

# ROMANS



Introduction -  
Background

Colosseum







# Forum Arch of Severus, Temple of Saturn

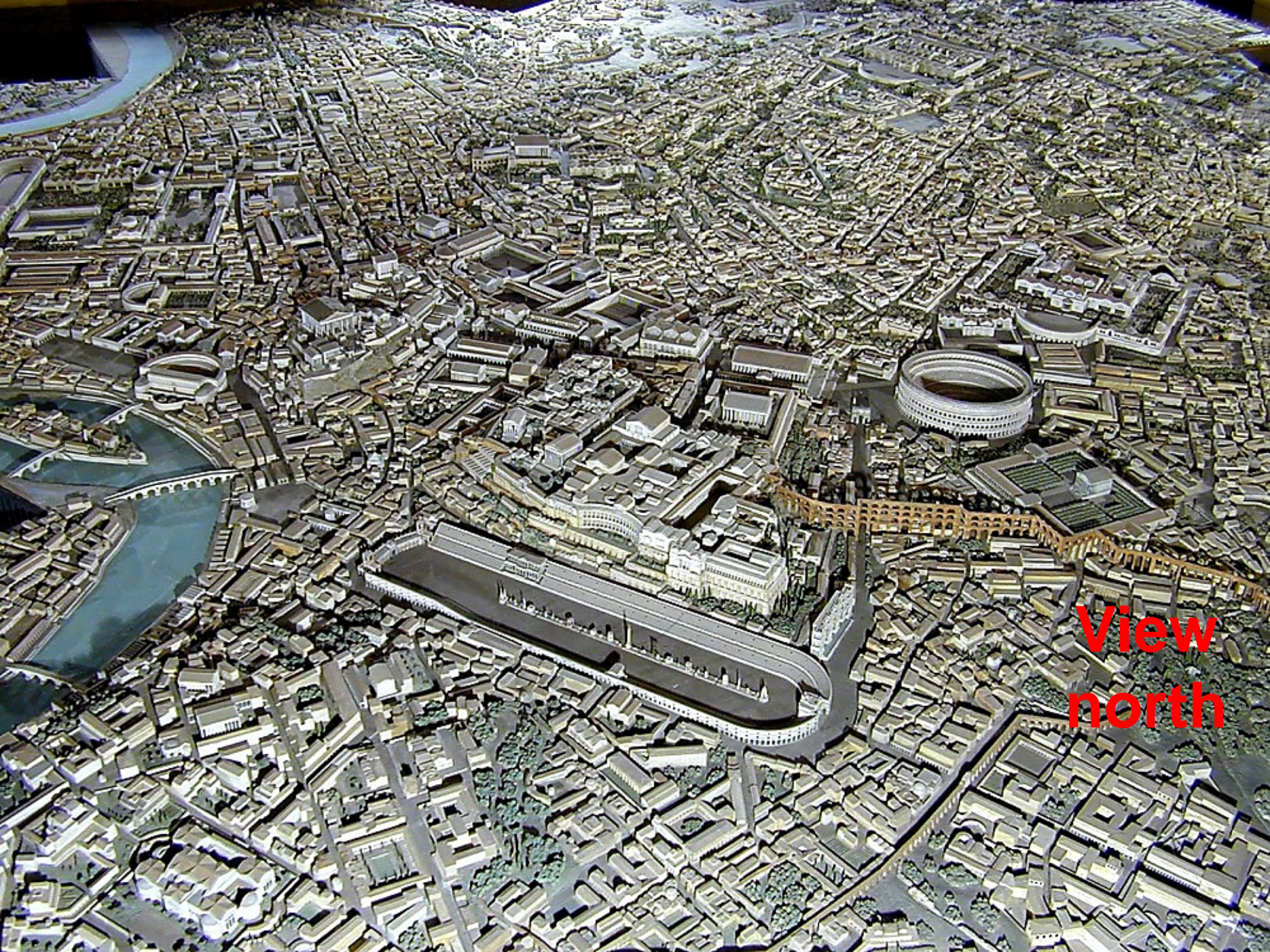






**Forum excavations**





View  
north



**“The profoundest piece  
of writing in existence.”**

**Coleridge**

# **MISCONCEPTIONS**

- 1. Man reaching God**
- 2. Man searching for God**
- 3. Man trying to please God**
- 4. Trying your best**
- 5. Keeping 10 Commandments**
- 6. Israel has been replaced**

