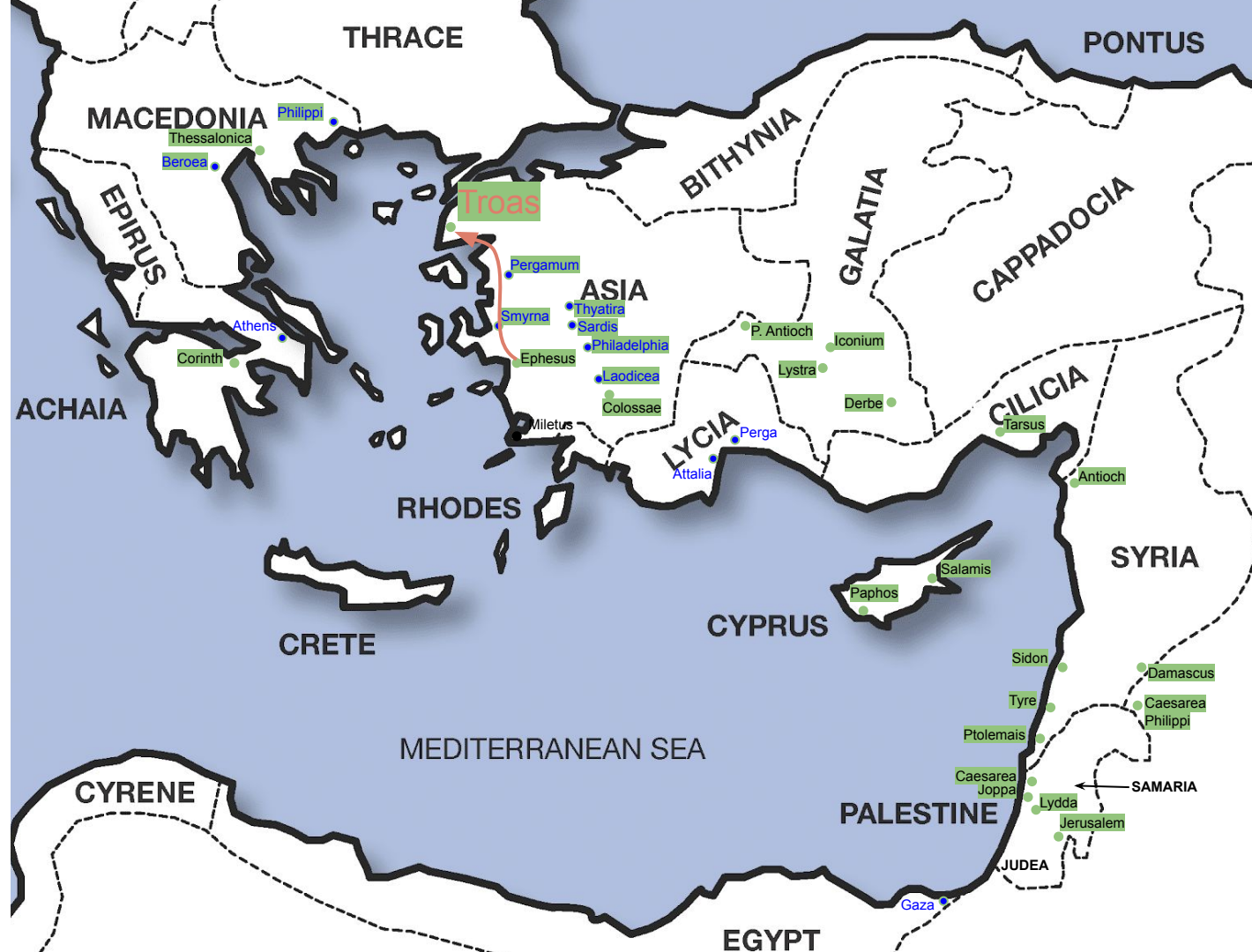
Exit: Paul departs for Troas to meet **Titus** on His way to Macedonia (2 Cor. 2:12-13)



8. Troas (Revisit #1)

Gospel / Discipleship:

Paul stops here shortly to proclaim Gospel, with intentions to meet Titus on His way to Macedonia, but Titus was not here (2 Cor. 2:12-13)



9. Philippi (Revisit #1) (20:2-4)

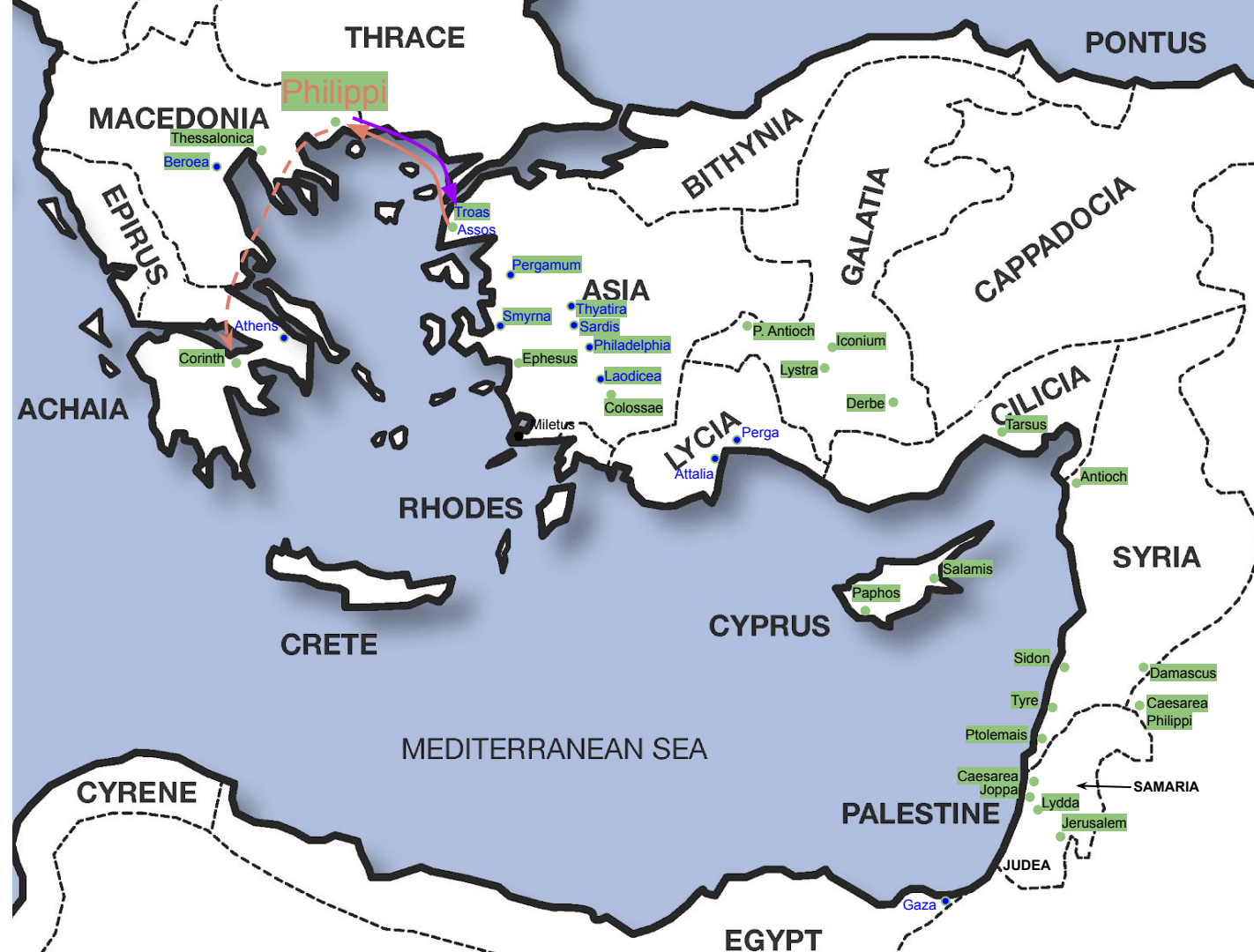
Discipleship: Paul and team arrived here to bring church encouragement

