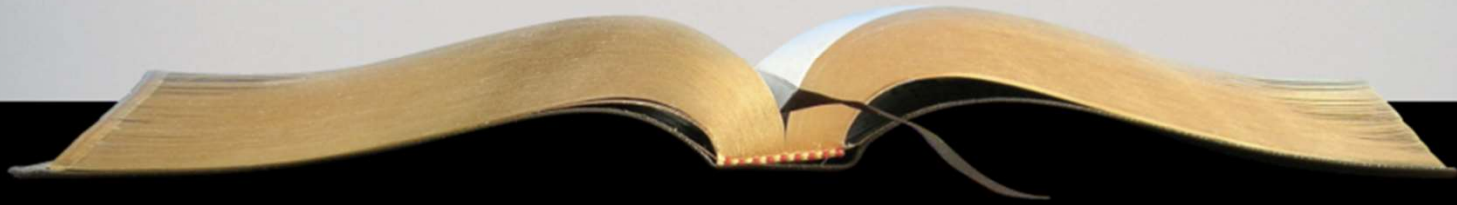


[Romans]

Lesson 1

**Paul Wrote a Letter to the
Believers in Rome.**

(Romans 1:1-7)



1. Paul Wrote the Book of Romans.



In Corinth Paul writes *Romans* to
the church in Rome [Rom. 15:23-32 and Acts 20:2-3]



