

NT SURVEY

Romans -
Background

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Colosseum



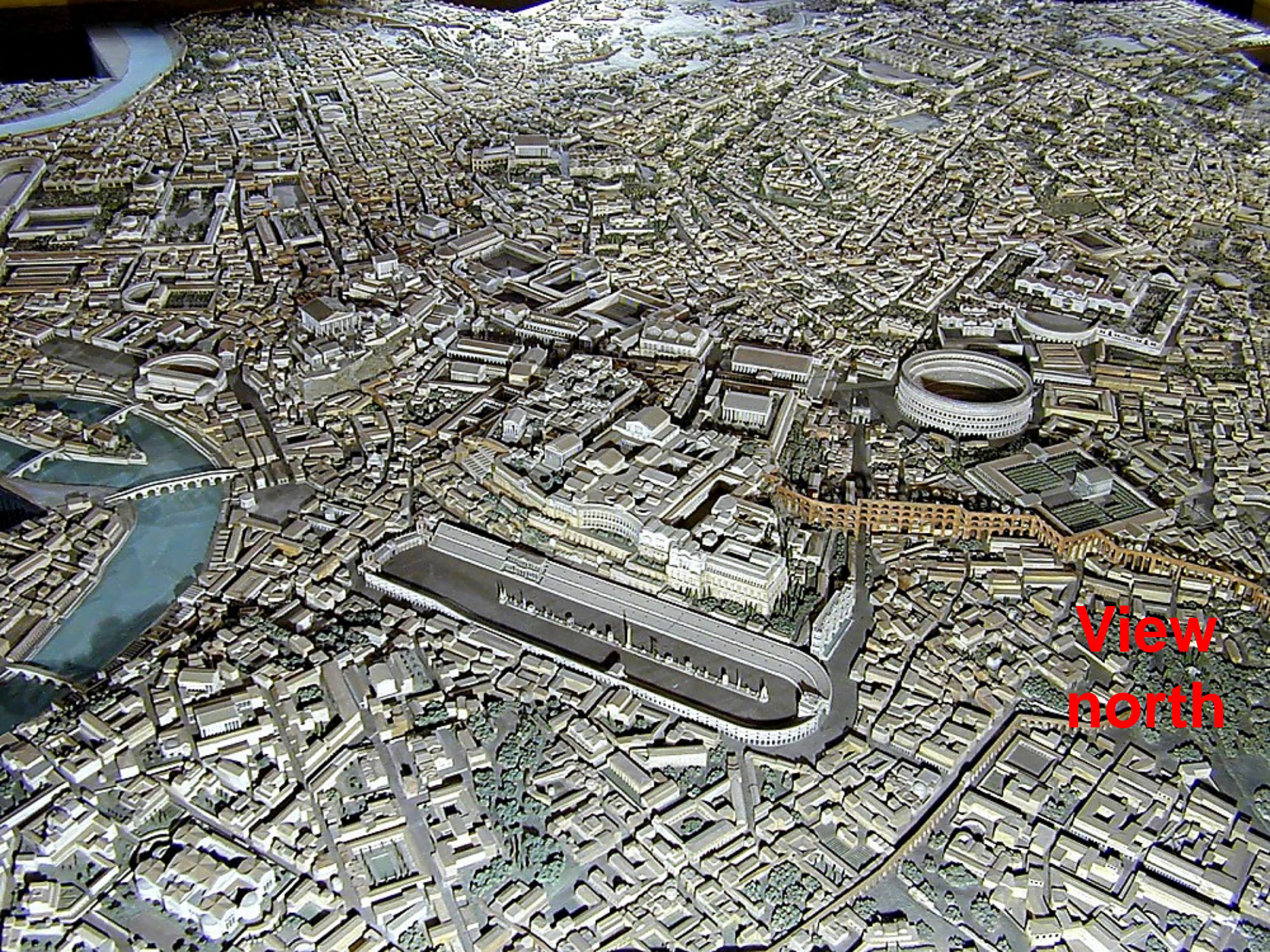


Forum Arch of Severus, Temple of Saturn





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

