

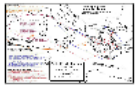






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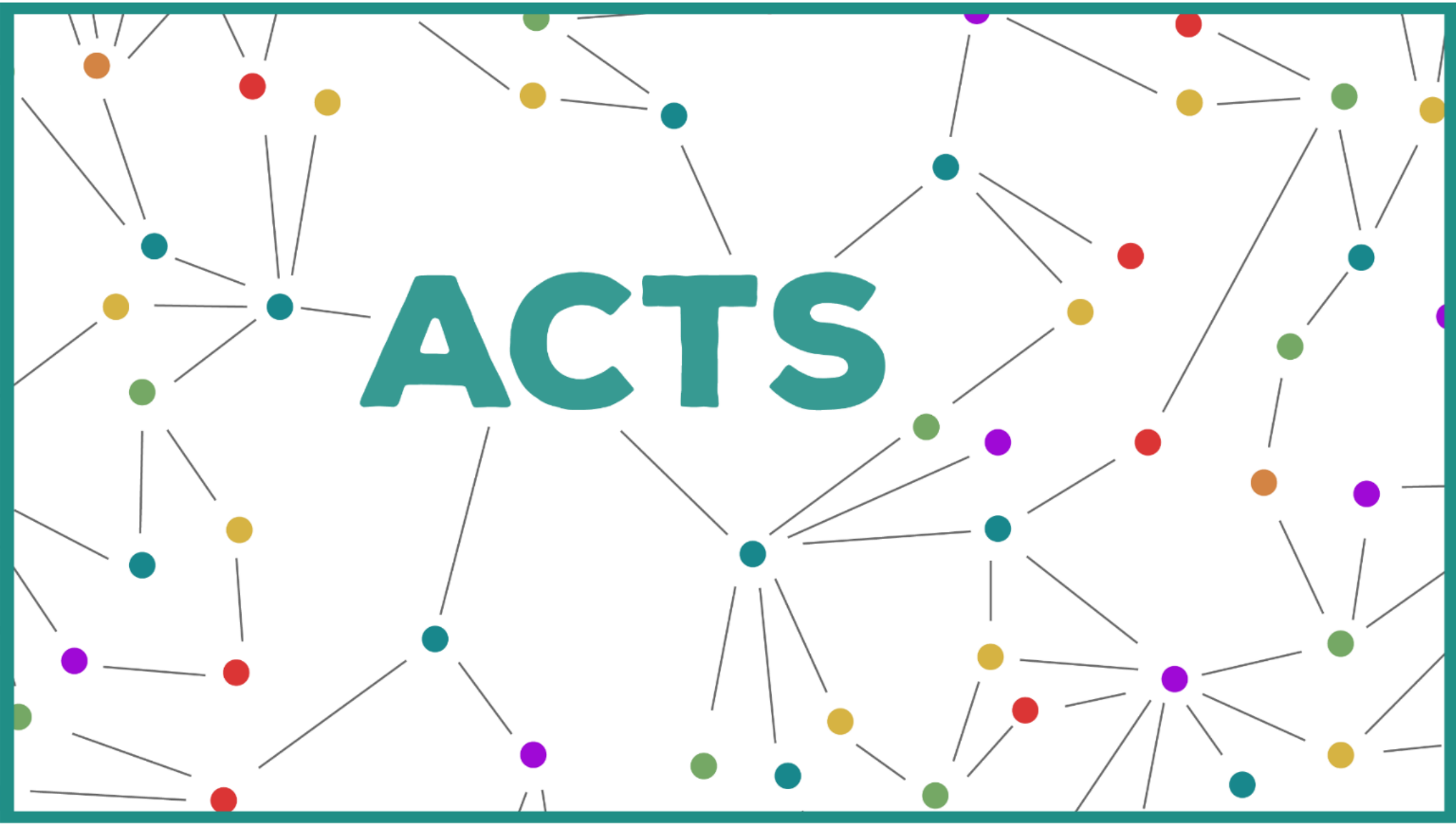
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8 weeks in Acts