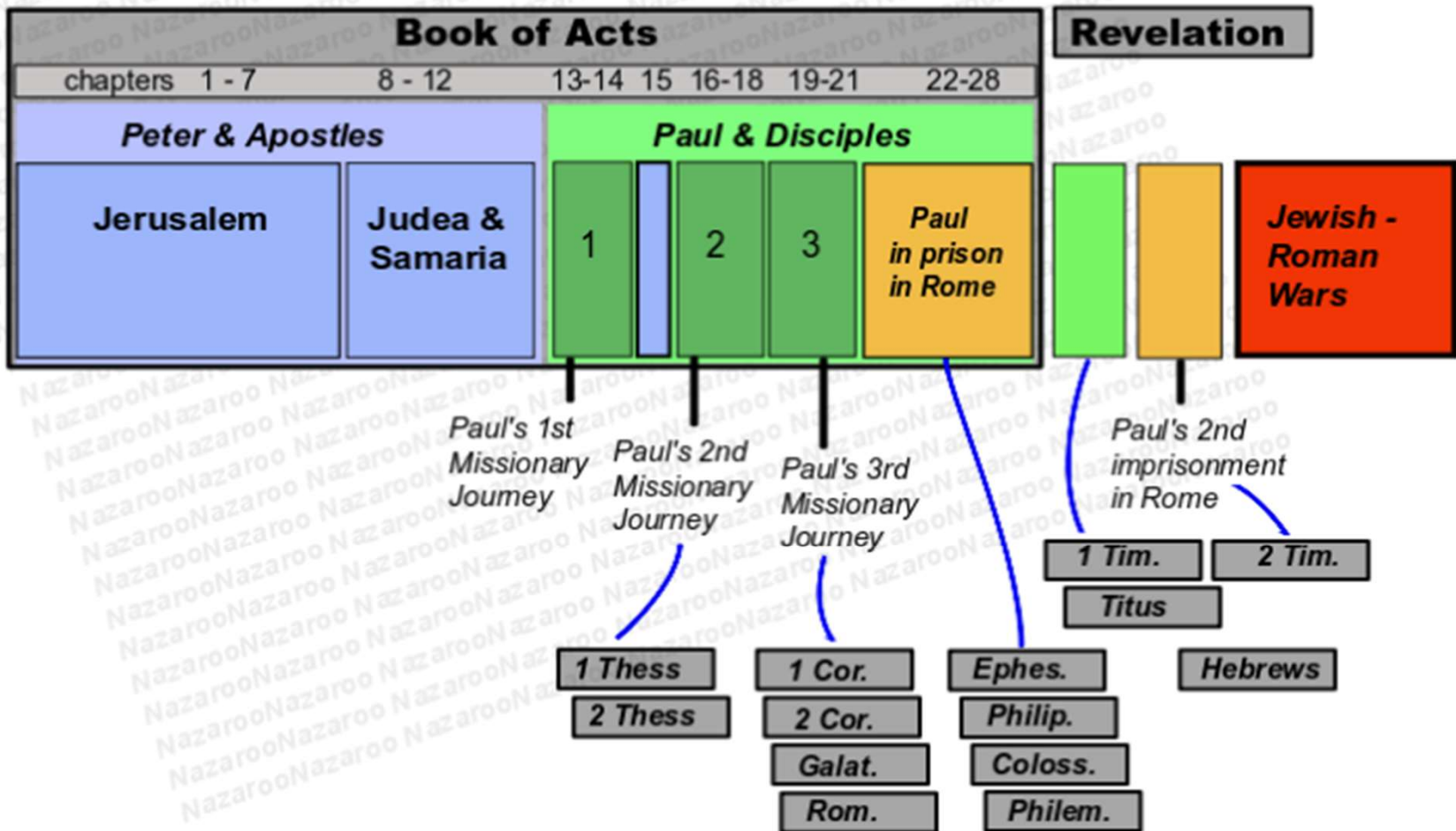
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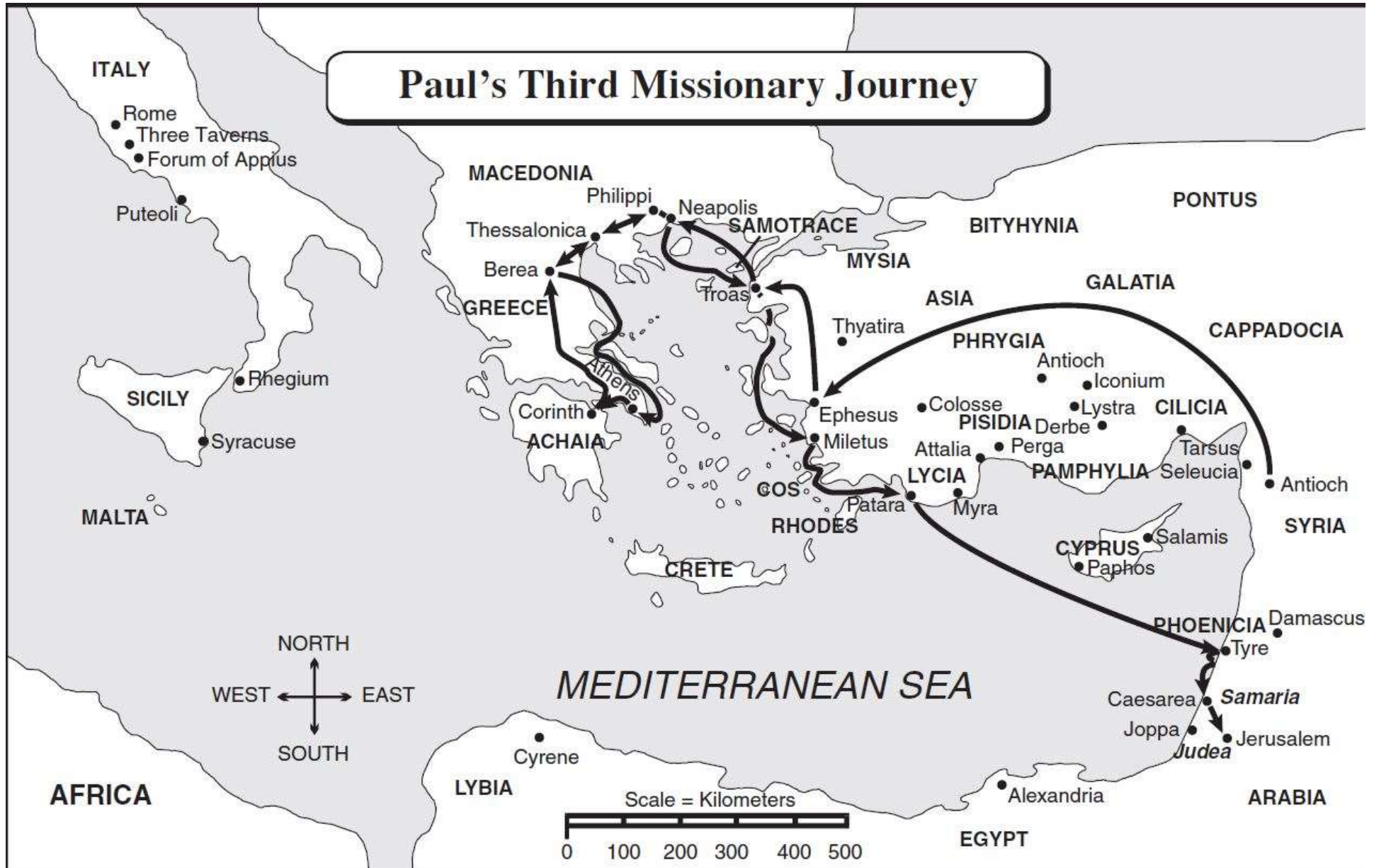
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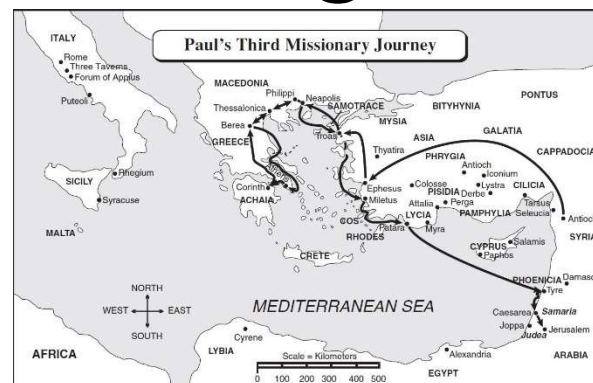


