

1st Thessalonians

1:5 Our Gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with full assurance.



1:1-10 – Escape the Coming Wrath

2:1-12 – How Paul Loved, pt 1

2:13-20 – How Paul Loved, pt 2

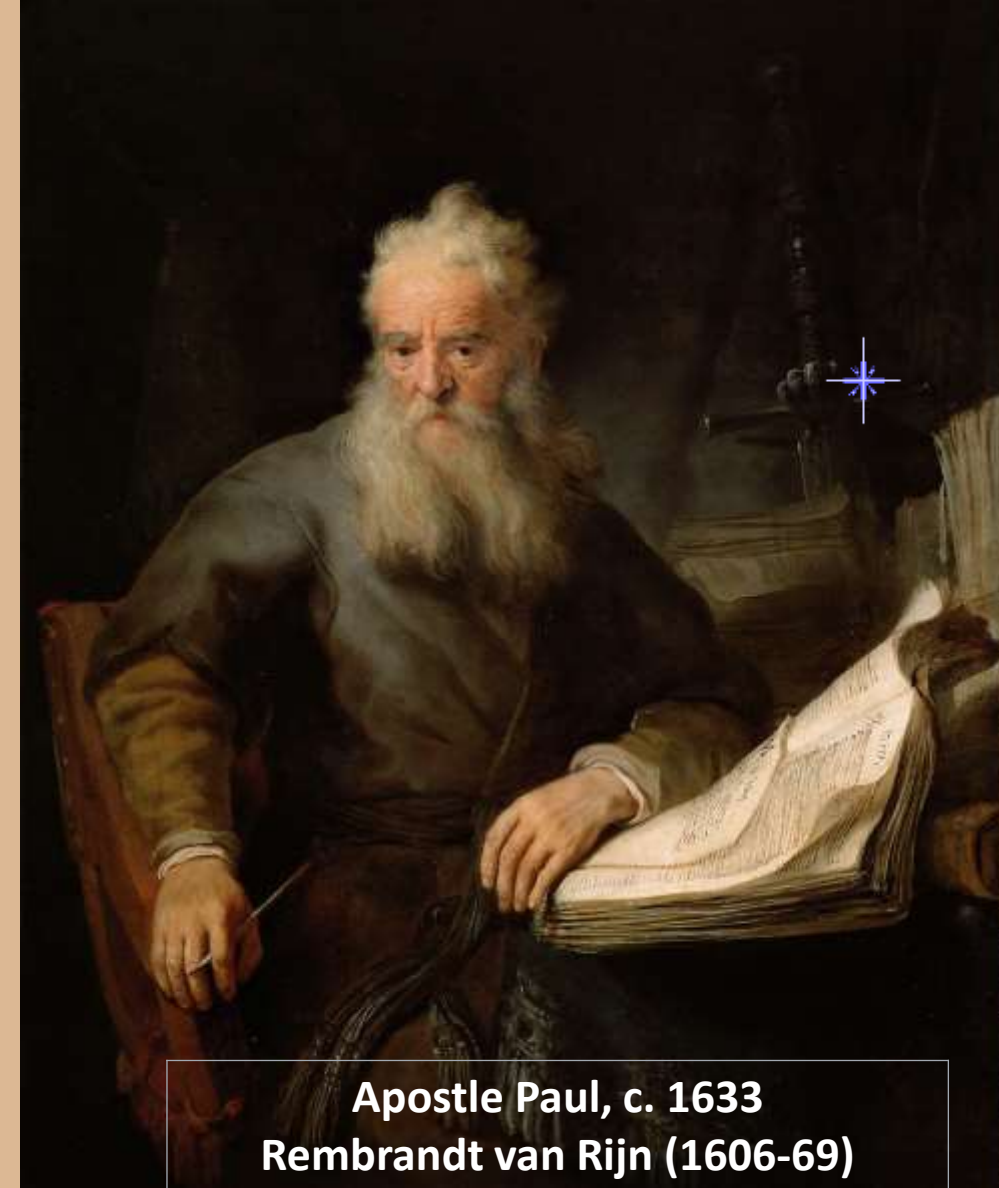
3:1-14 – Your Pastor's Heart

4:1-12 – How Holy Can You Be?