Leaders: While here in Macedonia Paul meets up with **Titus** to hear report of church in Corinth (2 Cor. 7:6-16)

Church: #6 healthy

Church Letter: 2nd Corinthians (56-57 A.D.) - Paul rejoices over their repentance, but addresses the unrepentant as well. Also, says he is sending brothers to pick up a financial collection for the poor in Jerusalem (2. Cor 9:5-7)

Exit: Paul, **Silas**, **Sopater** decide to continue through Macedonia encouraging Churches (**Luke** rejoins them “we” 20:6), while **Aristarchus**, **Secundas**, **Gaius**, **Timothy**, **Tychicus**, and **Trophimus** went ahead to Troas to wait on them.

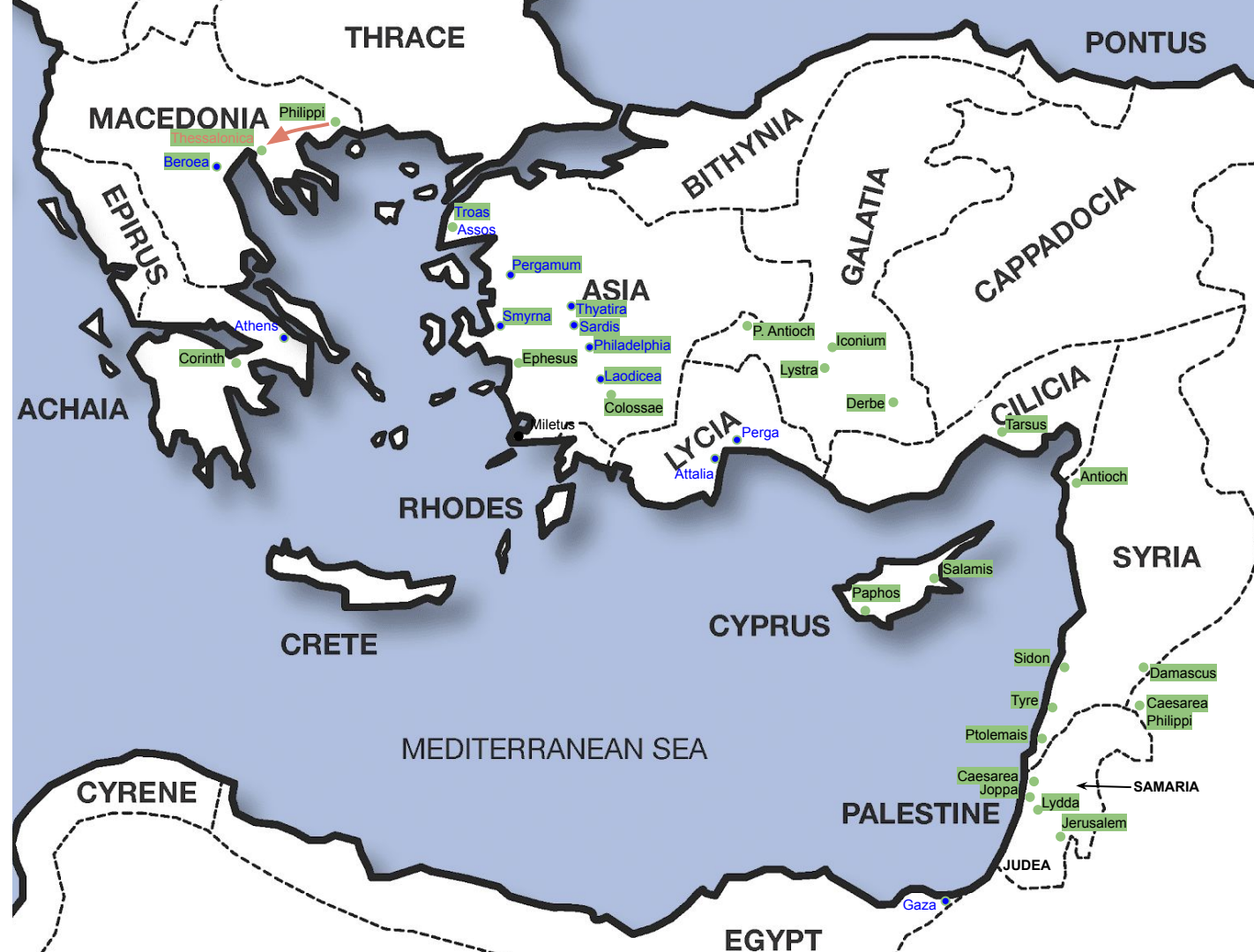


10. Thessalonica

(Revisit #1) (20:2)

