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Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.



Why Turkey

The 4 Gospels Written to the 4 Main “Ends of the Earth” Cities

½ of the New Testament written TO or FROM modern day Turkey

Istanbul (Constantinople) was the central hub
for Protestant Christianity from 397BC until 1453

The first 7 Ecumenical Councils happened in Turkey
(3 of them in Constantinople)
Formalizing the central tenets of Christianity



Turkey

GALATIA

■ PERGAMUM

■ THYATIRA

■ SMYRNA

■ SARDIS

■ PHILADELPHIA

■ HEIROPOLIS
(HOT WATER)

■ LAODICEA

■ COLOSSAE
(COLD WATER)

■ EPHESUS

■ PATMOS

Where John
wrote most of
his letters

■ ANTIOCH

■ ICONIUM

■ LYSTRA

■ DERBE

■ PERGA

Paul's Hometown

■ TARSUS

Israel

GREECE

Istanbul

GREECE



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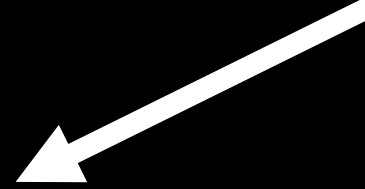
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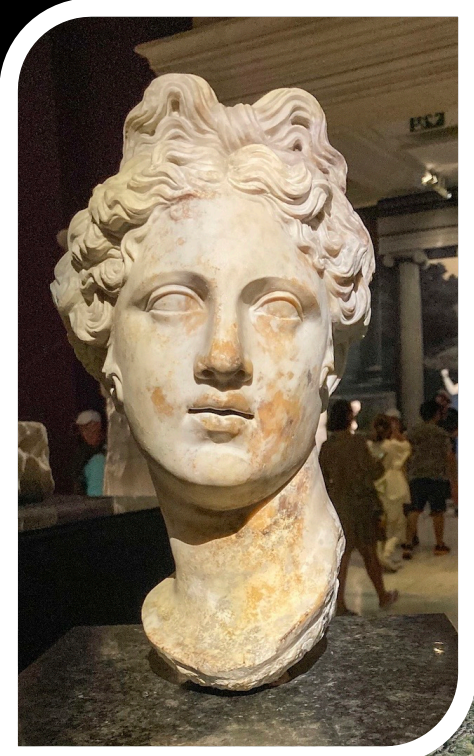
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Greek Gods



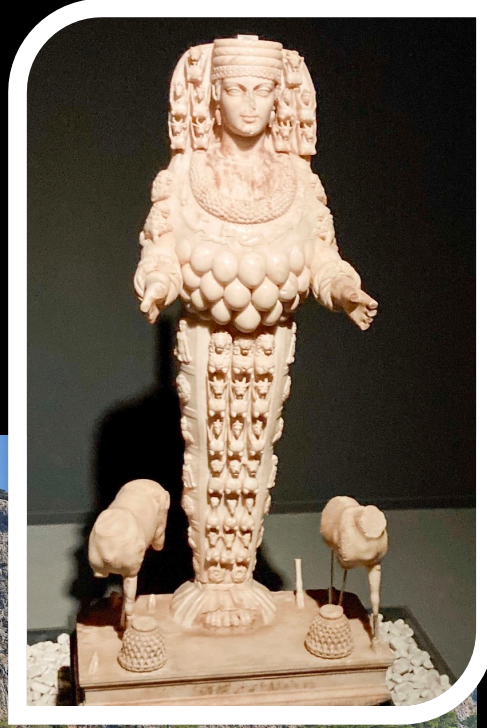
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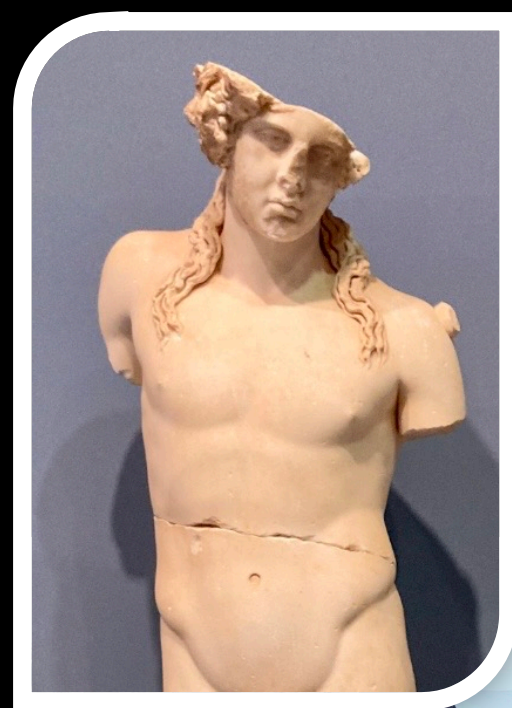