4:13-18 – Our Heavenly Rest

5:1-11 – Day of the Lord ... Are You Woke?

5:12-24 – Blameless at His Coming



Apostle Paul, c. 1633
Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-69)

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Escaping the Day of Wrath

G O D Z I L L A



Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea

Paul imprisoned

Luke joins Paul

Paul brought on charges before Gallio

Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia

Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work

Paul returned from Jerusalem to plan his next venture

Jerusalem Conference, AD 49, (Acts 15:1-30; Gal 2:1-21)

200 Miles

THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL
ACTS 15:36-18:32

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Via Egnatia
-) (Pass
- ← Route of Paul and Silas

Thessalonica
Berea

Writes from
Corinth

**¹ Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.**

Notice “IN God the Father”

**Most of the other times Paul addresses
to the Churches of God in Christ**

**Remember ... this is Paul’s first letter
Written A.D. 50 ... 20 years after Christ
First cause it’s the LARGEST ...**

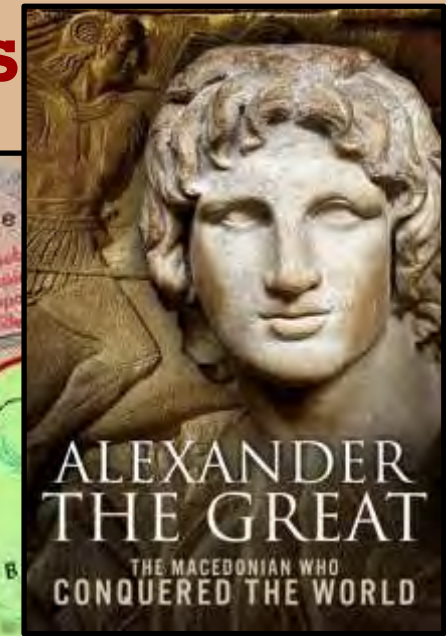
1 & 2 debated ... to same church?

Two different churches in Thessalonica?



