



2 Timothy



A conceptual image featuring a dark, textured ground with a bright, glowing path of light leading towards a bright, yellowish horizon. The sky above the horizon is a uniform, bright yellow. The overall mood is one of hope and direction.

# finish the race

2 Timothy 4



# 2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

# Answering Nine Questions

- 1) Who wrote it?
- 2) What do we know about the author?
- 3) To whom was it written?
- 4) When was it written?
- 5) Where was it written from?





# Answering Nine Questions

- 6) Why was it written?
- 7) What is it about?
- 8) What is inside (outline)?
- 9) What makes the book different?



# Answering Nine Questions

1) Who wrote it?

2) What do we know about the author?

3) To whom was it written?

4) When was it written?

5) Where was it written from?



# Authorship and Recipient

- Authorship (2 Tim 1:1)

- Recipient (2 Tim 1:2)



# Answering Nine Questions

1) Who wrote it?

2) What do we know about the author?

3) To whom was it written?

4) When was it written?

5) Where was it written from?



# Answering Nine Questions

- 1) Who wrote it?
- 2) What do we know about the author?
- 3) To whom was it written?
- 4) When was it written?
- 5) Where was it written from?



# Authorship and Recipient

- Authorship (2 Tim 1:1)

- Recipient (2 Tim 1:2)



# Timothy's Biography

- From Lystra, Greek father and Jewish mother (Acts 16:1)
- From a Godly home (2 Tim 1:5; 3:15)
- Converted by Paul (1 Tim 1:2) during visit to Lystra (Acts 14:6-23) on the first missionary journey
- Active in Paul's second (Acts 16:1-3; 16-18) and third (Acts 19:22; 20:1-5) missionary journeys
- Put in charge at church in Ephesus (1 Tim 1:3)

# Timothy as Recipient

- Believer
- Spiritual leader
- In Ephesus (Acts 16:6; 18:18-19; 19:10; 20:17-33; Eph 1:1; 1 Tim 1:3; Rev 2:1)

# Timothy as Recipient

- Believer
- Spiritual leader
- In Ephesus (Acts 16:6; 18:18-19; 19:10; 20:17-33; Eph 1:1; 1 Tim 1:3; Rev 2:1)



