

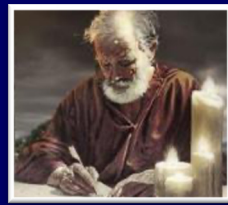
HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



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Answering Ten Questions

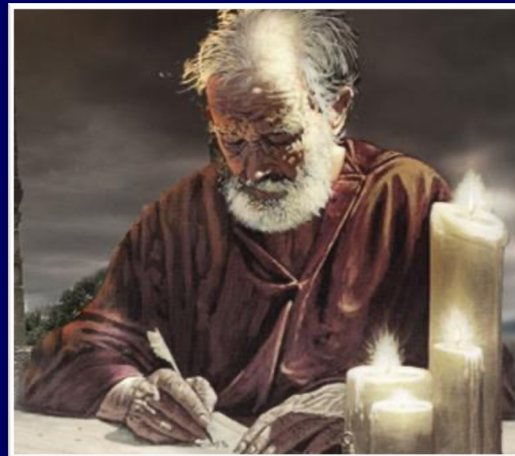
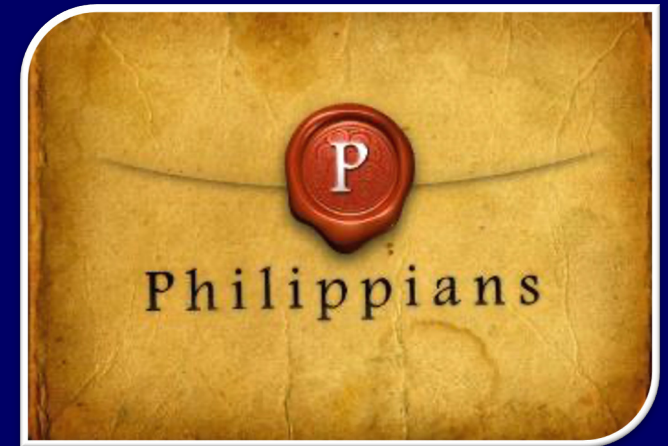


- 1) Who wrote it? – **Paul**
- 2) To Whom was it written? – **The Believers at Philippi**
- 3) Where was it written from? – **Rome**
- 4) When was it written? – **A.D. 62**
- 5) What was the book's occasion? – **Five contacts**
- 6) Who are the opponents? – **Four opponents threatening joy**
- 7) What is the book's purpose? – **To give joy during adversity**
- 8) How is it organized (outline)? – **Four- part outline**
- 9) What is it about? – **Joy during adverstiy**
- 10) What makes the book different? – **Personal & informal**

Introduction

Philippians 1:1-11

- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. Thanksgiving (1:3-8)
- III. Prayer (1:9-11)