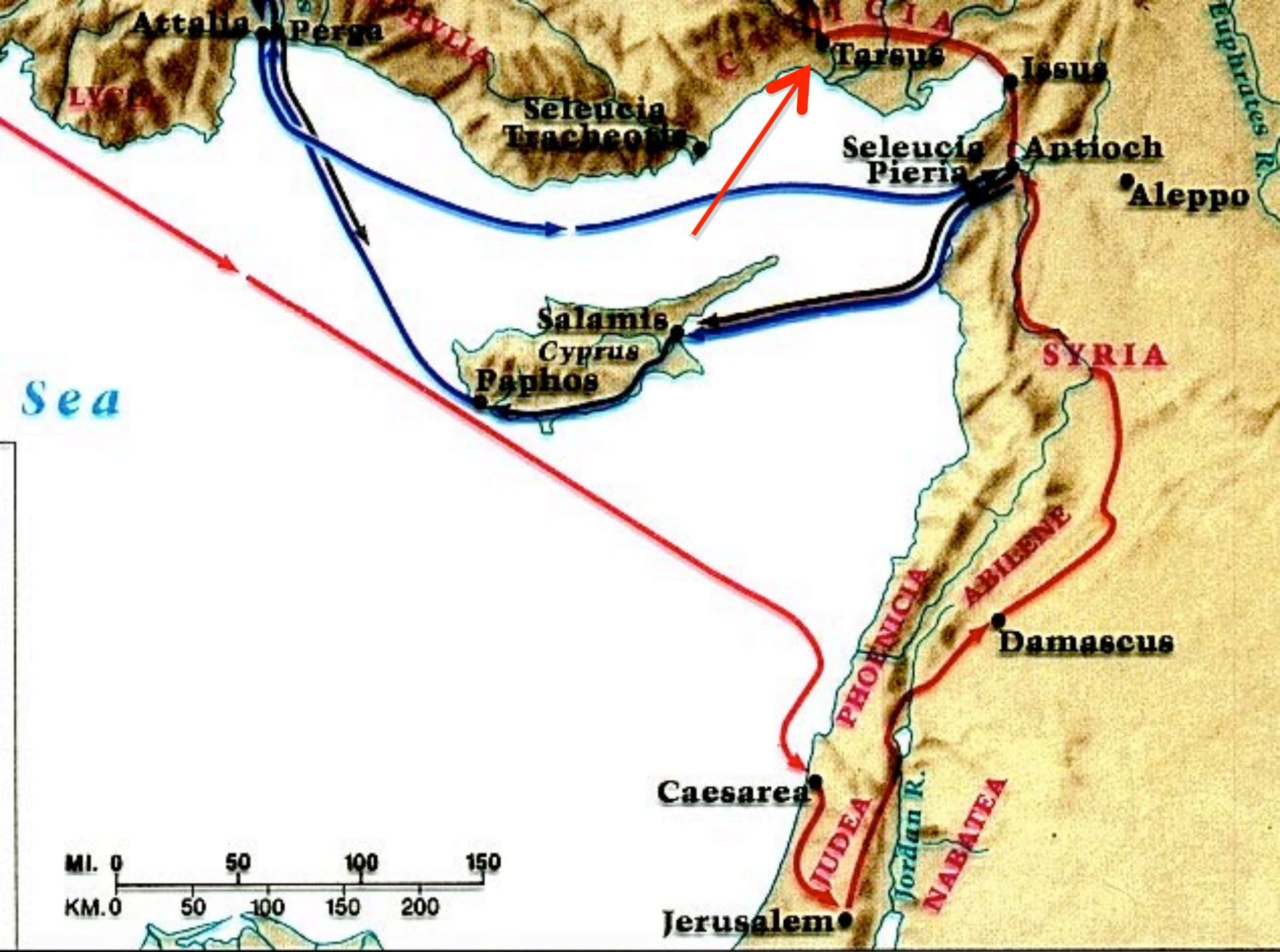
- 1. Apostolic Fathers - Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Polycarp**
- 2. 2nd century - Irenaeus, Justin Martyr, Hippolytus**
- 3. Early church lists**
- 4. Muratorian Fragment**

