

# Passing the Torch

A Journey through Church History

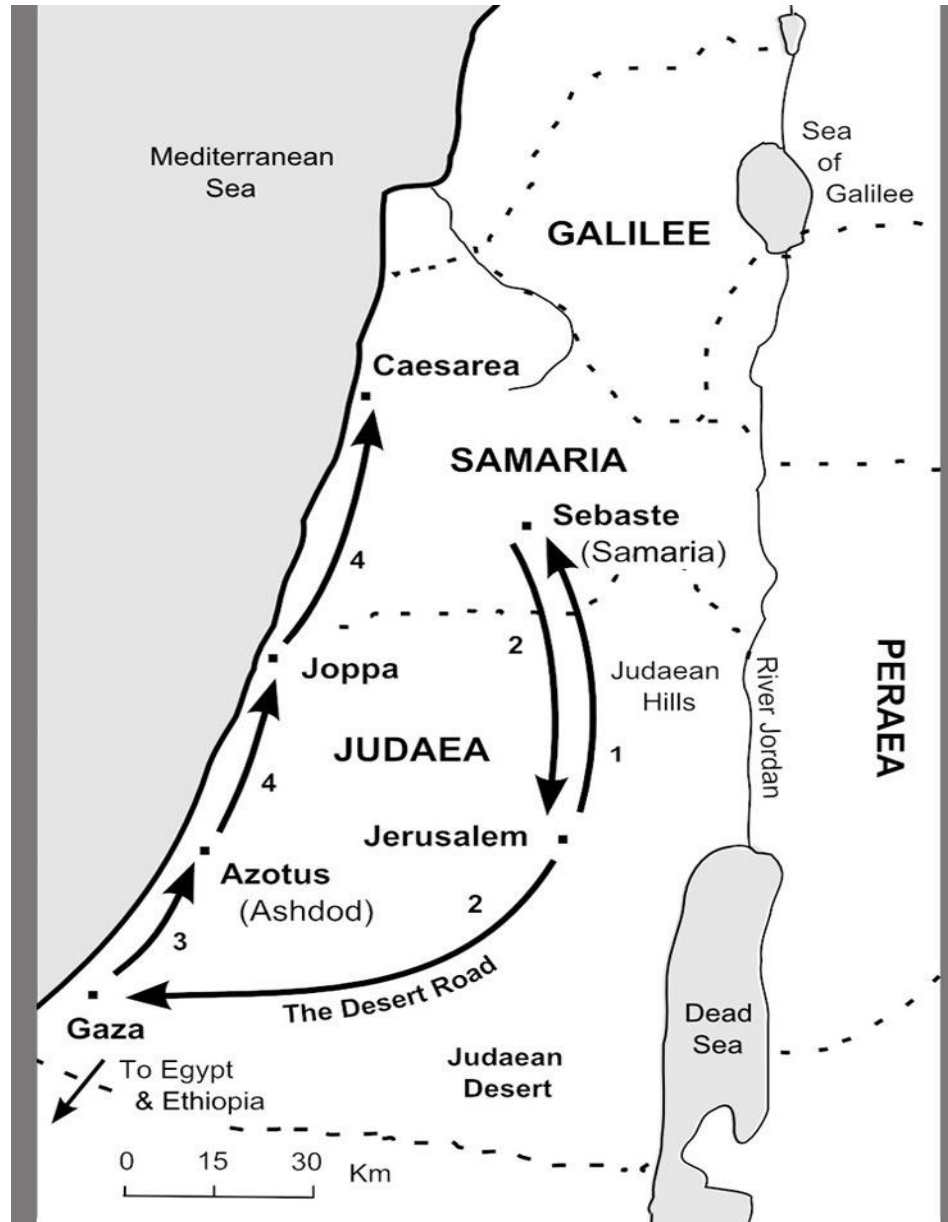
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2 Tim. 2:1-2: You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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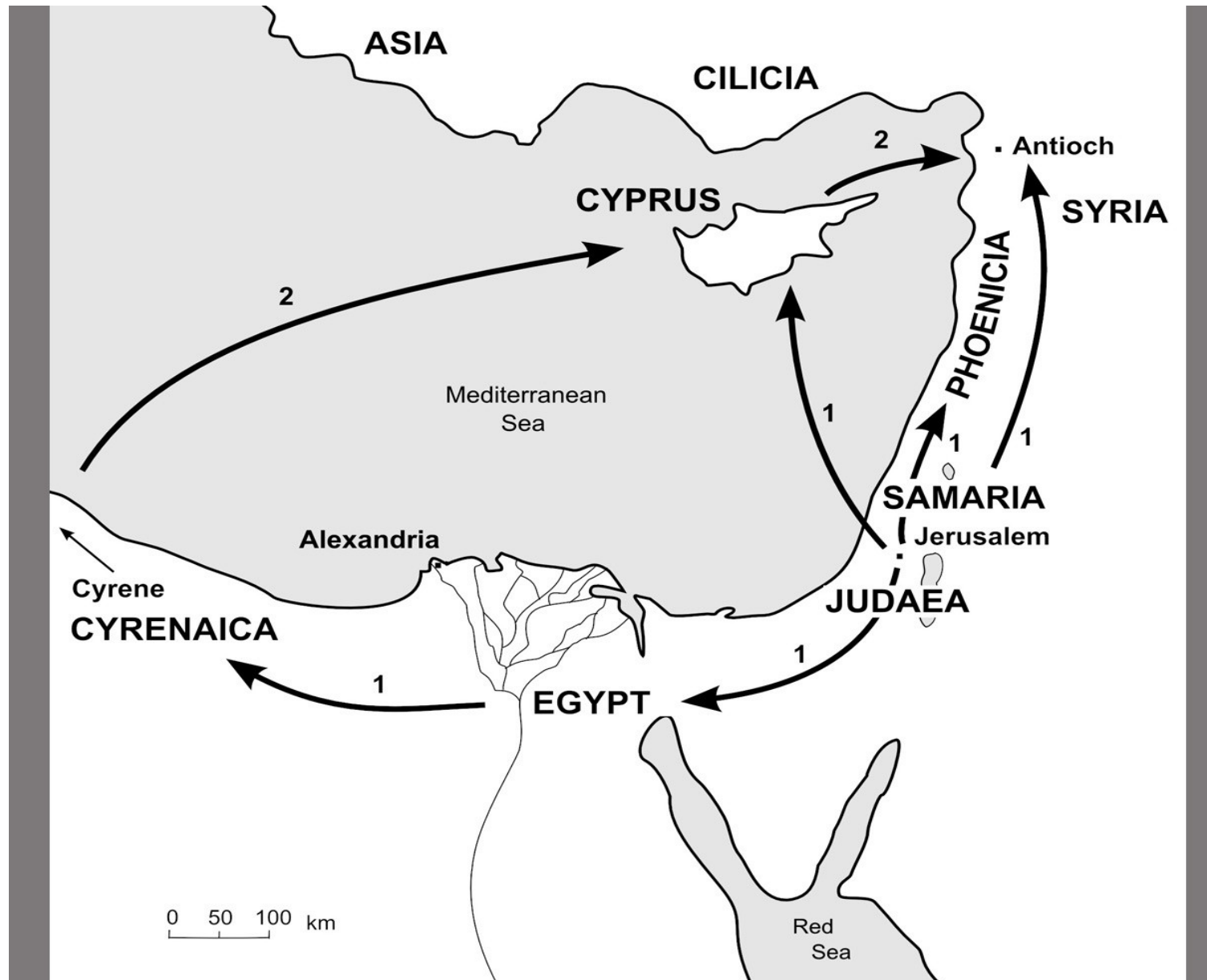
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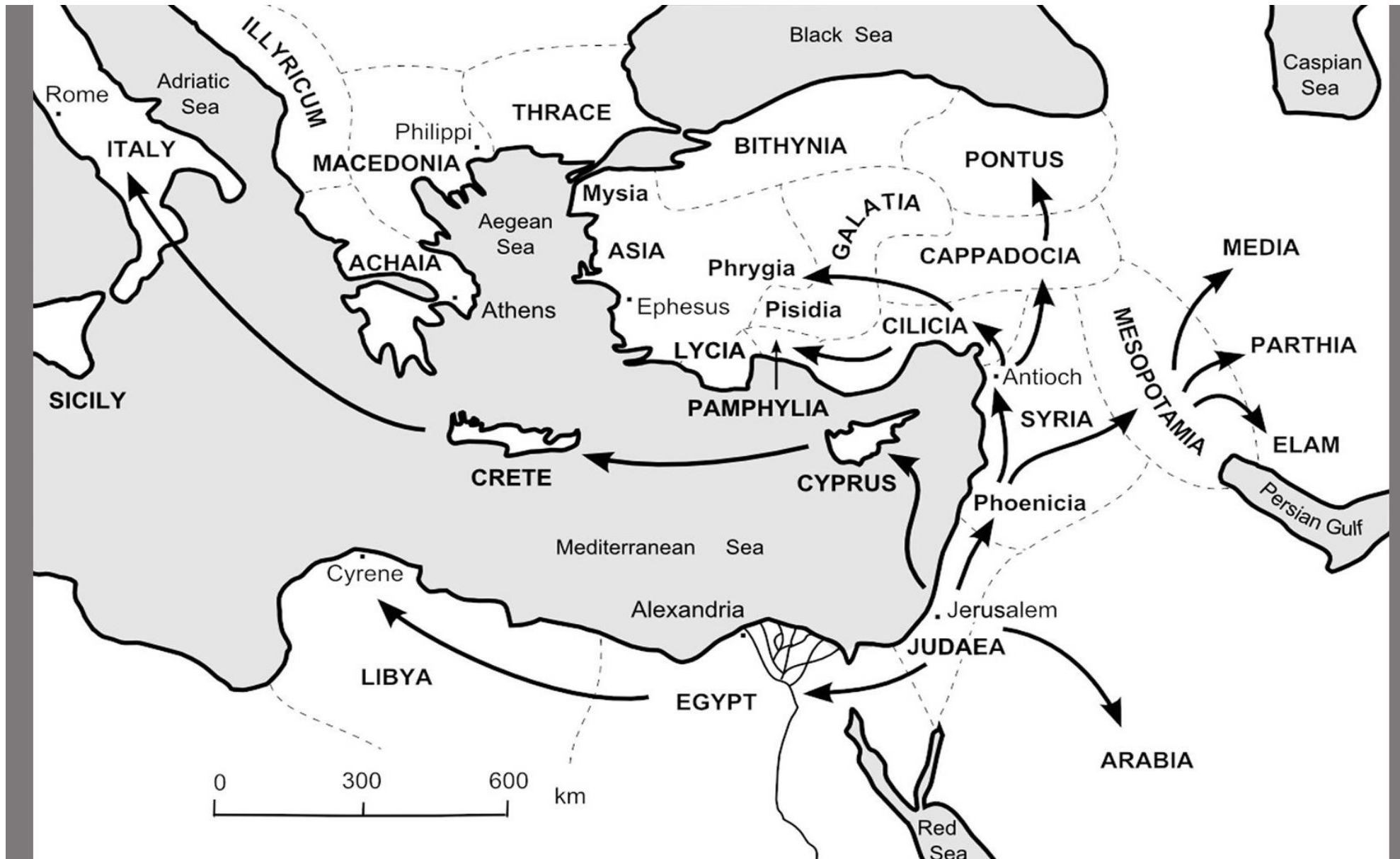
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      - a. Acts 2:5-11
    - 2. The Ethiopian eunuch
      - a. Acts 8:26-39
    - 3. Believers in Damascus
      - a. Acts 9:1-2, 10-14, 19b-22
    - 4. Phoenicia, Cyprus, Antioch
      - a. Acts 11:19-21, 22-26

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  - A. Reflection: The fingerprints of God's sovereignty
    - 1. A strong foundation in numbers and doctrine
    - 2. Circumstances that spread believers geographically so that they could be Christians in other places
  - B. Question
    - 1. How should we view our circumstances in light of the way we see God's wise and purposeful direction of His peoples' lives and service in the Scriptures?