# Timothy as Recipient

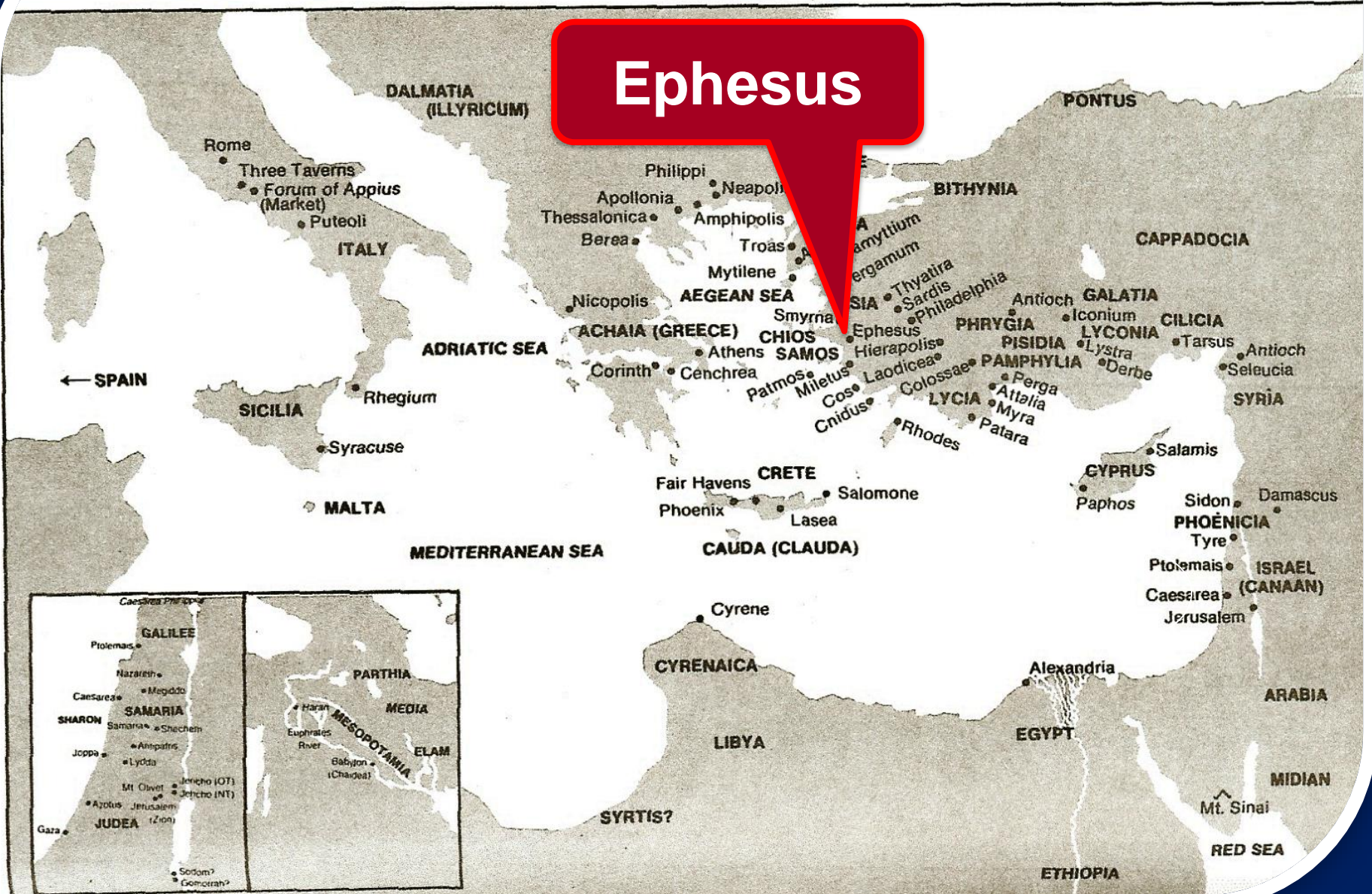
- Believer
- Spiritual leader
- In Ephesus (Acts 16:6; 18:18-19; 19:10; 20:17-33; Eph 1:1; 1 Tim 1:3; Rev 2:1)

# Timothy as Recipient

- Believer
- Spiritual leader
- In Ephesus (Acts 16:6; 18:18-19; 19:10; 20:17-33; Eph 1:1; 1 Tim 1:3; Rev 2:1)

# Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles

Ephesus





# Timothy as Recipient

- Believer
- Spiritual leader
- In Ephesus (Acts 16:6; 18:18-19; 19:10; 20:17-33; Eph 1:1; 1 Tim 1:3; Rev 2:1)

