



The Pastoral Epistles

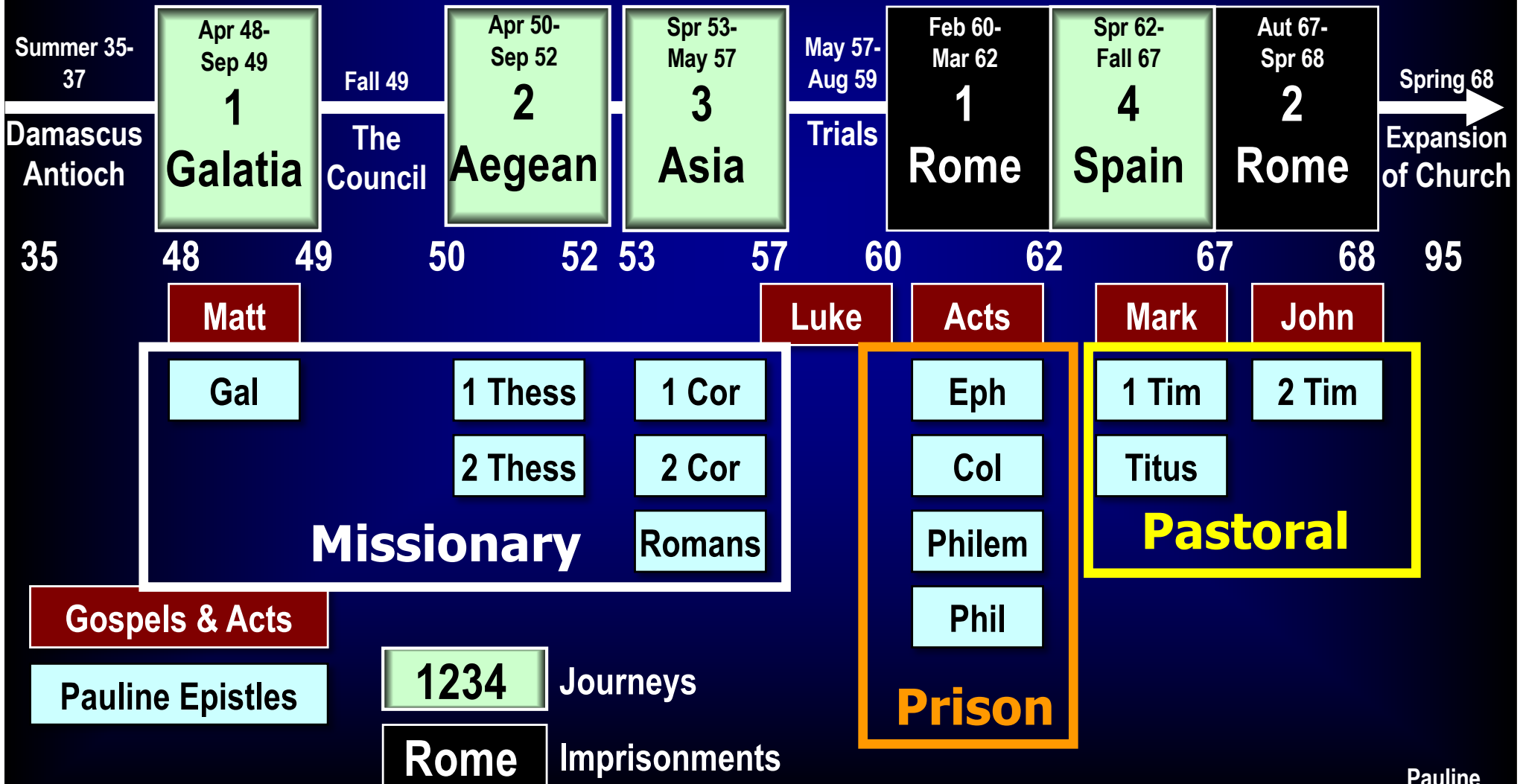
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NT Overview (Paul's Letters)

