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

  } 1 & 2 Thessalonians written and sent from here
- **Brief visit to Ephesus** *(18:19-21)*
- **Back home** (via Caesarea) **to Antioch** *(18:22)*

Artist's impression of
Paul addressing
the Areopagus in Athens.

The site of the Areopagus (Mars Hill) is in the foreground.
In the distance is the Acropolis or "high city"
(which includes the famous building, the Parthenon).

Dated around c.100-200 A.D., and discovered in Rome, this altar was a restoration of an earlier altar, and inscribed as being "sacred to a god or to a goddess"; i.e. an unknown god or goddess.

Ancient altars to unknown god/s

Paul in Athens:

"I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD."
Acts 17:23

Some ancient cultures, such as the Egyptians and the Greeks, are known to have attributed certain acts and phenomena to a god, or gods, unknown, even though the worshippers didn't know who to attribute the act to.

An altar such as this was used to offer sacrifices. In effect, the worshippers were saying:
"Whoever you are [who does/did this thing, or carried out this act, etc.] we acknowledge you, worship you, and offer this sacrificial gift to you."

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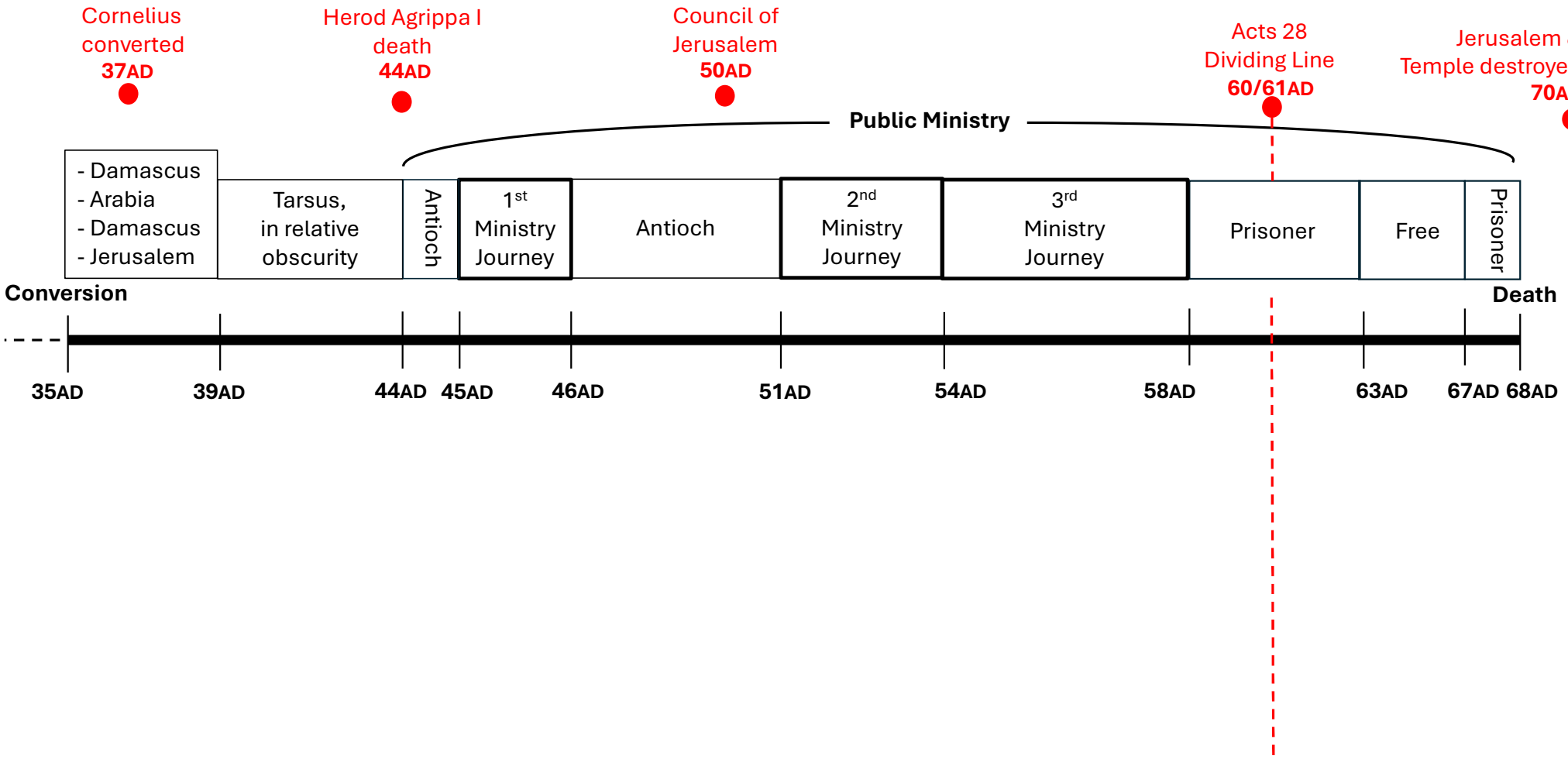