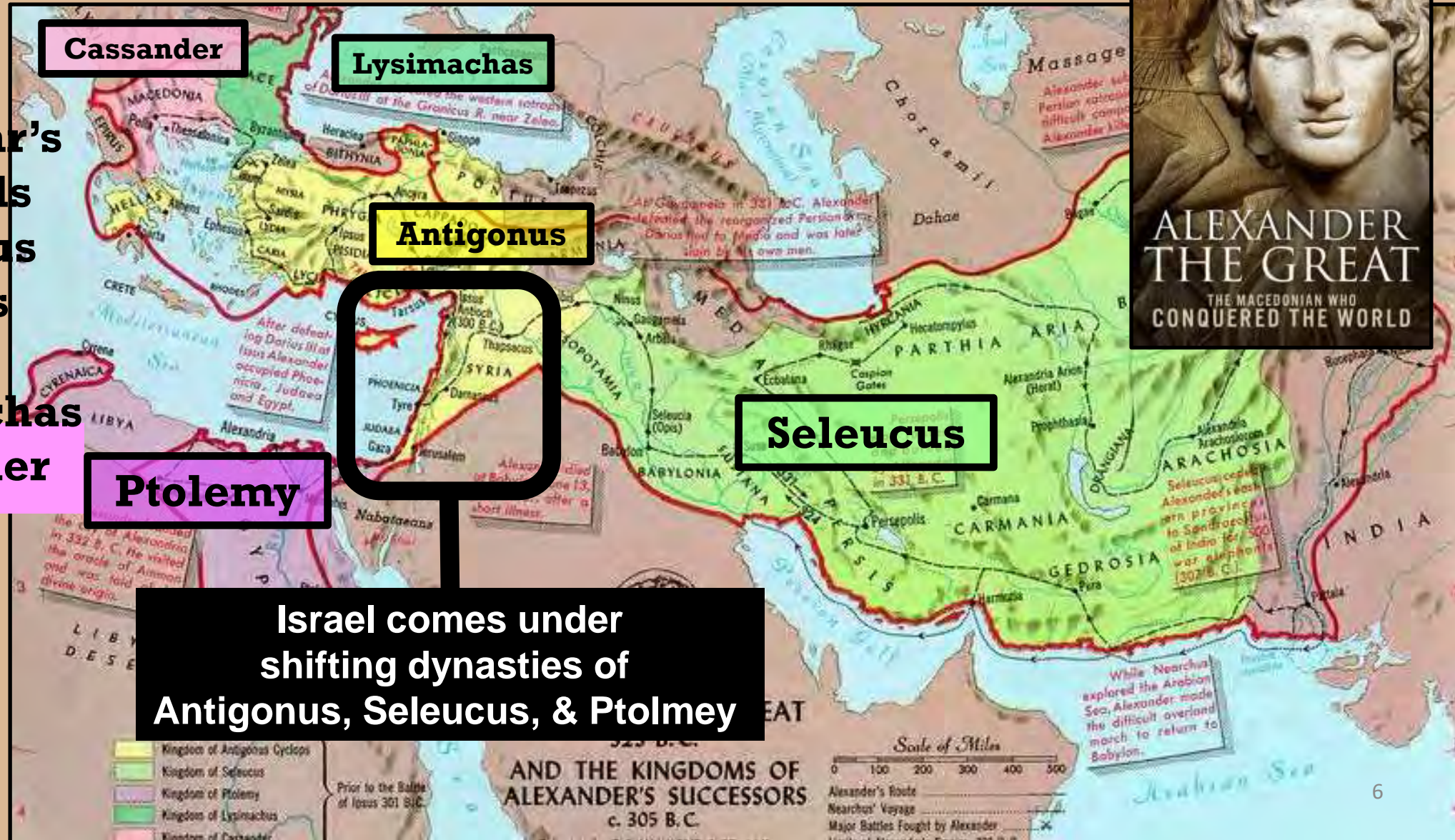
Thessalonica

Alexander the Great – 356-323 B.C. – 32 yrs



Alexander's Generals

- ❖ Antigonus
- ❖ Seleucus
- ❖ Ptolemy
- ❖ Lysimachas
- ❖ Cassander



Israel comes under
shifting dynasties of
Antigonus, Seleucus, & Ptolemy

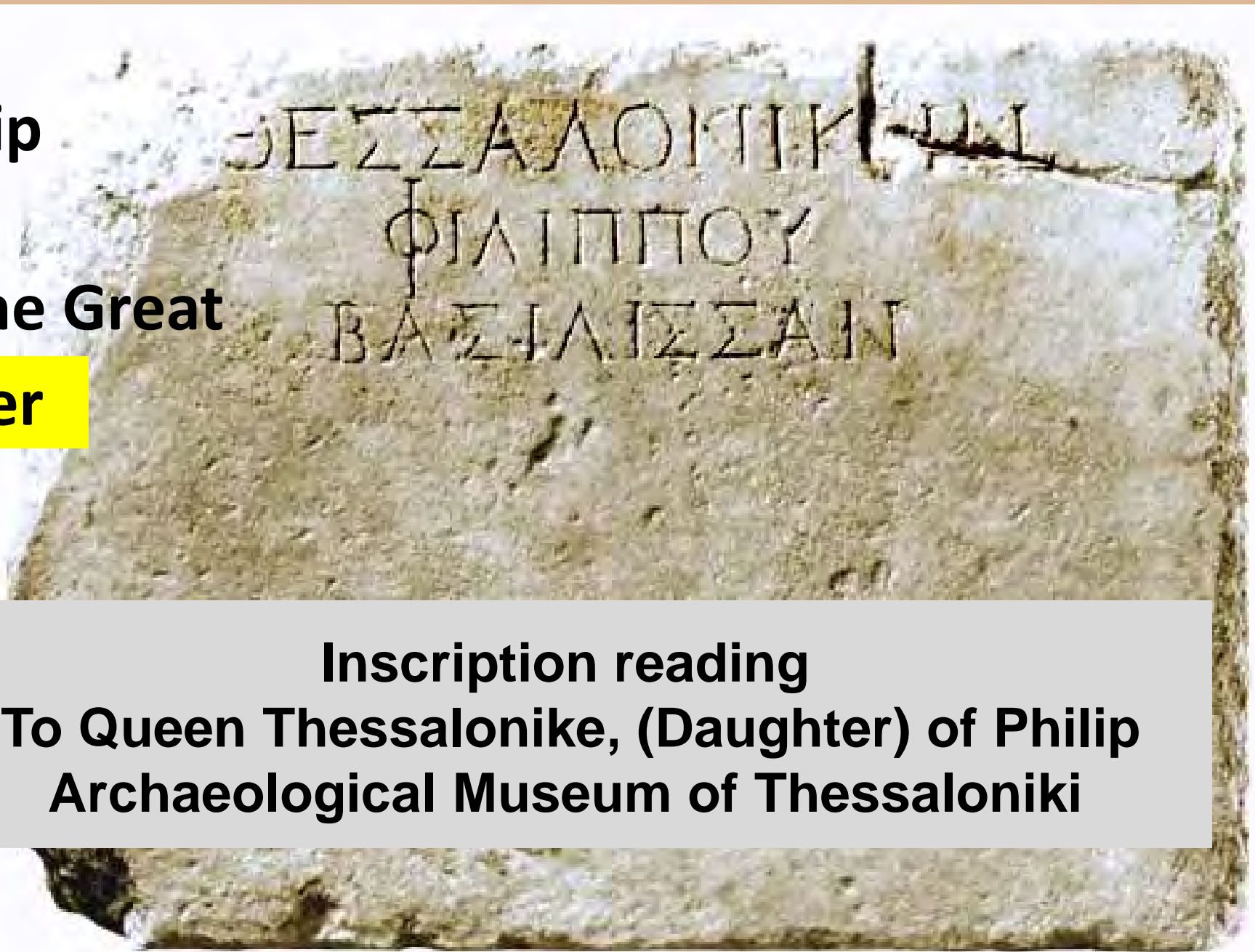
- ✓ Former ancient Therma
- ✓ 315 BC by the King Cassander of Macedon (355–297 BC) named it after his wife **Thessalonike**,
- ✓ Half-sister of Alexander the Great (356–323 BC) and princess of Macedonia as daughter of Philip II.
- ✓ Macedonia fell in 168 BC
- ✓ 148 BC Thessalonica was made the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia.
- ✓ Important trade hub located on the **Via Egnatia**, road built by Romans 2nd Century B.C.





Via Egnatia
near Neapolis

Daughter of Philip
Half-sister to
Alexander the Great
Wife to Cassander



Inscription reading
"To Queen Thessalonike, (Daughter) of Philip
Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki

**Greece
Hellás**

Rome

Israel

Book Acts Starts

**THE ROMAN EMPIRE
AT ITS GREATEST EXTENT
c. 107 A.D.**

600 Miles



**Greece
Hellás**

Rome

- AD 14 Augustus Dies
- AD 64 Nero burns Rome
- *AD 70 Temple Destroyed*
- AD 313 Constantine Edict
- AD 476 Rome Falls
 - ... AD 624 Islam
 - ... AD 1091 Crusades
- 1400s Renaissance

- 500-300 Golden Greece
- 325 BC Alexander
- *200 BC LXX - Septuagint*
- 72-71 BC Spartacus
- Hellenism Dominates
 - ... *Latin on Rise*
- 44 BC J. Caesar killed
- 31 BC Battle of Actium
- Rome Dominates

LXX = Septuagint
70 Jewish Greek
Scholars' Translation
Old Testament

Israel

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Greece
Hellás

Rome

Hellenism Spreads

Greek becomes *Lingua Franca* of civilized world ... New Testament written in Greek

Israel

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Acts 15:41 & 16:10 Paul & Silas Antioch to Troas ... 800+ Miles!