Paul in Corinth writes to Rome.



(Acts 20:2-3) - Third missionary journey

(2) ...he (*Paul*) came into Greece,
(3) And there (*Greece-Corinth*) abode
(*stay*) **three months**. And when the Jews
laid wait (*trap-kill*) for him, as he was
about (*soon time*) to **sail into Syria**
(*towards Jerusalem*), he purposed (*chose*) to
return through Macedonia.



Paul explains his plan to preach in Spain by travelling to Rome after visiting Jerusalem.

Paul's Plans In the Context of Romans

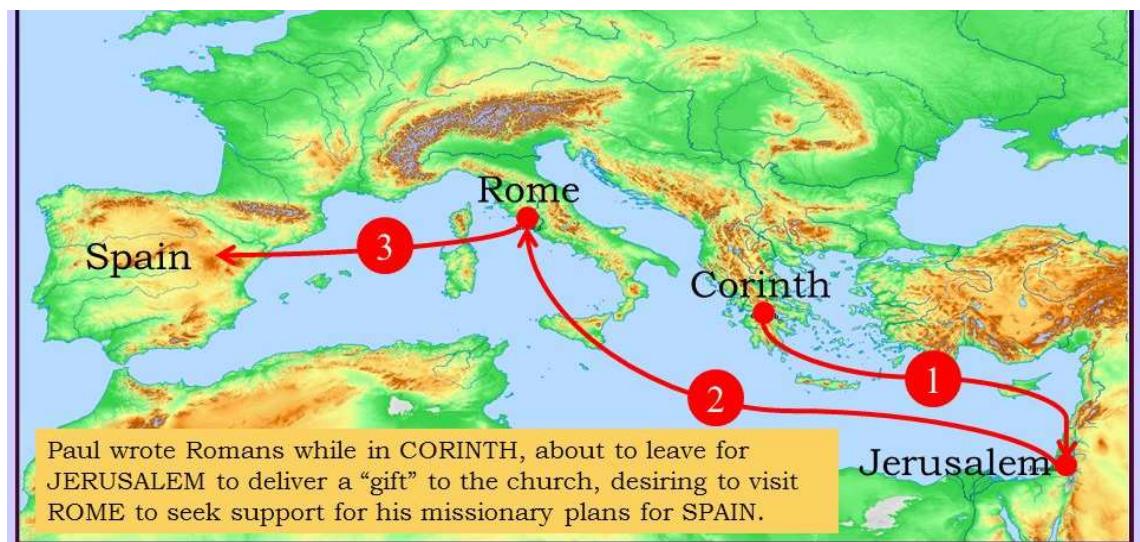


(Romans 15:20-29) *Yea (yes), so have I strived (tried-goal) to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named*