AUTHORSHIP

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

PAUL

1. Background - ultimate Jew



A photograph of a Roman aqueduct with multiple tiers of arches, built into a steep, rocky hillside. The structure is made of light-colored stone and is partially covered by dense green vegetation. A tall, slender cypress tree stands prominently to the left of the aqueduct. The foreground is filled with lush green bushes and trees.

Act 16:37, 21:39

**Roman aqueduct
near Tarsus**

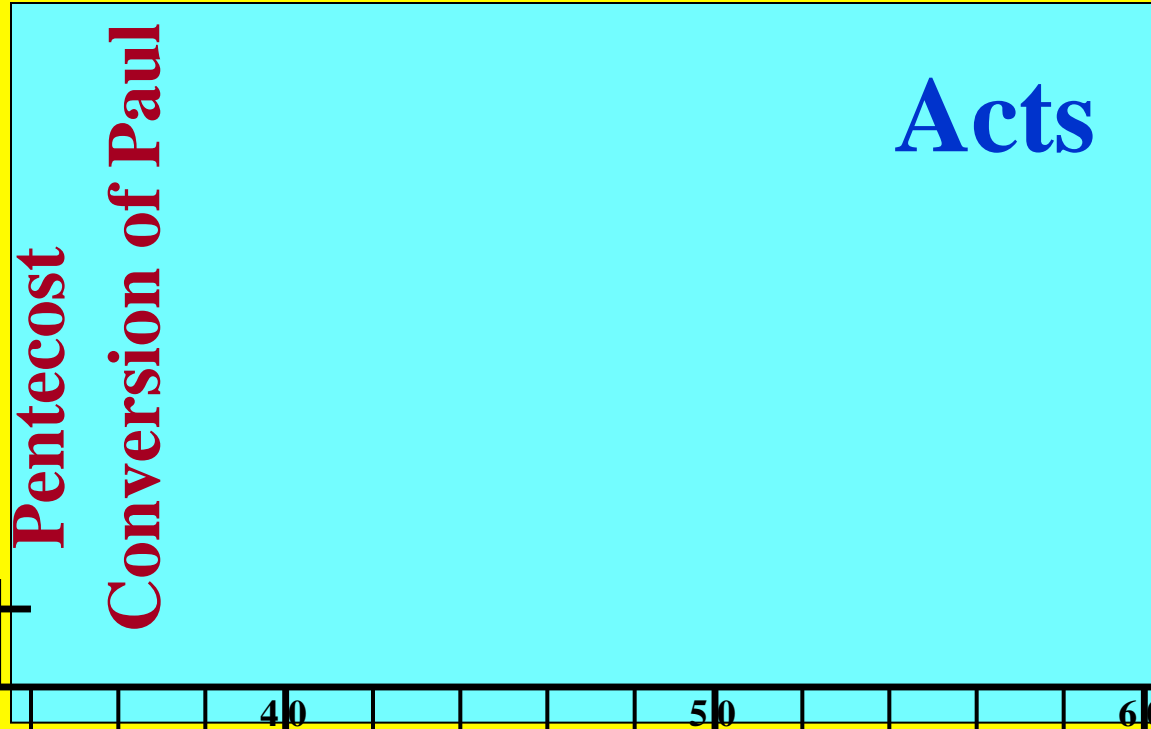


Tarsus city street, gutter and colonnade

PAUL

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- 2. Before Conversion - persecutor**
- 3. Conversion - Damascus Road**