Cross Aegean
to Philippi
to Thessalonica

Athens,
Corinth

Another 400+ Miles

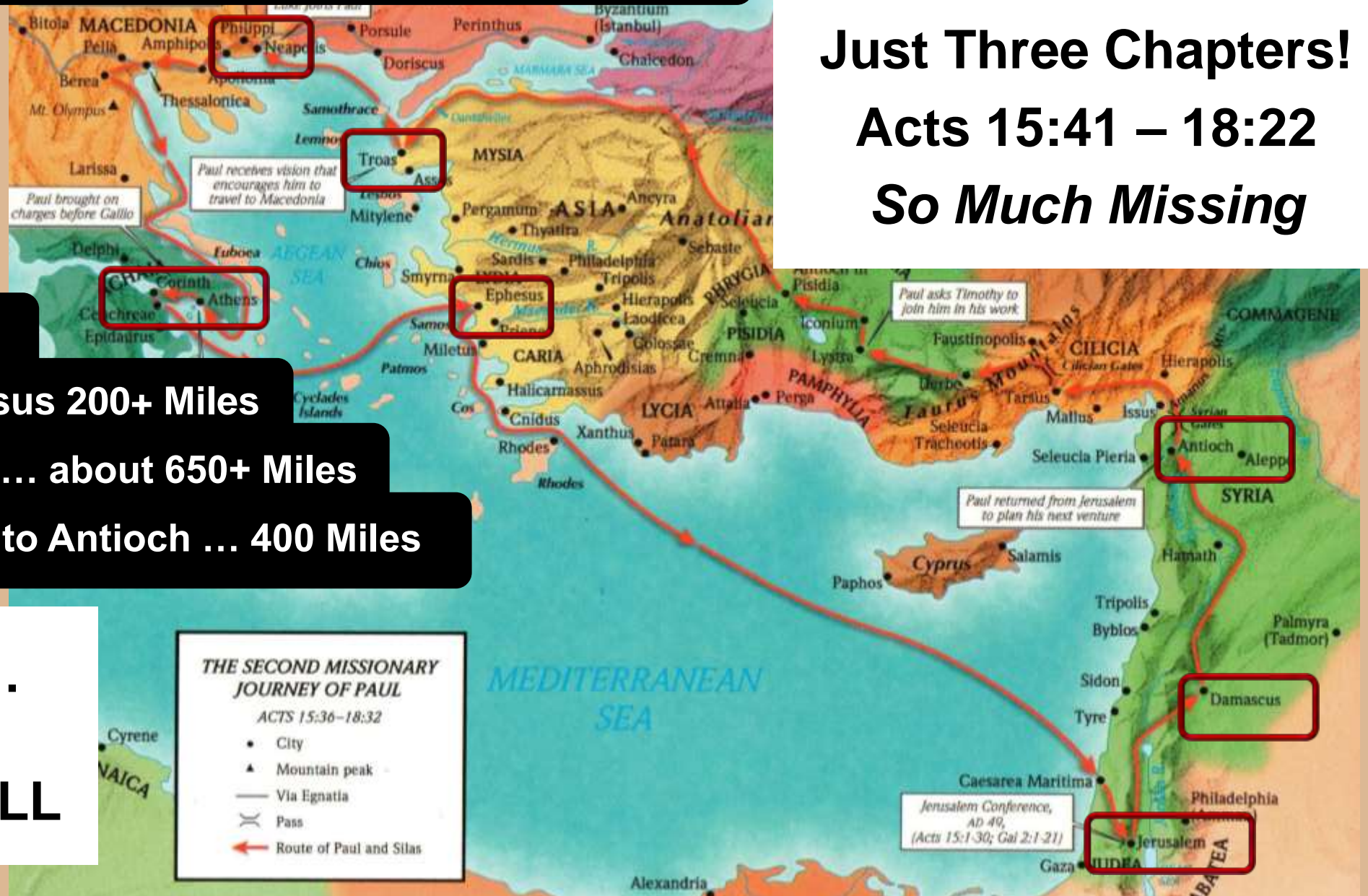
Then sails to Ephesus 200+ Miles

Then to Jerusalem ... about 650+ Miles

Then to Damascus to Antioch ... 400 Miles

Just Three Chapters!
Acts 15:41 – 18:22
So Much Missing