Aphrodite
“Love”



Athena
“War & Wisdom”





Dionysus
“Entertainment”



Asclepius
“Healer;
Soter (Savior)”

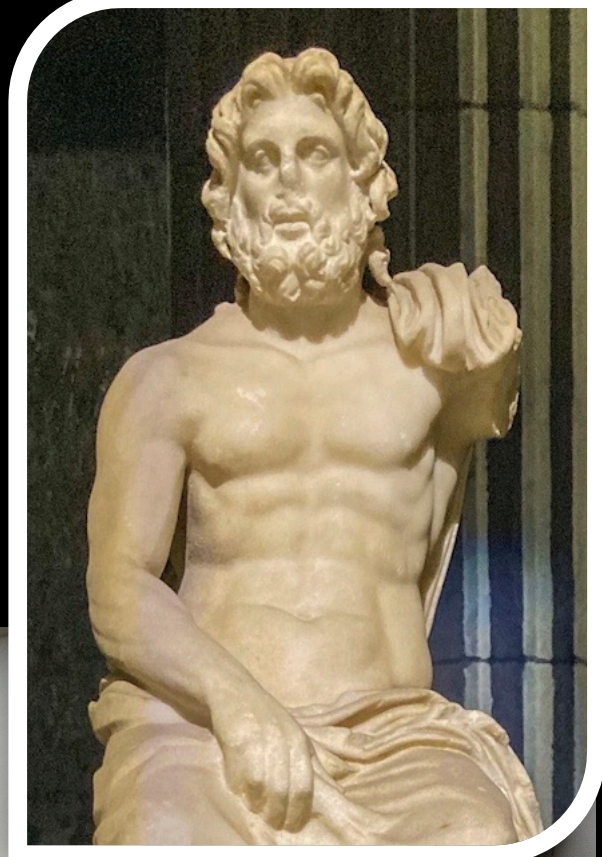




Apollo
“Sun &
Truth”



Zeus
“King God”





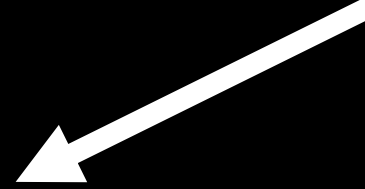
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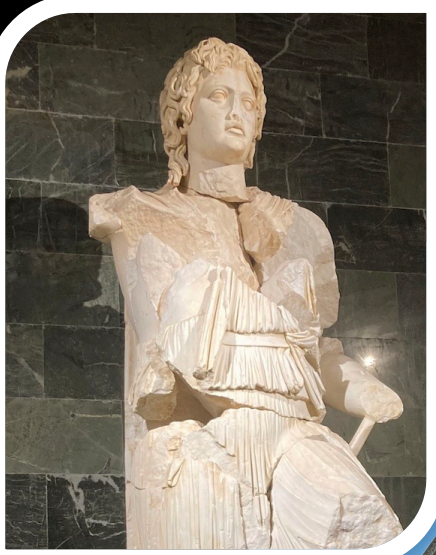
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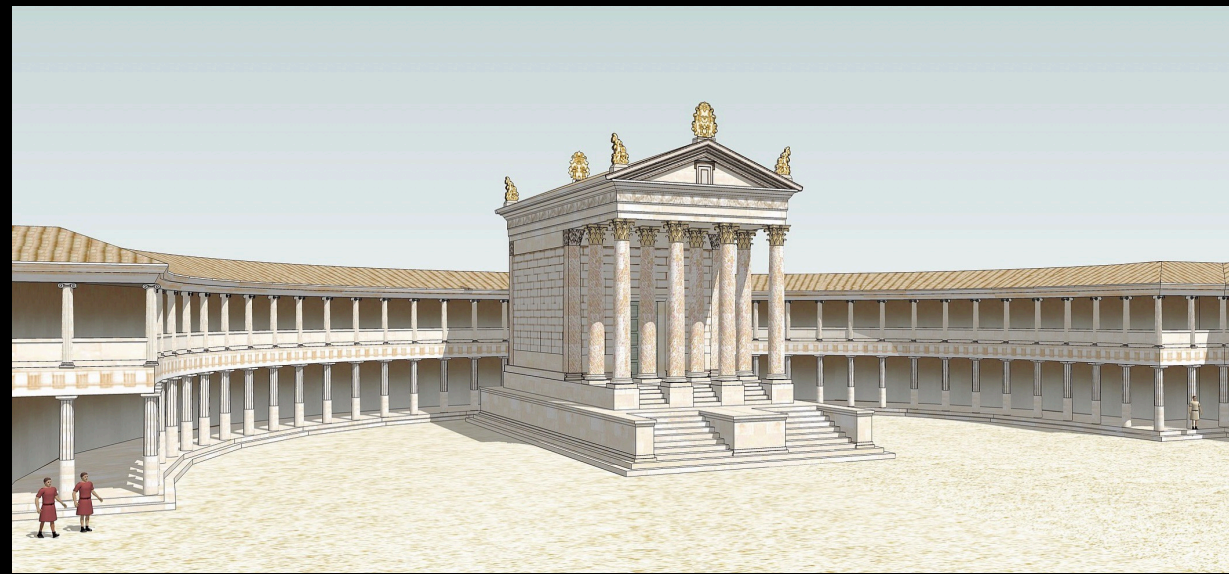


