

Paul & His Travels

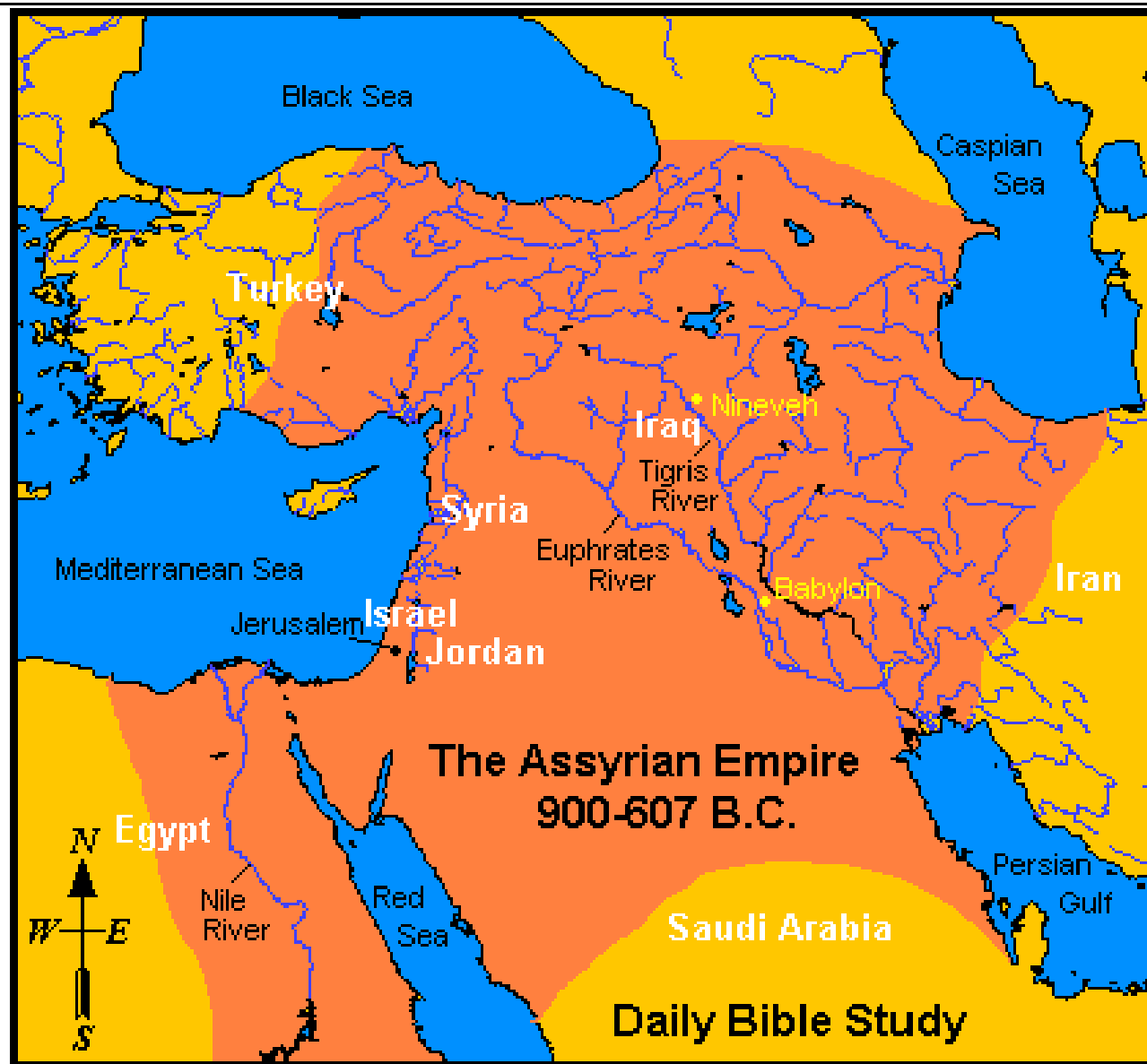
- A study of Paul's missionary journeys in Acts
 - Historical background & context of N.T.
 - Understand God's mission and strategy for the Church
 - Paul's life and ministry

