



# Paul & His Travels

# Quiz Answer Key

1. Paul

2. False

3. True

4. Acts

5. Jerusalem

6. Sanhedrin

7. James

8. Jesus

9. Preach Jews,/ Bring Off

10. Was not

11. Against Mosaic Law

12. False

13. False

14. Rome

15. Agabus

16. Trophimus

17. Philip

18. Lysias

19. Ananias

20. Antonia

21. Ossuary

# Paul & His Troubles

- Plotted against in Damascus & Jerusalem
- Expelled from Pisidian Antioch
- Stoned at Lystra
- Scourged & imprisoned at Philippi
- Accused of treason at Thessalonica
- Haled before the proconsul at Corinth
- Caused a serious riot at Ephesus
- Caused a riot at Jerusalem

# Paul's Return to Jerusalem

## Review of Acts 21:17 – 23:11

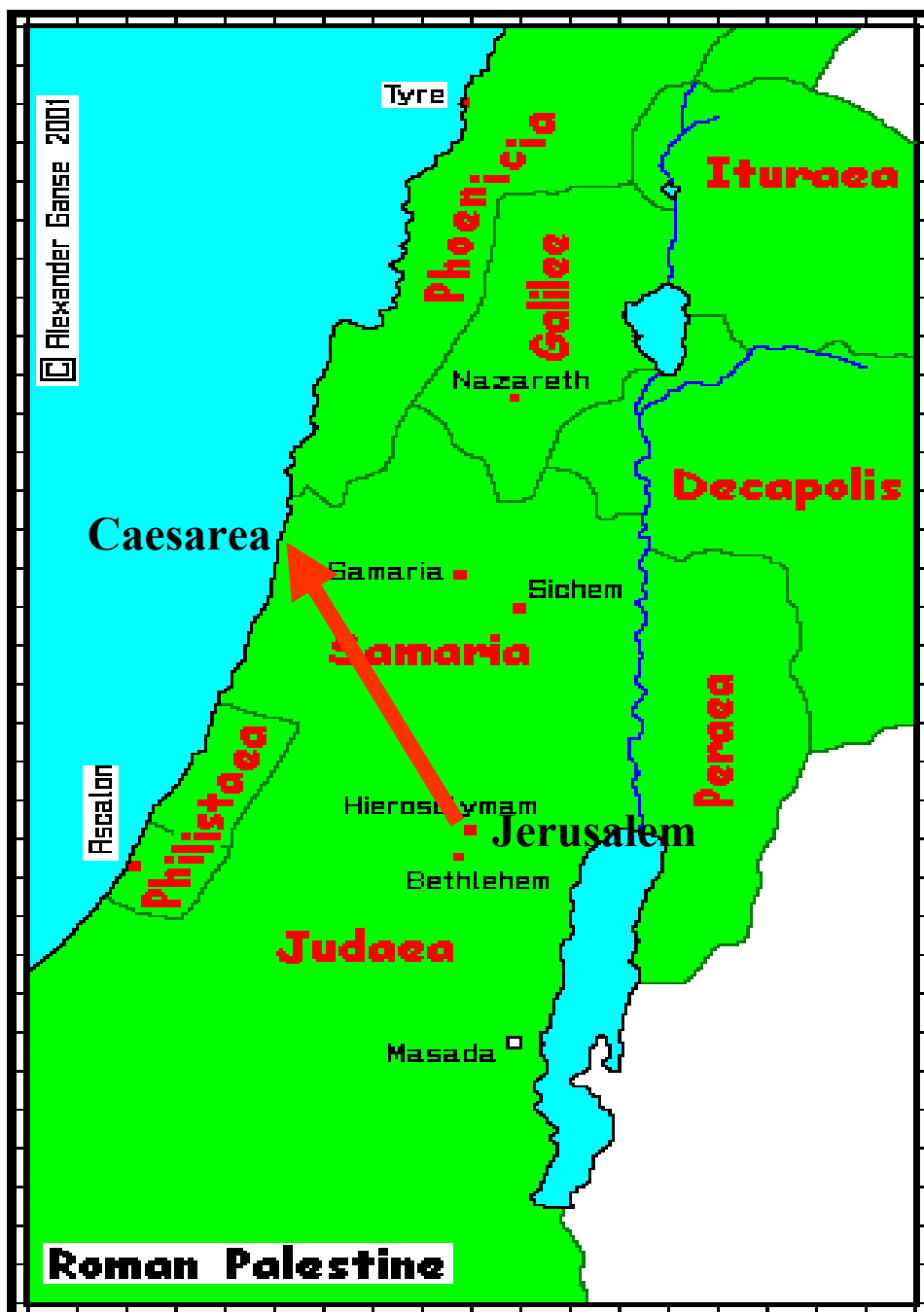
- ✓ A problem with the Jews – they say he's against the Mosaic Law
- ✓ Beaten by Jews at temple/rescued by Roman soldiers
- ✓ Preaches to Jews on steps of Fort – Jews riot
- ✓ Taken before Sanhedrin for a fact-finding hearing
- ✓ A dispute erupts between Pharisees & Sadducees
- ✓ The Lord commends Paul for his witness in Jerusalem and now Paul will be heading to Rome.