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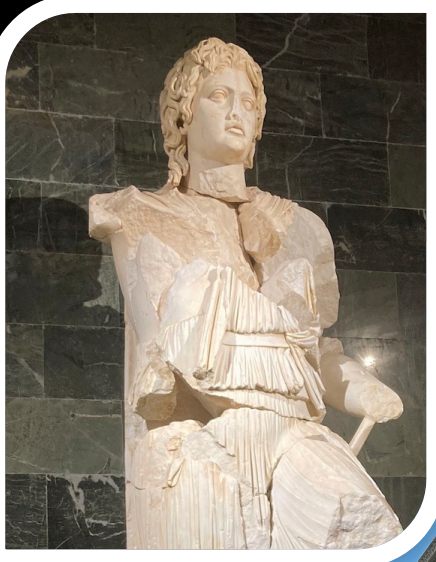
Alexander
the Great



Emperor Hadrian's Temple



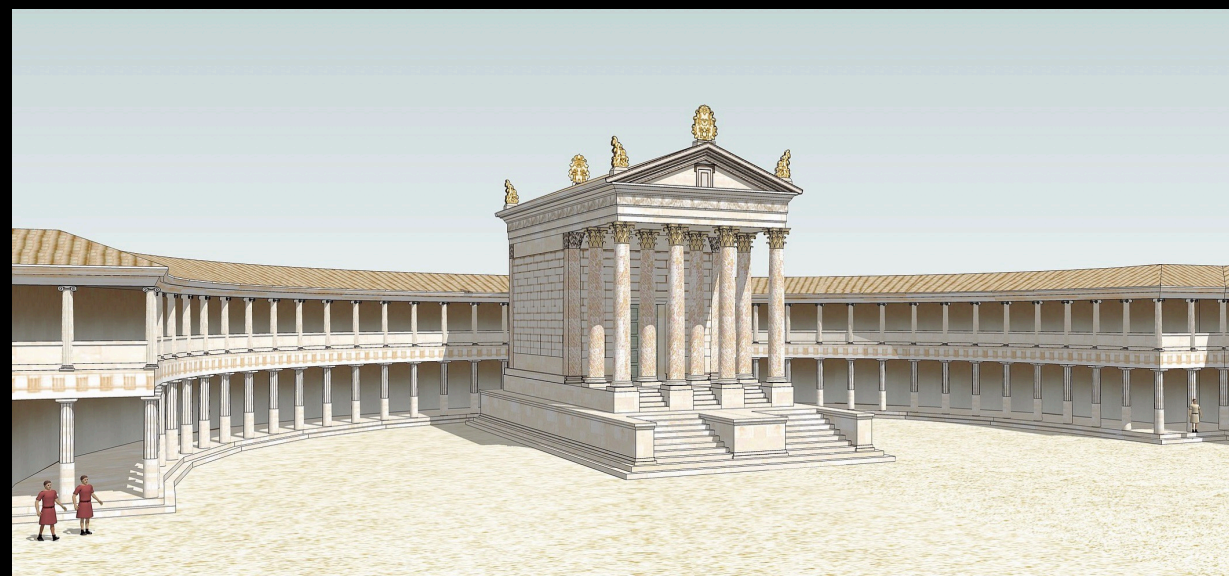
Caesar Augustus



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Caesar Augustus



Priene

Son of God
Who Brings a "Gospel"
Of Peace
And Prosperity



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Counterfeit Hope

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Healing

Protection

Entertainment

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Wisdom

Victory

Peace



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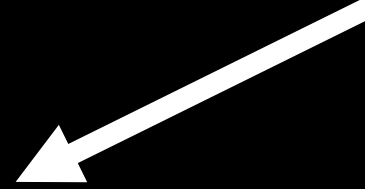
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How am I trying to get back to Eden?

Passion (Aphrodite)
Pleasure (Dionysus)
Power (Athena)
Protection (Zeus)
Painlessness (Asclepius)
Peace (Caesar)



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I AM the Bread of Life (Ceres)
I AM the Truth and the Life (Athena)