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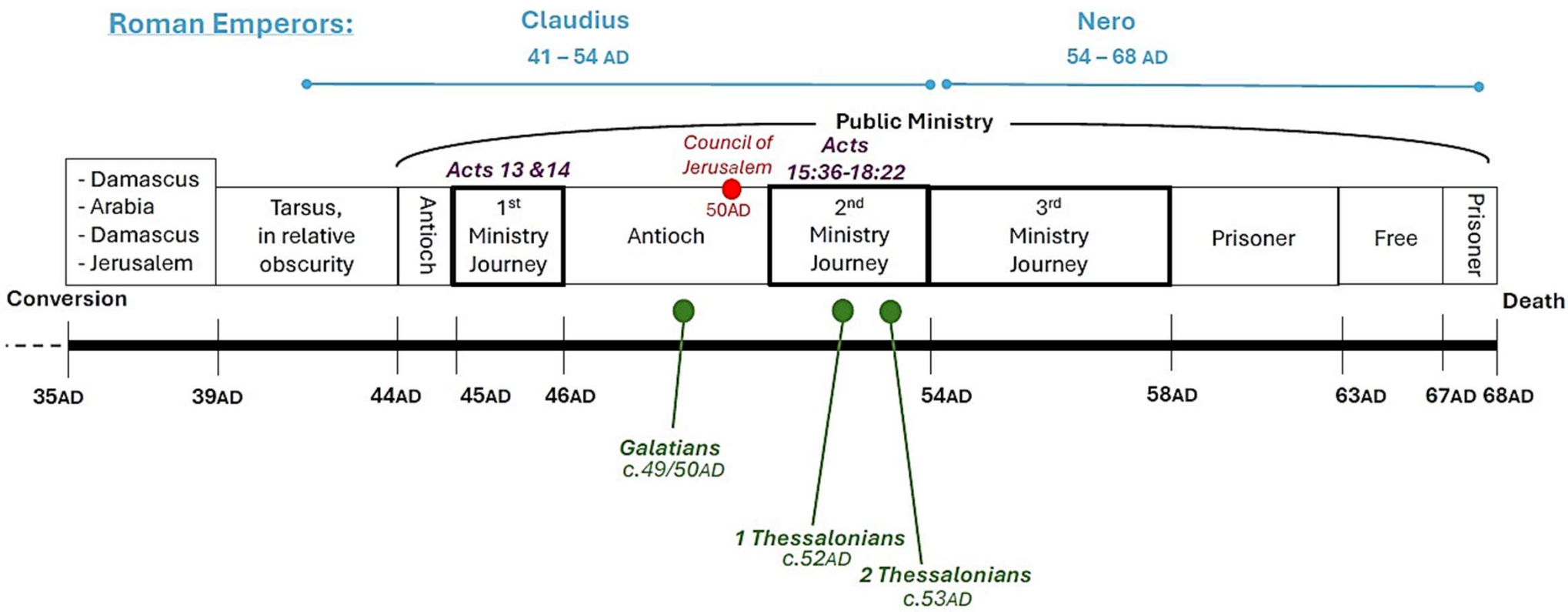