**“For the purpose of systematic theology, it is the most important book of the Bible.”**

**Baxter**



**“It is the greatest masterpiece the human mind has conceived... In studying it we find ourselves at every word, face to face with the unfathomable.”**

**Godet**



# IMPACT



➤ **Great Revivals**

➤ **Influential Christians**

Augustine



# ESSENCE

**GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS  
provided for sinners,  
vindicated for Israel,  
and applied in life situations**



# ROMANS

➤ **Author - Paul**



# **AUTHORSHIP**

## **➤ Internal Evidence**



# **INTERNAL**

- 1. Named - 1:1**
- 2. Tribe of Benjamin - 11:1**
- 3. Journey to Jerusalem - 15:25-27**
- 4. Priscilla & Aquila - 16:3**
- 5. Intention to visit Rome - 16:23**
- 6. Vocabulary & theological ideas**
- 7. Writing style & logic**
- 8. Tertius? - 16:22**

# **AUTHORSHIP**

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



# **EXTERNAL**

- 1. Apostolic Fathers - Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Polycarp**
- 2. 2nd century - Irenaeus, Justin Martyr, Hippolytus**
- 3. Early church lists**
- 4. Muratorian Fragment**

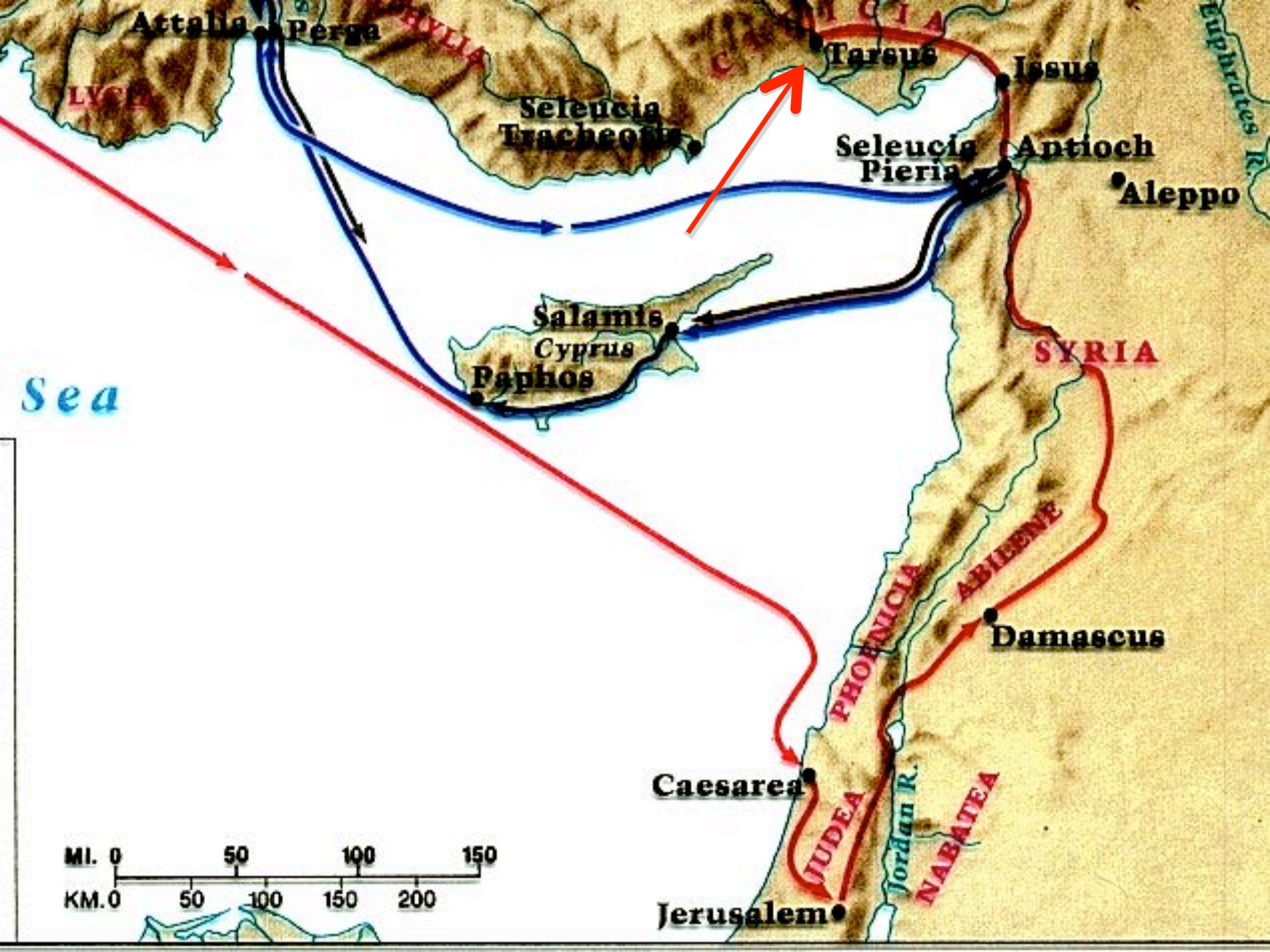
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- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**
- **Evidence Against**



