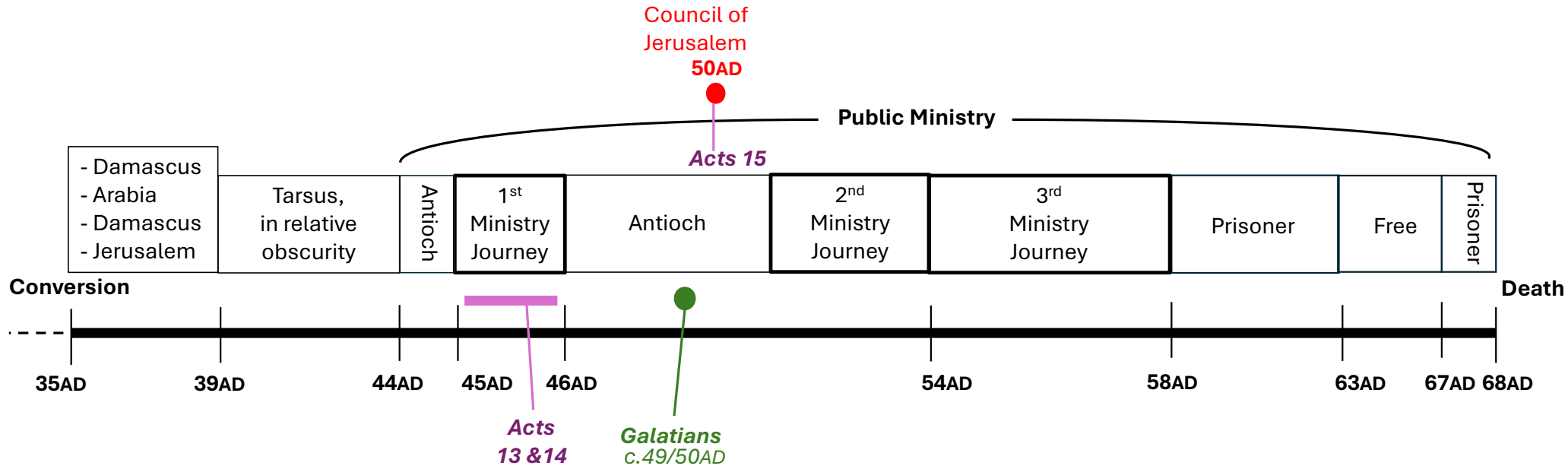


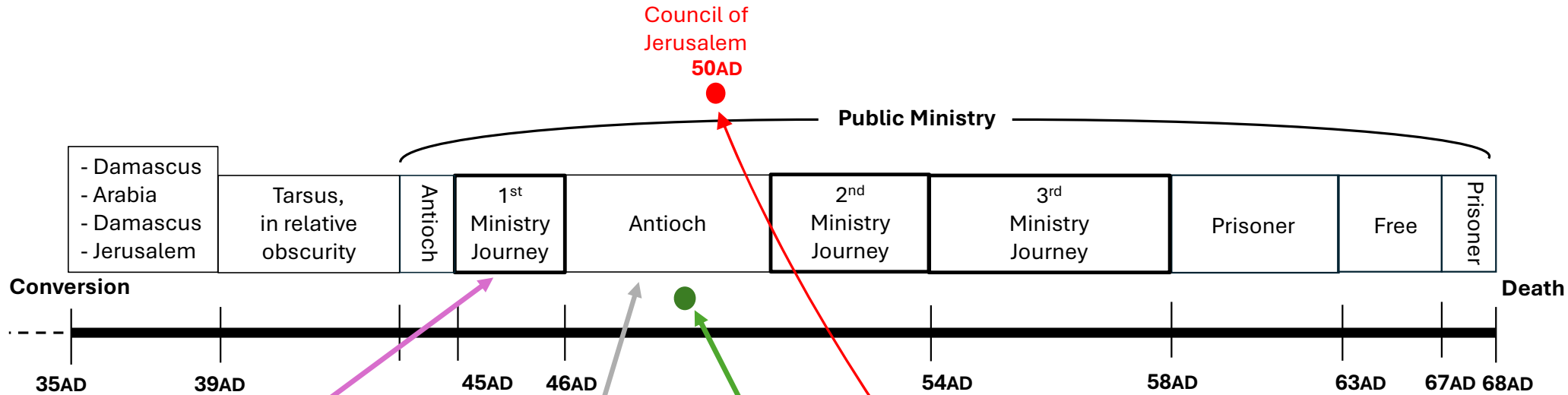
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Paul visits centres in Galatia (Acts 13 & 14), and teaches them about salvation apart from the Law (Acts 13:38,39)