God's Global Plan

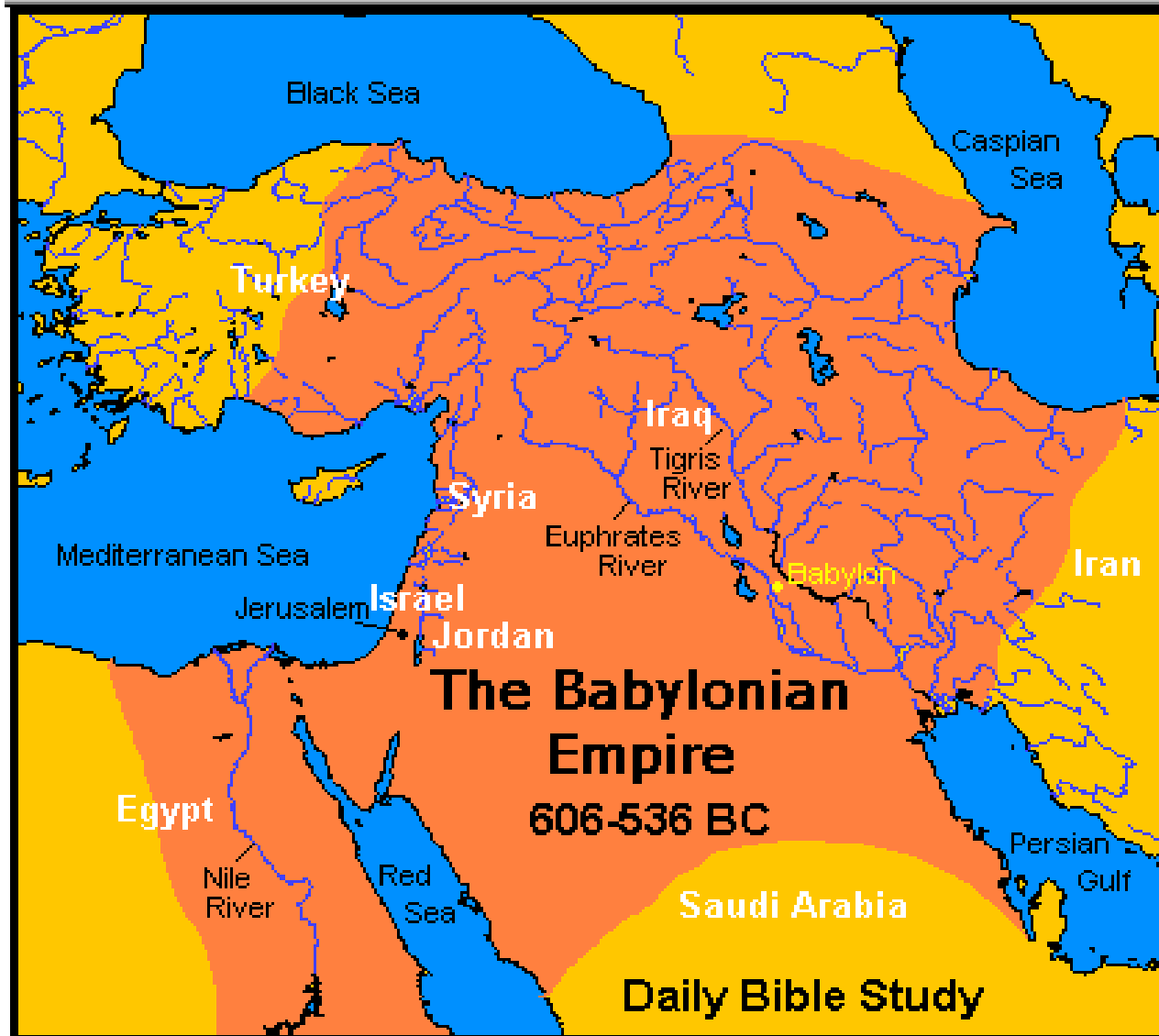
•⁴*In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to men in other generations . . . ⁶*this mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. Eph. 3:4-6**