I AM the Light of the World (Apollo)
I AM the Soter / Savior (Asclepius)
I AM the King of Kings (Zeus)
I AM the Son of God (Caesar)



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Christ Hope

Mark 15

¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Matthew 27:37

And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”



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Acts 17

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

²⁹ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent...

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his **workmanship**, created
in Christ Jesus for good works, which
God prepared beforehand, that we
should walk in them.

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Response,
not Salvation



We are God's
Sebasteion

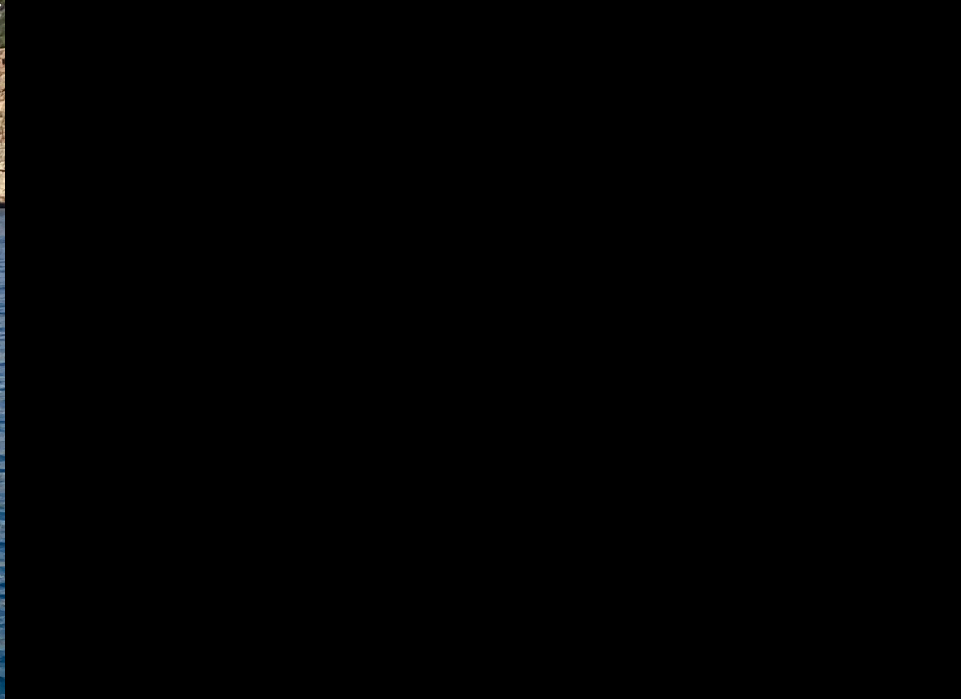




Hebrews 12

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
¹² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Antalya Harbor