# To Caesarea

- Jews plot ambush which nephew foils
- Paul given military escort at night
- Letter from Commander Lysias



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Tyre

Phoenicia  
Galilee

Ituraea

Nazareth

Decapolis

Caesarea

Samaria

Sichem

Samaria

Ascalon

Philistaea

Hierosolymam

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Perea

Judaea

Masada

Roman Palestine

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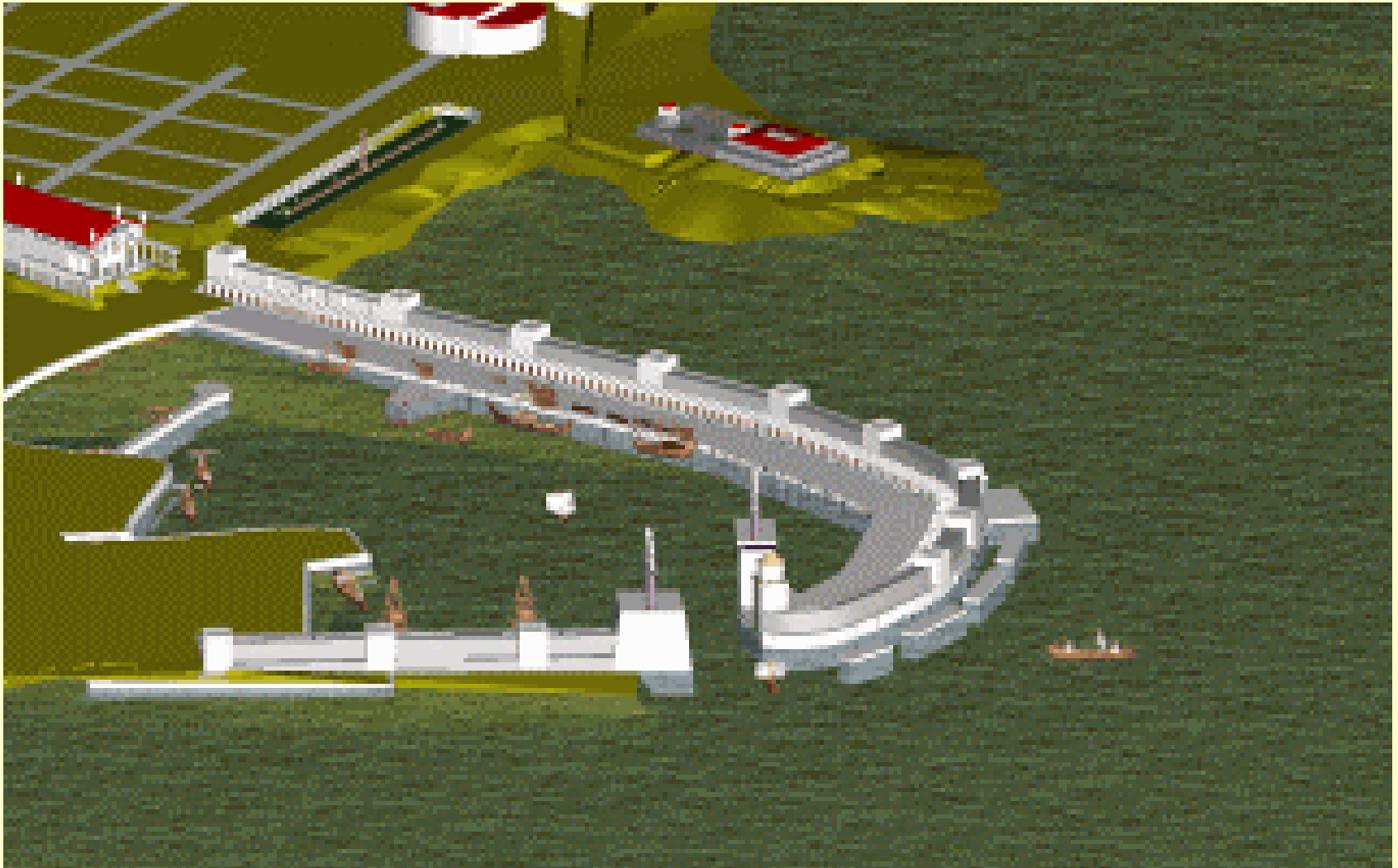
Herod's Palace – where Paul stayed