What? ...
2,700+
Miles in ALL



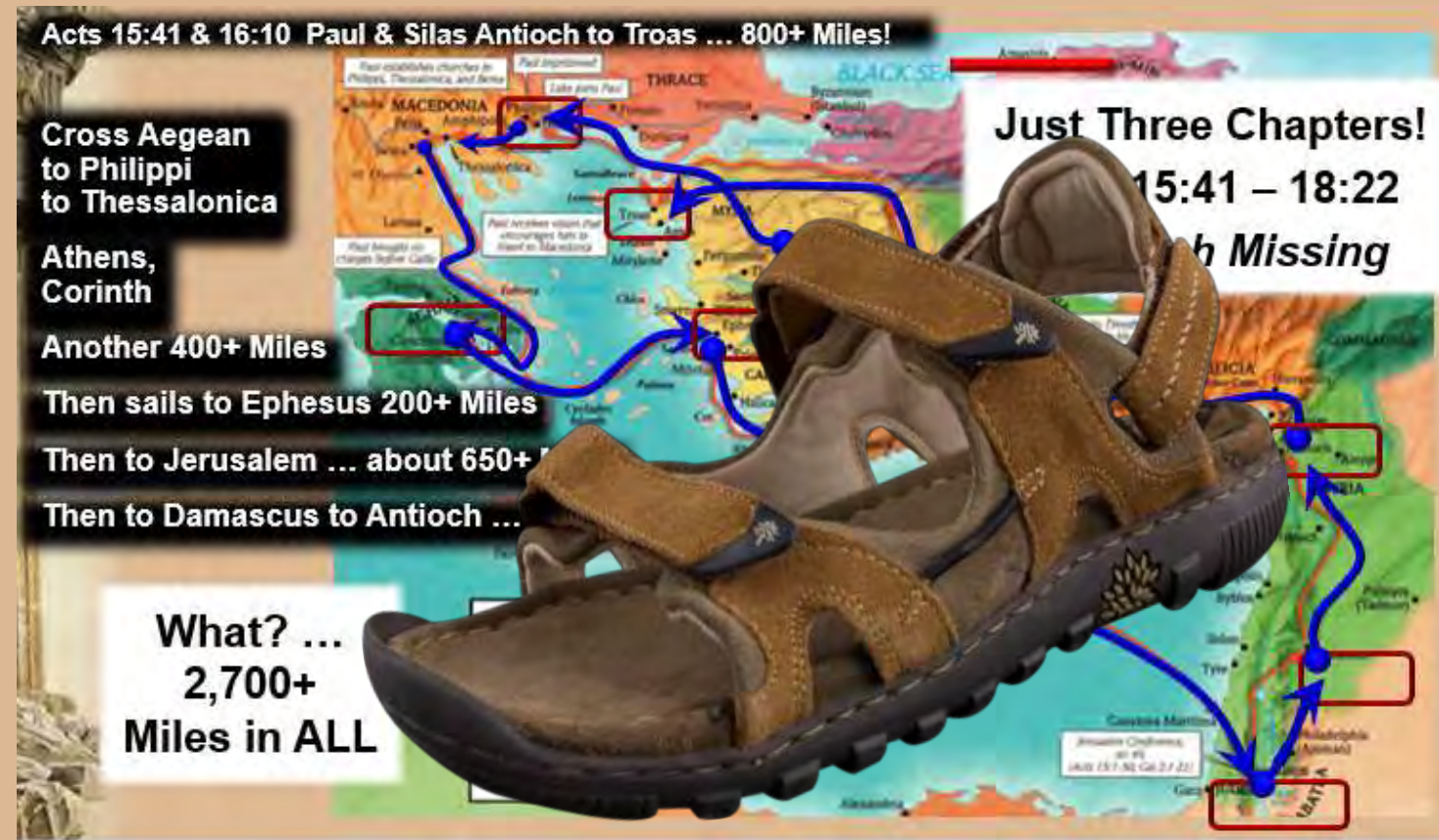
Paul & Silas' **SECOND** Missionary Journey
2,700-plus Miles ... just a handful of towns given
2,700-plus Miles ... a measly 3 short chapters in Acts
2,700-plus Miles ... how many SANDALS did they
WEAR OUT