# PAUL

1. Background - ultimate Jew



Attalia • Perga

LYCIA

Seleucia Tracheensis

Tarsus

Issus

Seleucia Pieria

Antioch

Aleppo

Sea

Salamis  
Cyprus  
Paphos

SYRIA

Damascus

PHOENICIA

ARABIAE

Caesarea

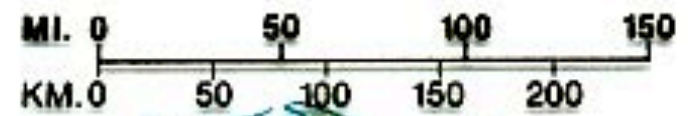
JUDEA

NABATEA

Jerusalem

Jordan R.

Euphrates R.







**Act 16:37, 21:39**

**Roman aqueduct  
near Tarsus**





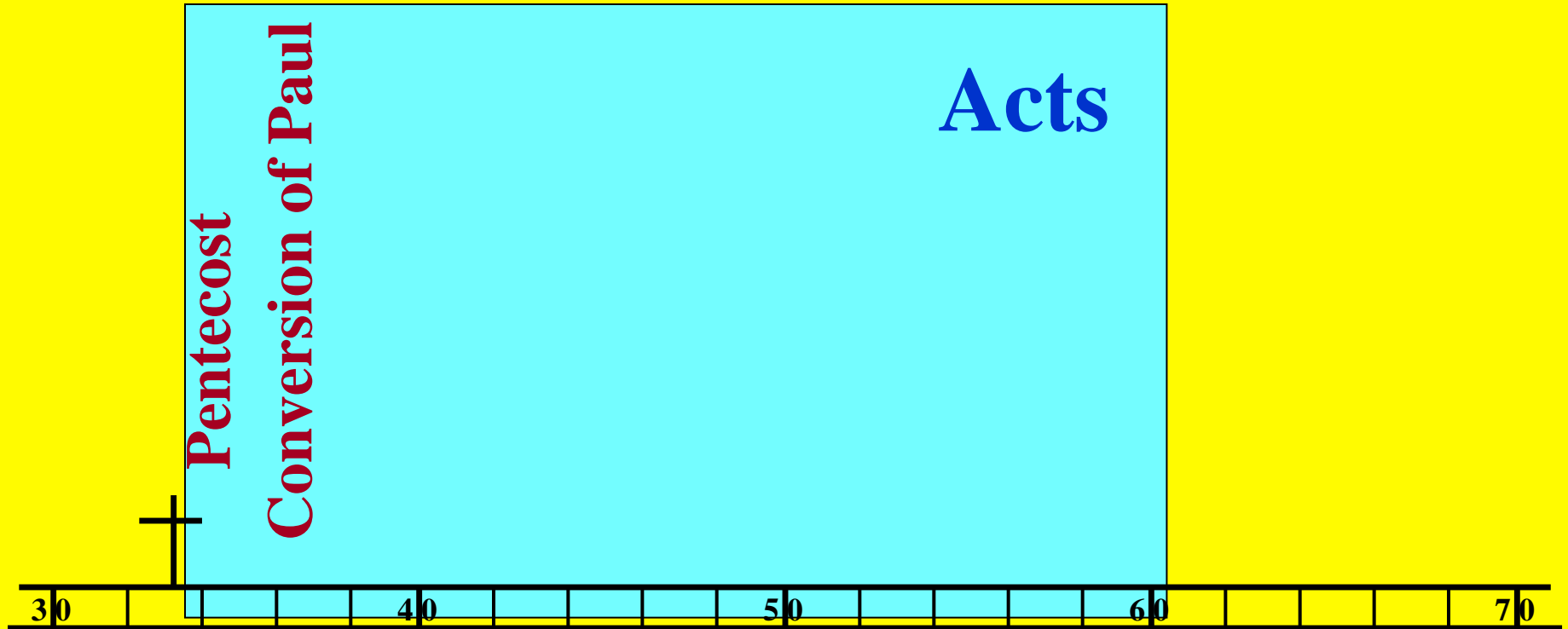
**Tarsus city street, gutter and colonnade**