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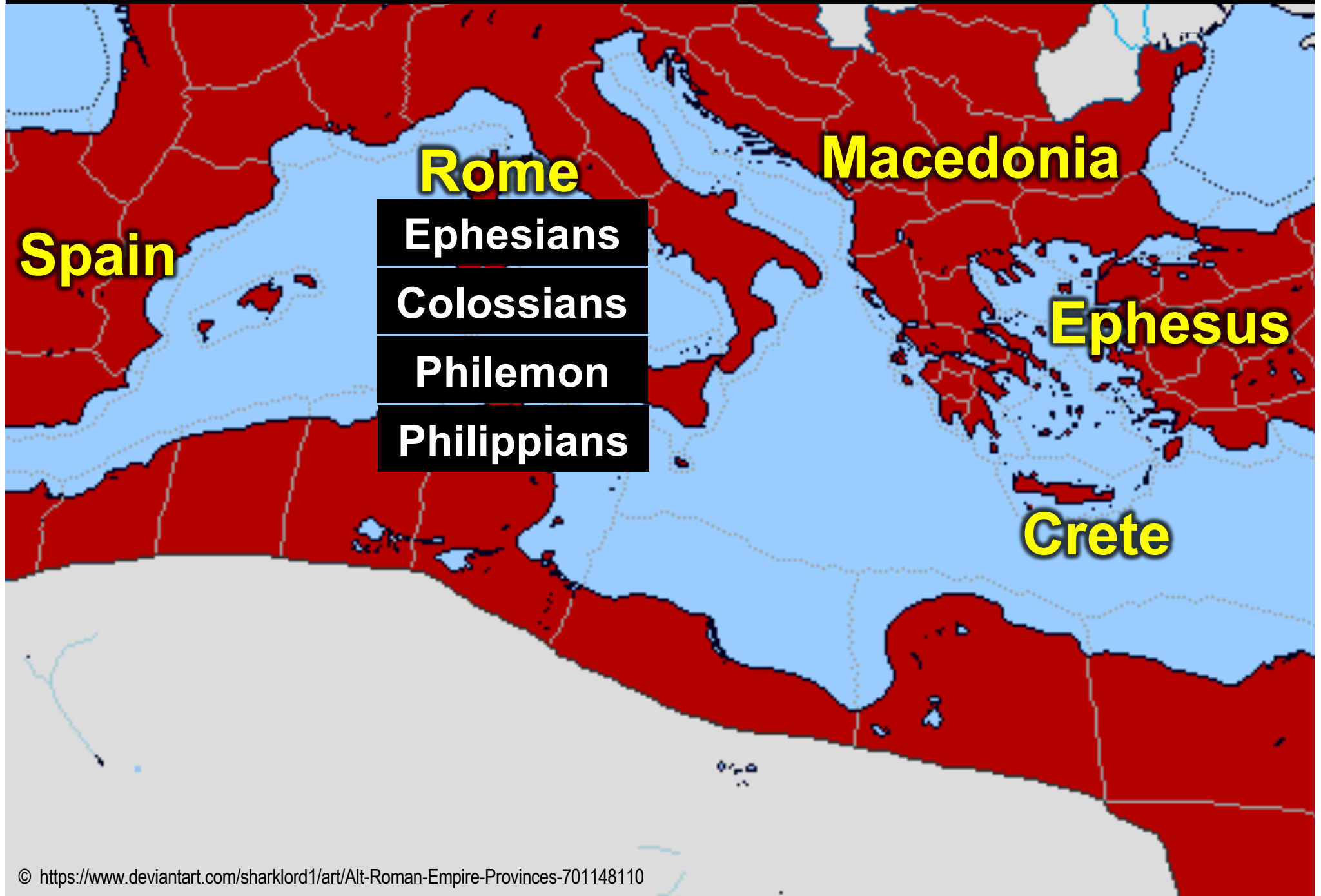
“To the remotest part of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28





Fourth Missions Trip
1-2 Timothy & Titus After Acts
Spring 62 – Fall 67



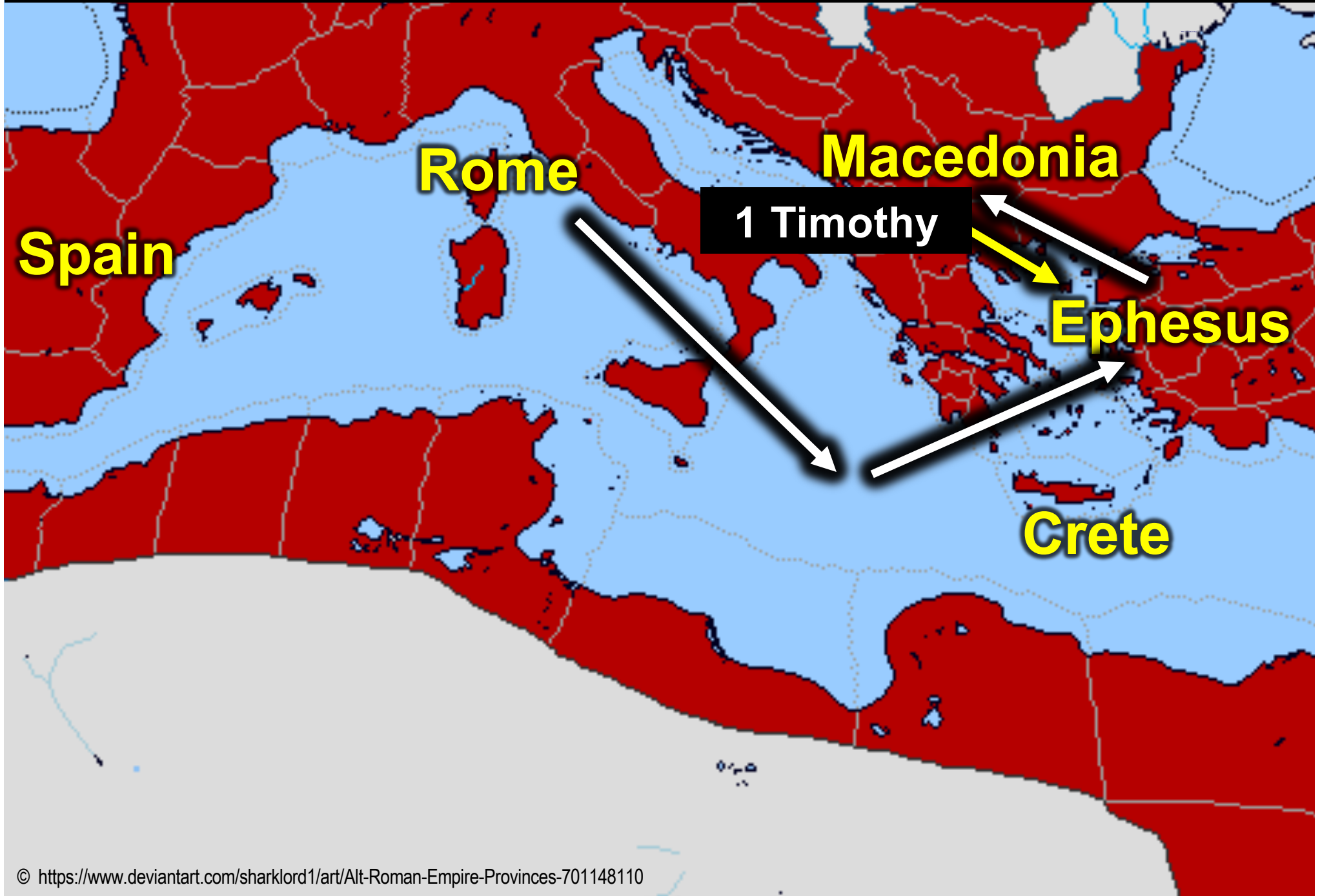
The chronology of Paul's latter years is obscure, yet one harmonization of the internal and external data yields this scenario:

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| ▪ 1st Roman Imprisonment (Acts 28:30-31) | February 60–March 62 |
| ▪ Paul writes Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, and Philippians | Autumn 60–early Spring 62 |
| ▪ Martyrdom of James, the Lord's brother | Spring 62 |



Paul's Post-Acts Journey

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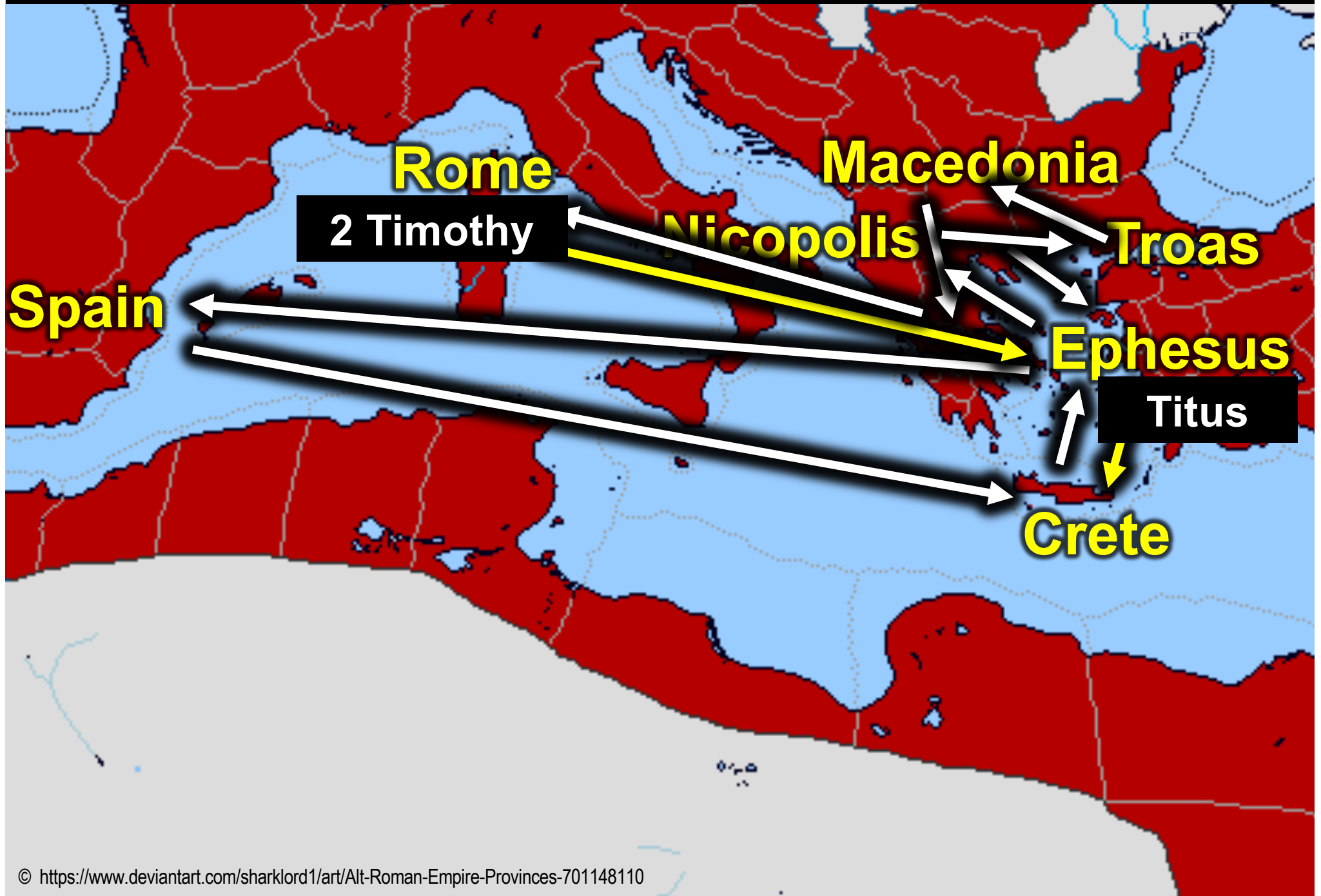