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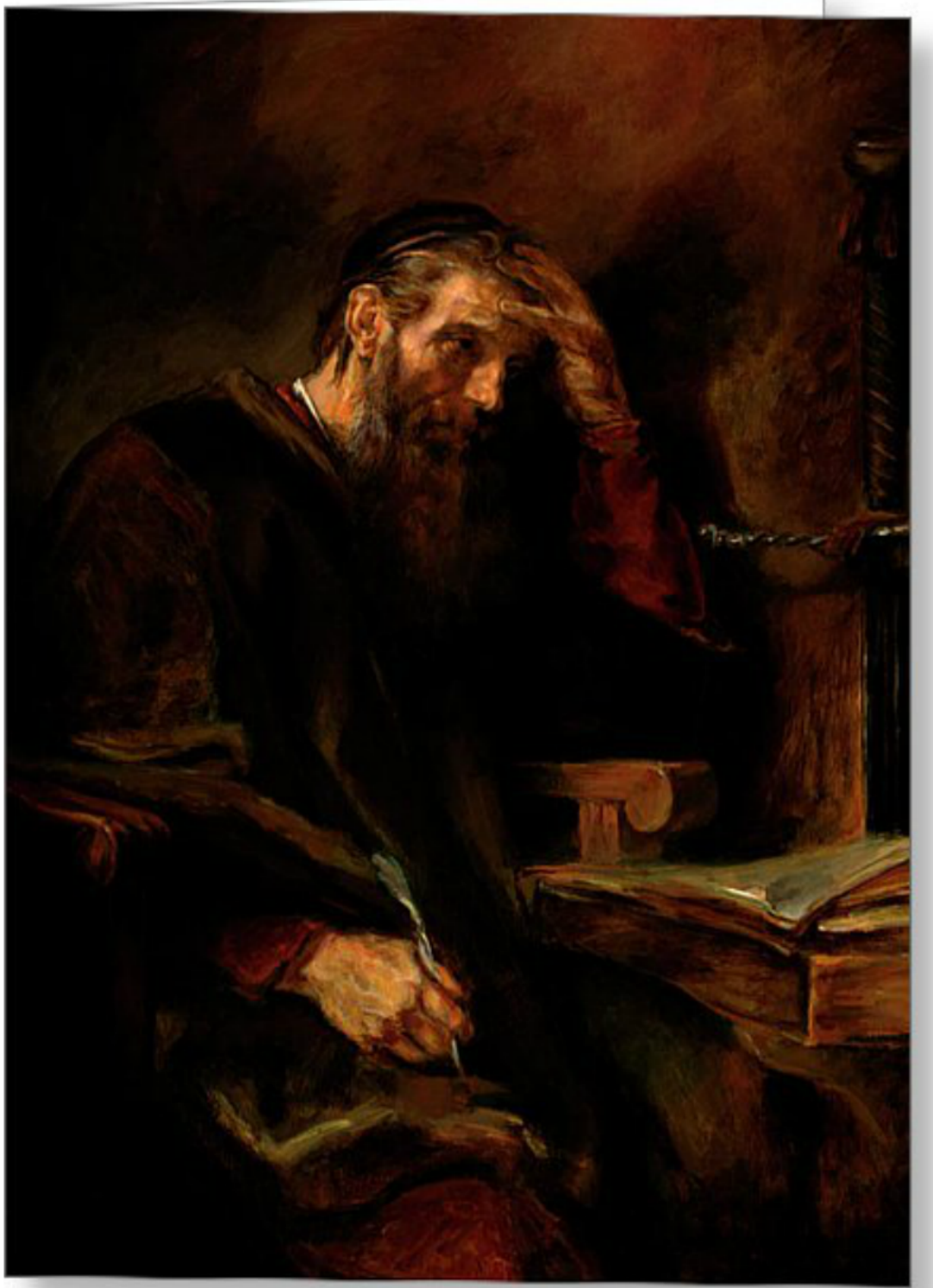