# The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



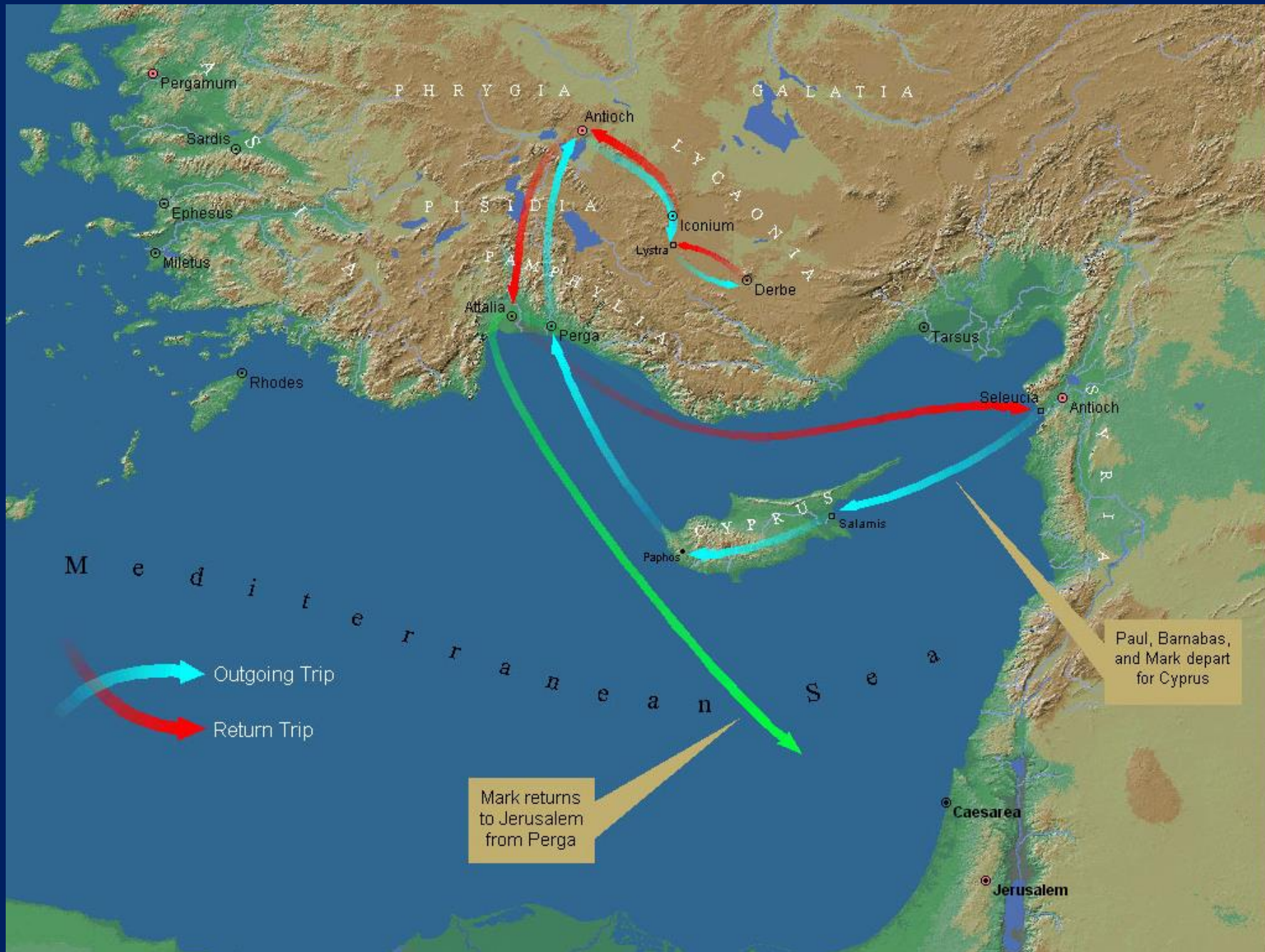
Patmos

# Answering Nine Questions

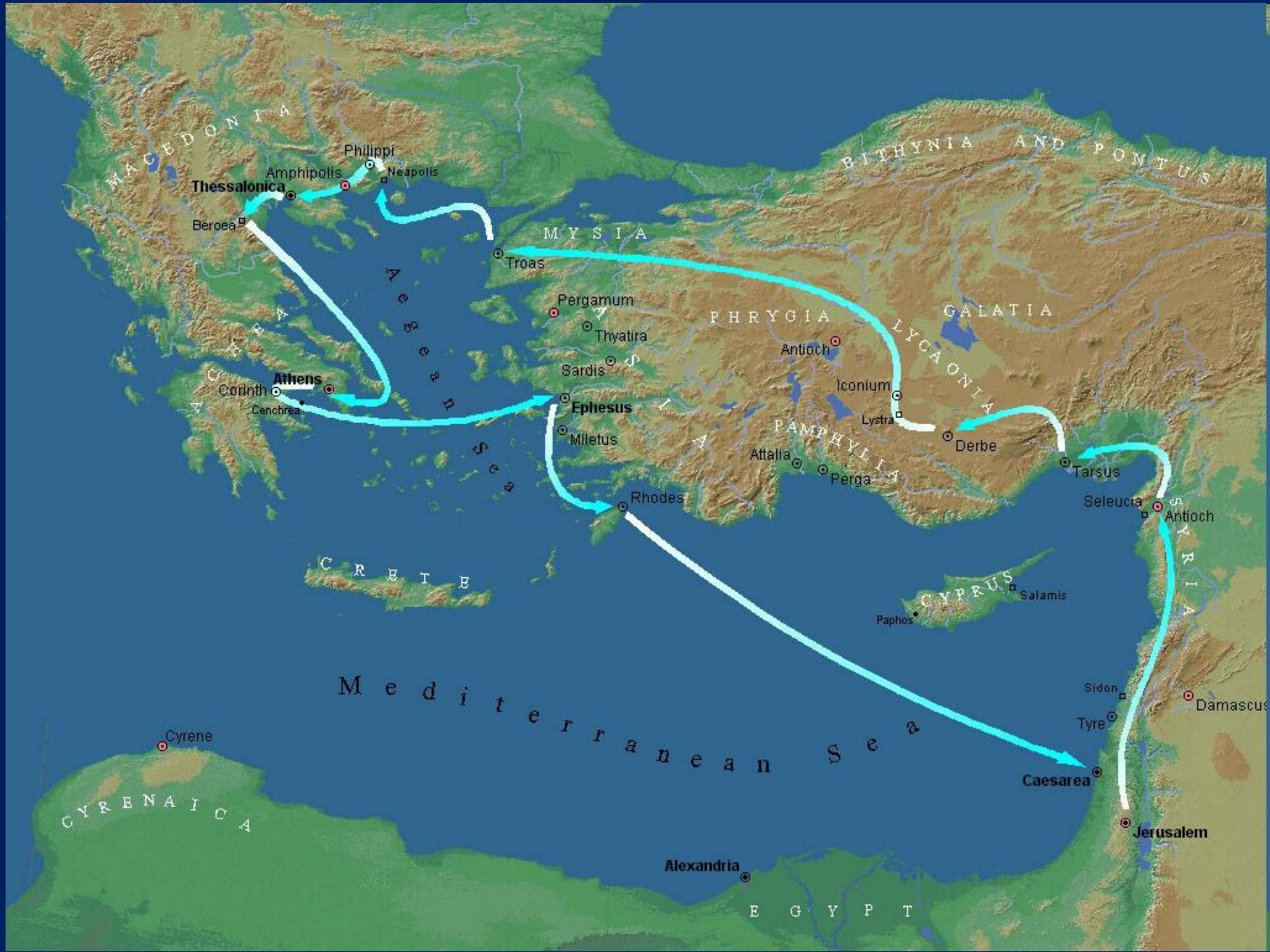
- 1) Who wrote it?
- 2) What do we know about the author?
- 3) To whom was it written?
- 4) When was it written?
- 5) Where was it written from?











MACEDONIA

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

MYSIA

PHRYGIA

GALATIA

PAMPHYLIA

CYPRUS

Mediterranean Sea

CYRENAICA

EGYPT

Thessalonica

Athens

Ephesus

Caesarea

Jerusalem

Berea

Philippi

Amphipolis

Neapolis

Troas

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Miletus

Rhodes

Attalia

Perga

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Tarsus

Seleucia

Antioch

Sidon

Tyre

Damascus

Cyrene

Alexandria

Salamis

Paphos









# Paul's Ministry Chronology

# of books	Journey	Acts	Date	Books
1	1	13–14	48–49	Gal
2	2	15:36–18:22	50–52	1–2 Thess
3	3	18:23–21:17	53–57	1–2 Cor, Rom
4	4	28:16–31	60–62	Eph, Col, Phlm, Phlp
2	Between imprisonments	Post Acts	62–66	1 Tim, Titus
1	2 <sup>nd</sup> imprisonment	Post Acts	67	2 Tim



# Answering Nine Questions

1) Who wrote it?

2) What do we know about the author?

3) To whom was it written?

4) When was it written?

5) Where was it written from?