Discipleship: Paul and team passed through Thessalonica, while giving the Macedonian churches much encouragement

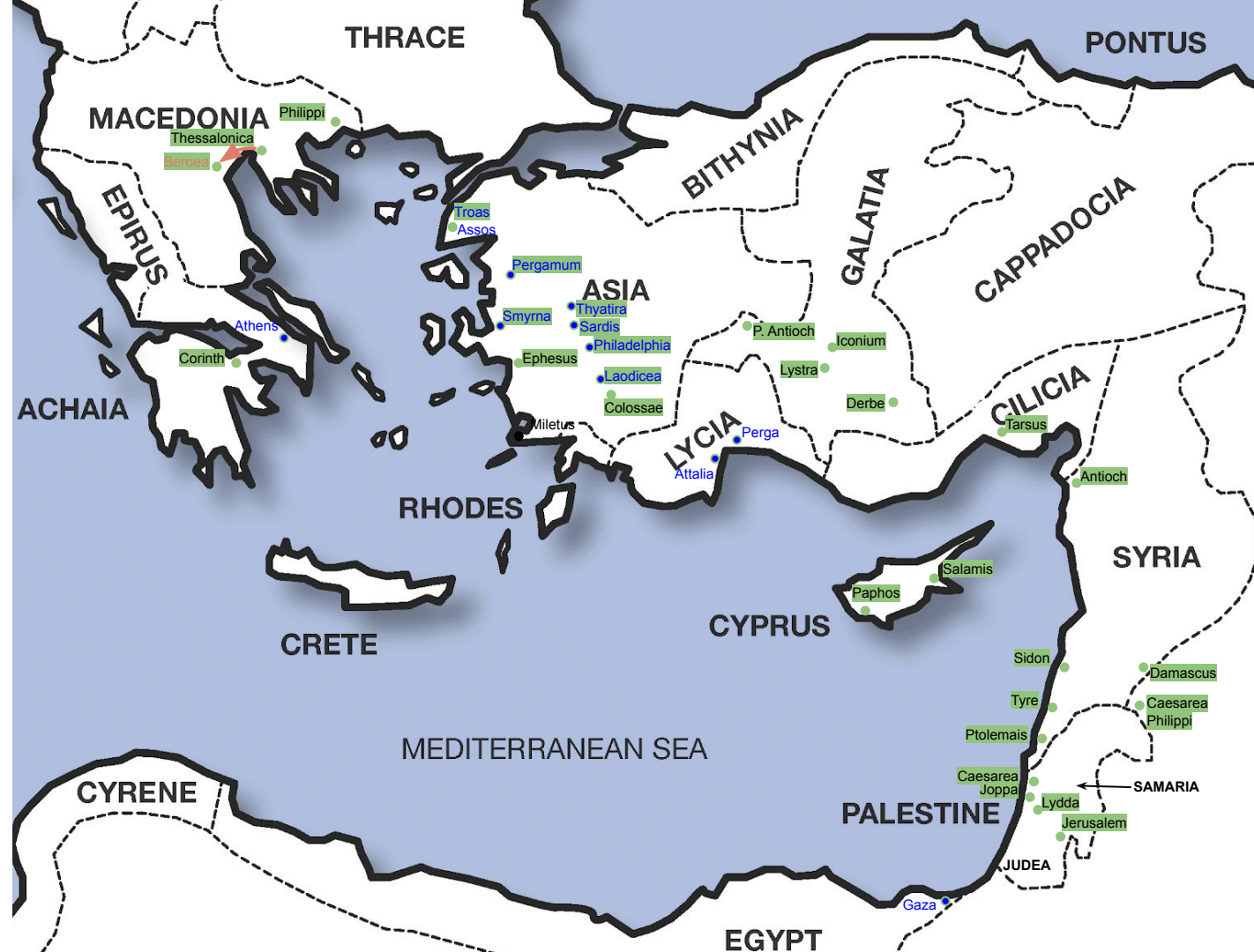
Church: #7 healthy



11. Berea (Revisit #1) (20:2)

Discipleship: Paul and team passed through Berea, while giving the Macedonian churches much encouragement

Church: #8 healthy



12a. Athens (20:2-4)

It simply says that Paul stopped in “Greece” (Achaia)...this Roman province includes both Athens and Corinth. Did Paul stay in Athens?

It is most likely that Paul bypassed Athens and stayed with the Church in Corinth for this 3 month stay.

Church in Athens? - No word of a church specifically in Athens



12b. Corinth (Revisit #3)

(20:2-4)