Back home in Antioch, Paul hears that the Galatians are abandoning this teaching (Galatians 1:6; 3:1-6)

Paul then writes to the Galatians restating his original teaching and expanding upon it (Galatians 2:11-5:12)

Men from Judea come to Antioch and begin teaching false doctrine about the place of the Law (Acts 15:1,2). A meeting is held in Jerusalem to discuss these things, and a statement is formed (Acts 15:2-29).

# Acts 15:20 - Four Decrees for Gentile Christians

effective c.50 to c.61 AD (Acts 15 to 28)

- ❖ **Abstain from things polluted by idols** (cp. 1 Corinthians 8:1-13)
  - Items and foods dedicated to pagan gods
- ❖ **Abstain from sexual immorality** (cp. 1 Corinthians 6:13b-20; Revelation 2:14)
  - A generally sound principle for several reasons – health, respect
  - A prominent feature of pagan worship
- ❖ **Abstain from things strangled** (cp. Leviticus 17:10-14)
  - specifically referring to blood in the meat of animals
- ❖ **Abstain from blood** (cp. Leviticus 17:10-14)
  - Probably refers to using blood for making other food products, e.g. “black pudding”, etc

Four distinct decrees, all linked by the idea of “purity and devotion to God”, regarding idolatrous practices, and practices that would be offensive to devout Christian Jews.

**Decrees of this nature are mentioned together in Leviticus 19:26-29 & Ezekiel 33:25,26.**

# 1

Paul's first journey of preaching, teaching and encouragement





# 2nd Journey

Pauline epistles written during this time:

- 1 Thessalonians
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## The Second Journey, in brief ...

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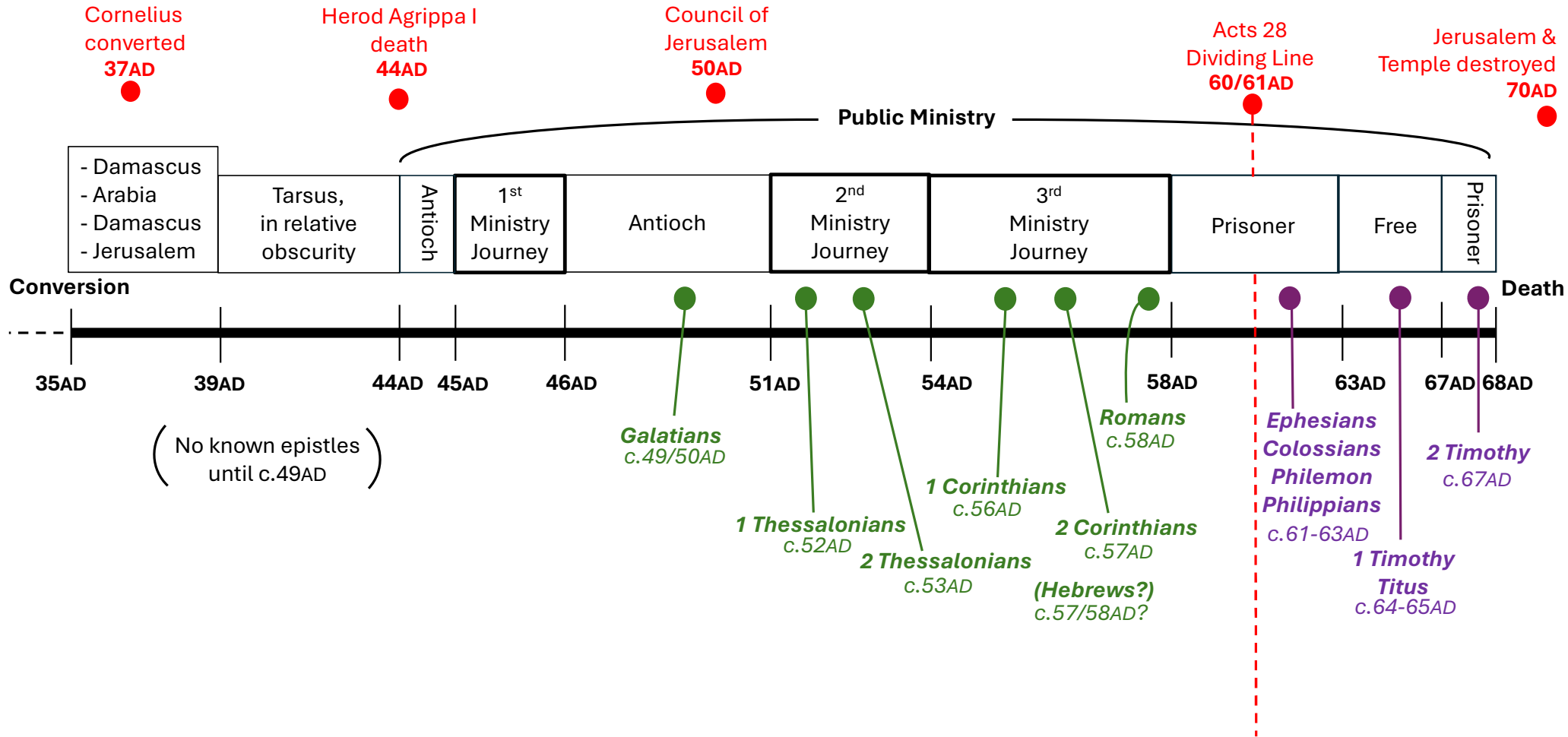
- ❖ **Brief visit to Ephesus (18:19-21)**
- ❖ **Back home (via Caesarea) to Antioch (18:22)**

