The Second Journey, in brief …

Acts 15:36 to 18:22

- **Paul and Silas undertake this journey** *(Acts 15:36-40)*
  - To be a follow up to Paul's first journey *(15:36)*
  - Delivering the decrees of the Jerusalem Council *(16:4)*
- **Starting with Syria & Cilicia** *(15:41)*
- **Timothy joins them in Galatia** *(16:1-5)*
- **Events in Macedonia** *(16:12-17:15)*
  - Philippi
  - Thessalonica
  - Berea
- **Events in Achaia** *(17:16-18:18)*
  - Athens
  - Corinth
  - Cenchrae

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- **Brief visit to Ephesus** *(18:19-21)*
- **Back home** (via Caesarea) **to Antioch** *(18:22)*

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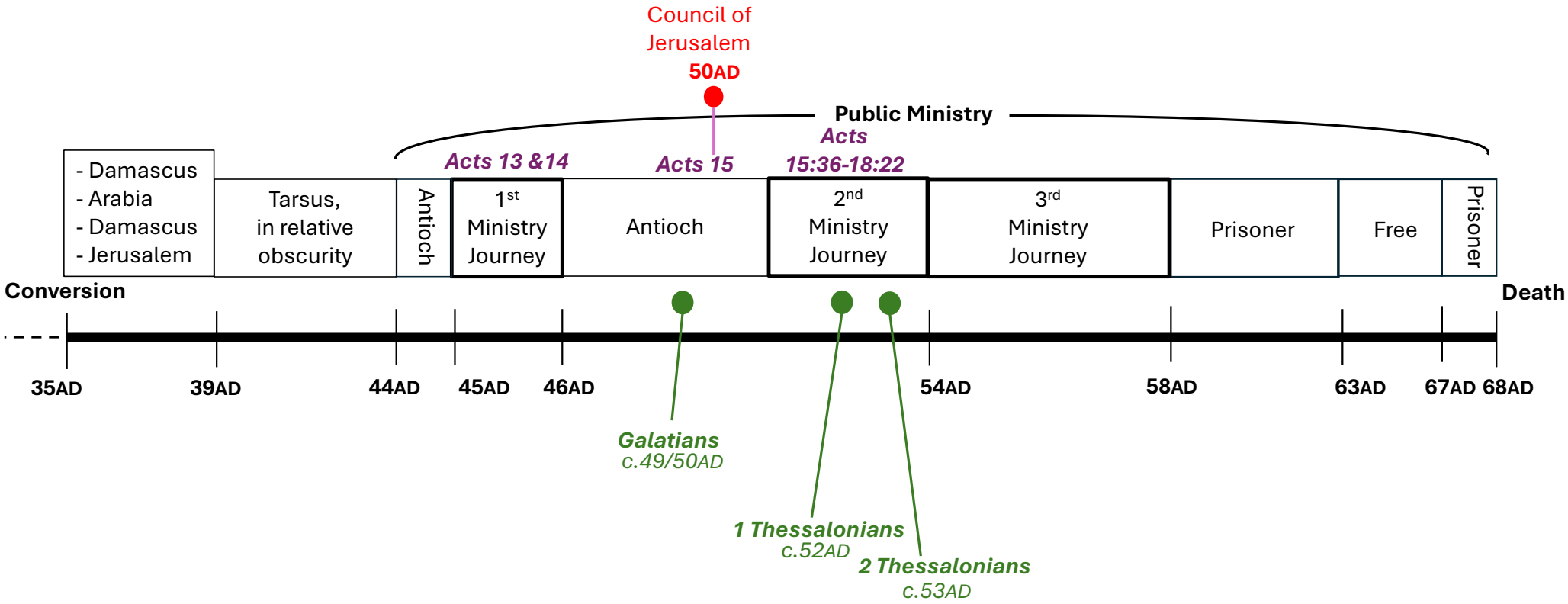