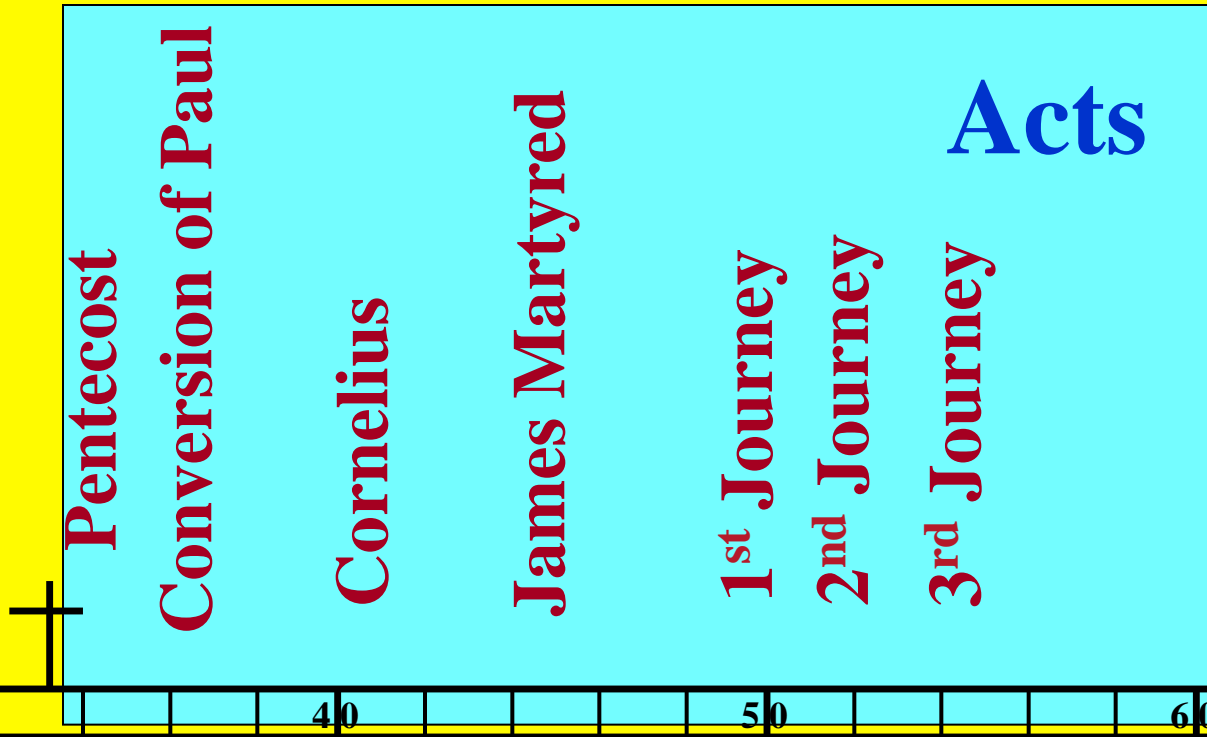
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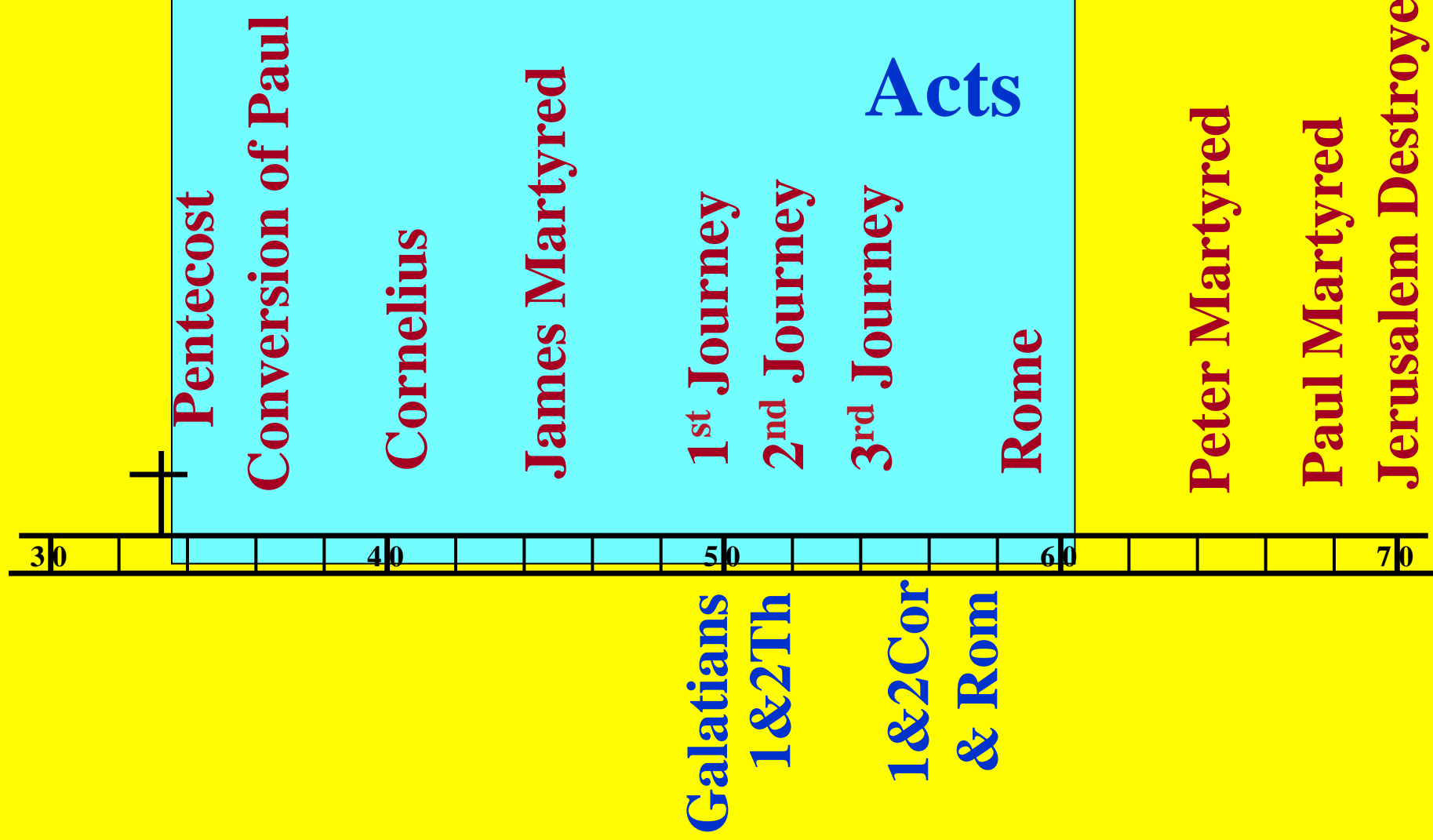
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- 6. Epistles - 13**
- 7. Later Ministry**

