

Ephesians

Week One

Welcome to Ephesus - Ephesians 1:1-2

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January 16th, 2022 (8:30 and 10:30am), FB Live (10am)

For His Glory and our joy!

Passage:

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Message Notes:

Introduction – *"Life is like a cigarette..."*

A new series: *Ephesians!!*

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(See also Acts 20:13-38)

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Gospel Application – *"Smoke it to the butt!"*

Scripture Passages used (New International Version)

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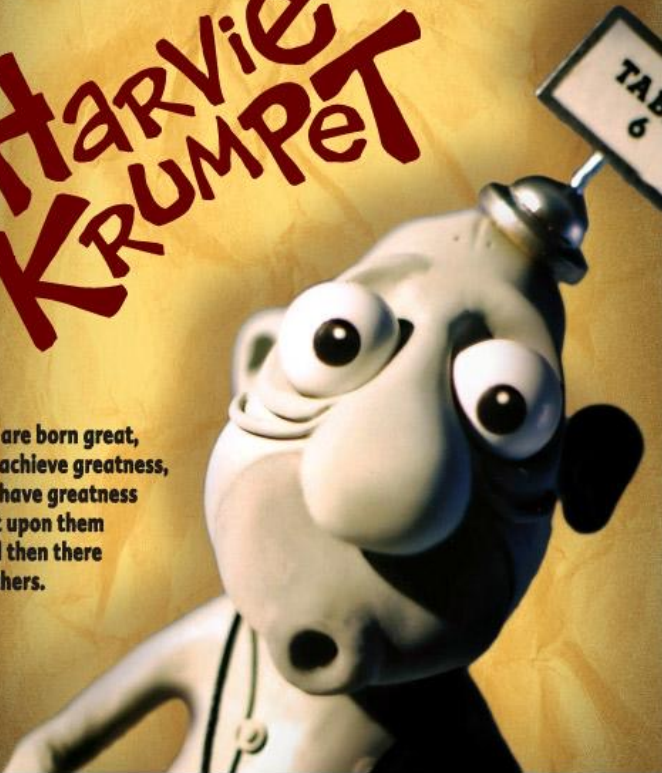


