

A Valuable Greeting Pt. 2

Galatians 1:1-5, Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Personal Reviews

Investment, Tax, and Retirement
Planning Review with Angel
Sotomayor

OR

Personal Finances, Budgeting, and
Debt Elimination Review with Drew
Gysi

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Stewardship Lifestyle Seminar Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30-11:30am - *Facing the Future with Confidence*
(Financial, Tax, & Retirement Planning)

11:30am-12:15pm - *Congregation Lunch*

12:15-2:15pm - *Finishing Strong* (Christian Estate Planning)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:15am - *Igniting the Heart*

10:30am - *Consider Your Ways* (Worship Service)

12:00pm - *Congregation Lunch*

1:30-3:00pm - *Free to Serve: Budgeting & Debt Elimination*

Register at:
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What do you think about when you think of Galatians? What place did/does it have in living your Christian life?

- Fruit of the Spirit - simplifying law to love God and neighbor
- Firm stand against false teaching
- Scariest letter Paul wrote about ability to be deceived and ending up accursed
- Joyful reassurance and a hammer
- Justification in Christ - power and freedom come from God -
- Gospel is greater than Paul himself which also reinforces Paul's authority
- Ch. 5 - Practical outworking of relationship with Spirit in life of believer
- Grace and Peace
- Acts 15 - church had to work through cultural issues (work to wrestle with and understand other believers to know how to obey God)
- Clarifying righteousness and how we are made righteous
- How to correct/receive correction
- Children of promise (our place with Abraham in God's program)

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What is the value of understanding the preface/introduction/extended greeting?

- Identity of author- where coming from
- Where heart is and what desire for readers
- Preview of where going
- Very first impression of author- it sets the tone
- Setting/tone/purpose laid out
- Whet appetite to answer questions
- What message of author was to original hearers? - we have different perspectives - why is he saying it to them?

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 - A. Calling

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“As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 “For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. 20 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

John 17:18-21

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And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 19:28

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‘But get up and stand on your feet; **for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you;** 17 rescuing you from the Jewish people and from **the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,** 18 **to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.’**

Acts 26:16-18

Am I not free? **Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?** Are you not my work in the Lord? 2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; **for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.**

1 Corinthians 9:1-2

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Why would a clear defense of Paul's apostleship be important (in context of Galatian believers) and why is this essential for us to understand now?

- Give framework for hard things that must be said and to make sure not lost among other opinions
- Because otherwise he would use other previous identities to supplant this position and message
- Establish path and priority of authority in relationship to gospel commissioned to give
- Gentile and Jewish- messy problem that would invalidate message on both sides (big personalities almost divided whole church)
- For today- what about "red letter Christians?" how does the OT fit with NT?
- Because he had been given a slightly different line to Christ Himself
- There is much at stake; asking them to give up a bunch (traditions, what comes naturally to themselves, cultural norms) and to take on a new perspective- whole basis for eternal standing with God at stake
- There is a context for these words
- Here, Paul not looking to draw authority from other apostles or from others feeling that Paul was trustworthy

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“St. Paul and St. John were men of like passions to ourselves. However great their inspiration . . . being human, their inspiration was not even or uniform . . . For with their inspiration went that degree of psychopathology which is the common lot of all men. They too had their inner axes to grind of which they were unaware. What therefore they tell us must have a self-authenticating quality, like music. **If it doesn't, we must be prepared to refuse it. We must have the courage to disagree.**”

H. A. Williams in *Objections to Christian Belief*

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What are the “larger influences” to which we look that might mask our tendency to let someone/something larger than us be the object of our faith rather than God Himself?

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“since the Bible authors were churchmen, the church wrote the Bible. Therefore the church is over the Bible and has authority not only to interpret it, but also to supplement it.”

John Stott giving the Roman Catholic position

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I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; 15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. 16 By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 3:14-16

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Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

2 Timothy 2:15-17

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What are good/dangerous reasons for wanting people to read Galatians “as if the Reformation had never happened”?

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“We have taken it upon ourselves in the Lord’s name to lecture on this Epistle of Paul to the Galatians once more. This is not because we want to teach something new or unknown, for, by the grace of God, Paul is very well known to you, but it is because, as I often warn you, there is a present danger that the devil may take away from us the pure doctrine of faith and may substitute for it the doctrines of works and of human traditions.”