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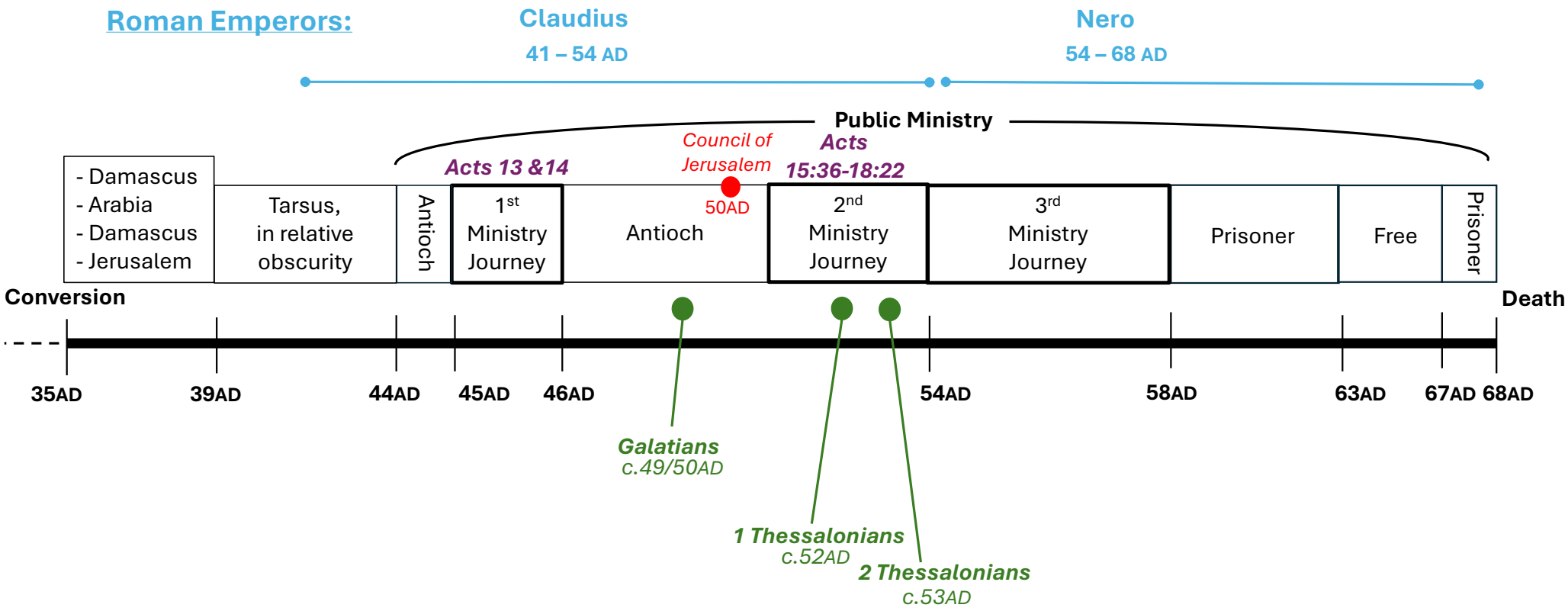