ACTS HISTORY



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**

CHURCH

- 1. Origin**
- 2. Nature of Church**
- 3. Size**

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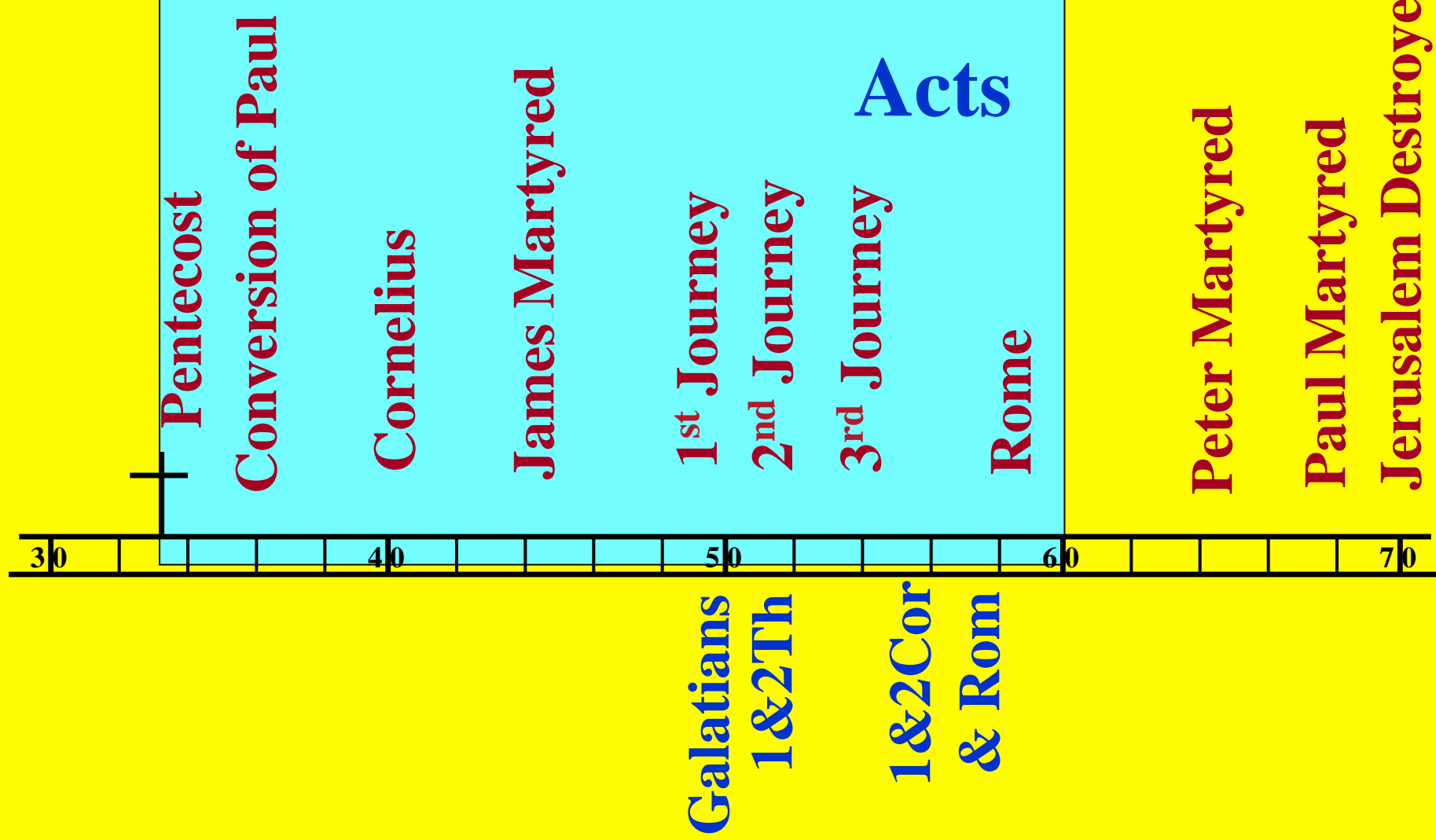




Rom 16:1-2



ACTS HISTORY



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- **Occasion - 56-57**
- **Location - Corinth**
- **City - Rome**



Caesar's Forum



**Forum remains
with Column of Phocas**

Column of Phocas





**Forum
excavations**



**Column of Trajan
and excavations**



**Forum Temples
of Saturn and
Vespasian**

Temple of Antoninus and Faustina





**Circus Maximus
from SW**



**Circus Maximus
from east**



**Circus Maximus
eastern seats**






Colosseum



**Colosseum
floor**

ROMANS

- **Author - Paul**
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- **Occasion - 56-57**
- **Location - Corinth**
- **City - Rome**
- **Purpose - Doctrinal**

A photograph of a sunset over the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the dark water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, some of which are illuminated by the sun's light. 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