- **Freedom from Imprisonment** **Spring 62–Autumn 67**
- Paul in Ephesus and Colosse
(Timothy left at Ephesus) Spring–Summer 62
- Peter travels to Rome 62
- Paul in Macedonia late summer 62-winter 62/63
- **1 Timothy** written in Macedonia
to Timothy in Ephesus Autumn 62
- Paul in Asia Minor Spring 63-Spring 64
- Paul in Spain
(anticipated in Rom. 15:24) Spring 64-Spring 66
- Christians persecuted by Nero
and Peter martyred Summer 64



Paul's Post-Acts Journey

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Pastorals

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- Paul in Crete (Titus left there; Tit. 1:5) early Summer 66
- Paul in Asia Minor Summer-Autumn 66
- **Titus** written from Asia Minor to Titus in Crete Summer 66
- Paul in Nicopolis (Tit. 3:12) Winter 66/67
- Paul in Troas (2 Tim. 4:13), Macedonia and Greece Spring–Autumn 67
- 2nd Roman Imprisonment** Autumn 67–Spring 68
- Paul arrested and brought to Rome Autumn 67
- **2 Timothy** written from Rome to Timothy in Ephesus Autumn 67
- Paul beheaded Spring 68
- **Destruction of Jerusalem** 2 September 70



Paul's Epistles in Mostly Scriptural Order

| Foundational | Prison | Prophetic | Pastoral |
|---|--|--|--|
| Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians | Ephesians Philippians Colossians Philemon | 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians | 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus |
| Christ & the Cross | Christ & the Church | Christ & the Second Coming | Christ & the Congregation |
| Soteriology | Christology | Eschatology | Ecclesiology |

How do the Pastorals **differ** from Paul's earlier letters?

Pastorals:

- (1) Address leaders instead of churches**
- (2) Focus on church issues from a leader's view**
- (3) Use different words than the earlier letters**
- (4) Show a more developed church leadership**
- (5) Have a different style**

Early Letters:

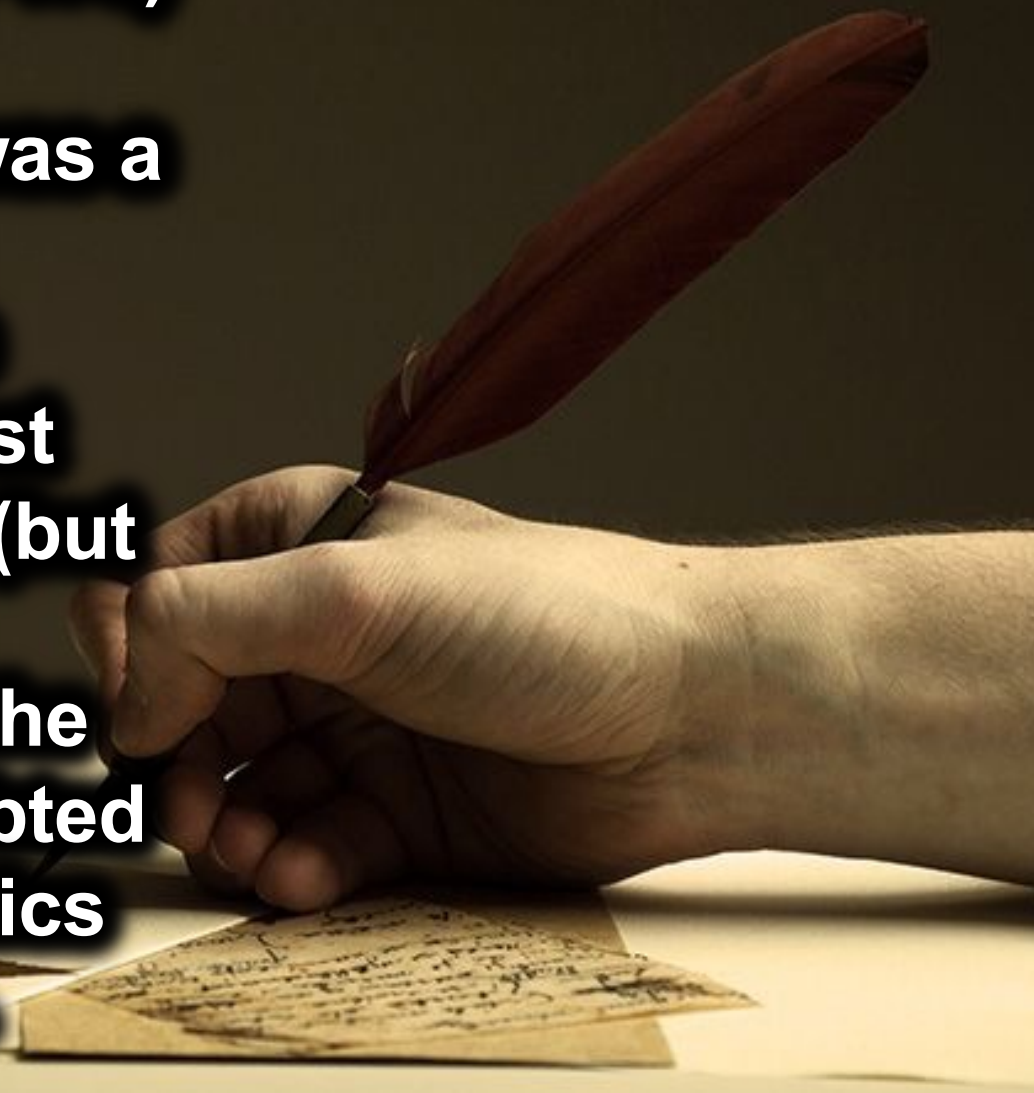
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Pastorals:

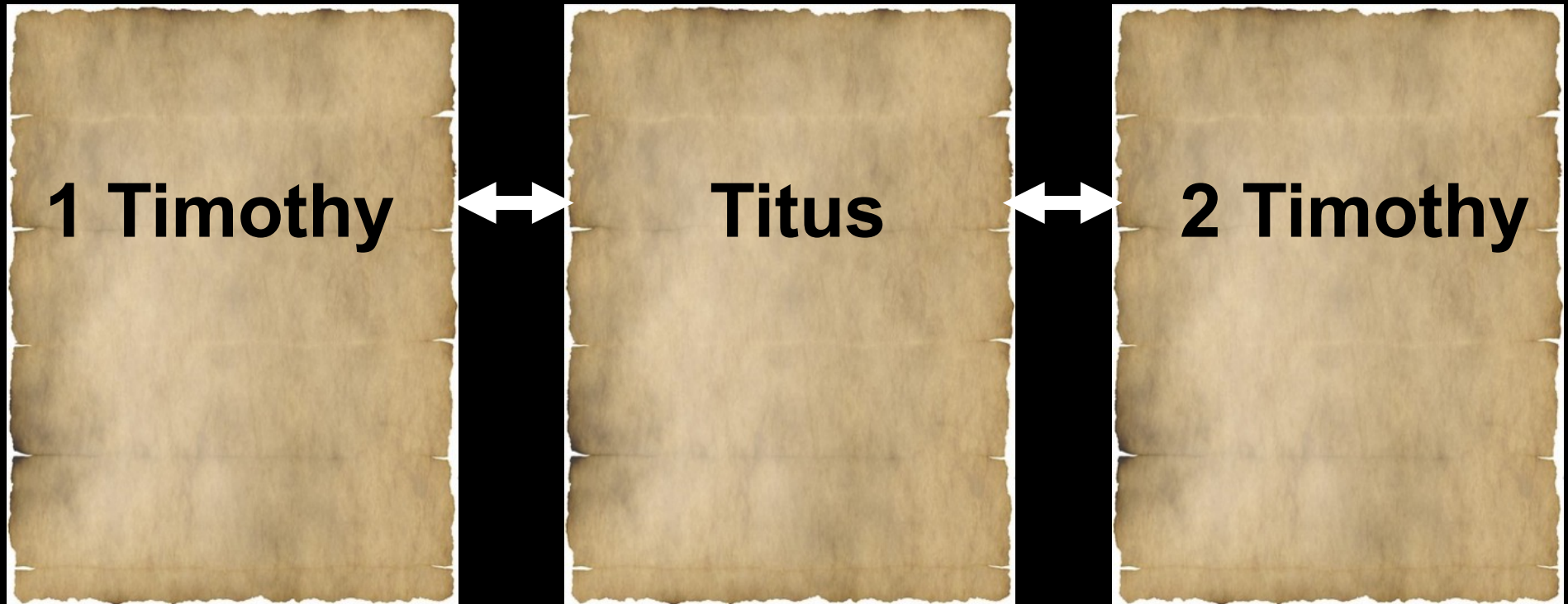
**Doctrine &
Practice**

What concerns scholars on the **authorship** of the Pastorals?

- (1) Marcion's Canon (AD 170) had only 10 Pauline letters (but Marcion was a heretic).
- (2) They are absent from *p*⁴⁶—one of the earliest Pauline manuscripts (but we don't know why).
- (3) Paul's authorship of the Pastorals wasn't doubted until 1800s (when critics superseded the text).