Preparation for the Gospel

- *Lev 26: 33 . . . I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. . .*



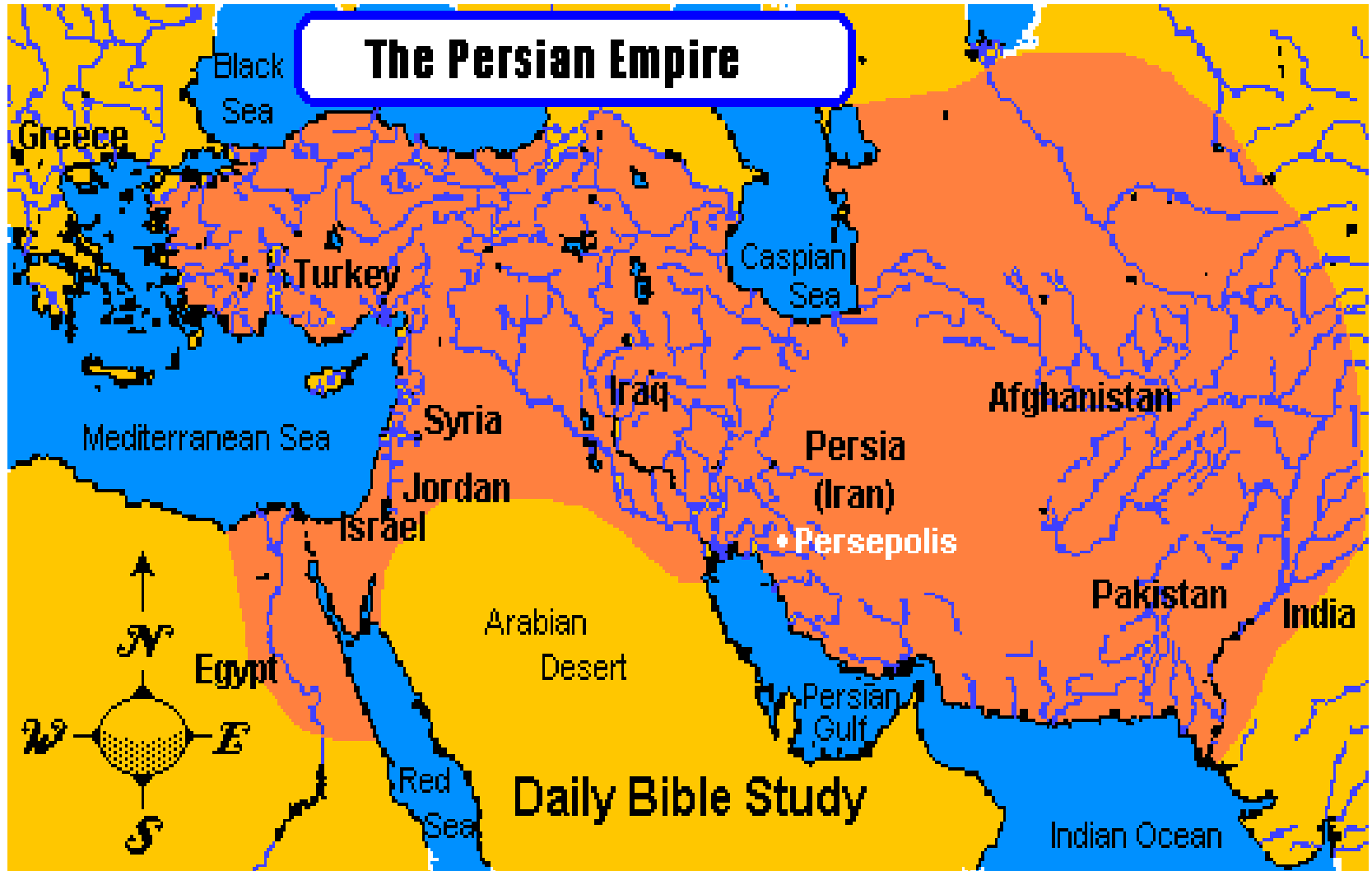
Babylonian - Head of Gold (626-539 B.C.)



Nebuchadnezzar's Dream - Daniel Ch. 2



Persian - Chest & Arms of Silver (539-330 B.C.)

