

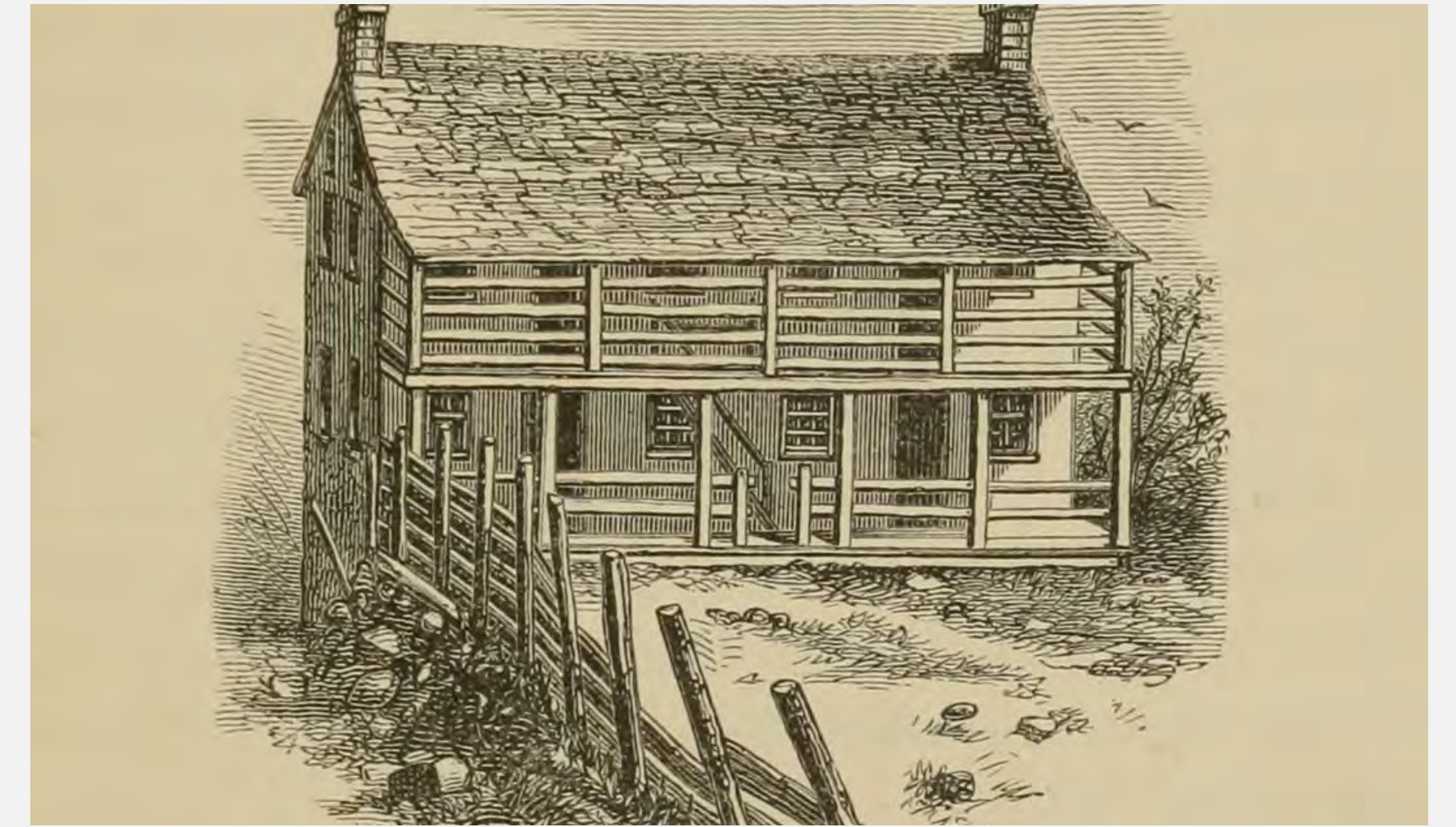


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HOMEWORK:

ANY VERSES

ACTS 18:24-27
I CORINTHIANS 3



Richmond, Va Lumpkin Slave Jail



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ATHENS



- Paul Leaves
- 2 Named converts
- Alone
- Heads to Corinth





CORINTH

- 50 Miles west of Athens
- 300 Feet above sea level
- 2 Day walk
- Corinth is a place of survival

The background of the image is a composite of a dark, starry night sky and a rugged mountain range. The mountains are covered in snow and are silhouetted against a bright, orange-hued horizon, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The sky is filled with numerous stars and a few faint, thin lines.

