

Acts Series

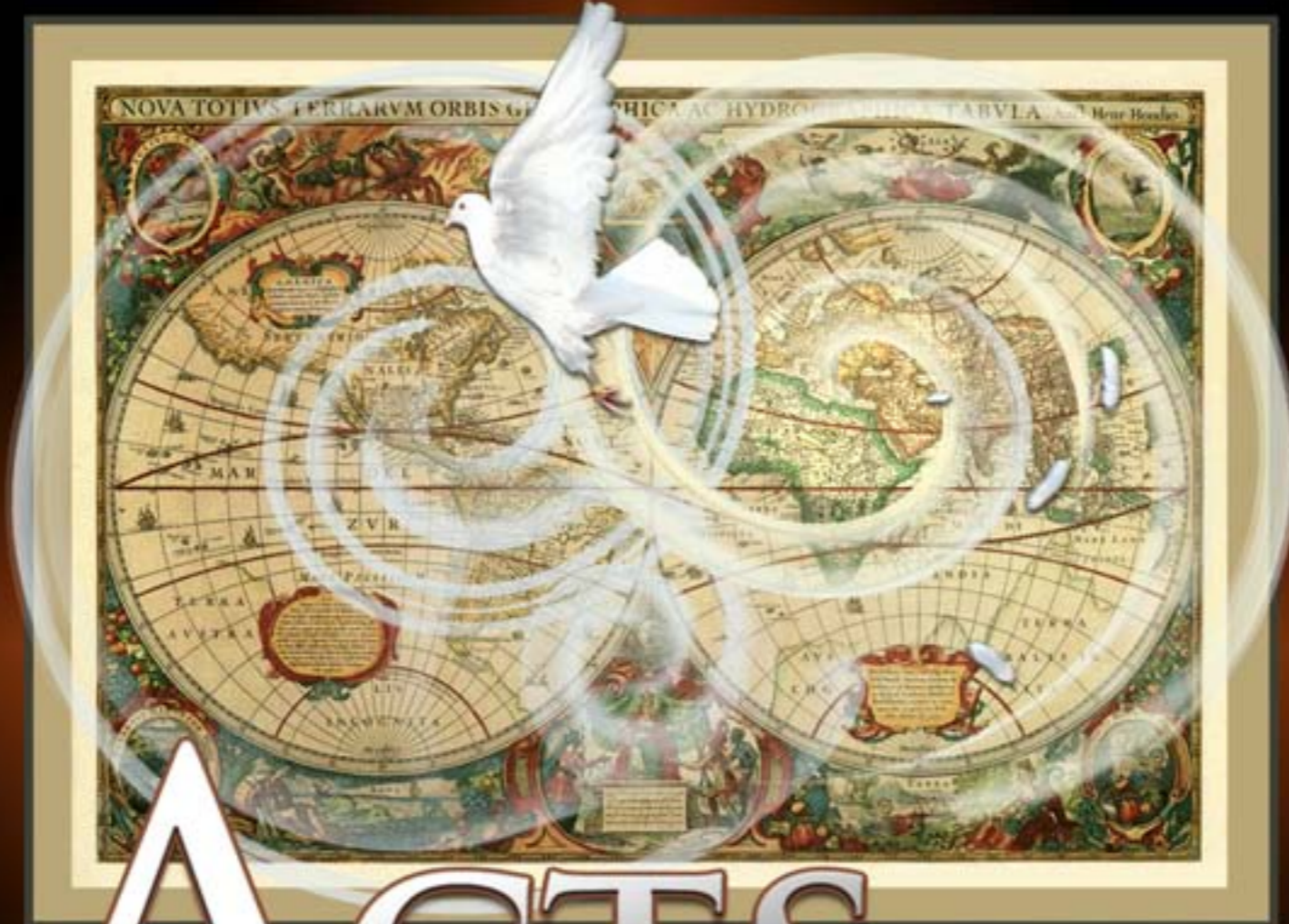
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ACTS

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE CHURCH AGE BEGINS

GOD'S PROTECTION
ACTS 24:10–25:12

Acts 9:15, “But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.’ ”

Acts 23:11, “But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, ‘Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.’ ”