## Acts 15:36 to 18:22



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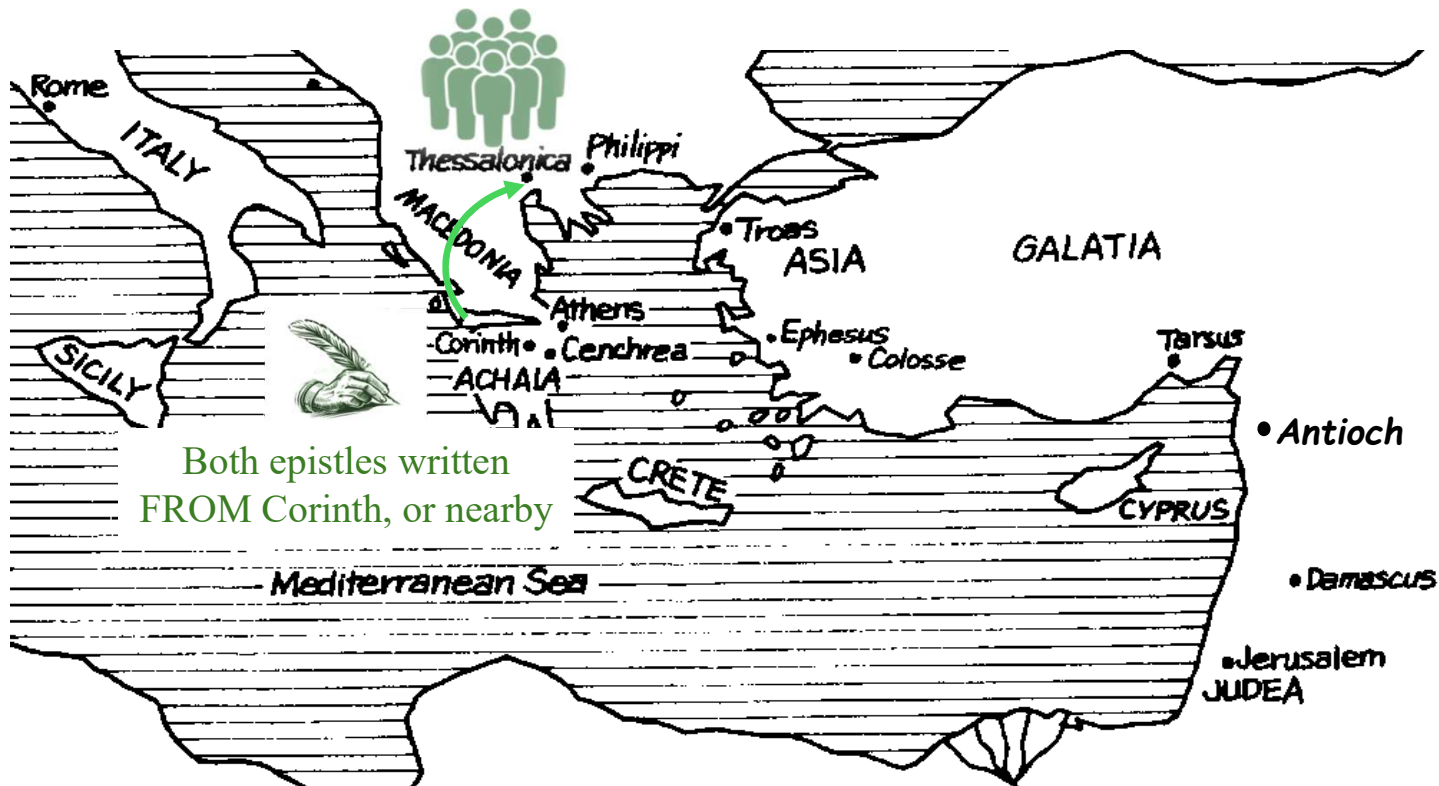