Prosperity is the blessing of
the Old Testament; adversity
is the blessing of the New.

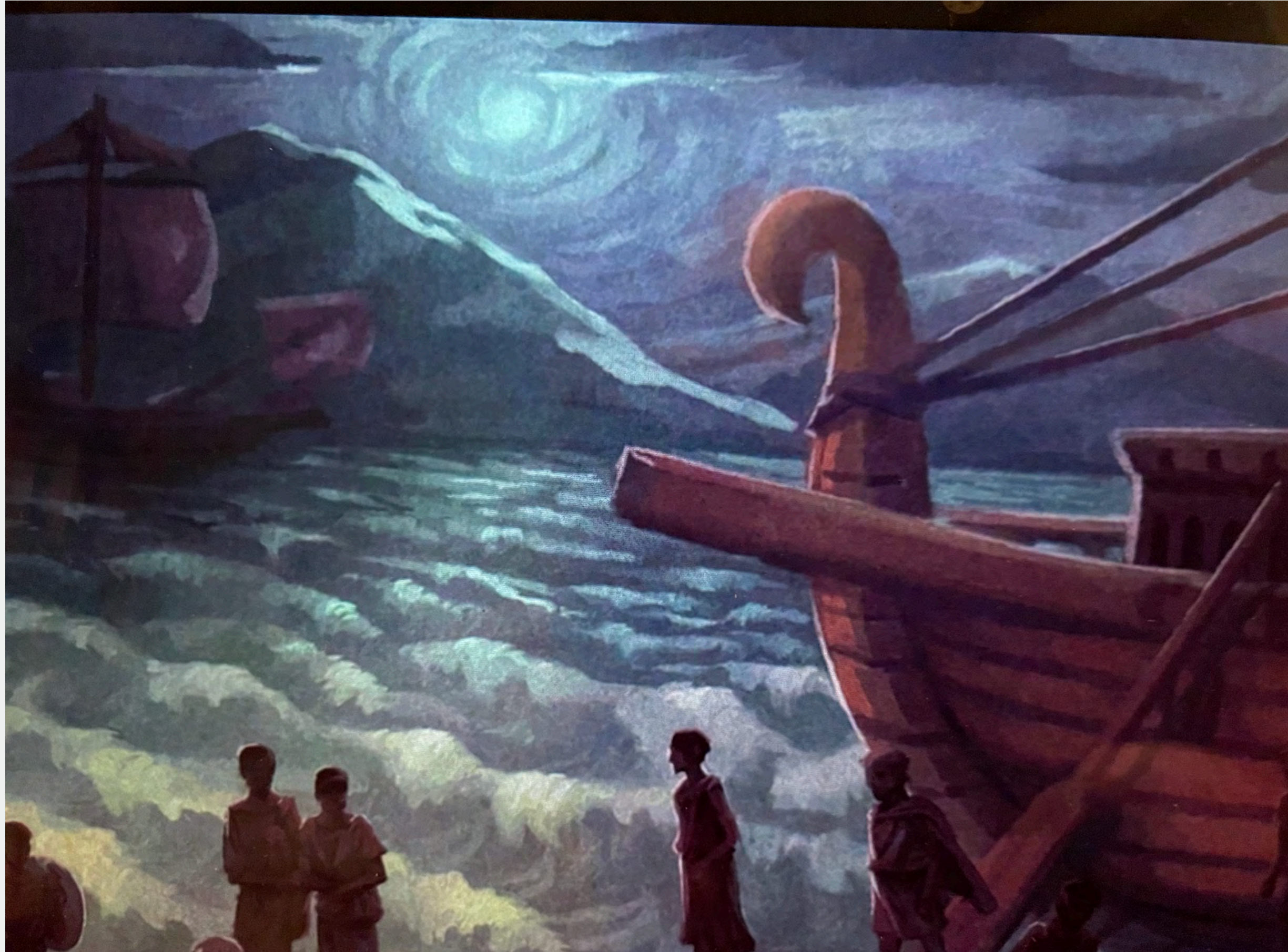
Francis Bacon

ANCIENT CORINTH



- *Corinth- “Beauty”*
- *Important Greek City-State*
- *146 destroyed, rebuilt by Augustus, Roman Colony*
- *Capital of Achaia*

ANCIENT CORINTH



- *Population 100-150k*
- *5th Largest city*
- *Capital of Achaia*
- *Shipping was the specialty*