**Rom. 8:31, “What then shall we say to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us?”**

Paul's Defense Before Felix

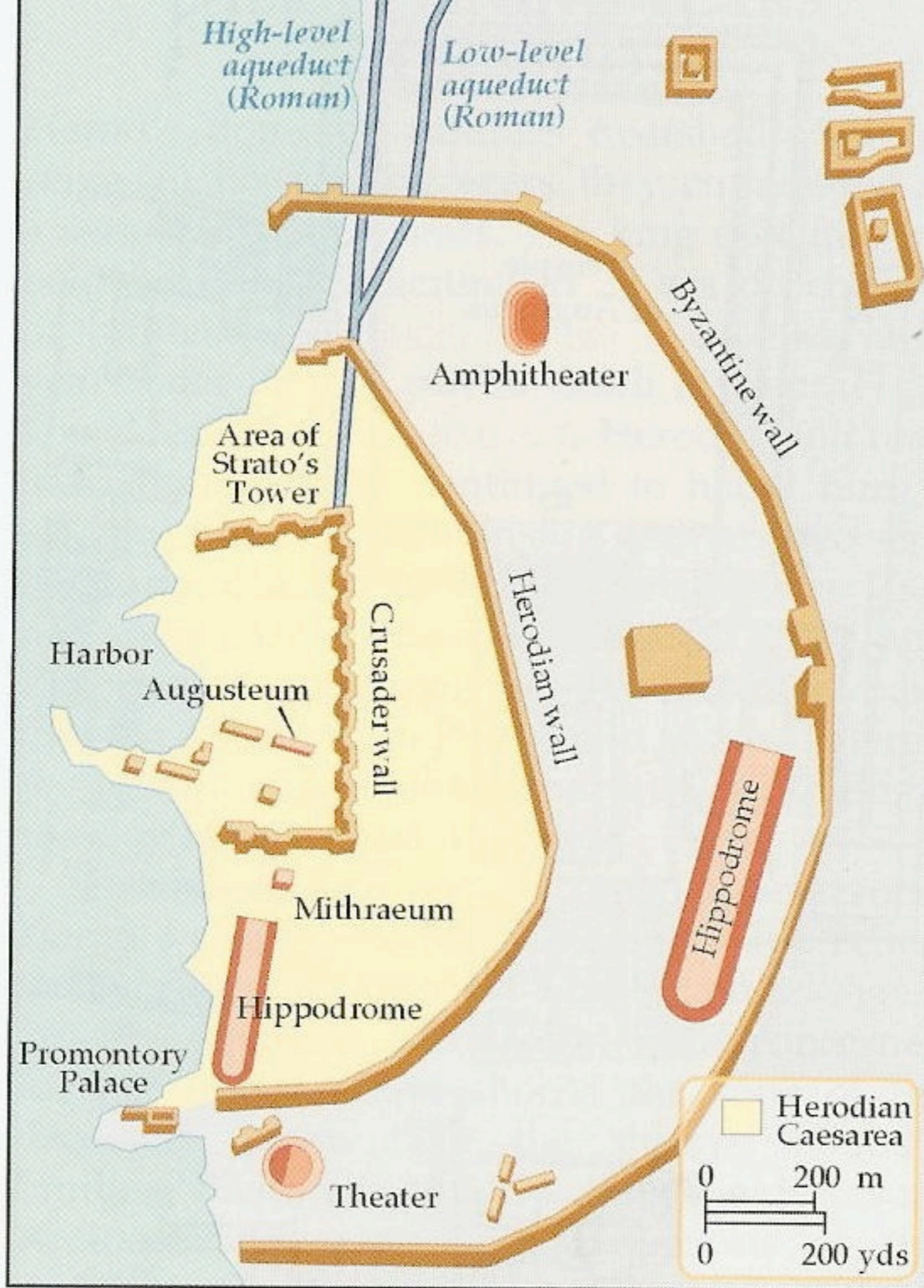
- 1. Paul was not there long enough to generate the conspiracy the Jewish leadership was accusing him of. (24:11)**
- 2. He denied being in the temple inciting the crowd, either in synagogues or in Jerusalem. (24:12)**
- 3. They offer no evidence and have no witnesses (24:13). Paul clearly states the frame-up; falsely accused by trouble-makers who haven't even shown up to testify. (24:18–20)**