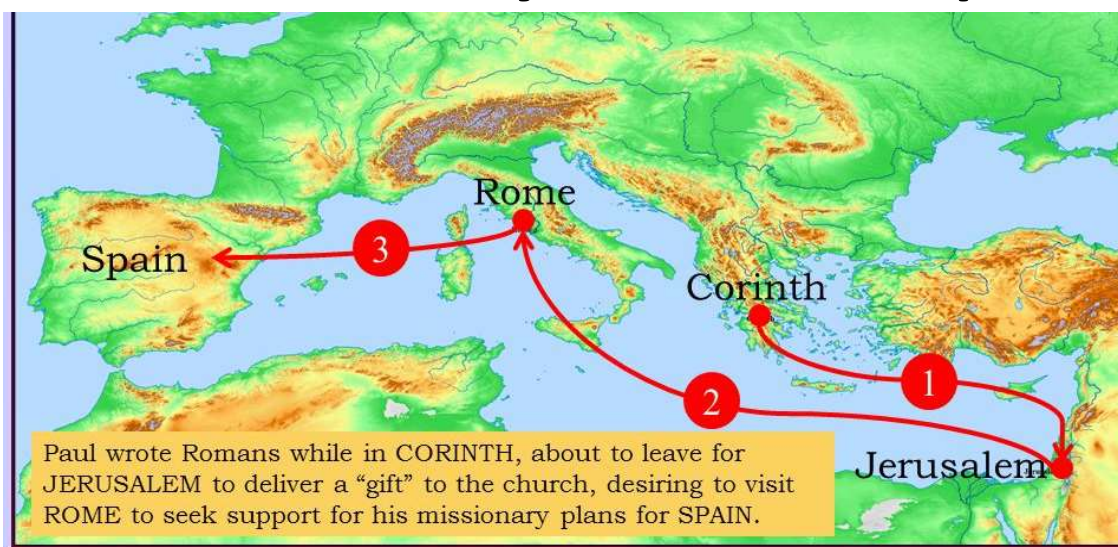
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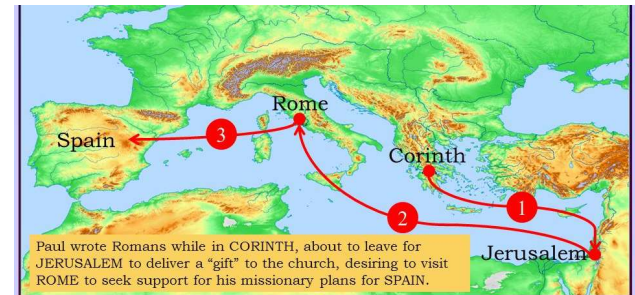
(15:22) For which cause (*preaching*) also I have been much hindered (*stop*) from coming to you (*Rome*). (23) **But now having no more place in these parts (*places--Greece-Corinth...*), and having a great desire (*want*) these many years to come unto you (*Rome*);**



(15:24) *Whensoever (when will happen) I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you (Rome): for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way (helped) thitherward (toward Spain) by you (Rome), if first I be somewhat filled (satisfy) with your company (visiting).*