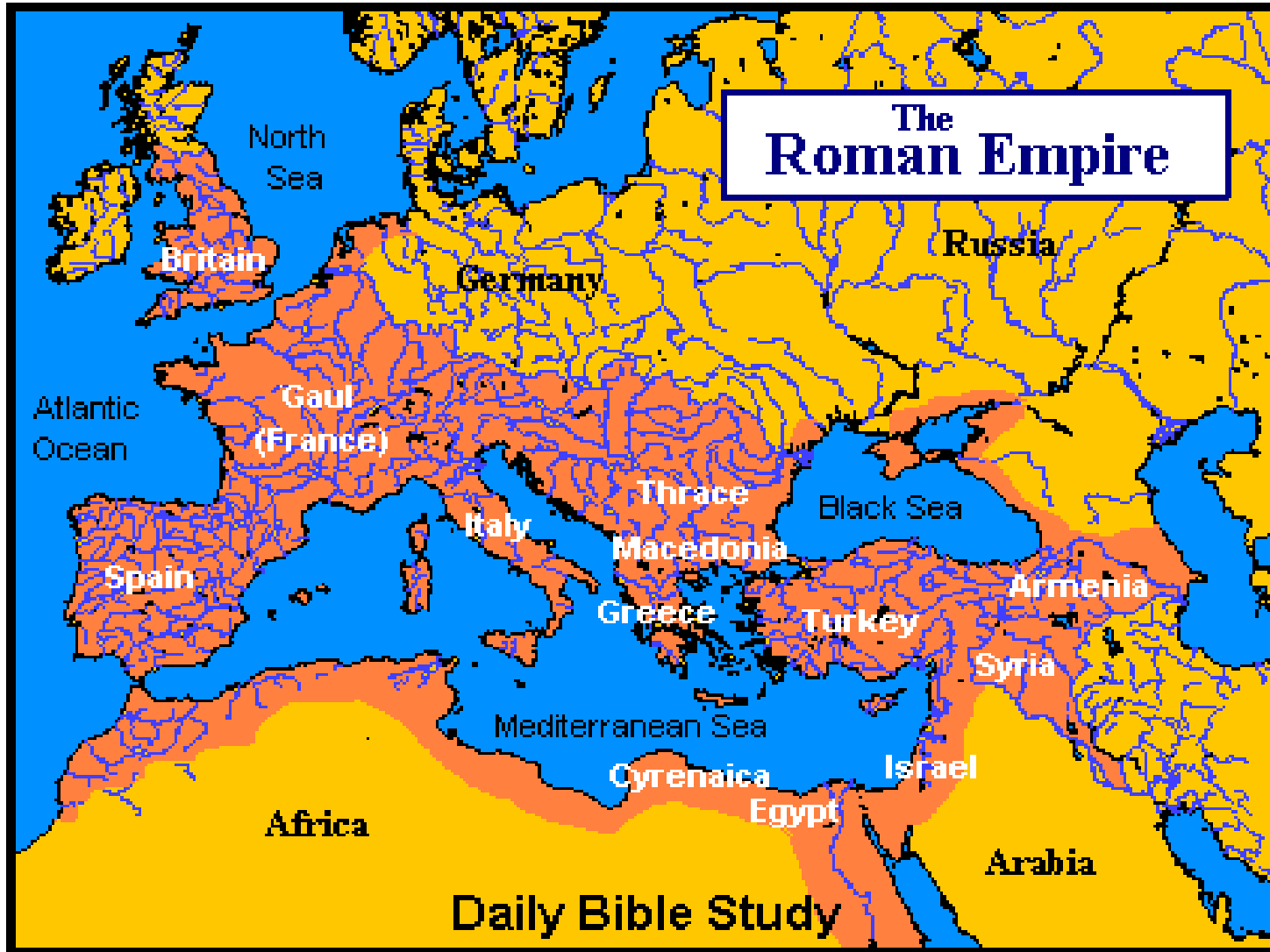


Greece - Belly & Thighs of Bronze (330-63 B.C.)