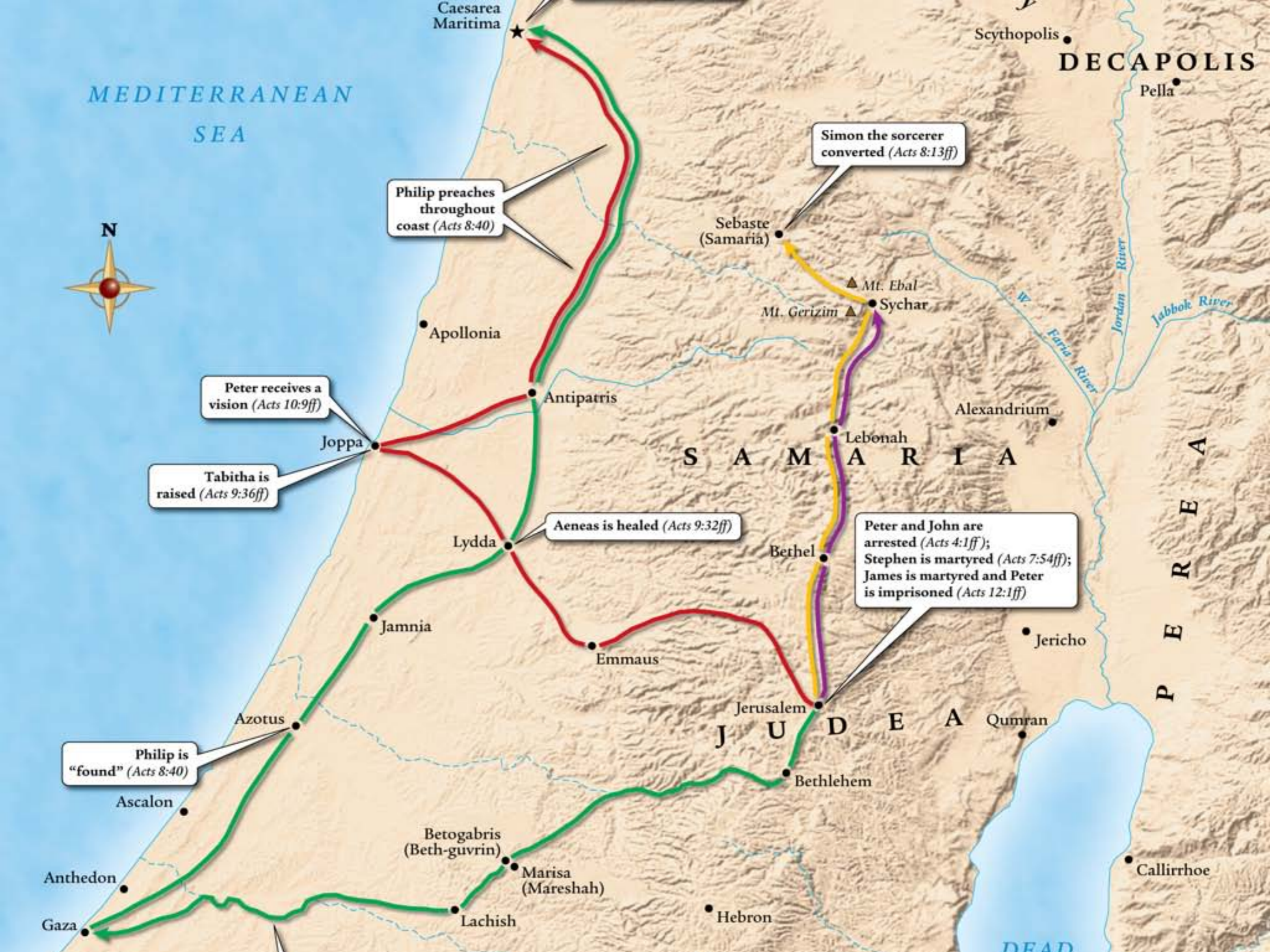
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- 4. Admits confidently that he is a follower of the Way, which he affirms is the correct outgrowth of the Jewish Torah.**
- 5. Here and in the next defense, he places the focus on HOPE which is the resurrection of the dead and future divine judgment.**
- 6. Paul affirms the reason for his visit is to distribute financial aid which he collected on his missionary journey. (24:17)**

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- 7. Paul goes on the offense and challenges his accusers (24:20) and makes the issue doctrine—the resurrection from the dead. (24:21)**





MEDITERRANEAN SEA

DECAPOLIS

SAMARIA

JUDEA

PEREA

DEAD



Caesarea Maritima

Scythopolis

Pella

Simon the sorcerer converted (Acts 8:13ff)

Philip preaches throughout coast (Acts 8:40)

Sebaste (Samaria)

Mt. Ebal

Mt. Gerizim

Sychar

Alexandrium

Peter receives a vision (Acts 10:9ff)

Joppa

Antipatris

Tabitha is raised (Acts 9:36ff)

Lydda

Aeneas is healed (Acts 9:32ff)

Peter and John are arrested (Acts 4:1ff); Stephen is martyred (Acts 7:54ff); James is martyred and Peter is imprisoned (Acts 12:1ff)

Bethel

Jamnia

Emmaus

Jericho

Philip is "found" (Acts 8:40)

Azotus

Ascalon

Jerusalem

Qumran

Bethlehem

Anthedon

Betogabris (Beth-guvrin)

Marisa (Mareshah)

Callirrhoe

Gaza

Lachish

Hebron



Caesarea aerial from southwest



Caesarea aerial from west



Acts 25:8, “while he answered for himself, ‘Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all.’ ”

ἀπολογέομαι *apologeomai* to present a logical, rational, legal defense