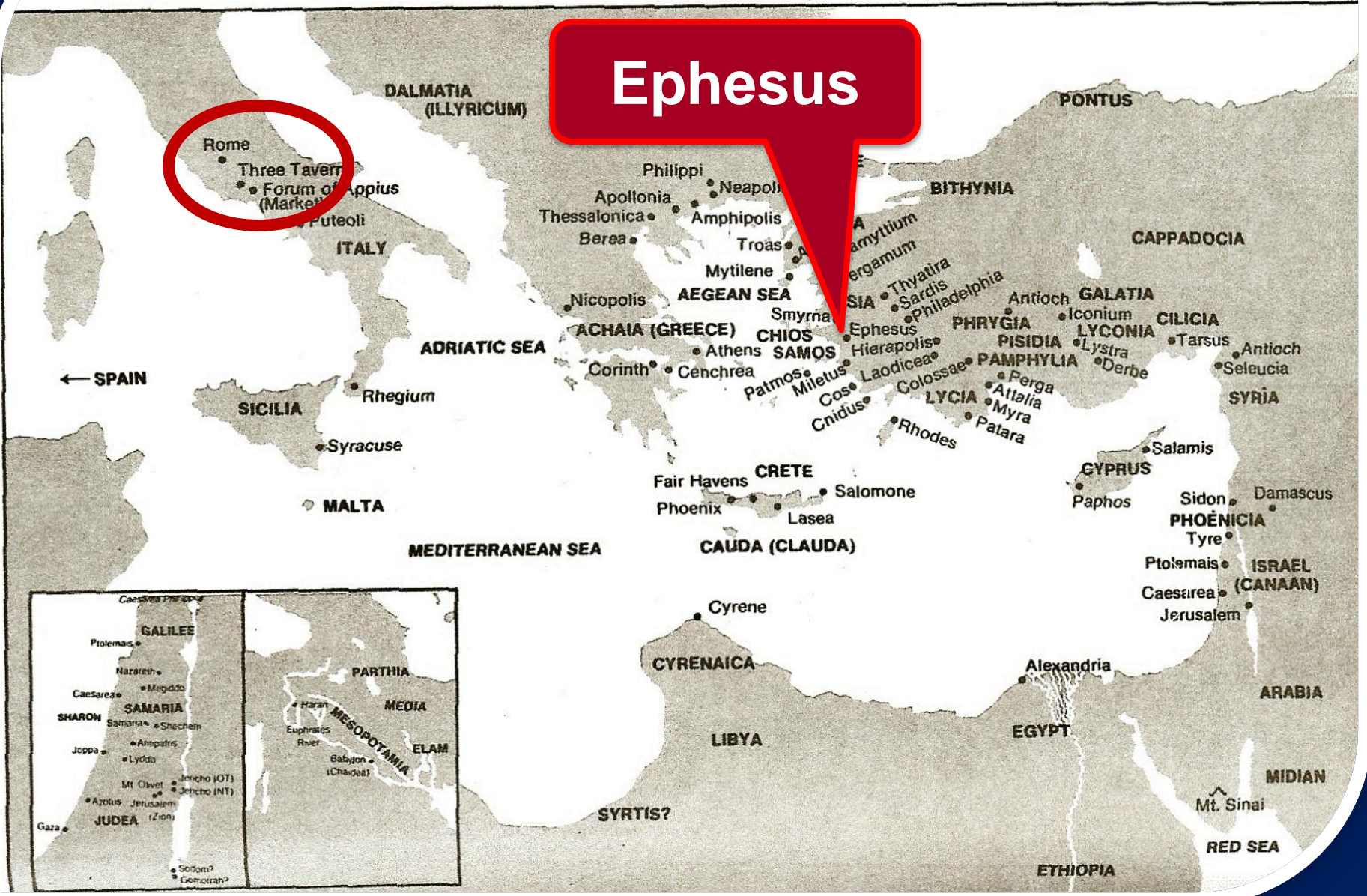


# Paul's Two Roman Imprisonments Contrasted

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| ■ <b>First Imprisonment</b><br>(Acts 28:16-31) | ■ <b>Second Imprisonment (2 Tim)</b> |
| ■ 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<br>(Phil 1:24-26)     | ■ Execution anticipated (2 Tim 4:6)  |

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

# Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



**Ephesus**

# Answering Nine Questions

- 6) Why was it written?
- 7) What is it about?
- 8) What is inside (outline)?
- 9) What makes the book different?