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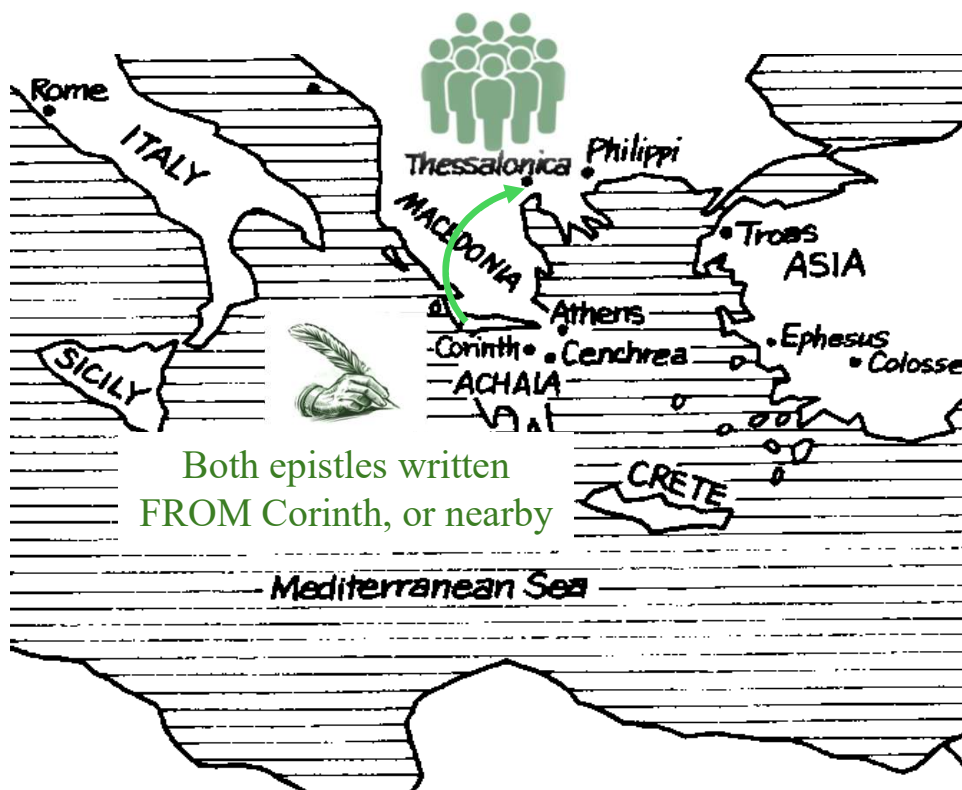
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