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Black Sea

Philippi

ASIA MINOR

Corinth

EPHESUS

Antioch

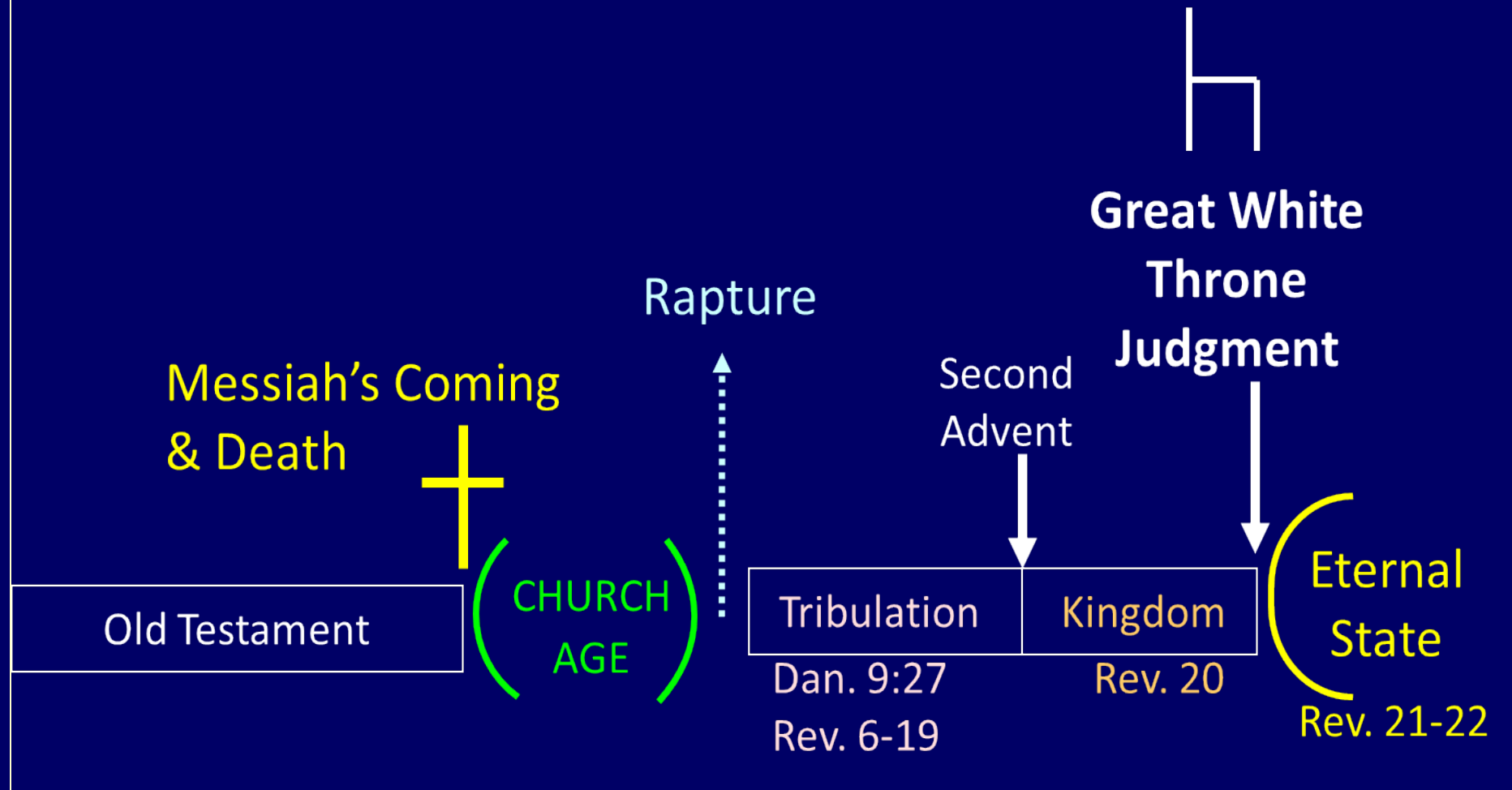
Mediterranean Sea

Jerusalem

Philippi

Map by Gabriel Morris

Prophecy Panorama



1 Corinthians 4:5

“ Therefore do not go on passing **judgment** before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and **disclose the motives of men’s hearts**; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God.”



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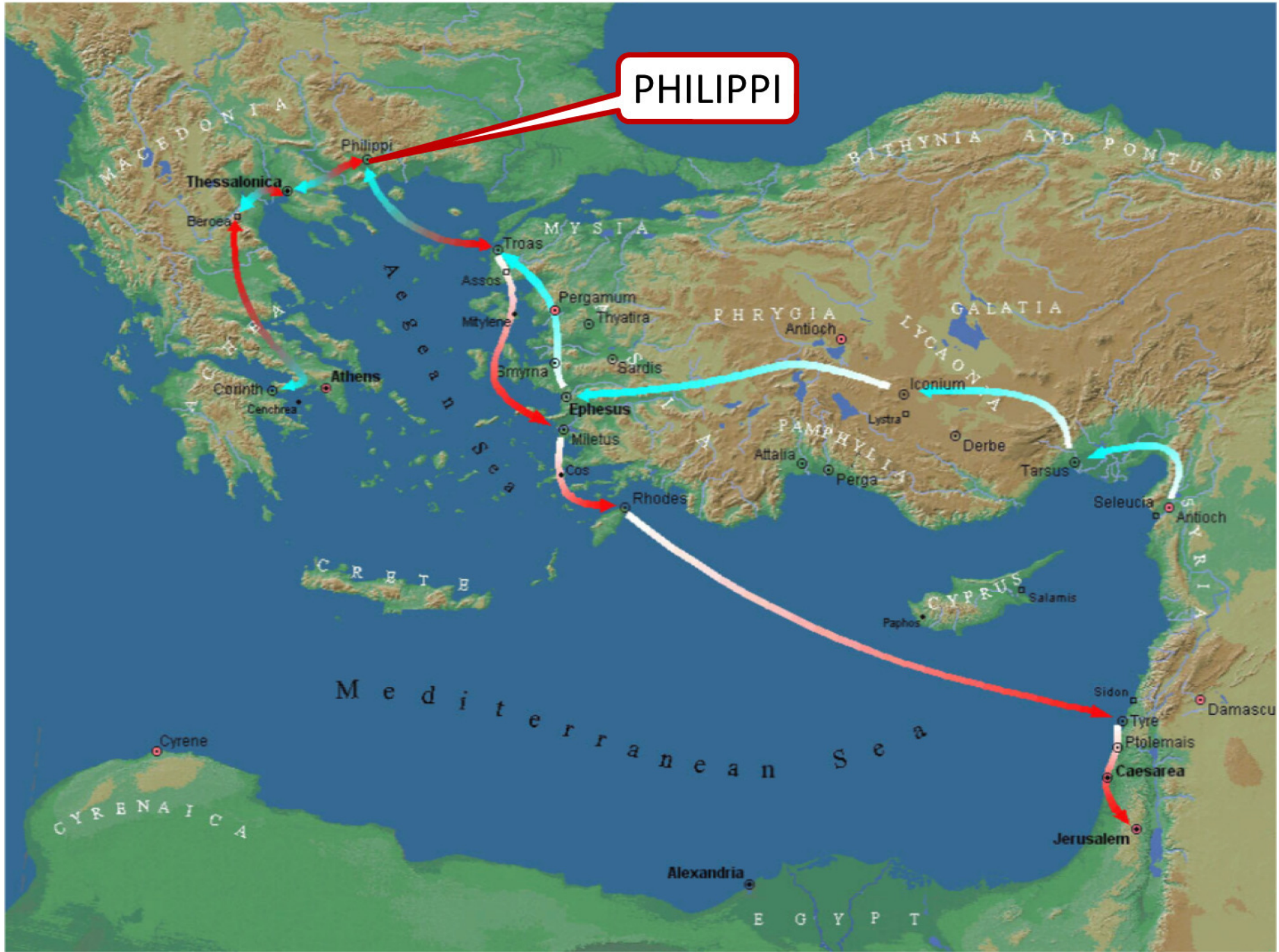


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