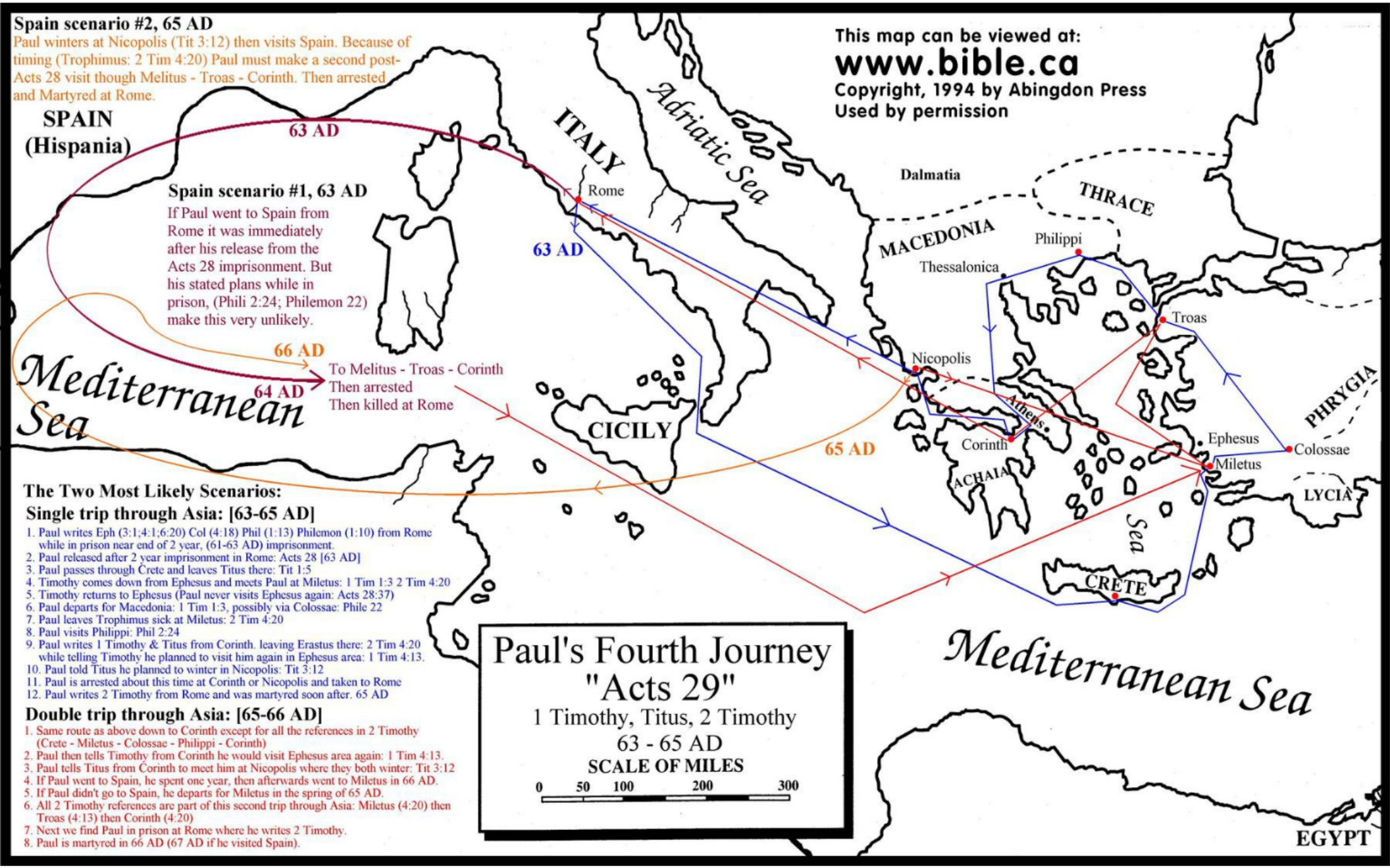
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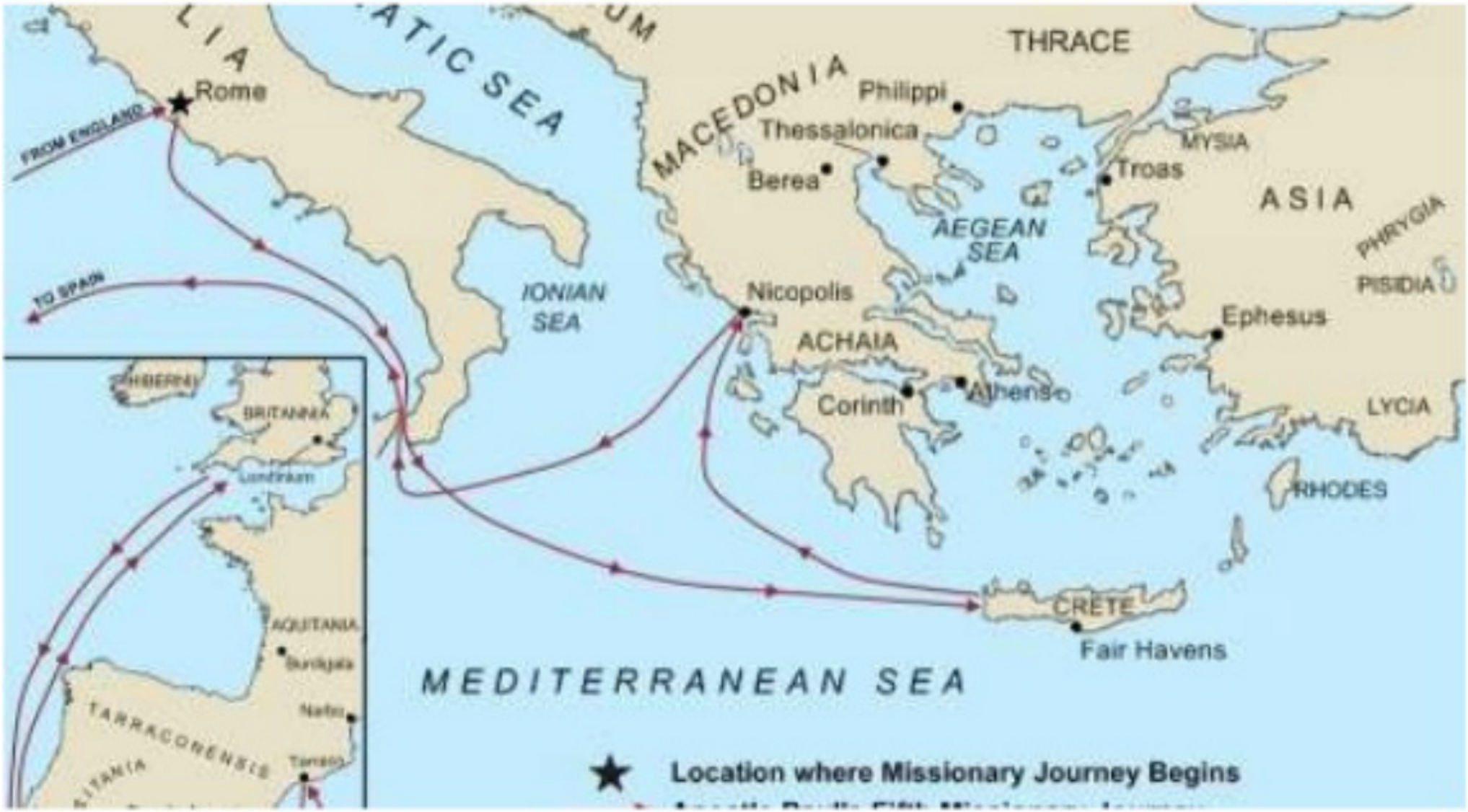