167 B.C. Maccabees and Hasmoneans - Israel Ind.

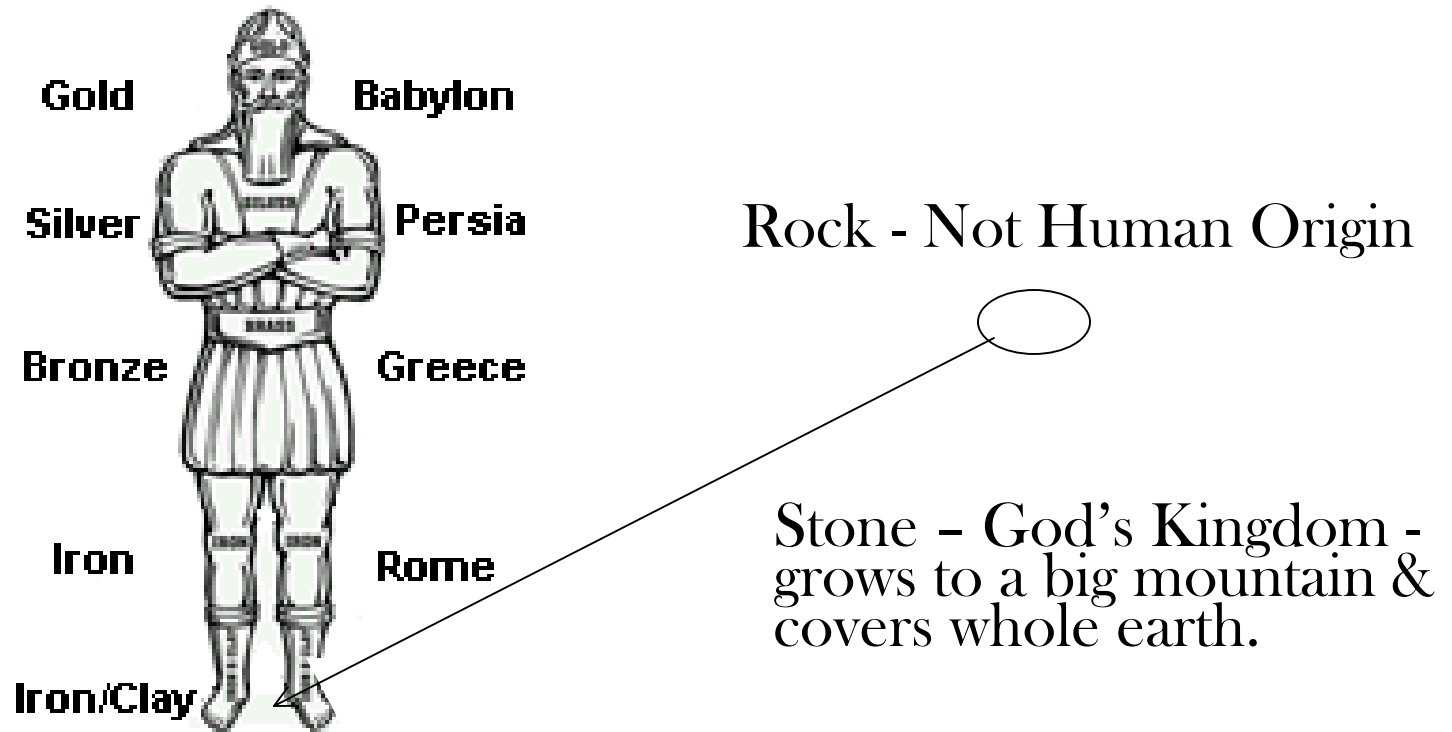


Rome - Legs of Iron & Feet of Iron/Clay (63 B.C.-70A.D.)





Major World Kingdoms of Man



Matt. 21:43-44 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."



The Messiah is Born

- Jesus born into this historical context - 1) under foreign domination - 2) Jewish apostacy & legalism [oppression on 2 fronts] 3

Jesus Mission Statement

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and I all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Chapter 1

- Gospel Commissioned (8)
- Where Jerusalem (12)
- Main Character Jesus
- Main Event . . . Jesus Ascended
- Church Growth 120 Believers (15)



Chapter 2

- Gospel 1st Proclaimed (1-36)
- Where Jerusalem (5)
- Main Character Peter
- Main Event . . . Pentecost (1)
- Church Growth 3,000 added (41)



Chapter 3



- Gospel Confirmed (1-3, 13)
- Where Jerusalem – Temple area (5)
- Main Character Peter
- Main Event Lame man healed (1-10)

Chapter 4

- Gospel Challenged (14)
- Where Jerusalem
- Main Character Peter & John (3)
- Main Event . . . Apostles Jailed & believers
share resources (34)
- Church Growth Five thousand men (4)