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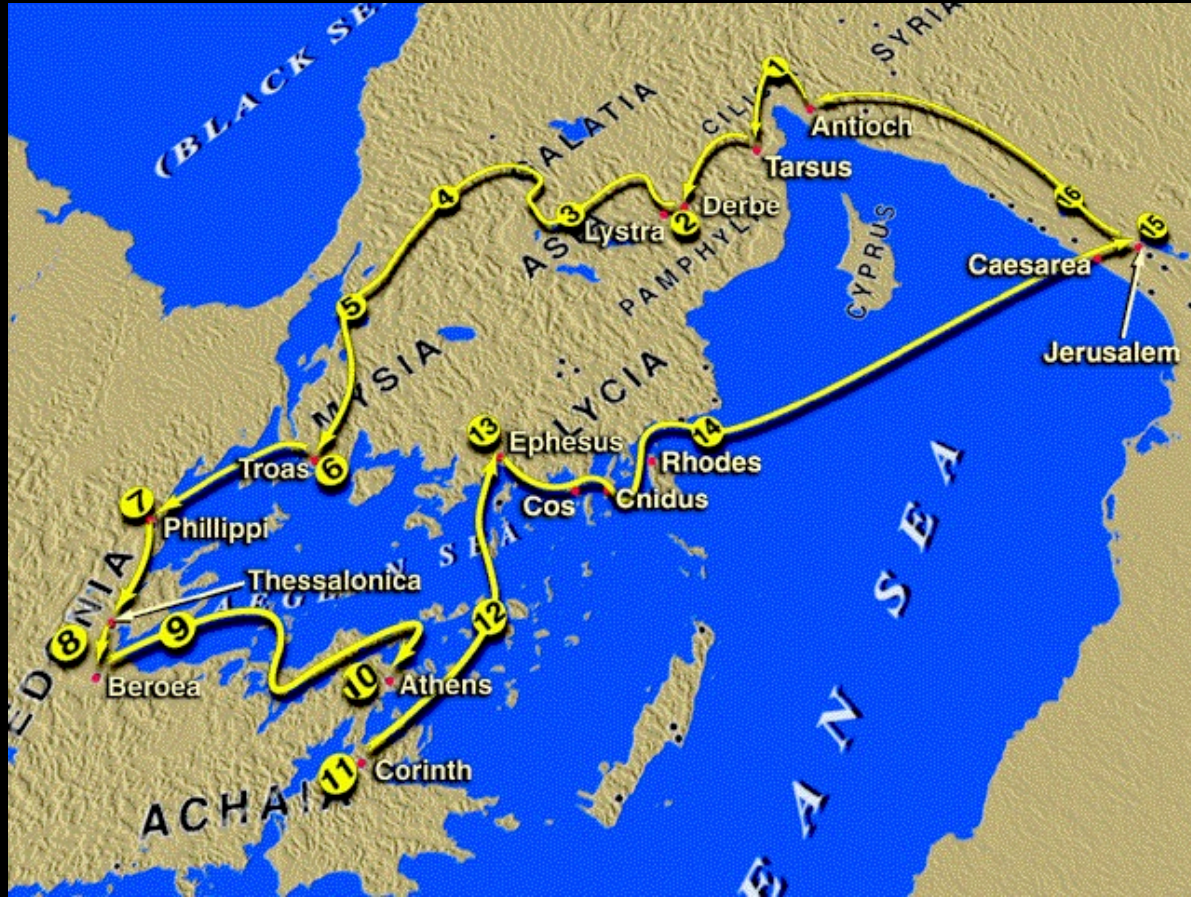
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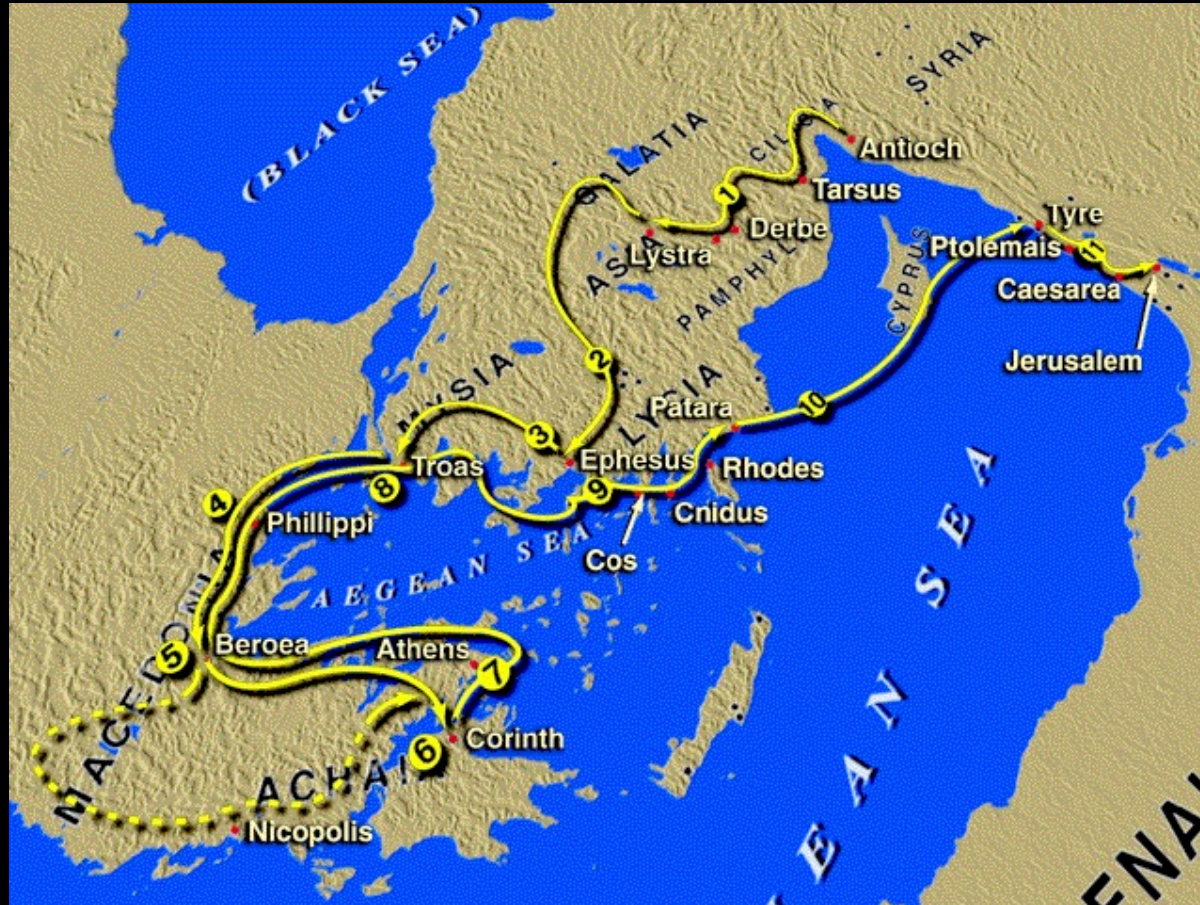
Paul's First Missionary Journey (Acts 13 and 14)