How many **PEOPLE**
travelled *WITH* them

OR

Said in another way
How many hands did
they shake ... meals
shared ... or

Friends Made




Thessalonica ... almost midway of Paul's
2,700-mile WALK ... "Thessaloniki" today
Popular tourist destination in Greece

- ✓ 2013, *National Geographic* included Thessaloniki in its top tourist destinations worldwide
- ✓ 2014 *Financial Times' FDI* magazine (Foreign Direct Investments) declared Thessaloniki as the best mid-sized European city of the future for human capital and lifestyle.
- ✓ Center of Thessaloniki is also considered the most popular destination for street photography in Greece.



Aristotelous Square





² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by **Faith**, your labor prompted by **Love**, and your endurance inspired by **Hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Did you see that? ... **Faith ~ Hope ~ Love**

Great Triad of Virtues ... made Exquisite in 1 Cor. 13

Much has been made of those ... rightly so

Trinity of Virtues reflecting The Trinity ...

Our Faith & Hope empower our Love

4-5a **For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and full assurance.**

You know how we lived among you for your sake.

Christian Standard & Berean > Full Assurance

NIV & ISV > Deep Conviction


KJV, ASV, & NA > Much Assurance

ESV & NASB > Full Conviction

Douay-Rheims > Much Fullness

Weymouth NT > Much Certainty

**Tell me about
Deep Conviction
Full Assurance**

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- 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord,
for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe
suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.**
- 7 And so you became a model to all the believers
in Macedonia and Achaia.**
- 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in
Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has
become known everywhere.**

Therefore, we do not need to say anything about it,

NEWS FLASH ... YOUR witness ... YOUR care ...

- 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere.

Therefore, we do not need to say anything about it,



NEWS FLASH
Michael T. Gracey
CAUGHT!
Being a Christian
Doing Good!



- 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere.


Therefore, we do not need to say anything about it,

Remember ...
to Thessalonians



Writes from Corinth



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- 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception
you gave us. They tell how you turned to God
from idols to serve the living and true God,**
- 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead—Jesus,
who rescues us from the coming wrath.**

All version say “Coming Wrath” or “Wrath to Come”

We will be seeing the coming of Christ throughout

2:19, 3:13, 4:13-18, 5:1-11, and in 2 Thessalonians



Acts 3:19-21 ... gives a hint ... which Paul expounds

¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped away, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus, the Christ, who has been appointed for you.

²¹ Heaven must take Him in until the time comes for the restoration of all things, which God announced long ago through His holy prophets.

**1 & 2 Thessalonians reveal specifics NOT repeated
Then many try to mingle these with Revelations**



¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven,

Wait for Christ's coming ... very clear ... in the N.T.

Expected Soon

1 Cor 1:7, "Waiting for the revelation of
our Lord Jesus Christ"

Phil 3:20, "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we
eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ