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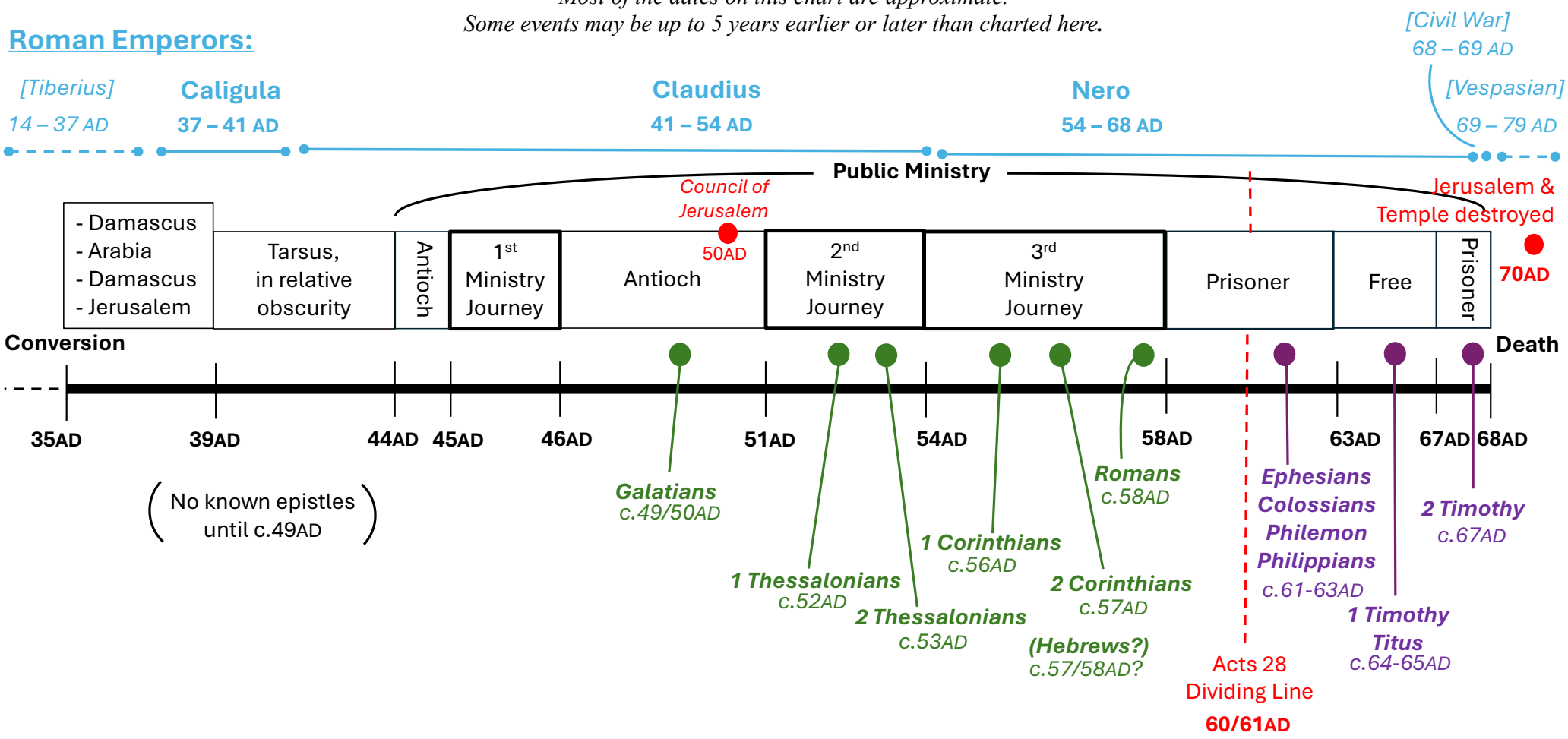