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Spain scenario #2, 65 AD
Paul winters at Nicopolis (Tit 3:12) then visits Spain. Because of timing (Trophimus: 2 Tim 4:20) Paul must make a second post-Acts 28 visit though Melitus - Troas - Corinth. Then arrested and Martyred at Rome.
SPAIN (Hispania)
63 AD
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66 AD
64 AD
To Melitus - Troas - Corinth
Then arrested
Then killed at Rome
Mediterranean Sea
ITALY
Rome
Adriatic Sea
63 AD
CICILY
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Dalmatia
THRACE
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2. Paul released after 2 year imprisonment in Rome: Acts 28 [63 AD]
3. Paul passes through Crete and leaves Titus there: Tit 1:5
4. Timothy comes down from Ephesus and meets Paul at Miletus: 1 Tim 1:3 2 Tim 4:20
5. Timothy returns to Ephesus (Paul never visits Ephesus again: Acts 28:37)
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Paul's Fourth Journey
"Acts 29"
1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy
63 - 65 AD
SCALE OF MILES
0 50 100 200 300


Rome
FROM ENGLAND
TO SPAIN
IONIAN SEA
MACEDONIA
Philippi
Thessalonica
Berea
THRACE
MYSIA
Troas
ASIA
AEGEAN SEA
PHRYGIA
PISIDIA
Nicopolis
ACHAIA
Ephesus
Corinth
Athens
LYCIA
RHODES
CRETE
Fair Havens
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
BRITANNIA
AQUITANIA
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Location where Missionary Journey Begins


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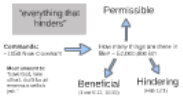


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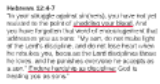






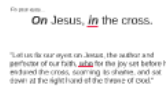


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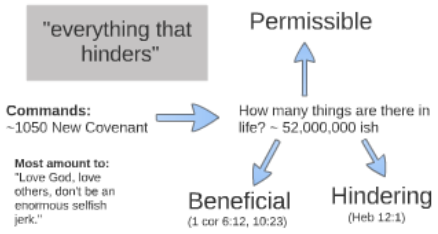


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982
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"everything that hinders"

Permissible

Commands:
~1050 New Covenant

How many things are there in life? ~ 52,000,000 ish

Most amount to:
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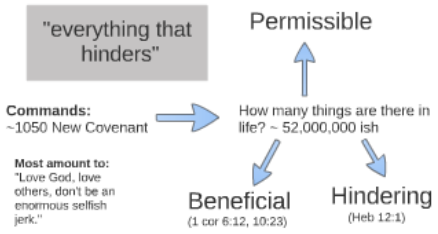
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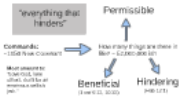