# Occasion for Writing

- Timothy's non assertiveness
  - ◆ Core makeup: youthful (1 Tim 4:12), sickly (1 Tim 5:23), timid (2 Tim 1:7)
  - ◆ Neronian persecution (2 Tim 4:9-11)
  - ◆ Paul's arrest (2 Tim 1:8)
  - ◆ Persecution within the church (2:18; 3:1-13; 4:3-4)
- Paul's imminent death (2 Tim 4:6)
- Next generation?

corbis.



# Answering Nine Questions

- 6) Why was it written?
- 7) What is it about?
- 8) What is inside (outline)?
- 9) What makes the book different?



# Message

Faithful endurance in the ministry, even in the midst of encroaching persecution and apostasy, so that the Christian message will be preserved for the next generation



# Answering Nine Questions

6) Why was it written?

7) What is it about?

8) What is inside (outline)?

9) What makes the book different?



# Four Part Structure

- General call to faithful endurance in the ministry (chapter 1)
- Ten metaphors describing what faithful endurance looks like (chapter 2)
- What to do in the midst of the coming apostasy (3:1–4:8)
- How God met six needs in Paul's life (4:9-22)

# Four Part Structure

- **General call to faithful endurance in the ministry (chapter 1)**
- Ten metaphors describing what faithful endurance looks like (chapter 2)
- What to do in the midst of the coming apostasy (3:1–4:8)
- How God met six needs in Paul's life (4:9-22)

# Four Part Structure

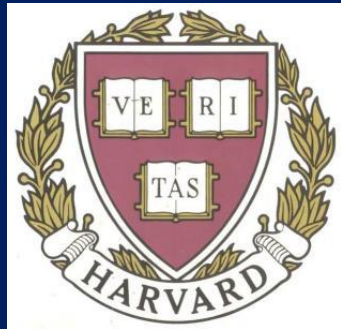
- General call to faithful endurance in the ministry (chapter 1)
- Ten metaphors describing what faithful endurance looks like (chapter 2)
- What to do in the midst of the coming apostasy (3:1–4:8)
- How God met six needs in Paul's life (4:9-22)



# Four Part Structure

- General call to faithful endurance in the ministry (chapter 1)
- Ten metaphors describing what faithful endurance looks like (chapter 2)
- What to do in the midst of the coming apostasy (3:1–4:8)
- How God met six needs in Paul's life (4:9-22)


# Harvard University



**“Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Prov. 2, 3). Everyone shall exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein.”**

Rules of Harvard in 1636; quoted in David Barton, *Original Intent*, 81



**Dr. Deborah Nucatola** | Senior Director of Medical Services, Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Yesterday was the first time she said people wanted  
 Center for medical progress .org



# Four Part Structure

- General call to faithful endurance in the ministry (chapter 1)
- Ten metaphors describing what faithful endurance looks like (chapter 2)
- What to do in the midst of the coming apostasy (3:1–4:8)
- How God met six needs in Paul's life (4:9-22)



# Answering Nine Questions

- 6) Why was it written?
- 7) What is it about?
- 8) What is inside (outline)?
- 9) What makes the book different?



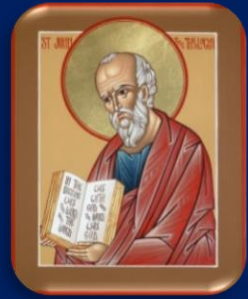


# Unique Characteristics

- Pastoral letter
- Personal rather than theological
- Paul's last will and testament

Conclusion

# Answering Nine Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? - Paul
- 2) What do we know about the author? – An Apostle
- 3) To whom was it written? - Timothy
- 4) When was it written? - A.D. 67
- 5) Where was it written from? - Rome
- 6) Why was it written? – Timothy's timidity
- 7) What is it about? – Perseverance
- 8) What is inside (outline)? - 4 part outline
- 9) What makes the book different? – Paul's final word



“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”  
(NIV)