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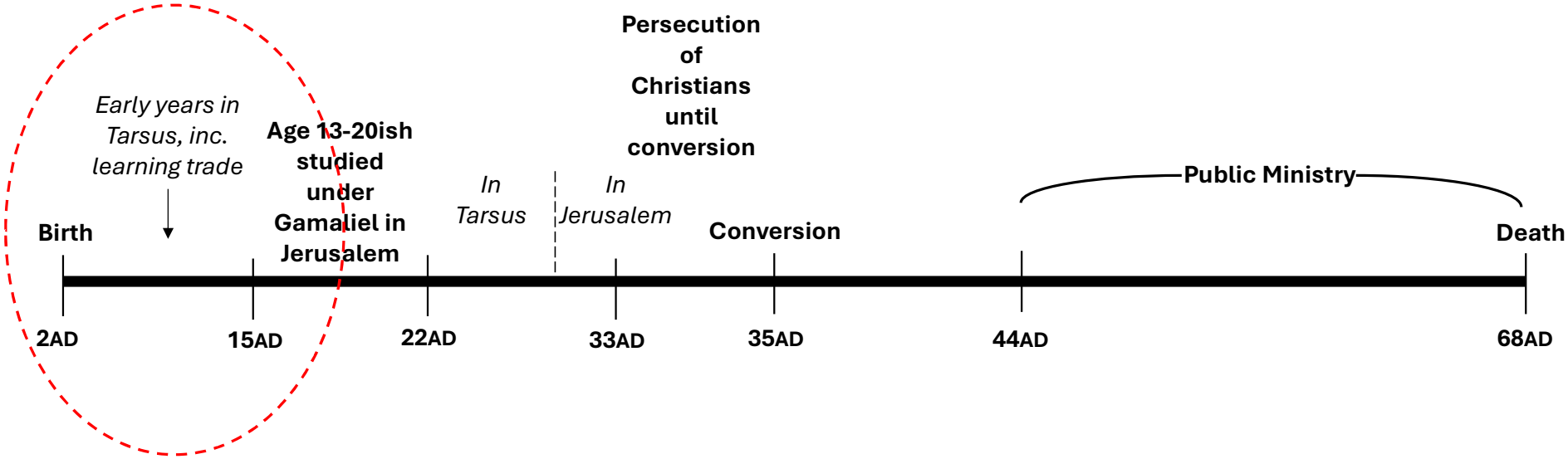

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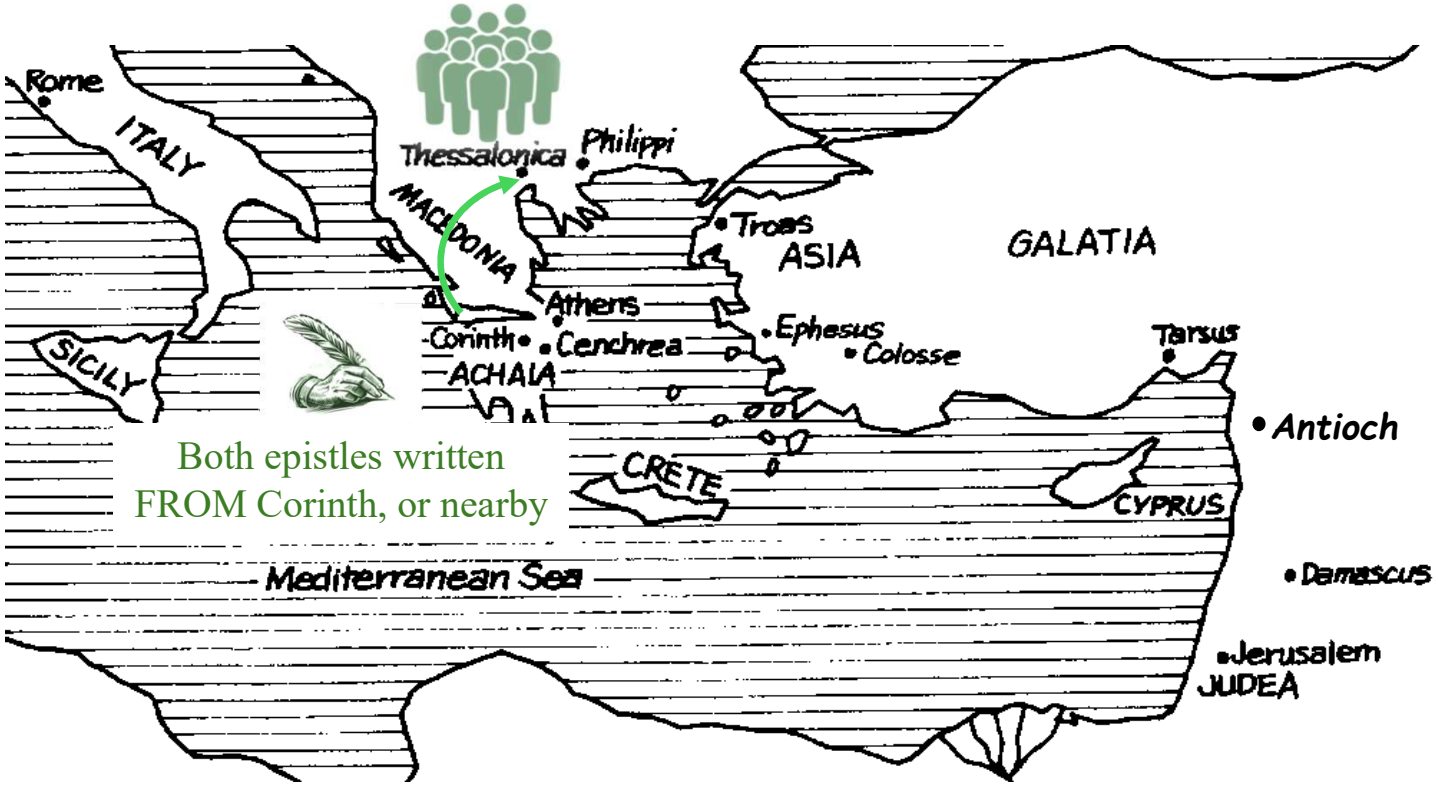

