



NT SURVEY

Colossians

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Colosseum

MAJOR CITIES

- **Asia - Ephesus**
- **Macedonia - Philippi**
- **Achaia - Corinth**
- **Empire - Rome**
- **Least - Colossae**

“Paganism is now more deeply entrenched than in the recent past, & it holds a firmer grip on Western society.”

Carl FH Henry

COLOSSIANS

➤ **Author - Paul**

AUTHORSHIP

➤ **Internal Evidence**

INTERNAL

- 1. Named - 1:1, 23, 4:18**
- 2. Typical salutation - 4:18**
- 3. Associates - Timothy, Luke, ...**
- 4. Language, style, theology**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

EXTERNAL

- 1. 2nd century - Irenaeus,
Justin Martyr, Clement of
Alexandria, Tertullian**
- 2. 3rd Century - Origen**
- 3. Other - Marcian, Muratorian
Canon**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**
- **Evidence Against**

COLOSSIANS

- **Author - Paul**
- **Audience - Colossians**

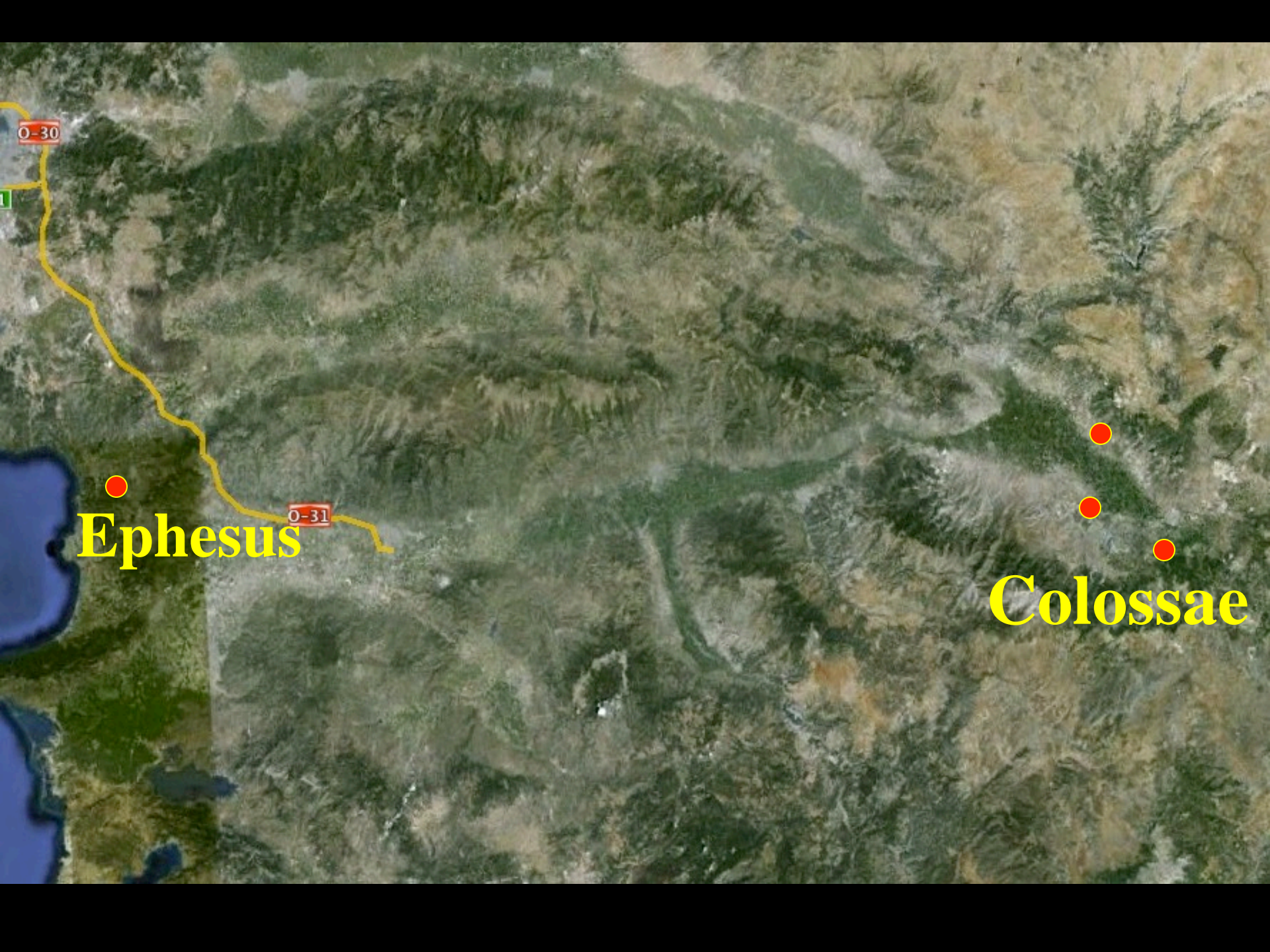
COLOSSAE

➤ **Geographical**



John the
Apostle writes
from Patmos

Colossae



Ephesus

Colossae



Hierapolis

Laodicea

Colossae

Saraykoy

Beylerbeyi

Pamukkale

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COLOSSAE

- **Geographical**
- **History**
- **Economy**



Colossae tell







Bridge Crossing Lycus River





**Colossae
stream of
cold water**



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Hierapolis