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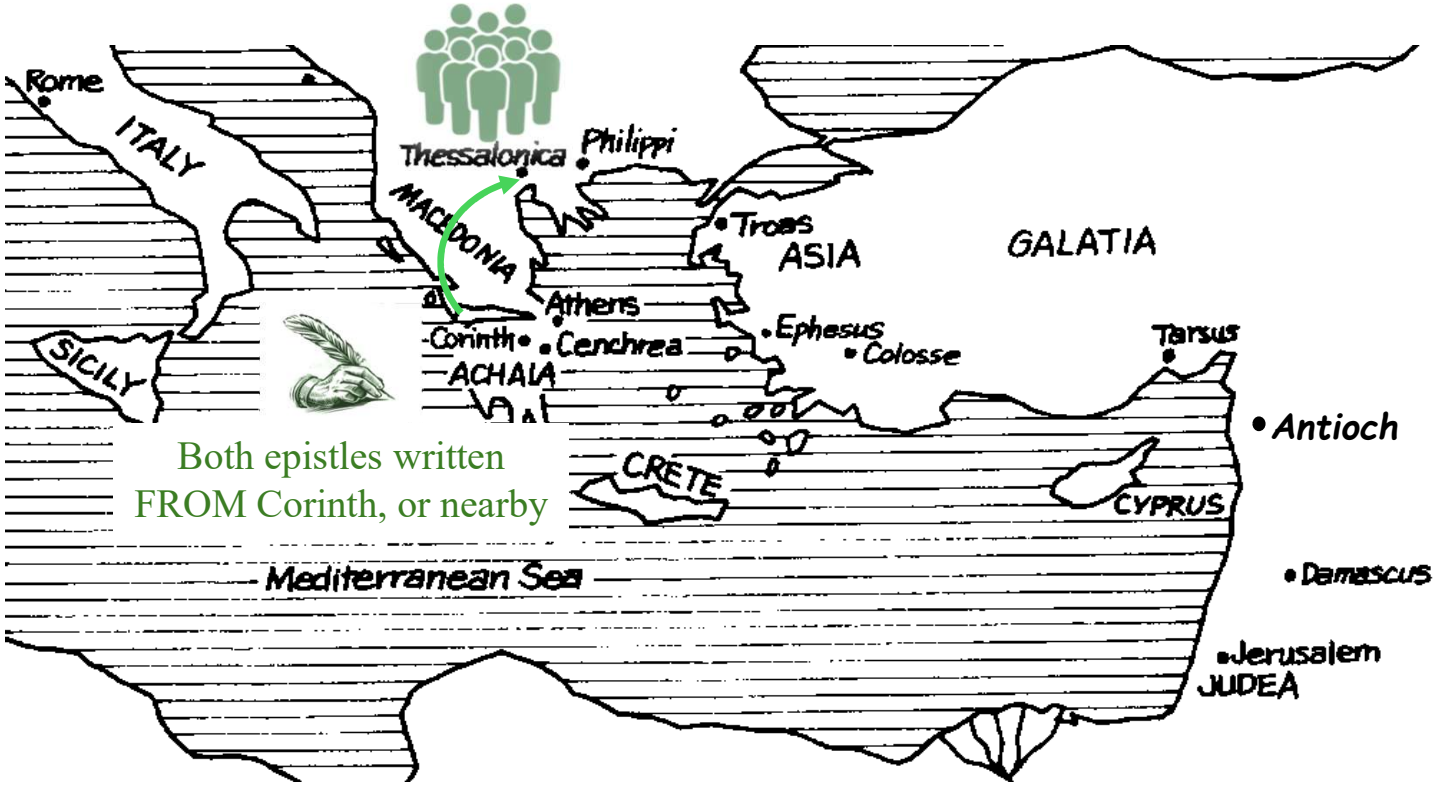