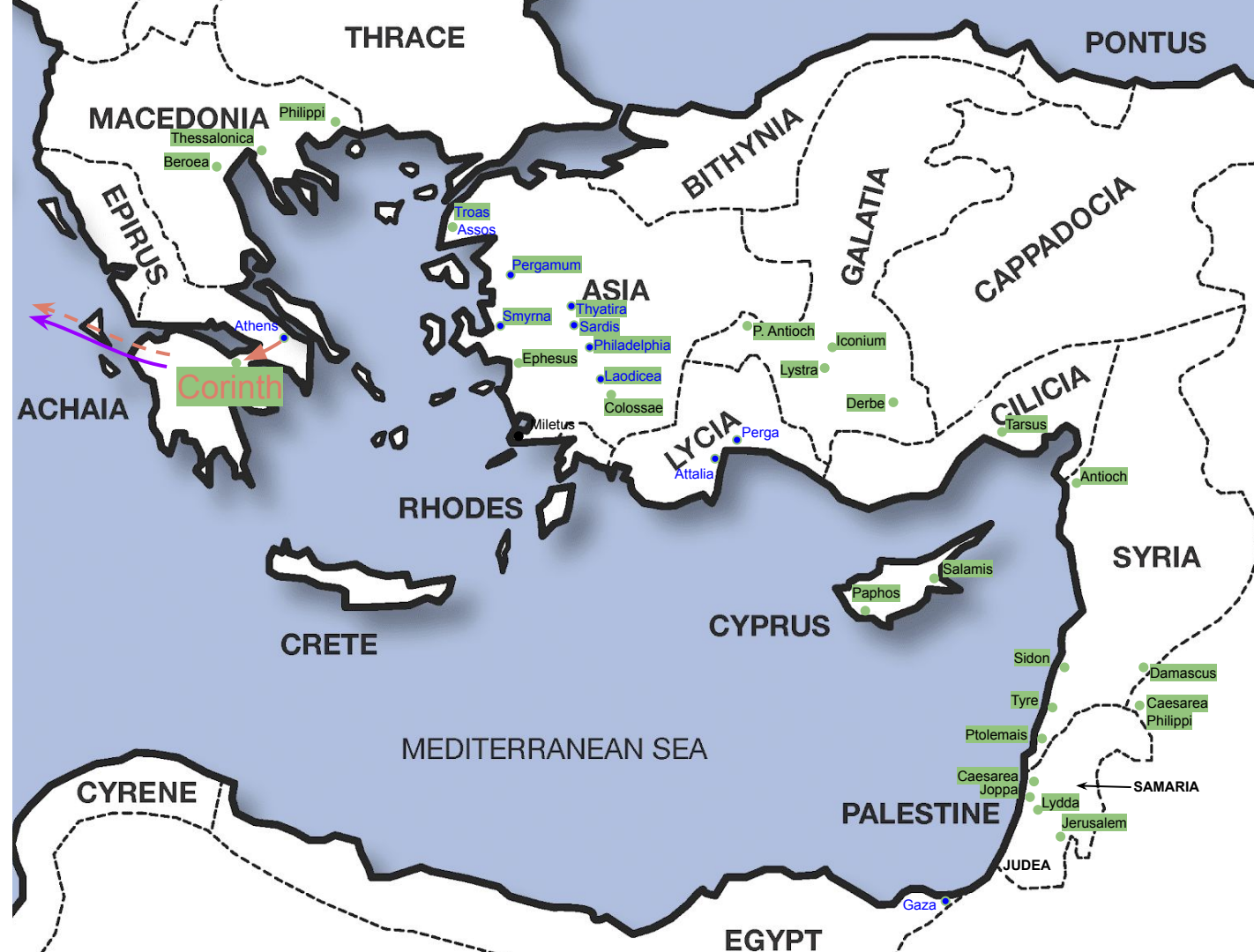
Discipleship: As Paul and team passed through Macedonia encouraging the churches they came to a stop here in Corinth Greece and stayed for three months (through the winter) because the Jews were plotting to kill Paul

Church: #9 healthy

Church Letter: Romans (57 A.D.)

It is likely that Paul wrote Romans during his 3 month stay here in Corinth, and sent it to Rome with a woman deaconess, **Phoebe**, of the Church in Corinth (Rom. 16:1-2). She was also “a great help” to Paul.

Exit: Back through Macedonia to Troas to meet the rest of the team.



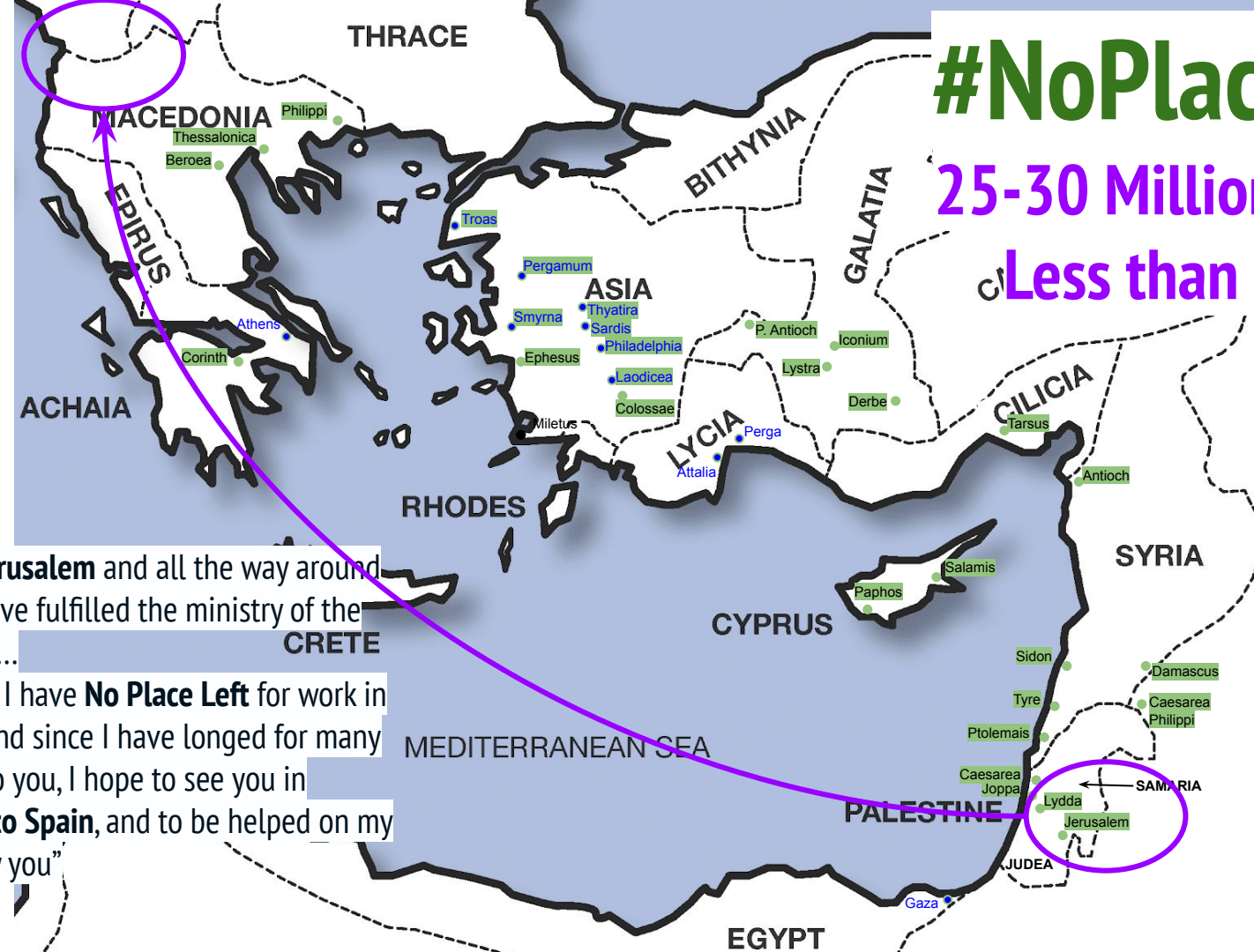
#NoPlaceLeft

25-30 Million People

Less than 15 Years

Romans
15:19-24

"so that **from Jerusalem** and all the way around **to Illyricum** I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ...
...But now, since I have **No Place Left** for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, I hope to see you in passing as I go **to Spain**, and to be helped on my journey there by you"