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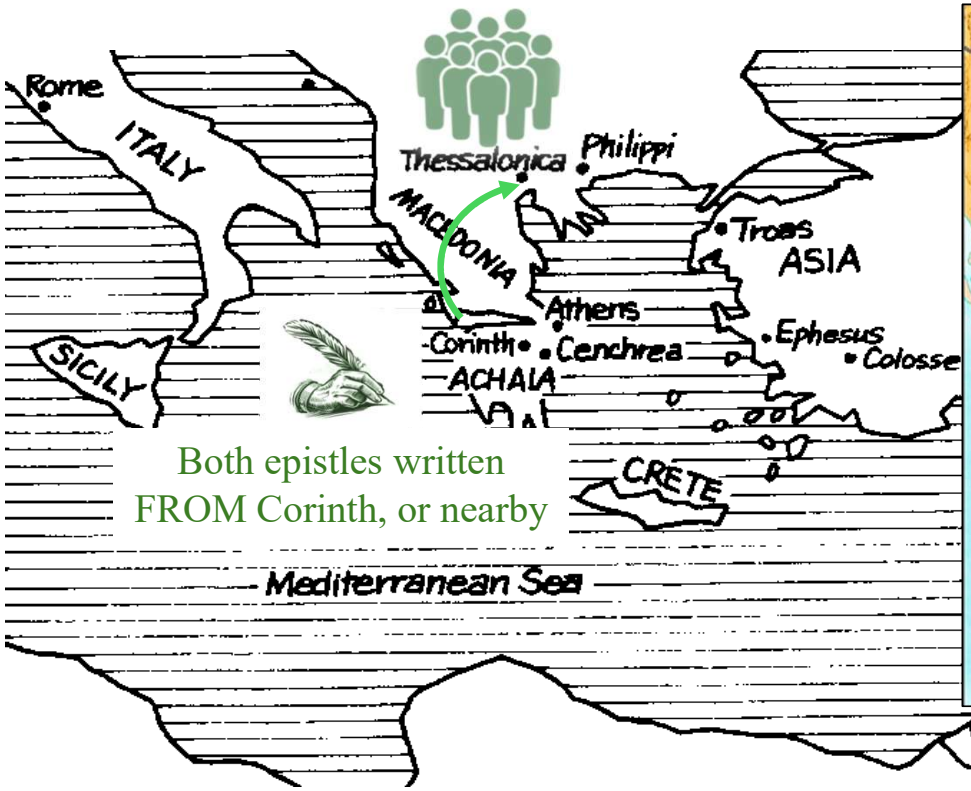

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