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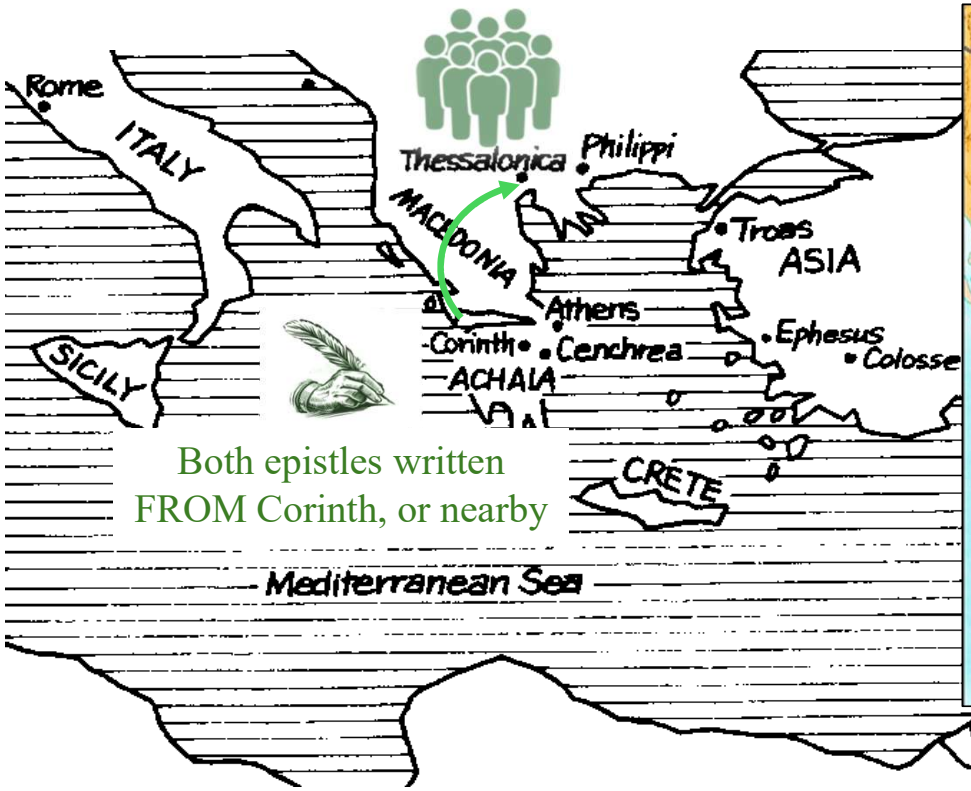

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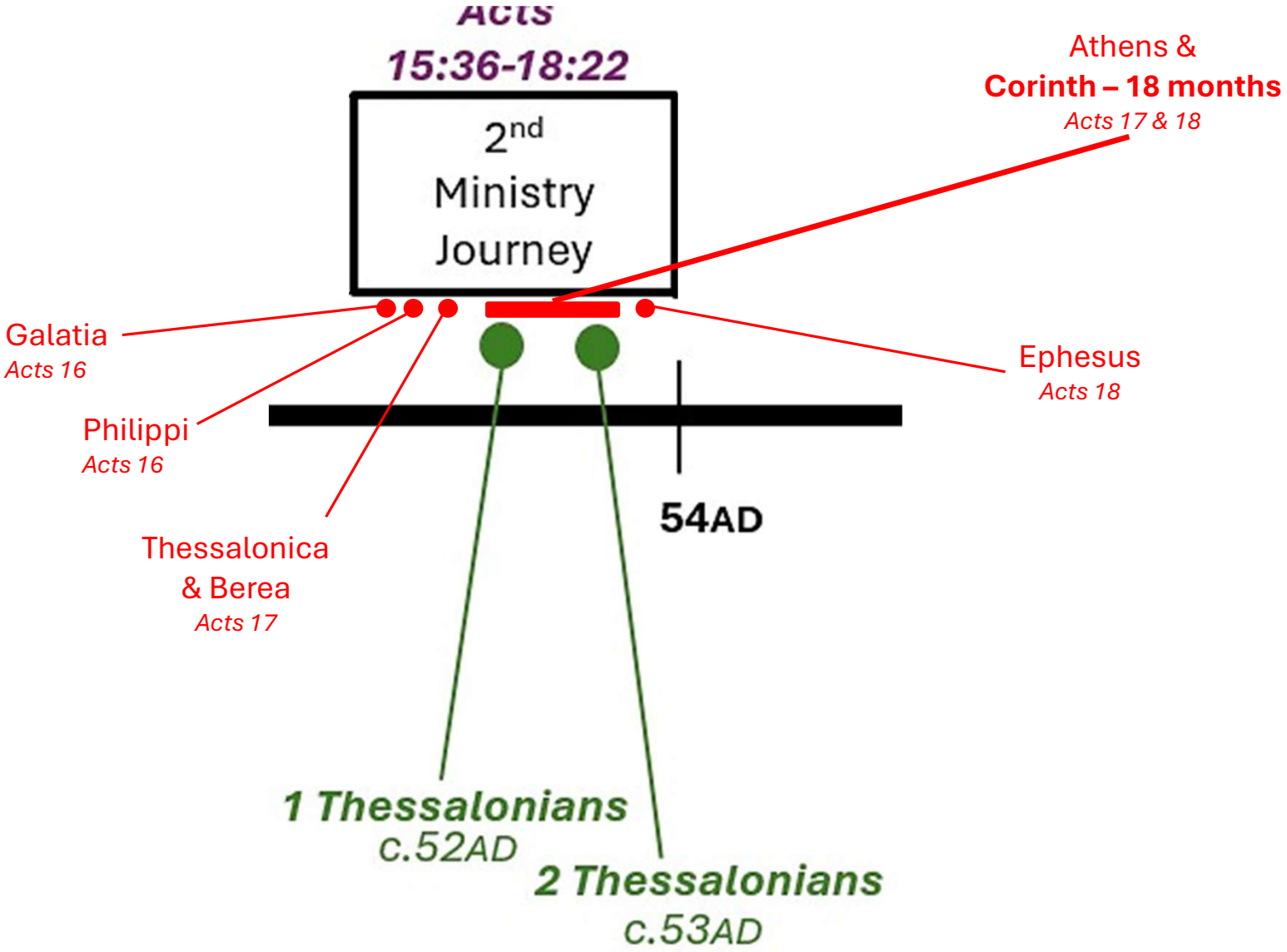
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Thessalonica – Acts 17:1-10