13. Troas: Team Regroup/Mid-level Training (20:3-16)

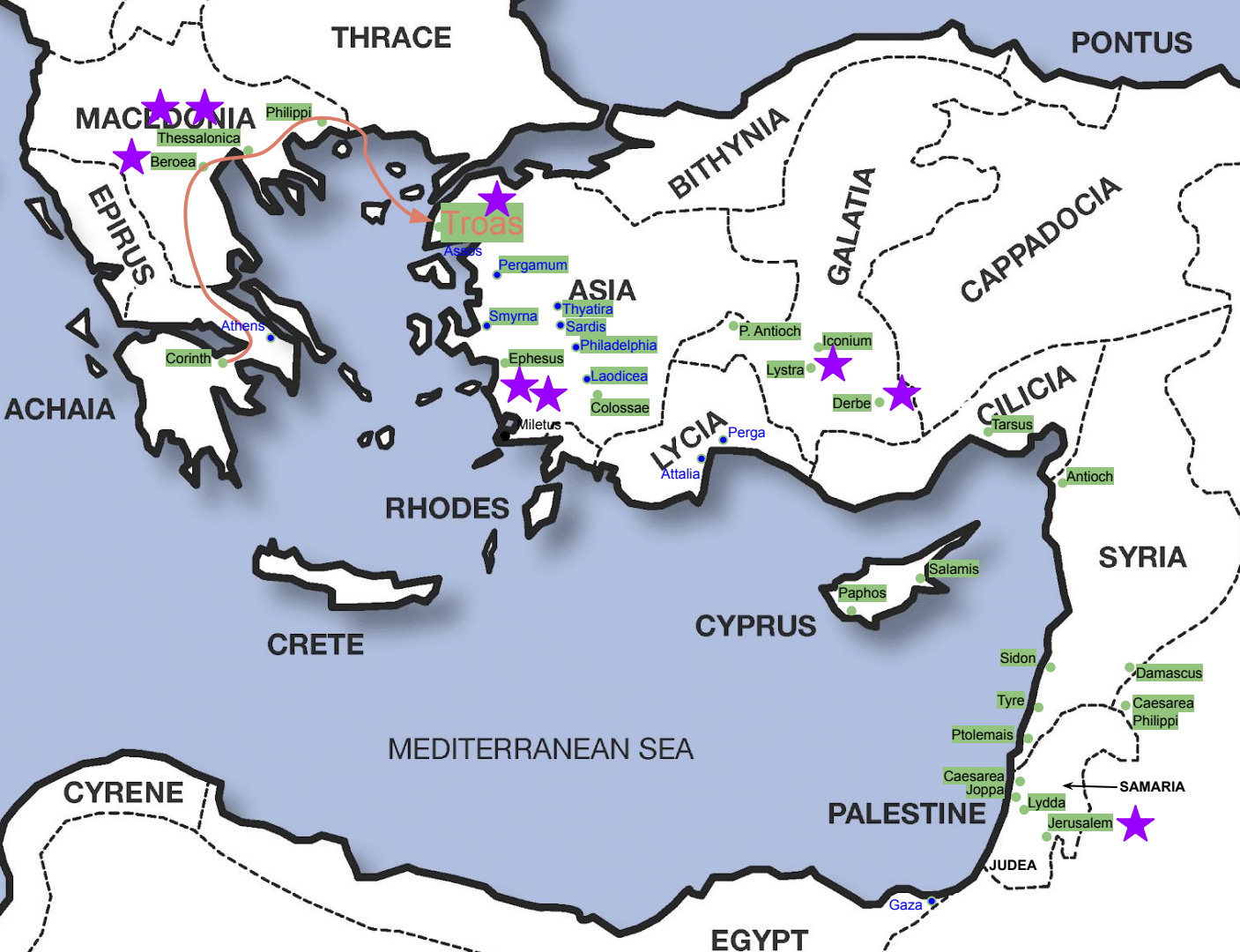
Returned through Macedonia to Troas.

Discipleship: Lord's supper, extended teaching and fellowship all night.

- Leaders (stars on map):**
- Silas (Jerusalem)
 - Sopater (Beroea),
 - Aristarchus & Secundus (Thess.)
 - Gaius (Derbe)
 - Timothy (Lystra),
 - Tychicus & Trophimus (Ephesus)
 - Luke (Troas - "we")