ROME

Philippi

Thessalonica

Turkey

Ephesus

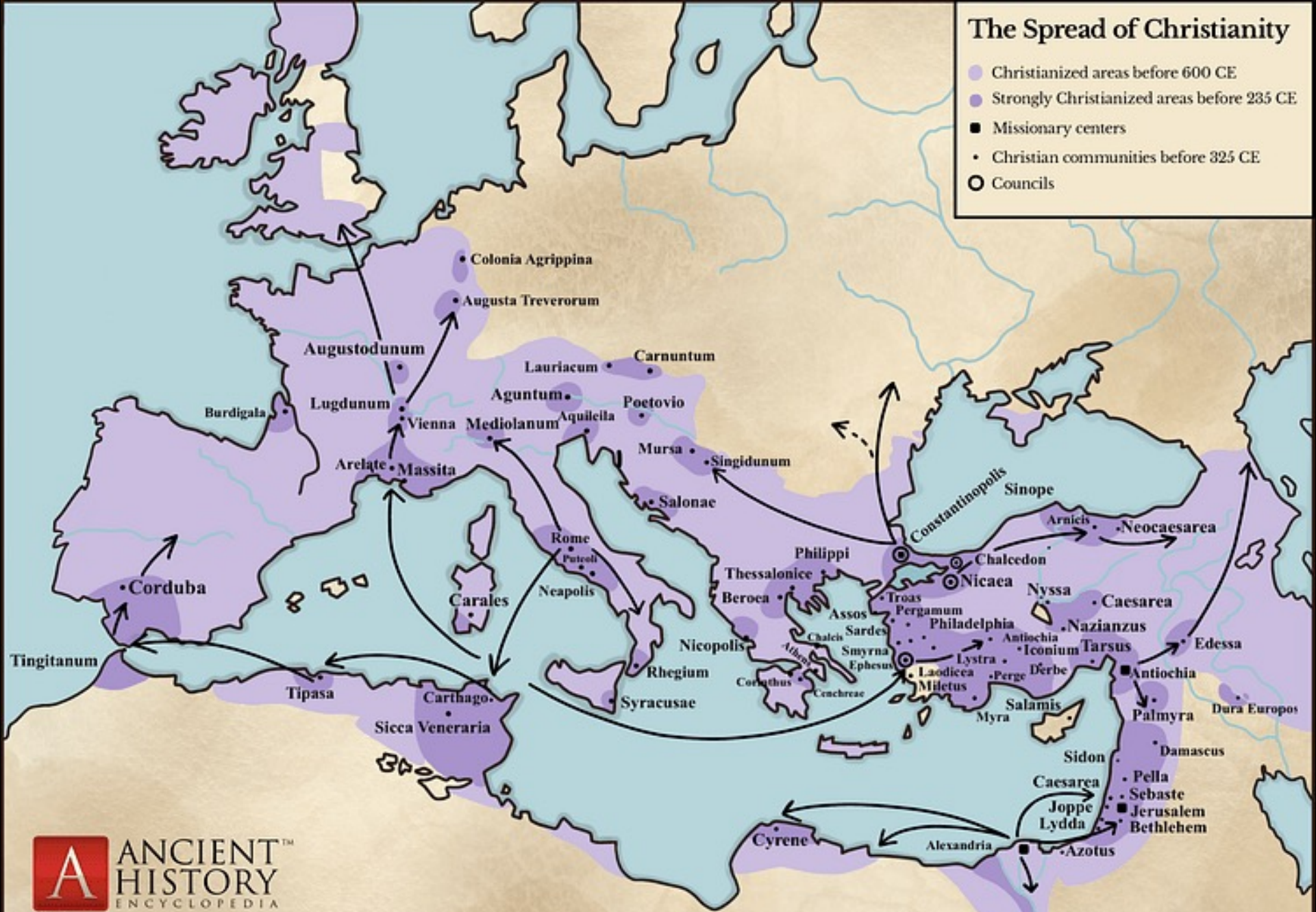
Tarsus

Corinth

Jerusalem

The Spread of Christianity

- Christianized areas before 600 CE
- Strongly Christianized areas before 235 CE
- Missionary centers
- Christian communities before 325 CE
- Councils



We are never so good that we are beyond the need for God's Grace

We are never so bad that we are out of reach of God's Grace

The Shema

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Shema Israel | Hear O Israel |
| Adonai eloheinu | The LORD is our God |
| Adonai echad. | The LORD Alone |
| Ve'ahavta et Adonai eloheykha | Love the LORD Your God |
| b'khol-levavkha | With all your heart |
| Uve'khol naphshekha | And with all your soul |
| Uve'khol me'odekha. | And with all your might |
| Ve'ahavta le'reacha Kamocha | And Love your neighbor as yourself |
| Amen | Amen |