Chapter 5

- Gospel Defended (trouble within)
- Where Jerusalem
- Main Character Peter
- Main Event . . . Annanias & Sapp/Persecuted
- Church Growth Multitudes added – more than
ever (14)

Chapter 6

- Gospel Spread
- Where Jerusalem (7)
- Main Character Deacons
- Main Event . . . 7 deacons chosen
- Church Growth Number increased rapidly w/a large number of priests (7)



Chapter 7

- Gospel Persecuted
- Where Jerusalem (Judea & Sam. 8:1)
- Main Character Stephen
- Main Event . . . Stephen Martyred



Chapter 8

- Gospel Preached to Samaritans (5,8)
- Where Judea & Samaria
- Main Character Philip (5)
- Main Event . . . Revival Samaria & Eth. Eunich
- Church Growth Multitudes heeded (6)



Chapter 9

- Gospel Peace & prospered
- Where Galilee & Syria (31)
- Main Character Saul the persecuter
- Main Event . . . Saul's conversion
- Church Growth Numbers were multiplied (31)



Chapter 10-12



- Gospel Preached to Gentiles
- Where Phoen, Cypress, Antioch (11:19)
- Main Character Peter
- Main Event . . . Cornelius converted
- Church Growth Grew & multiplied (11:21; 12:24)

Chapter 13-20

- Gospel Jews & Gentiles
- Where Asia & Europe
- Main Character Paul
- Main Event . . . Three missionary journeys
- Church Growth #'s in millions



The Century of Jesus

- 63 B.C. Pompey Conquers Jerusalem for Rome
- 37 B.C. Herod the Great appointed King of the Jews by Rome
- 31 B.C. Antony & Cleopatra defeated by Octavion
- 30 B.C. Augustus becomes Caesar
- 4 B.C. Jesus is born in Bethlehem
- 4 B.C. Herod In (the Great) Dies
- 14 A.D. Augustus dies, Tiberius becomes Caesar
- 18 A.D. Caiaphas becomes High Priest in Jerusalem
- 26 A.D. Pontius Pilate becomes governor of Judea
- 27 A.E. Jesus begins his ministry

The Century of Jesus, Cont.

30 A.D.	Jesus is crucified and rises again
33 A.D.	Paul is converted to Christianity
37 A.D.	Tiberius dies, Caligula becomes Caesar
41 A.D.	Caligula dies, Claudius becomes Caesar
46 A.D.	Paul begins missionary endeavor
49 A.D.	Jews are expelled from Rome
54 A.D.	Nero becomes Emperor
64 A.D.	Rome burns. Christians are blamed and persecuted
64-66 A.D.	Paul and Peter are executed
66 A.D.	Jews revolt against Rome in Jerusalem
70 A.D.	Titus destroys Jerusalem

N.T. SURVEY

New (3) X Testament (9) = 27 Books

Historical (5)	Key Thought
Matthew	King
Luke	Identity
Mark	Christ's chronology
John	Believe!
Acts	Pentecost, Peter & Paul

N.T. Survey - Epistles

Pauline (13)		General (9)
Ecclesiastical (9)	Pastoral (4)	
Romans	I Timothy	Hebrews
I Corinthians	II Timothy	James
II Corinthians	Titus	I Peter
Galatians	Philemon	II Peter
Ephesians		I John
Philippians		II John
Colossians		III John
I Thessalonians		Jude
II Thessalonians		Revelation