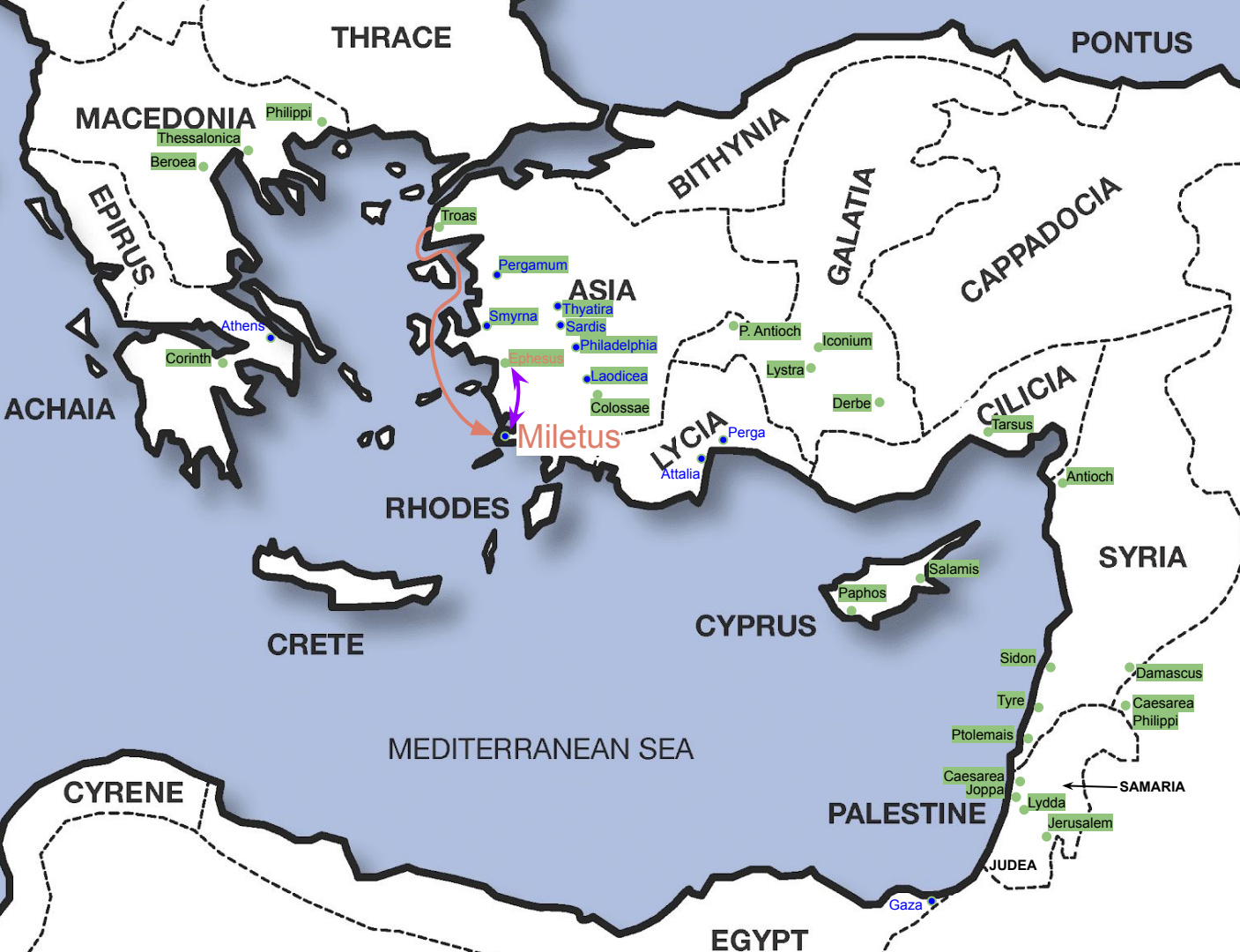
S&W: Eutychus falls asleep and falls out of window 3 stories tall, God used Paul to resurrect him. Many of these leaders were most likely mobilized from Troas.

Exit: Paul goes to Miletus, then to Jerusalem



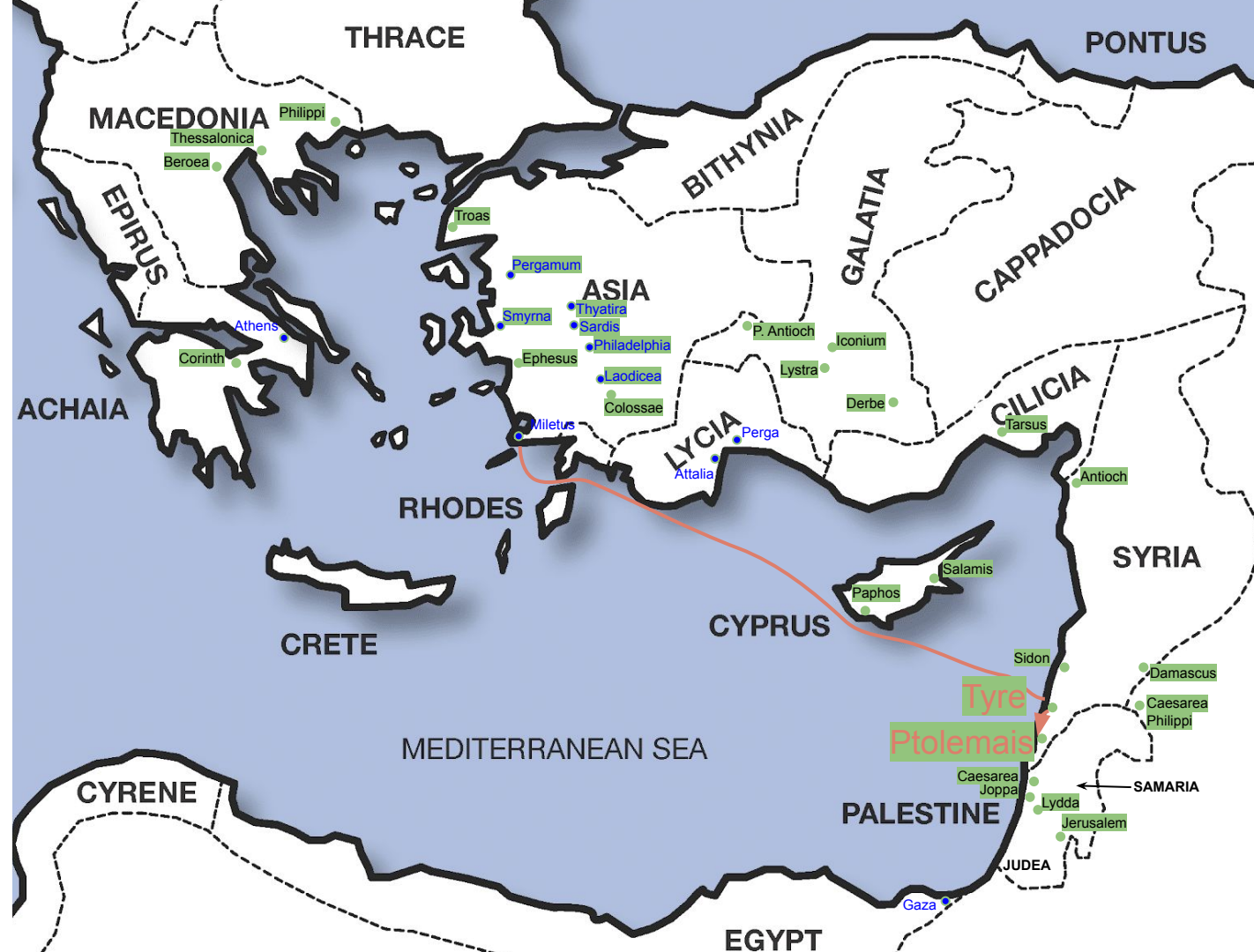
14. Miletus (Ephesian Elders) (20:17-38)