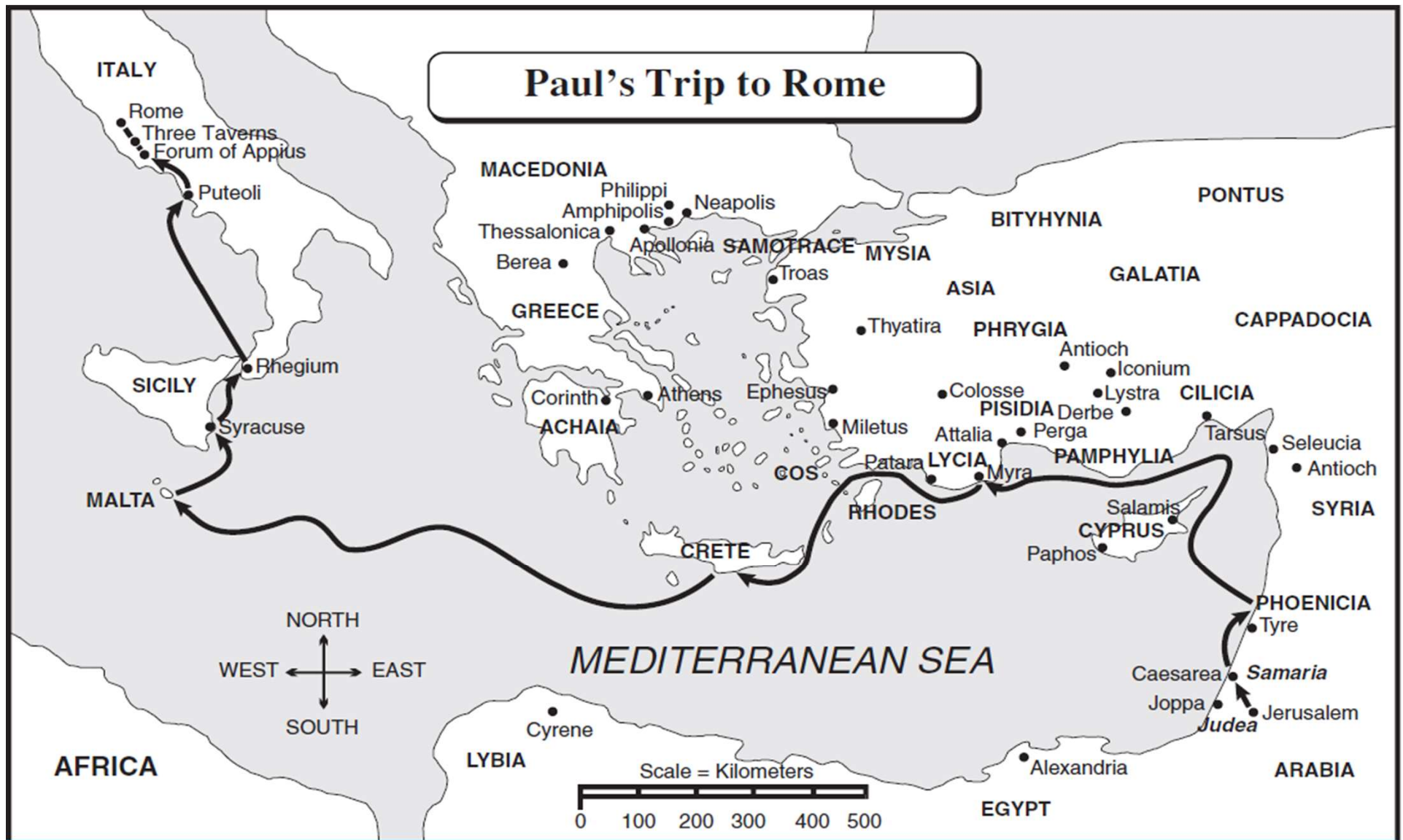


(15:25) But now I (**Paul**) go unto **Jerusalem** to minister (**help**) unto the saints (**church**). (26) For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia (**Greece**) to make a certain contribution (**gift**) for the poor saints which are at **Jerusalem**...



(28) When therefore I have performed (**done**) this, and have sealed (**given**) to them this fruit (**gift**), I will come by you (**Rome**) into Spain.

Paul went to Rome as a prisoner; but he was allowed freely to preach



*(Acts 28:30-31) And Paul dwelt **two whole years** in his own hired (**rent**) house (**in Rome**), and **received all that came in unto him, (31) Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern (**about**) the Lord Jesus Christ, with **all confidence** (**open**), **no man forbidding** (**stop**) him.***



2. Paul Introduced Himself to the Believers at Rome.



(Romans 1:1)

*Paul, a servant (slave) of Jesus Christ,
called to be an apostle, separated unto
the gospel of God,*

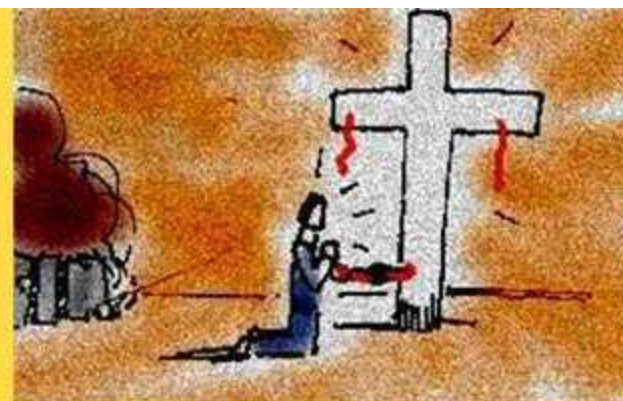
“servant” = δουλος (slave) -belong



Slaves of sin



Free in Christ



Slaves of righteousness

*“a servant (**slave**) of Jesus Christ”*

*Paul was happy to **freely** give himself as a slave to Jesus.



*Paul **was** a slave to sin,
self-pleasure, and Satan;
***Now** Paul freely gave himself as a
slave to serve Jesus.