A Fortress

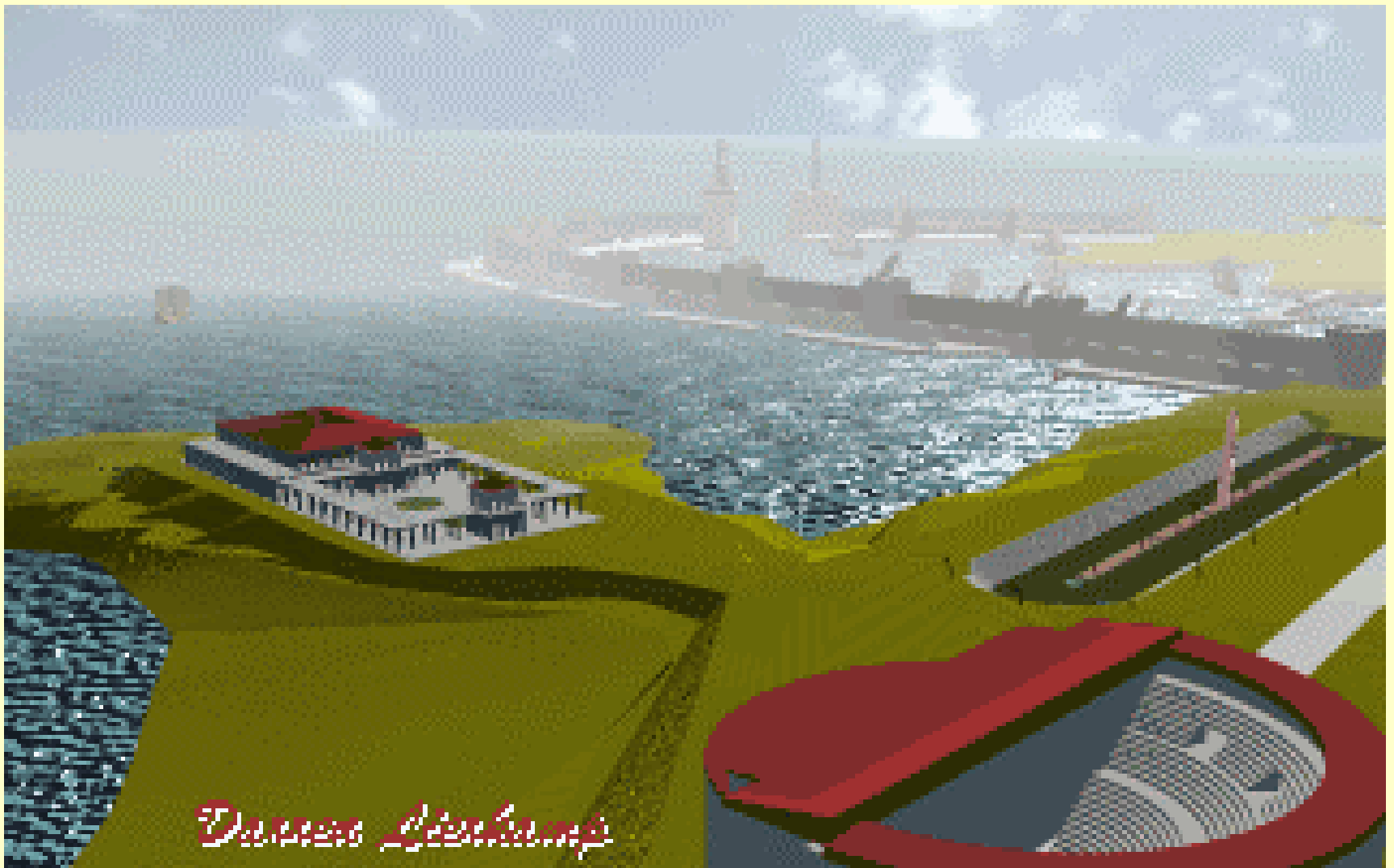


**"The city Herod dedicated to the province, the harbour to navigators in these waters, to Caesar the glory of this new foundation, to which he accordingly gave the name of Caesarea"**

*Josephus*



Caesarea Maritima



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# Paul before Felix (the Fool)

- Felix – Governor (Procurator) of Judea
- Tertullus the forensic lawyer for hire
- Weak case – false charges



**Acts 24:1-9** <sup>1</sup>Five days later the high priest Ananias went down to Caesarea with some of the elders and a lawyer named Tertullus, and they brought their charges against Paul before the governor. <sup>2</sup>When Paul was called in, Tertullus presented his case before Felix: "We have enjoyed a long period of peace under you, and your foresight has brought about reforms in this nation. <sup>3</sup>Everywhere and in every way, most excellent Felix, we acknowledge this with profound gratitude. <sup>4</sup>But in order not to weary you further, I would request that you be kind enough to hear us briefly.