ITHSMUS OF CORINTH



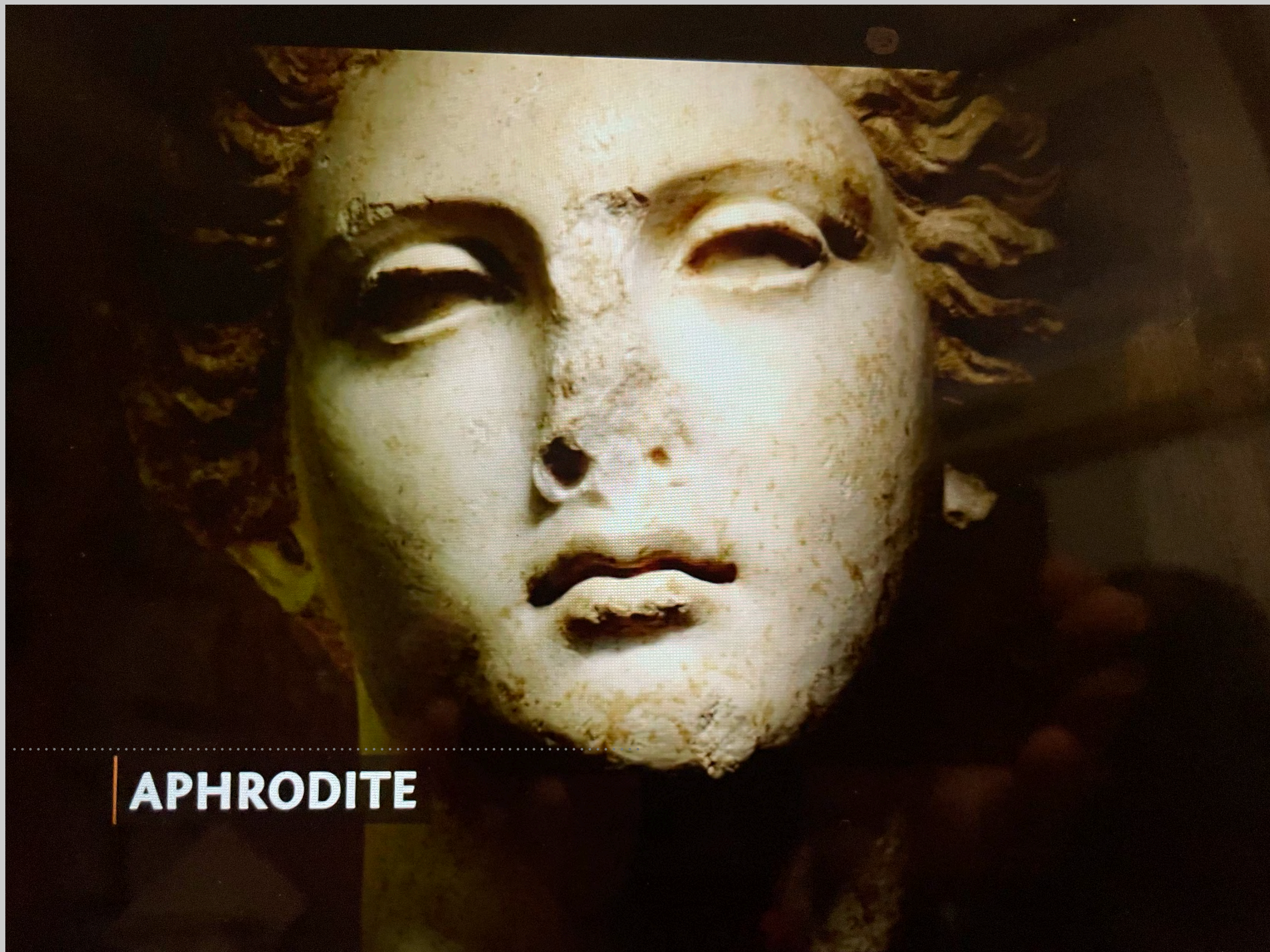
- *Connects Corinth to the Peloponnese & mainland Greece*
- *West- Port Lechaëum, Adriatic Sea, Gulf of Corinth*
- *East- Port Cenchrae, Aegean Sea, Saronic Gulf*