Pastoral Epistles



1 Timothy = personal, urgent, doctrinal emphasis

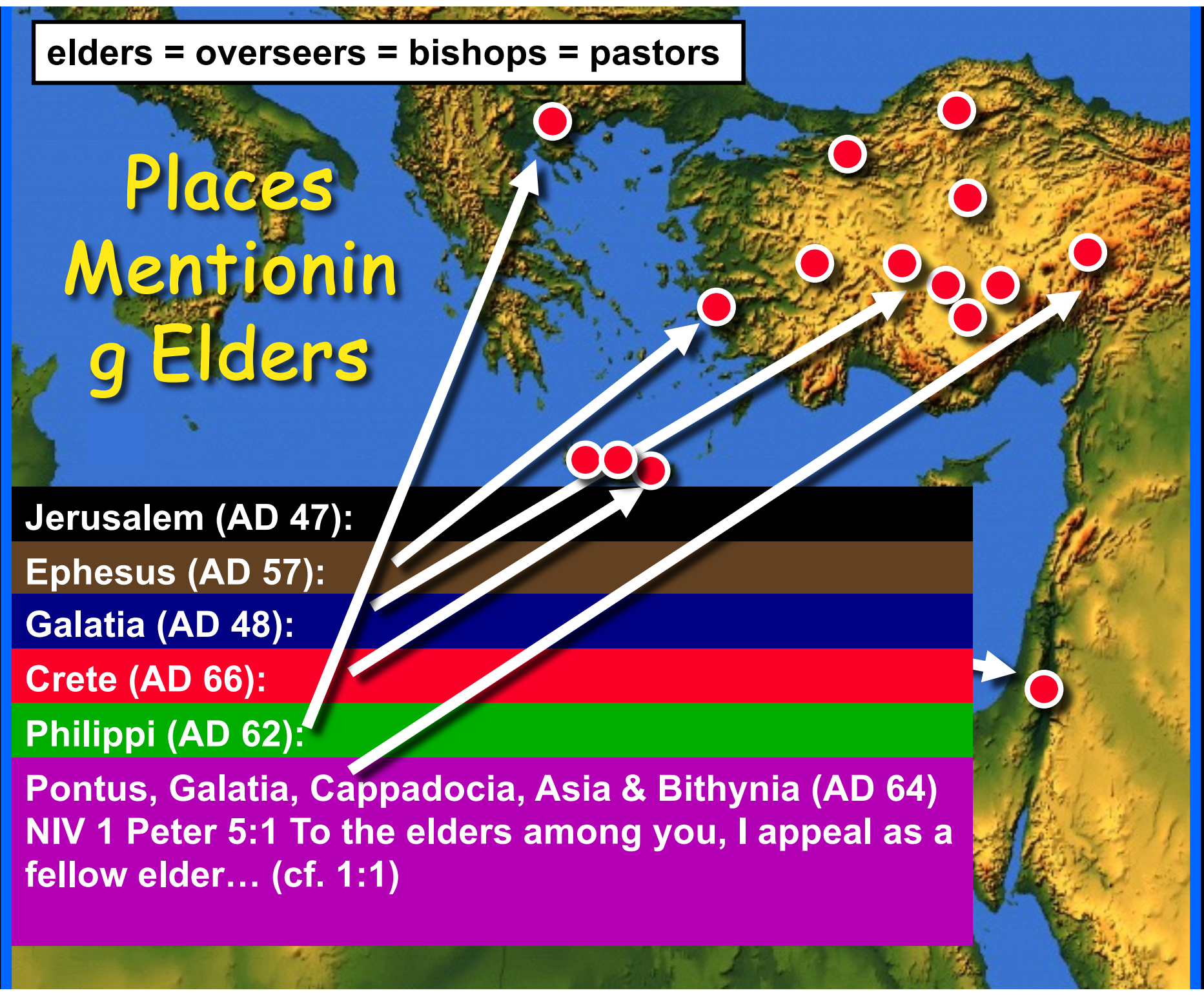
Titus = less urgent, practical emphasis

2 Timothy = personal, urgent, focus on the Word

elders = overseers = bishops = pastors

Places Mentioning Elders

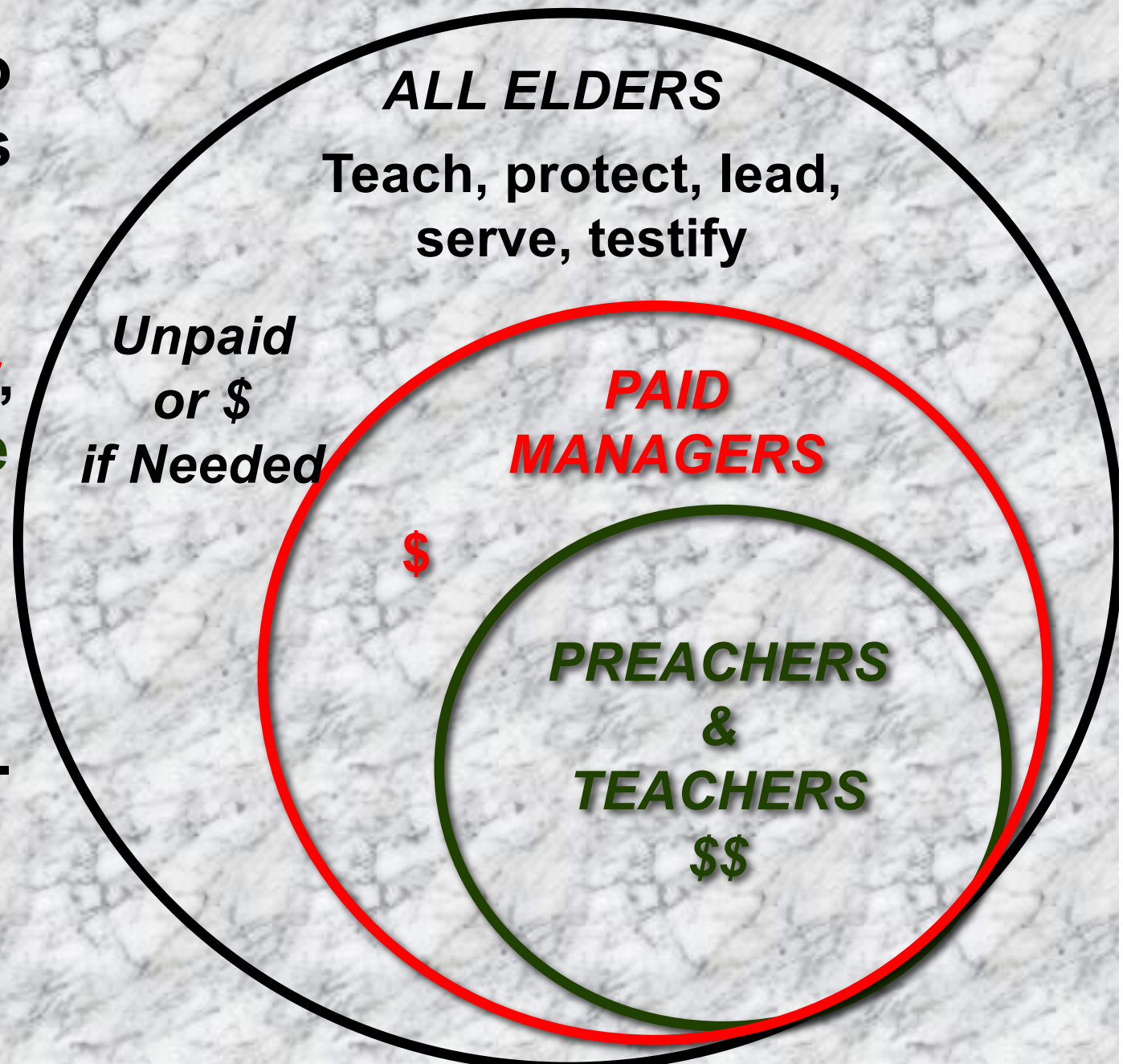
- Jerusalem (AD 47):
- Ephesus (AD 57):
- Galatia (AD 48):
- Crete (AD 66):
- Philippi (AD 62):
- Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia & Bithynia (AD 64)
NIV 1 Peter 5:1 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder... (cf. 1:1)



Three Types of Elders

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“The elders who direct the affairs of the church **well are worthy of double honor**, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Tim. 5:17 NIV).



Three Shepherd Tasks of Elders

Administration
(Serve, care for & testify)

1 Tim. 3:1, 4-5;
5:17

Episkopos =
Epi "over" +
skopos "look" =
"watch over"

Teaching

1 Tim. 3:2;
5:17

Pastor-Teacher

Eph. 4:11

Pastoring
(Protect & Lead)

1 Pet. 5:1-4
Acts 20:29, 35
1 Thess. 5:12

(is maintained by giving priority to...)**Combat False Teachers****Uphold Church Life****Guard Life & Doctrine****Advise Church Groups****Resist Materialism****Chapter 1****Chapters 2–3****Chapter 4****5:1–6:10****6:11-21****Doctrine****Worship****Example****Respect****Priorities****Warning****People****Warning****People****Warning****Salutation
Fight heresies
God's grace
Charge****Prayer
Gender Roles
Leader Qualities
Purpose of Epistle****Future heresy
Watch life
Watch doctrine****Respect everyone
Widows
Elders
Slaves
False teachers****Spiritual goals
Wealthy must give
Closing charge****Practical Exhortations Throughout
Sent from Macedonia to Ephesus
Autumn AD 62**