Discipleship / Launch:
Ephesian elders meet Paul here. Paul summarizes his ministry to them Asia, and informs them that he is following the Spirit's leading to go back to Jerusalem with the expectation of "imprisonment and affliction," but it is worth it to finish the task of proclaiming the Gospel. He exhorts the Ephesian leaders be faithful to the Church God purchased through the blood of Christ, and be on guard against false teachers. They pray together and bid Paul farewell with much tears sorrow.



15. Tyre, Ptolemais (21:3-7)

Discipleship: Passes through and visits churches - “Brothers”



16. Caesarea (21:8-16)

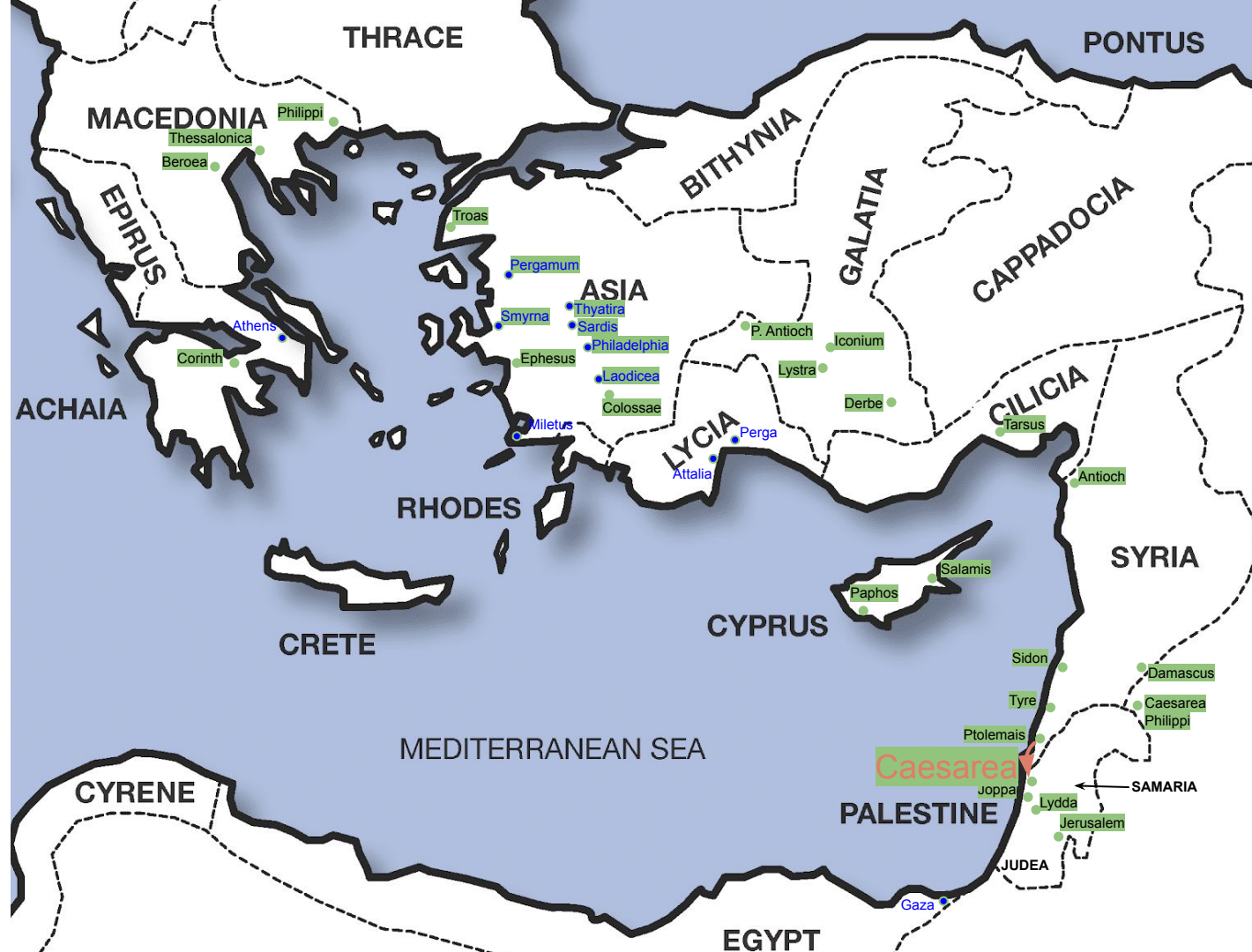
Entry: Stays with Philip the evangelist.

S&W: Philips 4 daughters prophesy over Paul. Agabus, a prophet, comes from Judea and prophecies of Paul's arrest. They urge him not to go to Jerusalem.

Discipleship: Paul responds, "I am ready to die for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Response: "Let the Lord's will be done."