Diolkos Road

POSIEDEN,
ATHENA, OCTAVIA,
AESCULAPIUS
SERAPIS
*APHRODITE





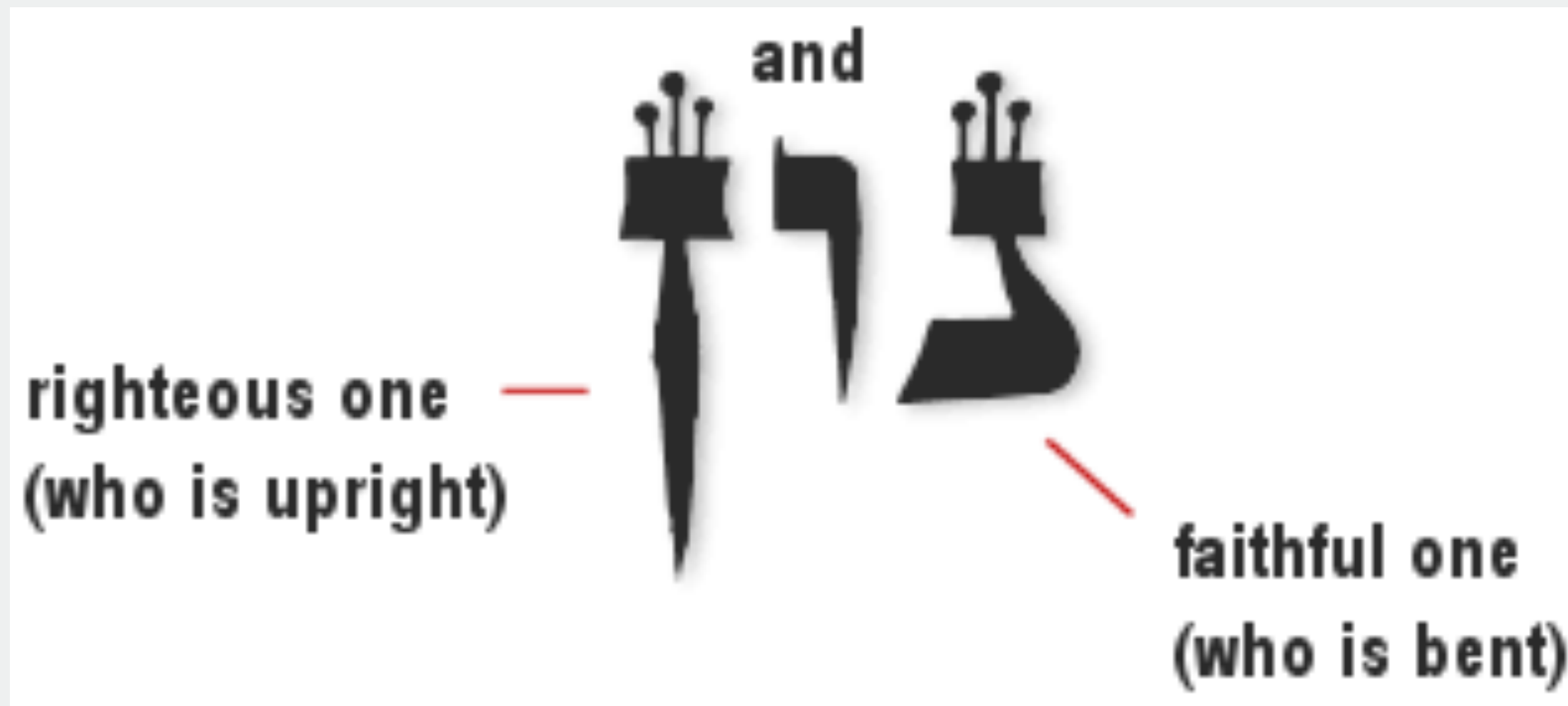
APHRODITE







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- A GREAT faith is a REPENTANT faith
 - Beth Melekh
(bethmelekh.com)
 - -Rav Yaakov ben Yehoshua



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➤ Humble is
HARD... but
needed

SHAVU'OT..... THE SPIRIT DRAWS



► 50 days after
Pesach



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- Fire fell on 120
that gathered in one
place
 - The Spirit Convicts
MANY MORE



HOLY SPIRIT POURED OUT

- Regardless of Age
- Regardless of Gender
- Regardless of Socio-economic status



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- *Mikveh*
 - *3000 baptized*
*after the **FIRE** of*
*the **Holy Spirit** fell*



PHARISEE

- Set apart one
- Josephus Jewish Historian- 760BC
- 613 Laws
- Wore Tassels
- Refused to bow to changing culture (Many pharisees and Saducees came to follow Jesus, Acts 6:7)
- The Found vs the lost Tom Hovestall Spiritual Profiling

PHARISEES

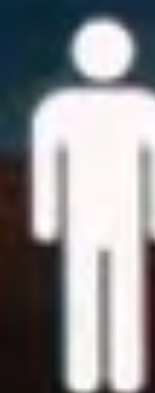
CHIEF
PRIESTS

SADDUCEES

ELDERS

HIGH PRIEST

SCRIBES







YESHUA HOUNDS SAUL

- wretch=wrecker
- Saul is Wrecking/
God sees
- Saul has plans/ Jesus
has plans

PASSIONATE PROCLAIMER



Go into all the world and
proclaim
the Good News
to the whole creation!