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3. **Watch Diminishing God's Eternality by Eliminating His Progressive Revelation and Work Throughout History to Preserve that Word as He Intended.**

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“I do not seek [my own] active righteousness. I ought to have and perform it; but I declare that even if I did have it and perform it, I cannot trust in it or stand up before the judgment of God on the basis of it. Thus I . . . embrace only . . . the righteousness of Christ . . . which we do not perform but receive, which we do not have but accept, when God the Father grants it to us through Jesus Christ.”

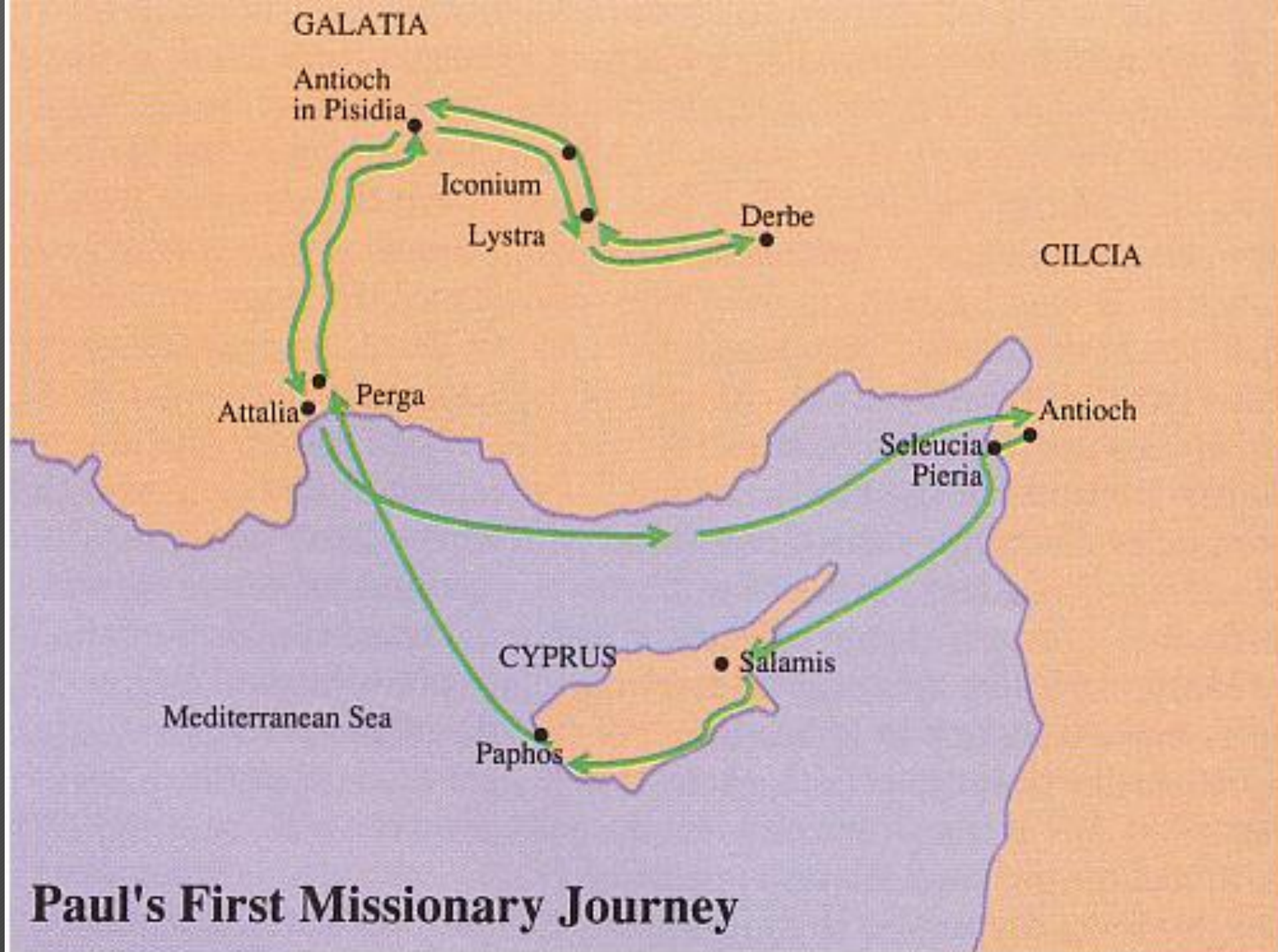
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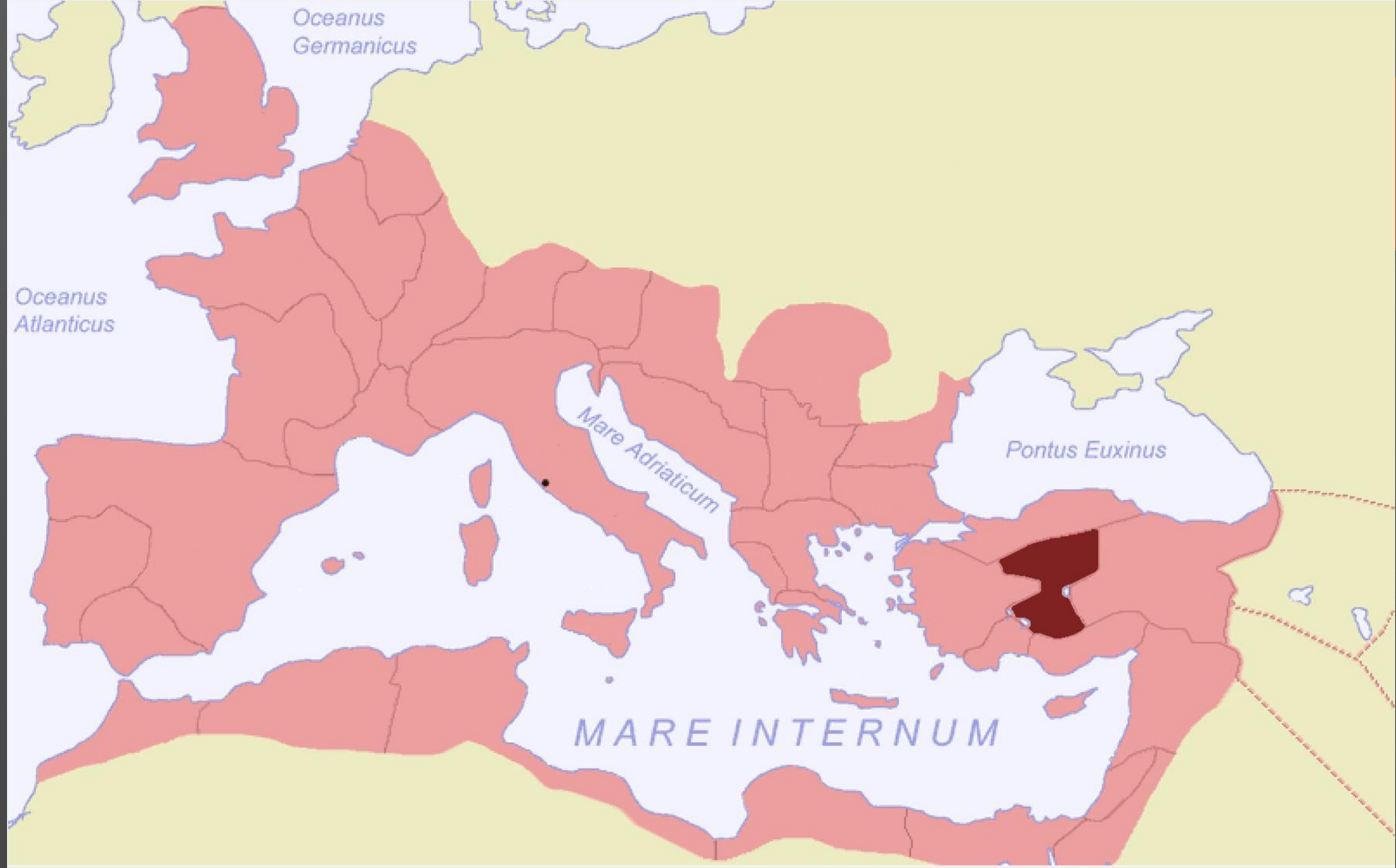
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MARE INTERNUM

Letter Opening

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