(Romans 1:1)

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,



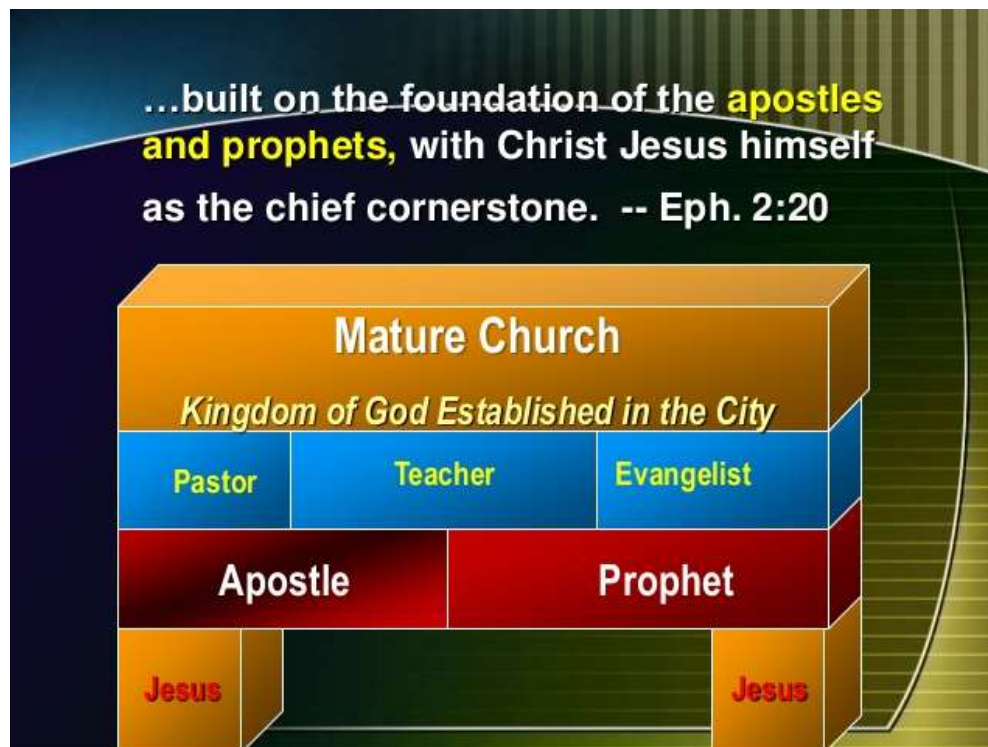
*“called to be an **apostle**”*

“Apostle” = ἀπόστολος = **sent** person

Apostle = person chosen and **sent** by

Jesus to start churches [Mat. 28:19-20]

(to lay the foundation for the churches-[Eph. 2:20])



(Romans 1:1)

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated (choose) unto the gospel of God,

Why choose?

“gospel of God”



“separated unto the Gospel of God”

(Acts 9:15) **—Jesus Chose Paul—**

*...he (Paul) is a **chosen vessel (tool)** unto me (Jesus), to bear (bring) my name (Gospel) before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel (Jews):*

Paul must not live to please self

Paul's special use—**Spread the Gospel**

3. Paul Wrote to the Christians in Rome.



(Romans 1:7)

*To all that be in Rome, **beloved of God**,
called to be saints: Grace to you and
peace from God our Father, and the
Lord Jesus Christ.*



“beloved of God”

Creation shows God’s love for us.



“beloved of God”

Redemption shows God’s love.