Hierapolis





**Calcium carbonate formations
from hot mineral springs**





Laodicea Bathhouse Arches



The image shows a landscape with ancient stone walls. In the foreground, a large, thick wall made of roughly-hewn, rectangular stone blocks stands prominently. The wall is several courses high and appears to be part of a larger structure. In the background, another similar but smaller and more fragmented wall is visible. The ground is covered with sparse green grass and scattered stones. The sky is clear and blue. The text 'Laodicea Walls still standing' is overlaid in red on the right side of the image.

**Laodicea
Walls still
standing**

COLOSSAE

- **Geographical**
- **History**
- **Economy**
- **Population**
- **Status**

CHURCH

❖ **Founding -**

❖ **Mainly Gentiles**

❖ **Members - Epaphras
Philemon, Onesimus,
Apphia, Archippus**

COLOSSIANS

- **Author - Paul**
- **Audience - Colossians**
- **Occasion - 61**

OCCASION

- ✓ Paul's limited contact - 1:4, 2:1
- ✓ Epaphras visits Paul - 1:7-8
- ✓ Report of heresy

HERESY

1. Philosophical - 2:8
2. Judaistic legalism - 2:16
3. Ritualistic
4. Intellectual
5. Mysticism - 2:18
6. Asceticism - 2:20-23

TEACHING

- ✓ **Knowledge for intellectuals**
- ✓ **Matter is evil**
- ✓ **Transcendent God**
- ✓ **Worship angels - 2:18**
- ✓ **Faith treated with contempt**