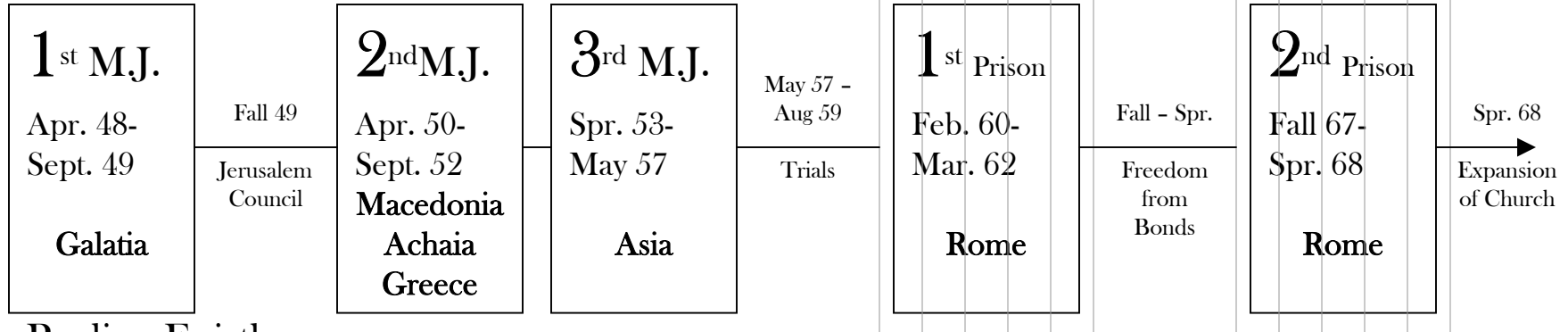
Paul's Epistles

Pauline - Ecclesiastical	Key Thought
Romans	Law and Love
I Corinthians	Criticism & Correction
II Corinthians	Paul's Credentials
Galatians	Freedom & Fruit
Ephesians	Wealth & Warfare
Philippians	Joy & Pursuit
Colossians	Cosmic Christ
I Thessalonians	Return of Christ
II Thessalonians	Wait for Christ

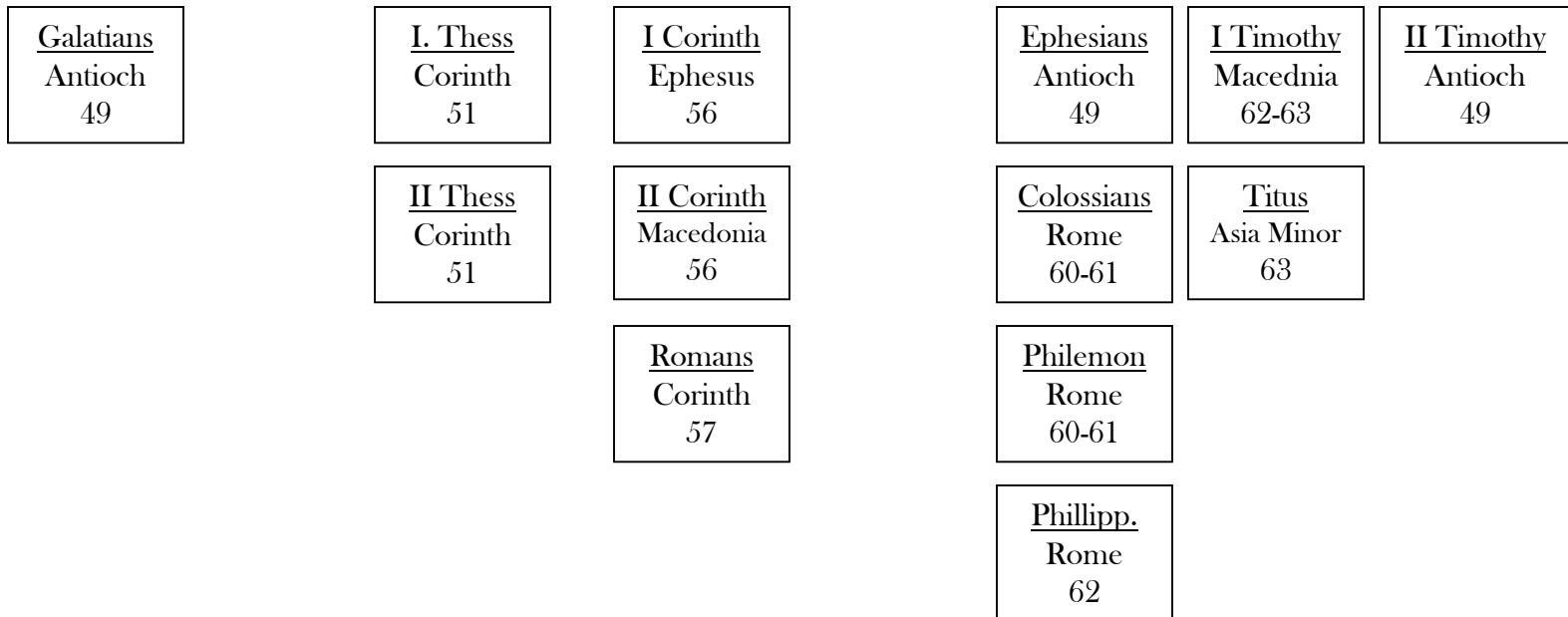
Book Chronology of the N.T.