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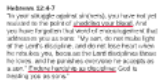






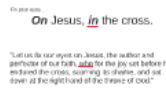


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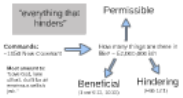


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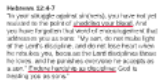






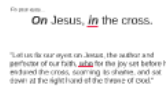


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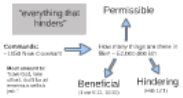


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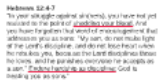






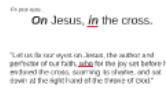


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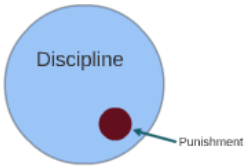




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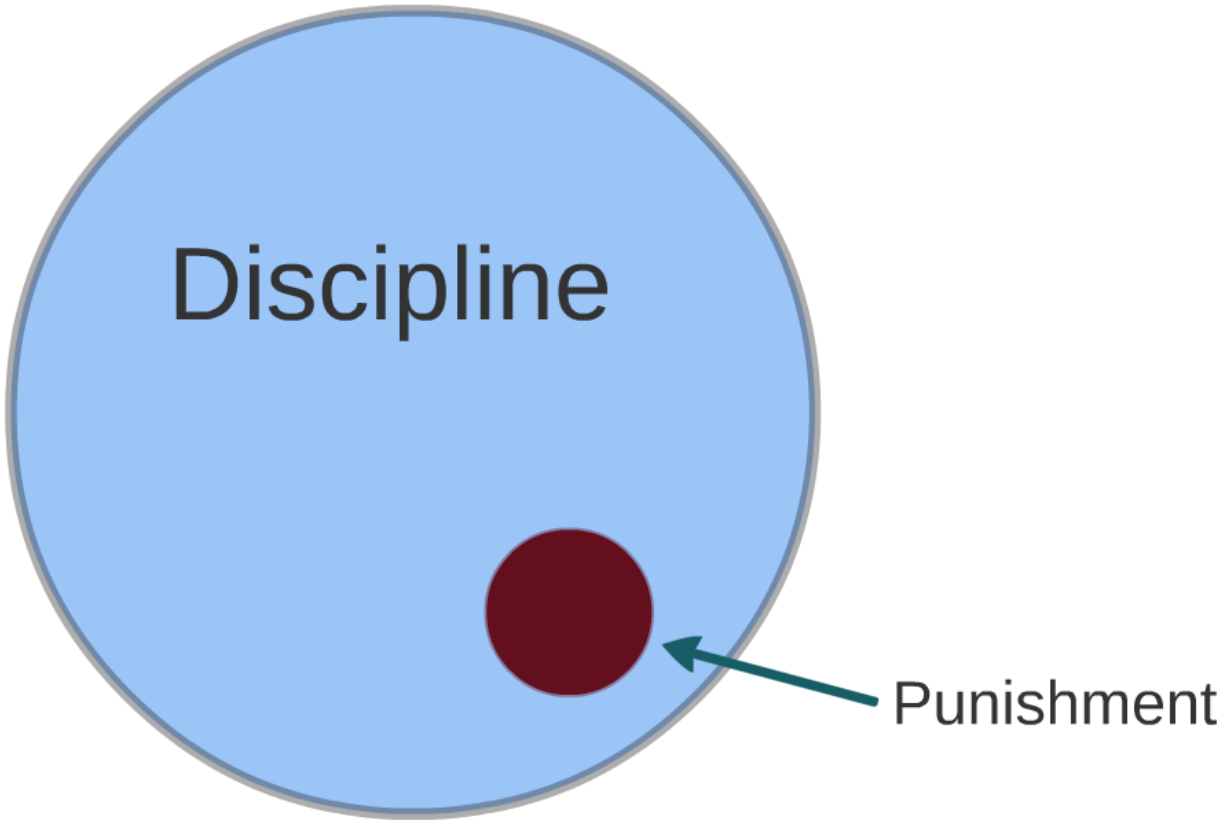
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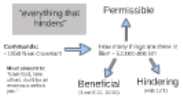


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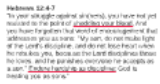






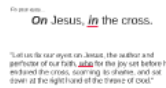


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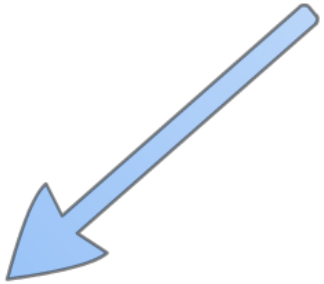
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