<sup>5</sup>"We have found this man to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect <sup>6</sup>and even tried to desecrate the temple; so we seized him. <sup>8</sup>By<sup>[1]</sup> examining him yourself you will be able to learn the truth about all these charges we are bringing against him."

<sup>9</sup>The Jews joined in the accusation, asserting that these things were true.

# The Charges

- **Opening statement** – “flattery will get you nowhere”
- **Charge #1** – Disturbing the peace (*Pax Romana*)
- **Charge #2** – Religious heresy (*ringleader of sect*)
- **Charge #3** – Temple desecration



**Acts 24:10-16** <sup>10</sup>When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: "I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense. <sup>11</sup>You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. <sup>12</sup>My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. <sup>13</sup>And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me. <sup>14</sup>However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, <sup>15</sup>and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. <sup>16</sup>So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

**Acts 24:17-21** <sup>17</sup>"After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. <sup>18</sup>I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. <sup>19</sup>But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup>Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin-- <sup>21</sup>unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.' "

# Paul's Defense

- **Opening Statement** – Short & respectful
- **Charge #1** – In Jerusalem to worship – 12 alibi

Day 1	Arrival in Jerusalem
Day 2	Meeting with James
Days 3-7	Days of purification
Day 8	Before Sanhedrin
Day 9	Conspiracy reported to Lysias
Day 10	Arrival in Caesarea
Days 11, 12	In Caesarea
Day 13	Before Felix

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- **Opening Statement** – Short & respectful
- **Charge #1** – In Jerusalem to worship – 12 day alibi
- **Charge #2** – affirmed orthodoxy (law & prophets, resurrection of dead) and confessed to be a follower of The Way
- **Charge #3** – Offering to poor & purification (where are accusers)
- **Closing Remark** – Only legitimate charge is teaching the **resurrection of the dead**

# Resurrection of the Dead

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# The Non-Verdict

- Felix well acquainted with The Way
- Afraid of Jews
- House arrest 2 years



**Acts 24:24-25** <sup>24</sup>Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, "That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you."



# Paul Preaches to Felix & Wife

Acts 24:24-26

## The Three Tenses of Salvation

- **Righteousness** – how to be justified before God
- **Self-Control** – Overcoming Temptation
- **Judgment** – “Everyone judged on the last day”

Felix’ response: Felix was afraid, and said, “That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient I will send for you” (v. 24b, 25)

# Paul Before Festus (the Politician)

- Festus & the Jewish leaders: Conciliation (Acts 25:1-12)
  - Trying to appease the Jews
  - Paul appeals to Caesar
  - “Unto Caesar you shall go”
- Festus & Agrippa II: Consultation (Acts 25:13-22)
  - King Agrippa II and Bernice visit Festus
  - Festus needs help to send Paul to Caesar Nero
- Paul, Festus & Agrippa II: Confrontation (25:23 – 26:32)

**Acts 25:13-15** <sup>13</sup>A few days later King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea to pay their respects to Festus. <sup>14</sup>Since they were spending many days there, Festus discussed Paul's case with the king. He said: "There is a man here whom Felix left as a prisoner. <sup>15</sup>When I went to Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders of the Jews brought charges against him and asked that he be condemned.



Acts 26:1-3; 7, 8 <sup>1</sup>Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." So Paul motioned with his hand and began his defense:

<sup>2</sup>"King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews, <sup>3</sup>and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently. . . . <sup>7</sup>This is the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. O king, it is because of this hope that the Jews are accusing me. <sup>8</sup>Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?"