“Unto the uttermost part of the earth...” (Acts 13-28)

Ch. 13 14 15 16 18 19 21 22 28



Pauline Epistles



Acts of The Apostles: Missionary Strategy

Acts	Main Character	Gospel	Region	Main Event
1	Jesus	Commissioned	Jerusalem	Jesus Ascended
2	Peter	1 st Proclaimed	Jerusalem	Pentacost (Holy Spirit)
3	Peter	Confirmed	Jerusalem	Lame Man Healed
4	Peter	Challenged	Jerusalem	Peter/John Imprisoned
5	Peter	Defended	Jerusalem	Trouble W/I A. & S.
6	Deacons	Spread	Jerusalem	7 Deacons Chosen
7	Stephen	Persecuted	Judea (8:1)	Stephen Martyred
8	Philip	To half-Jews	Samaria	Samaria/Ethiop. Eunuch
10-12	Peter	To Gentiles	Judea	Cornelius Converted
13-21	Paul	Jews & Gentiles	Uttermost	Paul's Missionary Journeys (Eur/Asia)

Church Growth in Acts

1:15	“One hundred and twenty”
2:41	“Three thousand added”
2:47	“Added to their number daily”
4:4	“Five thousand men”
5:14	“Multitudes added more than ever, men and women”
6:7	“Number multiplied greatly in Jerusalem
9:31	Multiplied in Judea, Galilee and Samaria”
12:24	“Grew and multiplied”
13:49	“Spread throughout all the region”
16:5	“Increased in numbers daily”
19:20	“Grew and prevailed mightily”

Comparison of Paul's Journeys

Extent	Purpose	Date	Personnel	Result
1. 800 Mi.	To establish churches and convert people	50 A.D.	Paul & Barnabas	Established many churches
2. 2500 Mi.	To visit existing churches and establish new churches. To take the Gospel through Asia	51-54 A.D.	Paul & Silas	Visited the churches and established many more
3. 3250 Mi.	To confirm the churches	54-58 A.D.	Paul & Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All Asia heard Word •Broke up witchcraft in city •Threatened the worship of Diana
4. To Rome	To return to Rome and Preach there	58-61 A.D.	Paul and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Established churches •Arrived in Rome •Stayed and preached in Rome 2 years

Preparation for the Gospel

- Assyrian Empire
 - 10 tribes lost
 - Many Southern Villages captured except Jerusalem

Preparation for the Gospel

- Babylonian Empire - Destruction of Jerusalem -
- Nebuchadnezzar's Dream - Dan Ch. 2

Preparation for the Gospel

- Persian Empire
 - Cyrus
 - Religious independence
 - return of exiles (50,000) Zerubbabel/Ezra -
 - Temple rebuilt

Preparation for the Gospel

- Greek Empire
 - Naval armada
 - Defeated Artaxerxes
 - Alexander the Great
 - One language - Greek
 - Divided 4 generals when Alexander died [Ptolemies & Seleucids]
 - 167 BC Seleucid King Antiochus IV Epiphanes desecrates Temple by offering pig sacrifice to Zeus
 - Judas Maccabees defeats Antiochus and 80 year political independence

Preparation for the Gospel

- Roman Empire - General Pompey destroys Temple & conquers Jerusalem
- Tremendous Infrastructure - bridges, aqueducts, sewers, canals
 - ~ Roman Roads - for troop movement - inns, foot travel, donkey, etc.
 - ~ Sea Travel - large cargo ships
 - ~ One language - Greek (Latin later)

Preparation for the Gospel

- Jewish Dispersion - Like farmer broadcasting seed. Alexandria, Antioch, Tarsus, Rome
 - ~ Acts 8:1
 - ~ Synagogues
 - ~ Hellenism Jesus born into this historical context - 1) under foreign domination - 2) Jewish apostasy & legalism [oppression on 2 fronts] 3
 - ~ paranoid King Herod