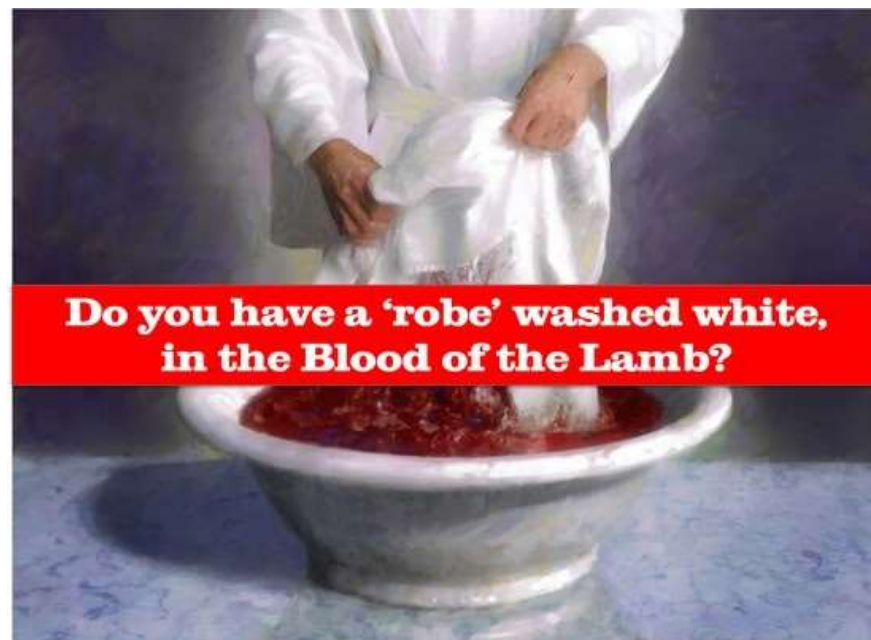
(God gave Jesus to **pay
the punishment for our sins.)**



(Romans 1:7)

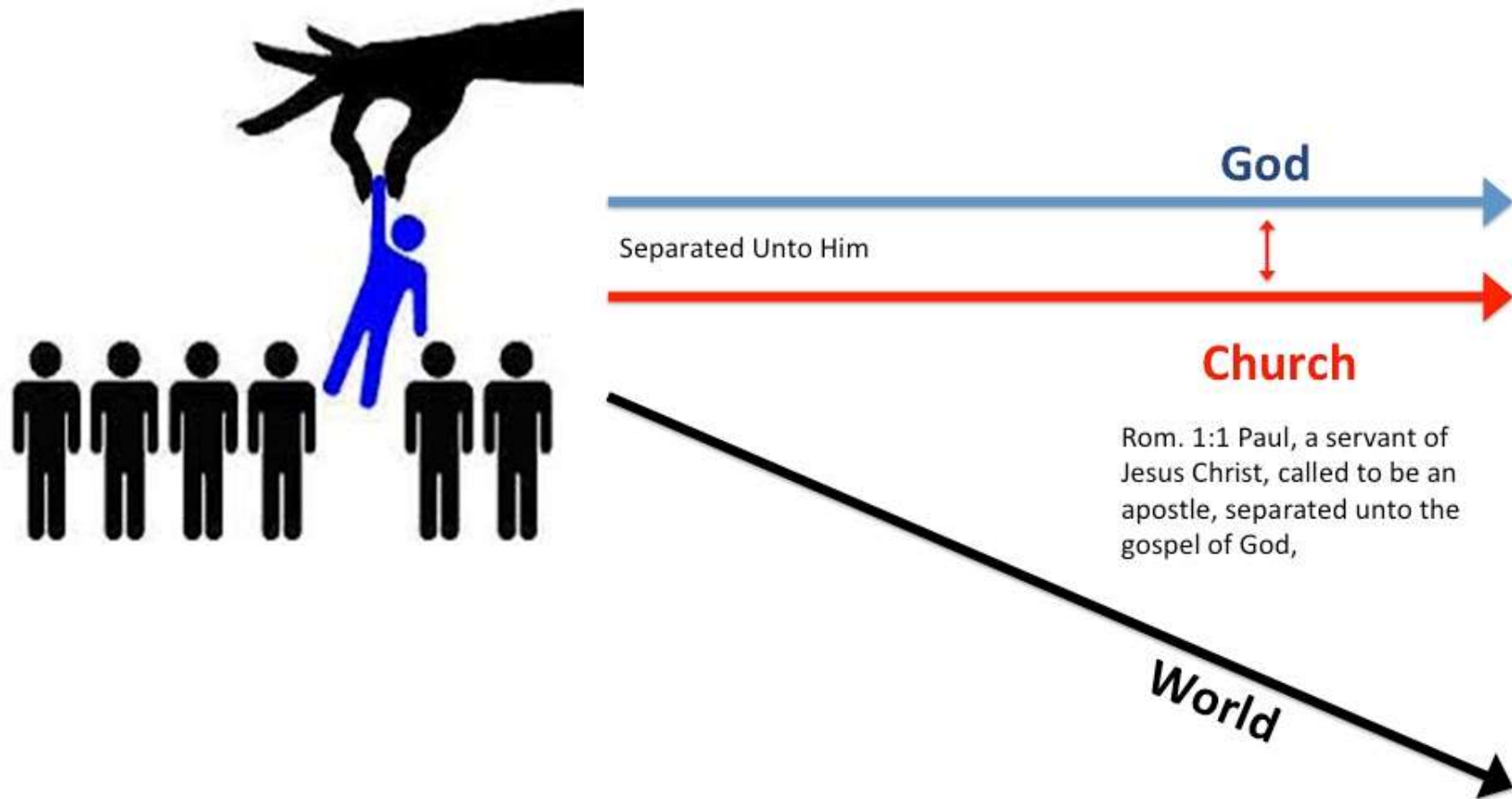
*To all that be in Rome, beloved of God,
called to be saints: Grace to you and
peace from God our Father, and the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