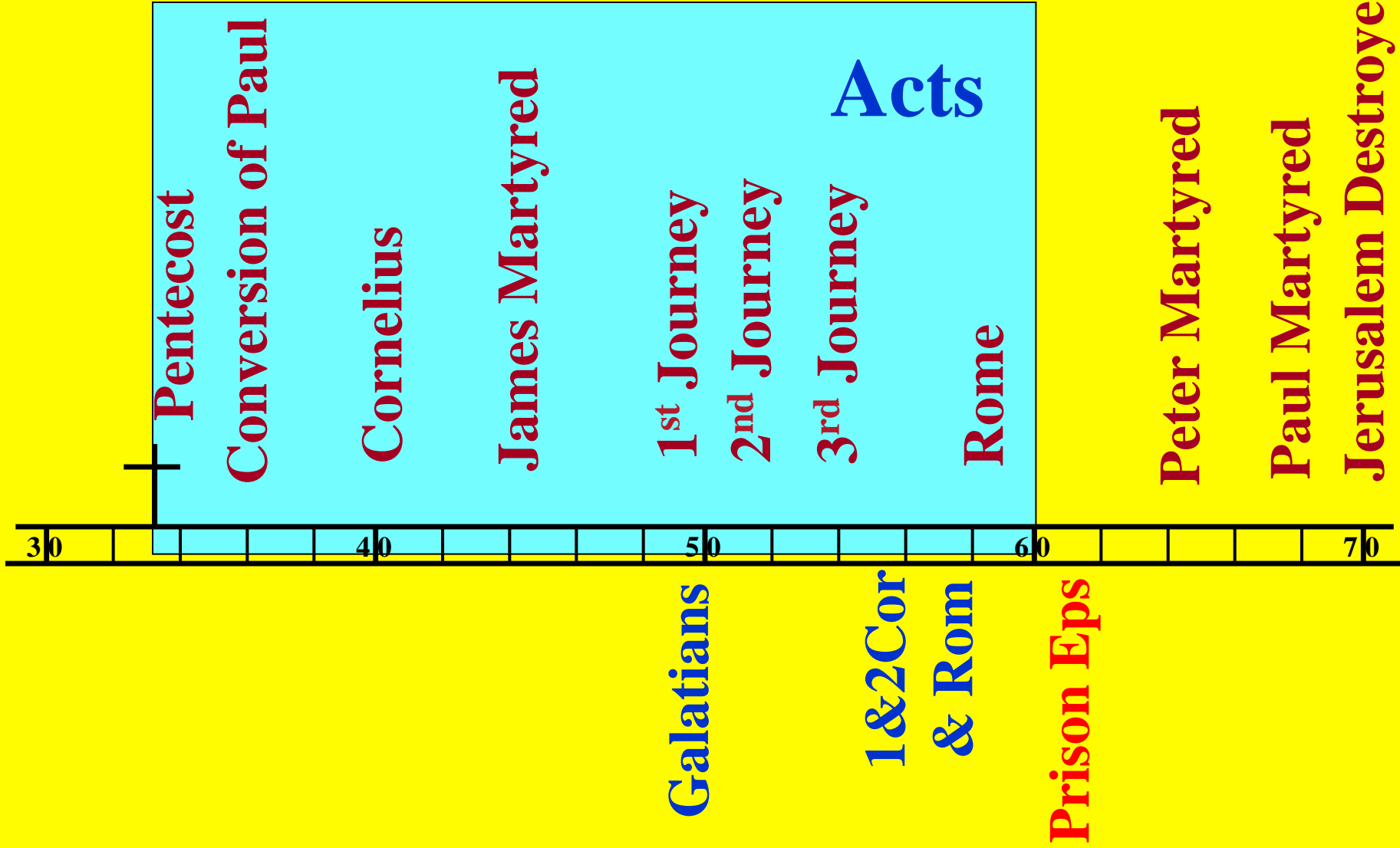
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- ✓ Epaphras visits Paul - 1:7-8
- ✓ Report of heresy
- ✓ Paul still in prison - 4:3, 10, 18
- ✓ Tychicus with Onesimus was bearer - 4:7, 9

COLOSSIANS

- **Author - Paul**
- **Audience - Colossians**
- **Occasion - 61**
- **Location - Roman Prison**

ACTS HISTORY



COLOSSIANS

- **Author - Paul**
- **Occasion - 61**
- **Location - Roman Prison**
- **Audience - Colossians**
- **Purpose - Refutation**

PURPOSE

**To refute & crush
heretical teaching
with Christology
(2:4, 8)**

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Christology corrects heresy

CHRISTOLOGY

- ✓ **Revelation of God - 1:15**
- ✓ **Priority of creation**
- ✓ **Creator & Maintainer - 1:16-17**
- ✓ **Head of Church - 1:18**
- ✓ **Bodily Resurrection**
- ✓ **Deity - 1:19**
- ✓ **Embodiment of Wisdom - 2:3**

CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Christology corrects heresy**
- 2. Companion to Ephesians**

OUTLINE

- I. Person & Work of Christ 1:1-2:3**
 - A. Introduction 1:1-14**
 - B. Person of Christ 1:15-18**
 - C. Work of Christ 1:19-2:3**