Titus

Sound Conduct Against Opposition

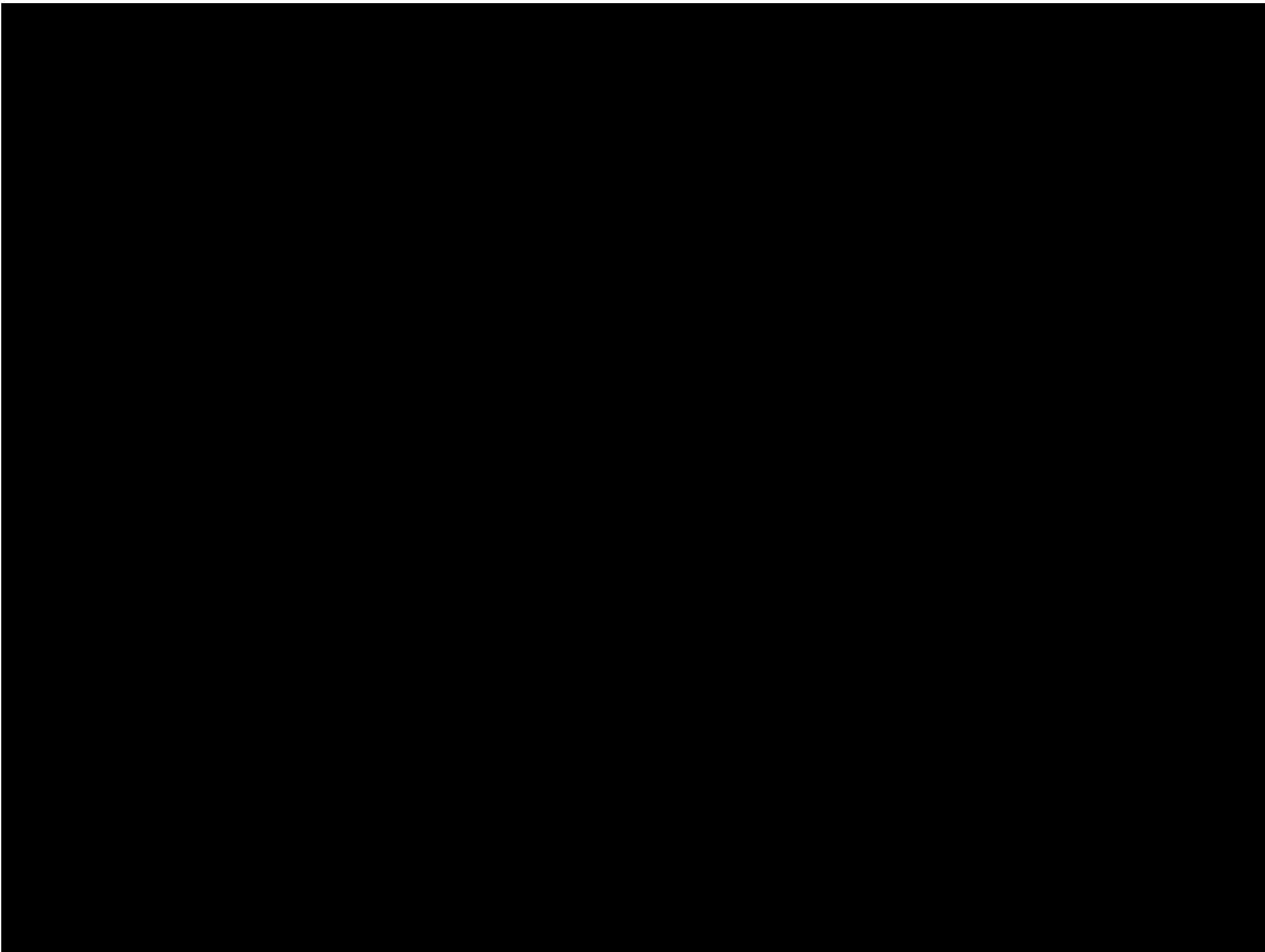
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| Appoint Elders | | Set Things in Order | | | | | | | | | |
| Prevent False Doctrine | | Practice True Doctrine | | | | | | | | | |
| Elders vs. False Teachers | | Conduct for Various Groups | | | | | Grace Leads to Godliness | | | | |
| 1 | | 2:1-10 | | | | | 2:11–3:15 | | | | |
| Organize | | Teach | | | | | Grace | | | | |
| Truth Leads to Godliness 1:1-4 | Elders 1:5-16 | Older Men 2:1-2 | Older Women 2:4-5 | Younger Women 2:4-5 | Younger Men 2:6-8 | Slaves 2:9-10 | Educates 2:11-15 | Empowers 3:1-2 | Motivates 3:3-8 | Protects 3:9-11 | Relates 3:12-15 |

Asia Minor to Crete

Summer AD 66

Sound Doctrine Against Opposition

| Persevere in Present Trials | | Persevere in Future Trials | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|---|--|
| Chapters 1–2 | | Chapters 3–4 | | |
| Examples of Faithfulness 1 | Characteristics of Faithfulness 2 | Problem: Apostasy 3:1-9 | Solution: Preach the Word 3:10–4:5 | Paul's Hope 4:6-22 |
| Eunice Lois Paul Onesiphorus | Discipling Single-minded Obedient Hardworking Biblical Holy Gentle | Godlessness Hypocrisy | Preaching Persevering Rebuking Encouraging Evangelism | Martyrdom Betrayals Greetings Benediction |
| Rome to Ephesus | | | | |
| Autumn AD 67 (Second Roman Imprisonment) | | | | |



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