“Saints” = (holy people) -[Rev. 1:5]



“called to be saints”

“Saints” = (holy people) people separated from sin and the world to serve only God.



“called to be saints”

The Roman believers became **saints** (**holy**) **immediately** when they believed in Jesus.



(“saints” = 62x in N.T.)

-The same is true for all God’s children
We are separated for God’s special use

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Grace = free gift = salvation

***We are saved by God’s grace.**



“Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

***When we receive God’s *Grace*, we are not continuing as God’s enemies;**

***We have *Peace* with God.**

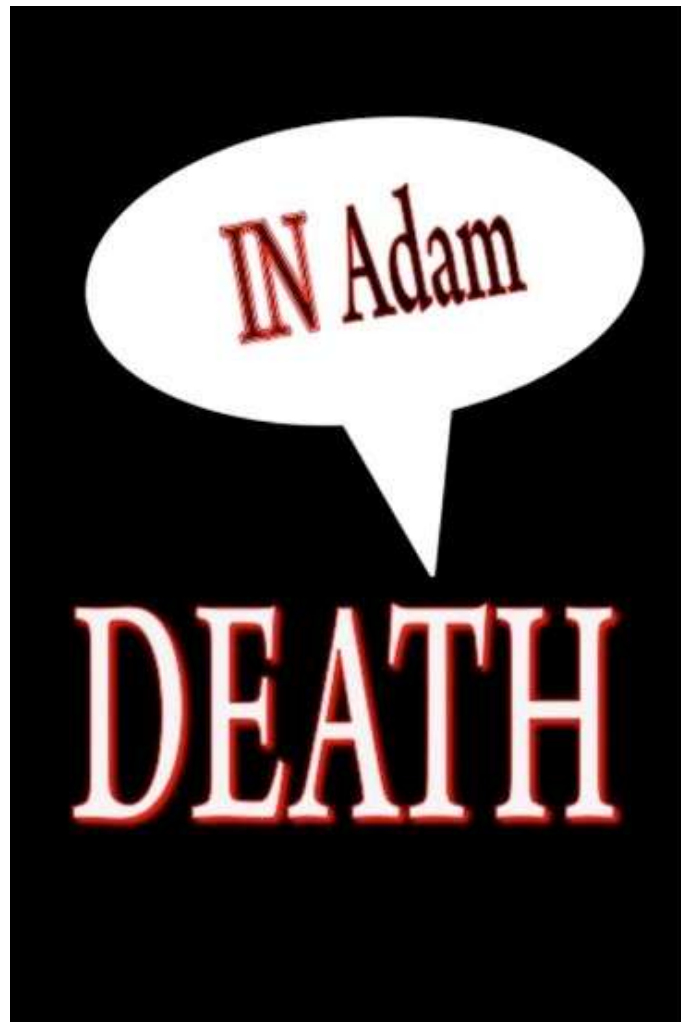


“Grace to you and **peace** from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

***Adam’s sin** resulted in separation from God for Adam and all his children (all people); We became the children of Satan and God’s enemies. [Romans 5:18]

***Jesus’ death** for our sins resulted, for all who believe in Jesus (receive God’s grace), reconciliation (friendship/peace) with God.

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”



Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”



-We needed God's **grace** to save us when we were enemies, but **we also now need God's grace every day** to teach us and to give us the strength to live in obedience to His Word.

*“Grace to you and **peace** from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*



Although we are at **peace** with God and are now His children, sometimes our hearts and minds worry.

Therefore, **we need to have God's peace in our hearts** knowing that God is our Father and that He is taking good care of us.