- Acts 8, to SAMARIA
- Philip- Greek name
- 1 of 7 deacons Acts 6
- Friend of Stephen
- Served widows
- Humble/ full of Holy Spirit

TIME LINE

- AD 34- Saul sees Jesus on his way to Damascus
- AD 34- Saul begins preaching in Damascus, then heads to the Arabian Desert for 3 years (34-38 AD) then heads back to Damascus to preach and get run out
- AD 38-39 Saul (ex-wrecker) preaches & goes to Jerusalem (Barnabas believes him) then soon leaves Jerusalem after he upsets all sides
- AD 38-43 Saul goes to Cilicia and Syria (Tarsus) (in 43 AD to Antioch)
- Acts 9:31- There is peace in Jerusalem after Saul leaves AD 39
- Peter is beckoned to come to Caesarea by message of Cornelius AD 39
- The Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles (God-fearers) AD 39

PASSIONATE PROCLAIMER



- Acts 10, to All Judea including GENTILES (ugh) CAESAREA
- Cornelius Roman Army officer
- He eats Shrimp and Pork BBQ
- Cornelius is unclean because of his DIET and he's a Gentile
- God tells Peter it's the heart of people not the stomach contents that matters
- Mind BLOWN

TRADITION



- Tradition can focus on EXTERNAL Pressure to do just right and look just right
- Tradition can keep everyone comfortable
- Tradition can disregard the internal
- We prefer Tradition led ministry over Spirit led



We must NOT forget the HUMAN origins of
TRADITIONS
And RESIST the deep seated urge to grant
them
DIVINE STATUS.

-J.I. Packer
Comfort of Conservatism

A close-up photograph of a man in a military uniform. He has a full, dark beard and mustache. He is wearing a white uniform jacket with gold braiding on the lapels and a black peaked cap with a gold emblem. The background is dark and out of focus.

**When Tradition
becomes automatic it
is easy for intimacy
to be lost.**

**-Tom Hovestol
Extreme
Righteousness**



B L A C K S E A

CONSTANTINOPLE

ROME

ANTIOCH

M E D I T E R R A N E A N S E A

ALEXANDRIA

JERUSALEM

GOSPEL ARRIVES TO A DIVIDED CITY



- Gospel pressed out of Jerusalem because of Stephen's stoning
- Saul's rampage influenced the Jerusalem exodus
- Barney is sent to check it out



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Echad: A complex unity

(UN)RESTRAINED FIRE MELTS WALLS OF DIVISION



- Barney is GLAD
- UNITY IS NOT UNIFORMITY
- Barney gets SAUL
- ECHAD: complex UNITY
- The AIM and GOAL is JESUS
- Walls of division melt with the FIRE of the Holy Spirit

(UN)RESTRAINED ECHAD



- First Mega Church
- Some historical reports up to 50% follow Jesus

TURKEY

[CYPRUS]

SYRIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA





Troas

ASIA

ACHAIA

Smyrna

PHRYGIA

Antioch

PISIDIA

GALATIA

Iconium

Lystra

Colossae

Derbe

Perga

PAMPHYLIA

CILICIA

Tarsus

Antioch

SYRIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Caesarea



MACEDONIA

ACHAEA

ASIA

PHRYGIA

GALATIA

PISIDIA

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Tarsus

MEDITERR

SEA

[THESSALONICA]
=
[THESSALONIKI]





Edessa

Pella

Thessalonica

Berea

Dion

Mount Olympus +



(UN)RESTRAINED KNOWLEDGE



- The GOD's WORD never comes back VOID Isaiah 55:11
- God Will accomplish what He sets out to accomplish
- The message has not changed today and the same choice must be made


HOMework:

ACTS 18:1-18

DO YOUR THREE QUESTIONS.



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FACEBOOK?

**NO, I LITERALLY
WANT YOU TO
FOLLOW ME.**

SO... TWITTER?

**I'M GOING TO START
OVER AGAIN AND YOU
CAN LET ME KNOW
WHERE I LOSE YOU.**