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- 2. Before Conversion - persecutor**
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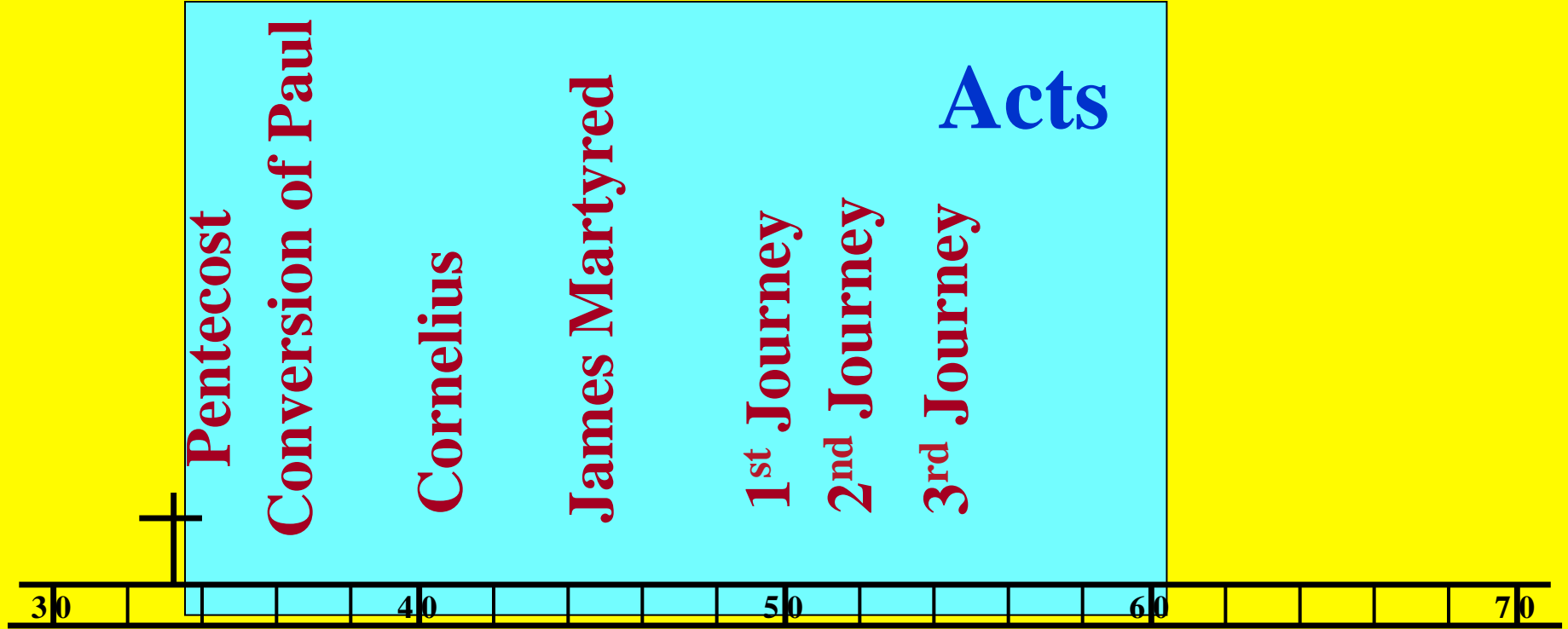
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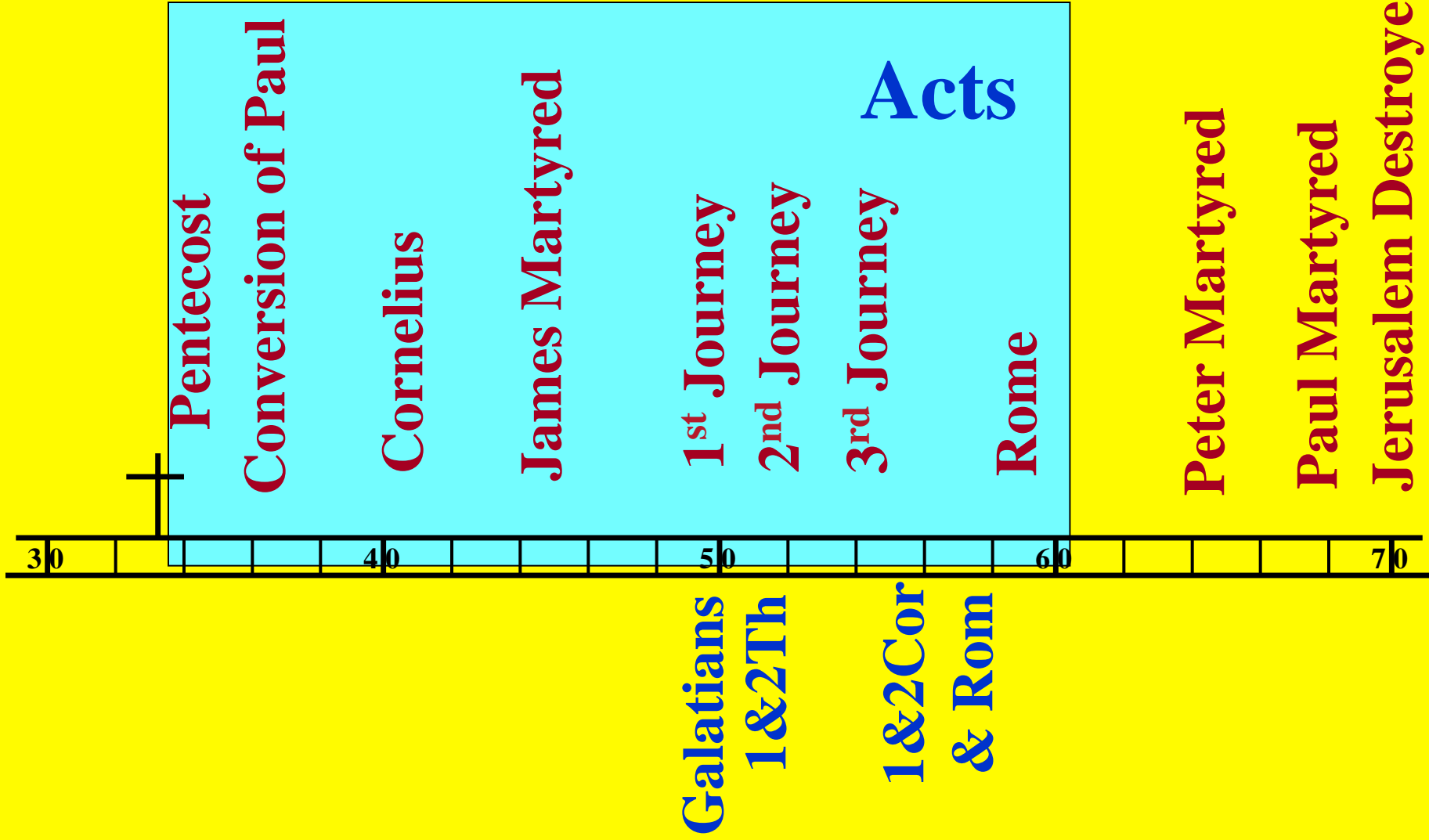




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- 6. Epistles - 13**
- 7. Later Ministry**

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# ROMANS

- **Author - Paul**
- **Audience - Church at Rome**



# AUDIENCE


✓ **To Believers**

✓ **Jewish - 2:17-29, 3:9, 4:1, 7:1, 9:3**

✓ **Gentile - 1:13, 6:17, 19, 11:13-32**

✓ **Both**

✓ **Church**

A photograph of a sunset over a large body of water, likely the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, with a long, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of a hillside with some sparse vegetation.

**Systematic Theology was once  
considered the Queen of Sciences!!!**

**Sea of Galilee from Kursi**