Paul's Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36 - 18:22)



Paul's Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23-21:16)



Paul's Fourth "Missionary" Journey (Acs 21:27 - Acts 28:31)



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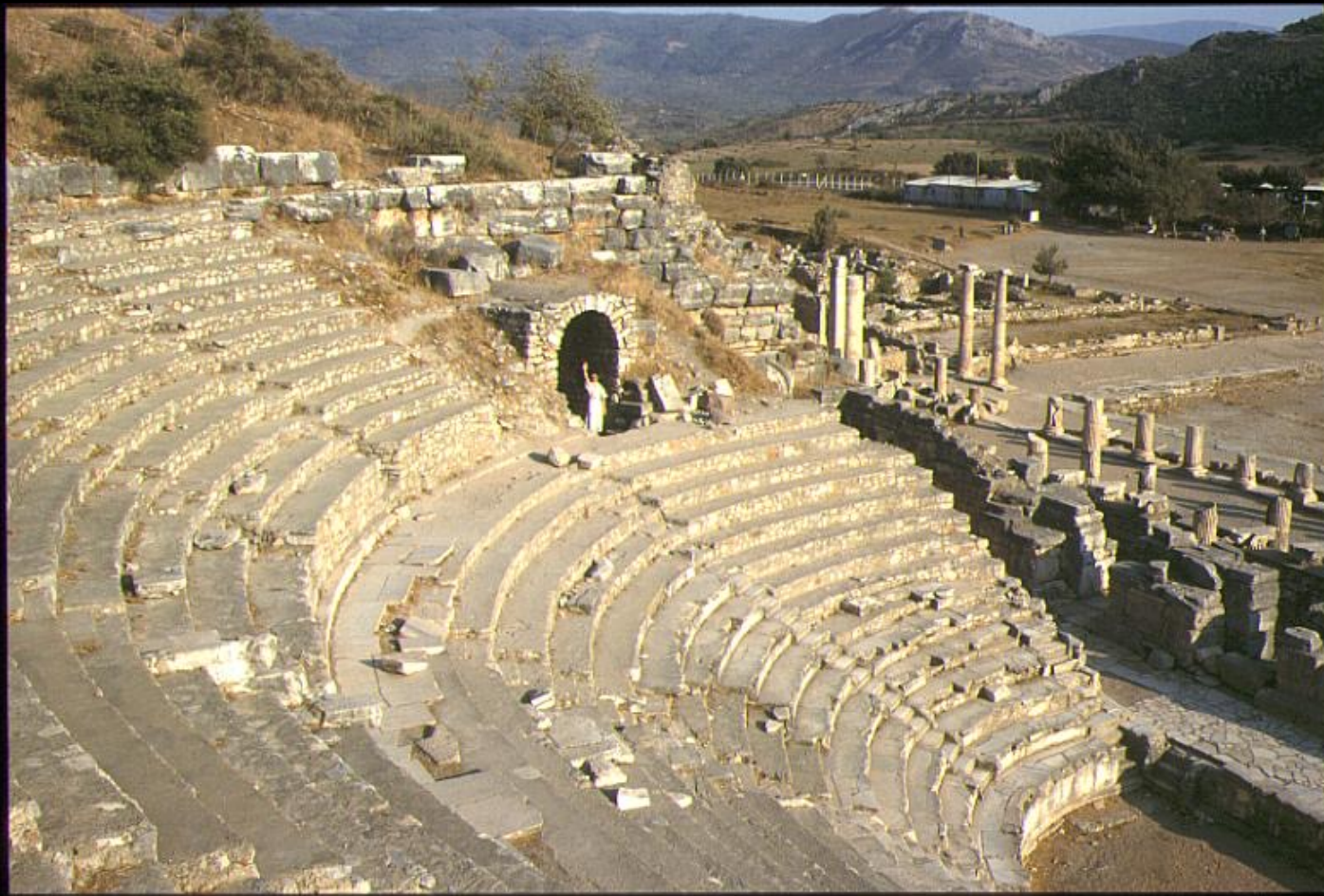
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