# Paul's Testimony Before Agrippa II

Acts 26:4-32

- Paul's devotion: "I lived a Pharisee" (4-11)
- His vision: "I saw a light"; "I heard a voice" (12-18)
- His lifelong obedience to the vision (19, 20)
- His arrest (21)
- His teaching (22ff)



# Agrippa's Response

Acts 26:24-32

- Festus overwrought
- Not persuaded: *“Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”* (29)
- Paul innocent: *“This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment.”* (31) *“Would be free if no appeal”*

16:35-40 Philippi *“Release those men”*

18:12-17 Corinth *“so he had them ejected from the court”*

23:29 (Lysias) Jerusalem *“there was not charge against him that deserved death or imprisonment.”*

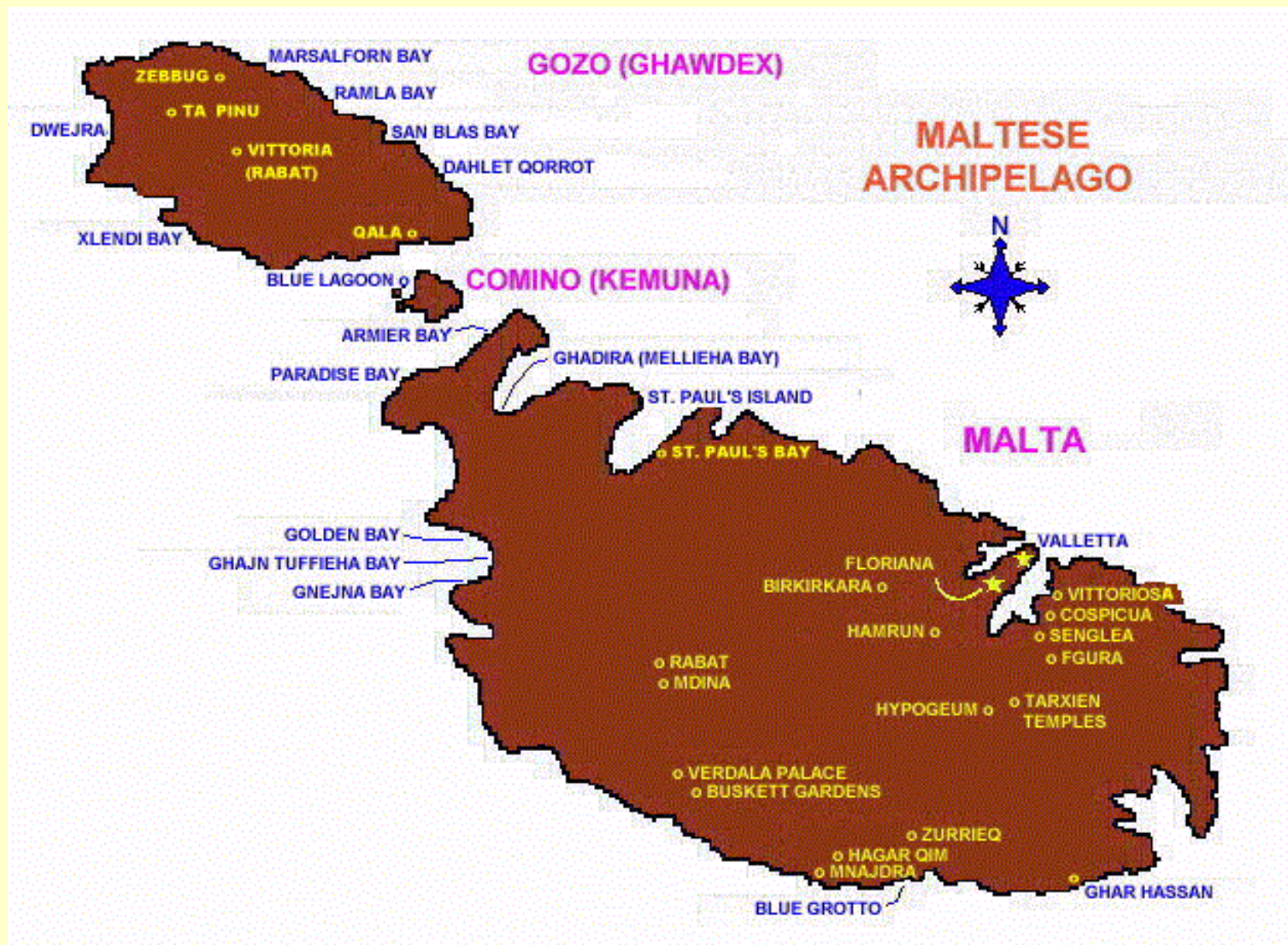
25:25 (Festus) Caesarea *“I found nothing deserving death”*



# Paul's Journey To Rome



Daily Bible Study



# Common Grace

# God's Providence

- Rescued by Roman soldiers
- Born Roman citizen (rights/beatings)
- Nephew overheard plot to kill
- 470 soldier escort
- House arrest 2 years
- Saved at sea
- Snake bite
- Friends provided for
- Gave us epistles from prison