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Part 1 - The conduct and activity of Paul, Silas & Timothy in Thessalonica – 17:1-4
(generally, this seems to be the pattern of Paul his co-workers as they travelled)

- Regular prayer for the churches / Christians *(1 Thessalonians 1:2,3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3,11,12)*
- Ministry in the context of persecution, and continuing despite it *(1 Th. 2:2,3)*
- No flattering words *(1 Th. 2:5)*
- No motivation of financial or material gain *(1 Th. 2:5)*
- No seeking of praise, even though ordained by God *(1 Th. 2:6)*
- Gentle, nurturing *(1 Th. 2:7)*
- Self-sacrificing *(1 Th. 2:8)*
- Didn't impose any burden on the people *(1 Th. 2:9)*
- Devoted to the cause *(1 Th. 2:10)*
- Appropriate behaviour *(1 Th. 2:10)*
- Exhortation & comfort, maybe some strong words of correction also *(1 Th. 2:11,12)*
- A goal of helping God's people walk worthy of God *(1 Th. 2:12)*
- Set an example to be followed (imitated) *(2 Th.3:7-9)*
  - Not disorderly
  - Worked for a living (being a dedicated Christian, whether in formal ministry or not, doesn't mean other responsibilities can be thrown aside)

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Part 2 – Opposition & Faithfulness in Thessalonica – 17:5-9,13,14
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- Patience / endurance *(1 Thess. 1:2,3)*

- Followers = imitators *(1 Th. 1:6)*
  (note: becoming "followers" of Paul would be contrary to his strong message in 1 Corinthians ch.1 to 4 regarding such practice, esp. 1 Corinthians 3:4-7)

- Received the message *(1 Th. 2:13)*

- Suffered persecution because of it *(1 Th. 2:14-16)*
  - when they first received it during Paul & co.'s visit *(1 Th. 1:6, Acts 17:5-9)*
  - after Paul & co. had moved on *(Acts 17:13.14; 2 Th. 1:3,4)*
  - Hence words of encouragement and strength *(2 Th.2:16,17)*