Exit: Paul heads to Jerusalem, some disciples from Caesarea join him



17. Jerusalem

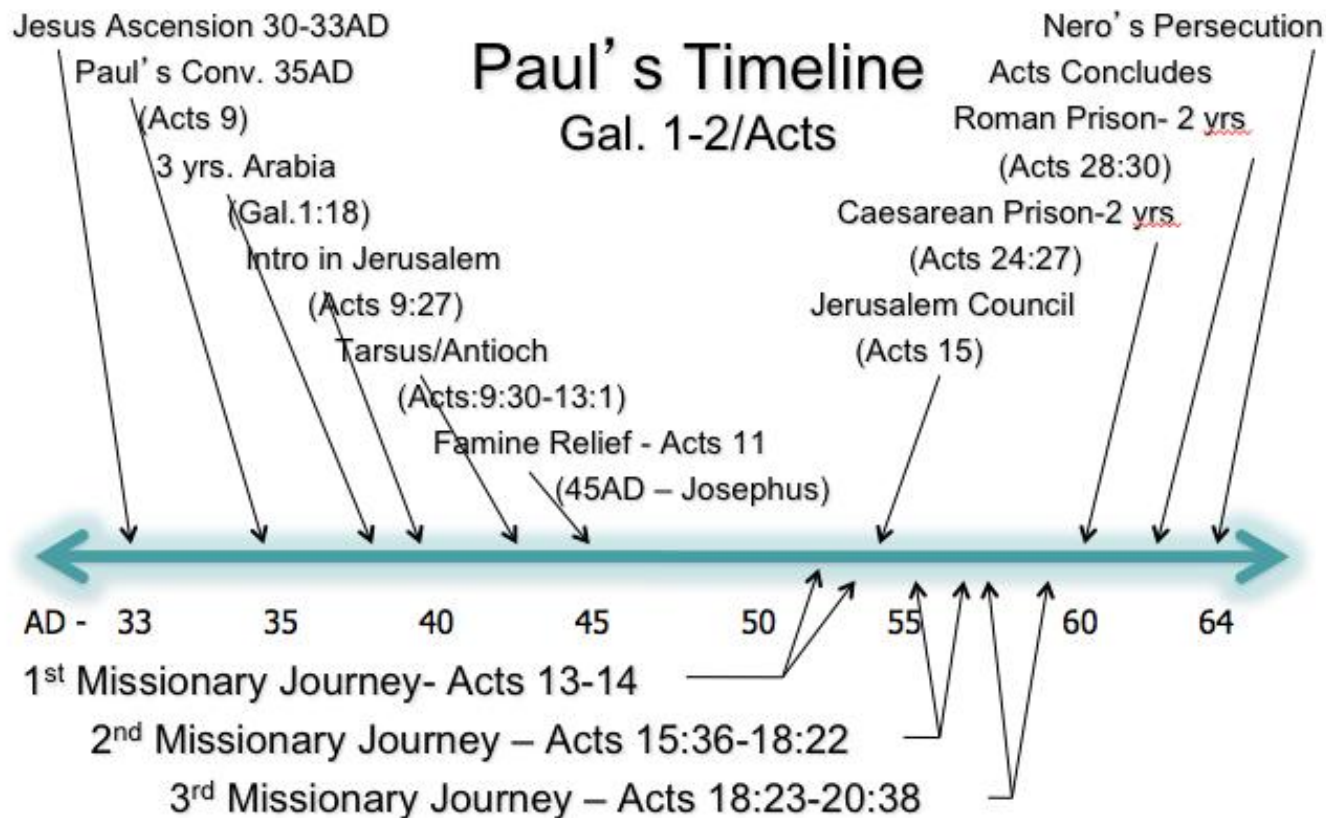
(21:16-20)

Paul arrives in Jerusalem
and goes with James
before the elders

Gospel Report: Paul tells
all that God has done
among gentiles, the
elders glorify God!







Conclusion- Paul's Journeys covered less than 15 yrs!

note- Date of Jerusalem Council based on Gal. 2:1 (14yrs after introduction of Acts 9)

Scripture for Paul's Journeys Group Study

Pre-Journey / Journey 1

- Acts 8:1-4, Acts 11:19-30, Acts 12:25-14:28

Journey 2

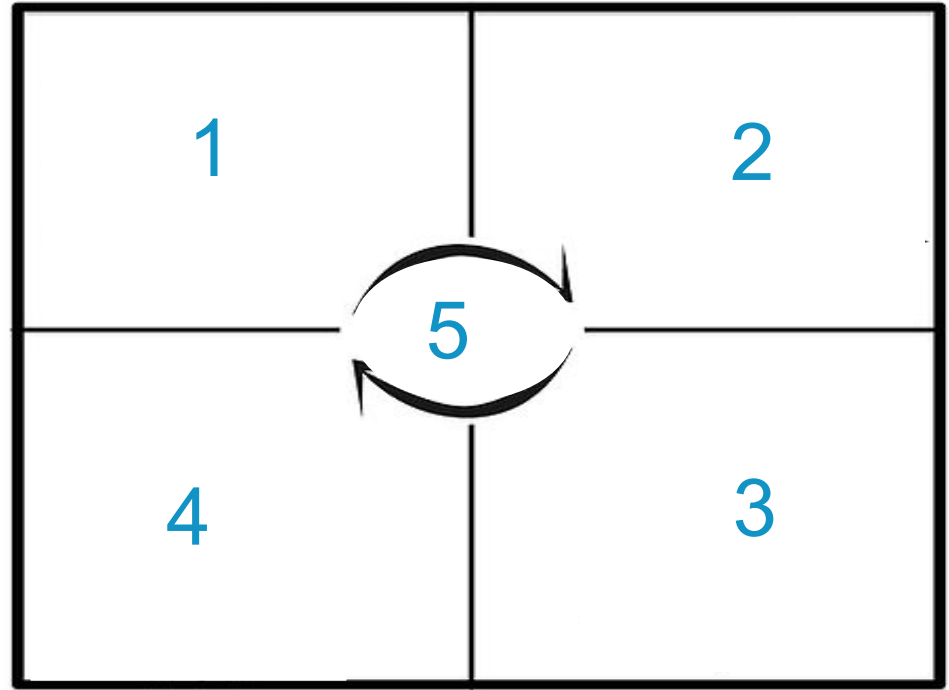
- Acts 15:35 - 18:23

Journey 3

- Acts 18:18 - 21:20

Questions for Study

1. Where / to Whom did they go? (Entry)
2. What did they say? (Gospel)
3. How did they invest in new believers (Dship)
4. What did these new believers gather as? (Church)
5. Who lead these new churches? (Leadership)



**Role of Holy
Spirit?**

**Role of Abiding
/ Prayer?**

**Role of
Persecution**

Present 3 major takeaways

About what God did:

- **“We observed that God...”**

About what Man did:

- **“We observed that Paul did / said...”**

About what WE will apply:

- **“We will...”**