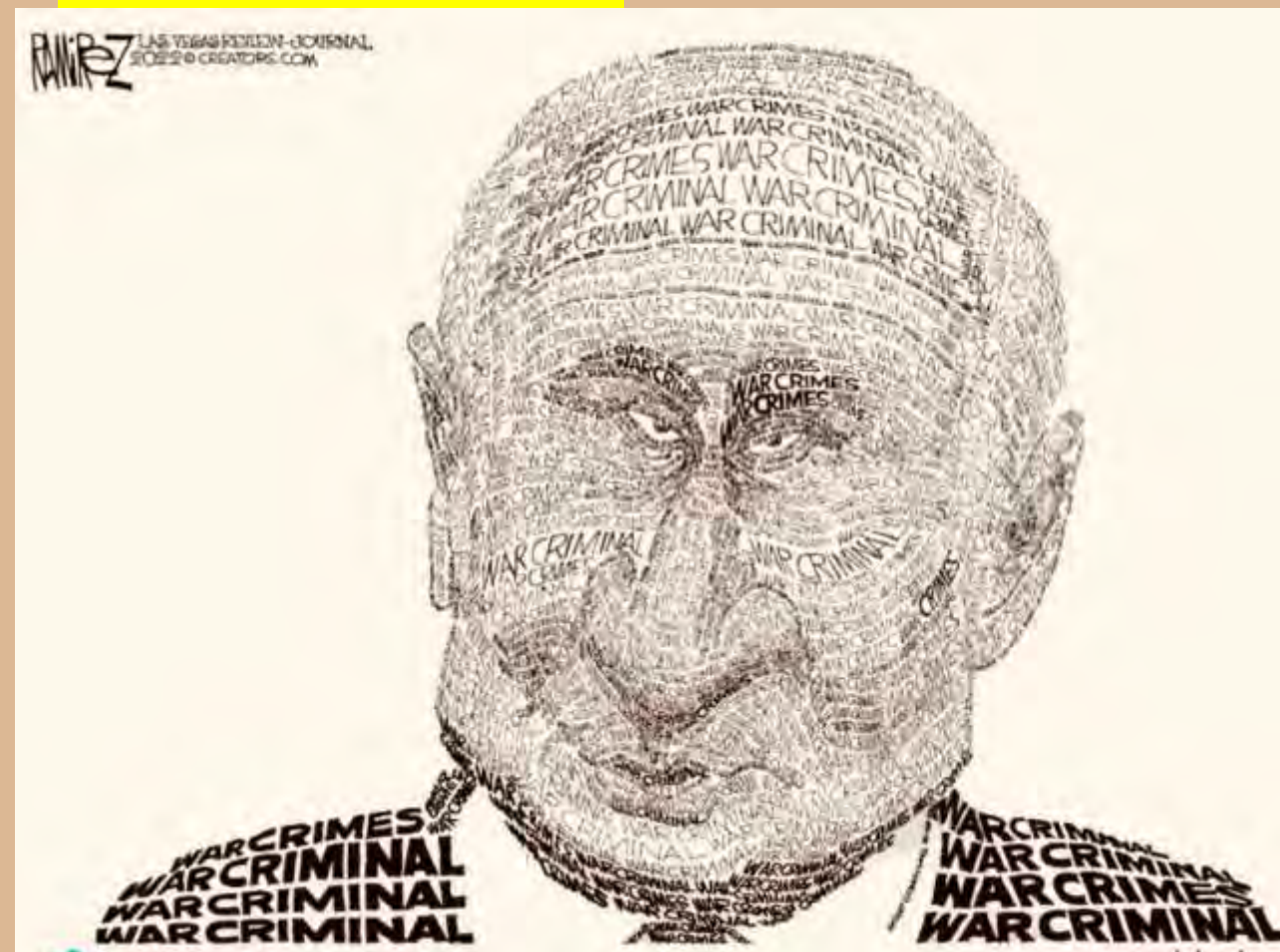
Rom 8:23, "groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our
adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies."

Gal 5:5, "For through the Spirit we eagerly await
by faith the righteousness for which we hope."

¹⁰ and to WAIT for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead—Jesus,
who rescues us from the coming wrath.

“Coming Wrath”

Many forms thru
the centuries



10 **coming wrath**

Many faces of Wrath



BILLY SUNDAY
BURNS UP THE
BACKSLIDING WORLD



*Whirlwind evangelist swings into
action at Boston to cure depression*

P A T H É N E W S

Billy Sunday
1862-1935

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¹⁰ coming wrath

Many faces of Wrath

Acts 17:31

For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Luke gave us the Resurrection as the proof of Judgment

John warned in Matt 3:7, “But when John saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his place of baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?’”



Coming of Christ

Coming Wrath

Church felt these would come soon ...

**Romans 3:5, But if our unrighteousness highlights
the righteousness of God, what shall we say?
That God is unjust to inflict His wrath on us?**

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Our **Faith** is in the Resurrection of Christ

Our **Hope** in Deliverance based upon the Resurrection

Our **Love** is a *result* of our **Faith** and **Hope**

Saving us from a Coming Wrath



In other words ...

Paul opens his First Letter
with an Escape from Wrath

That escape is through

Faith in the Resurrection

Hope based on the Resurrection

Love being a result of our

Faith and Hope

