

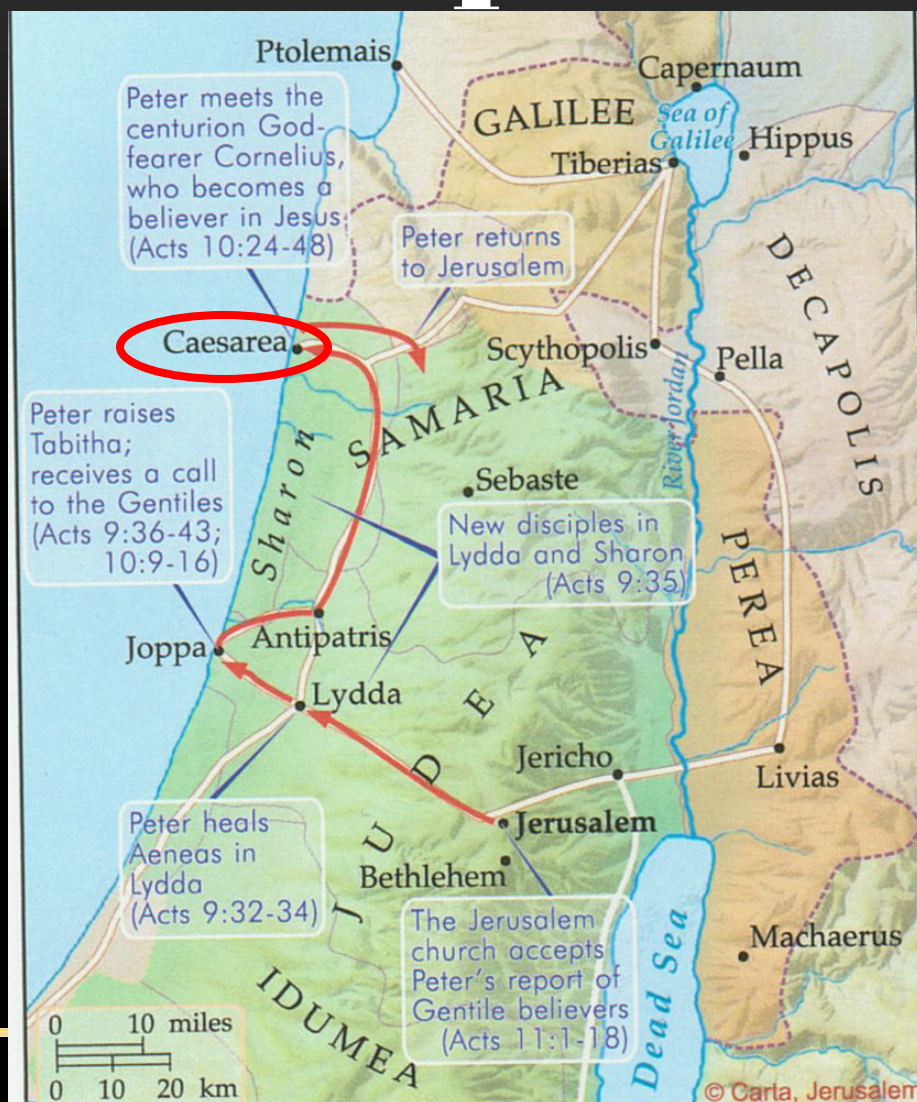
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Act 7

Expanding the New Community

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- Acts 11:1-3



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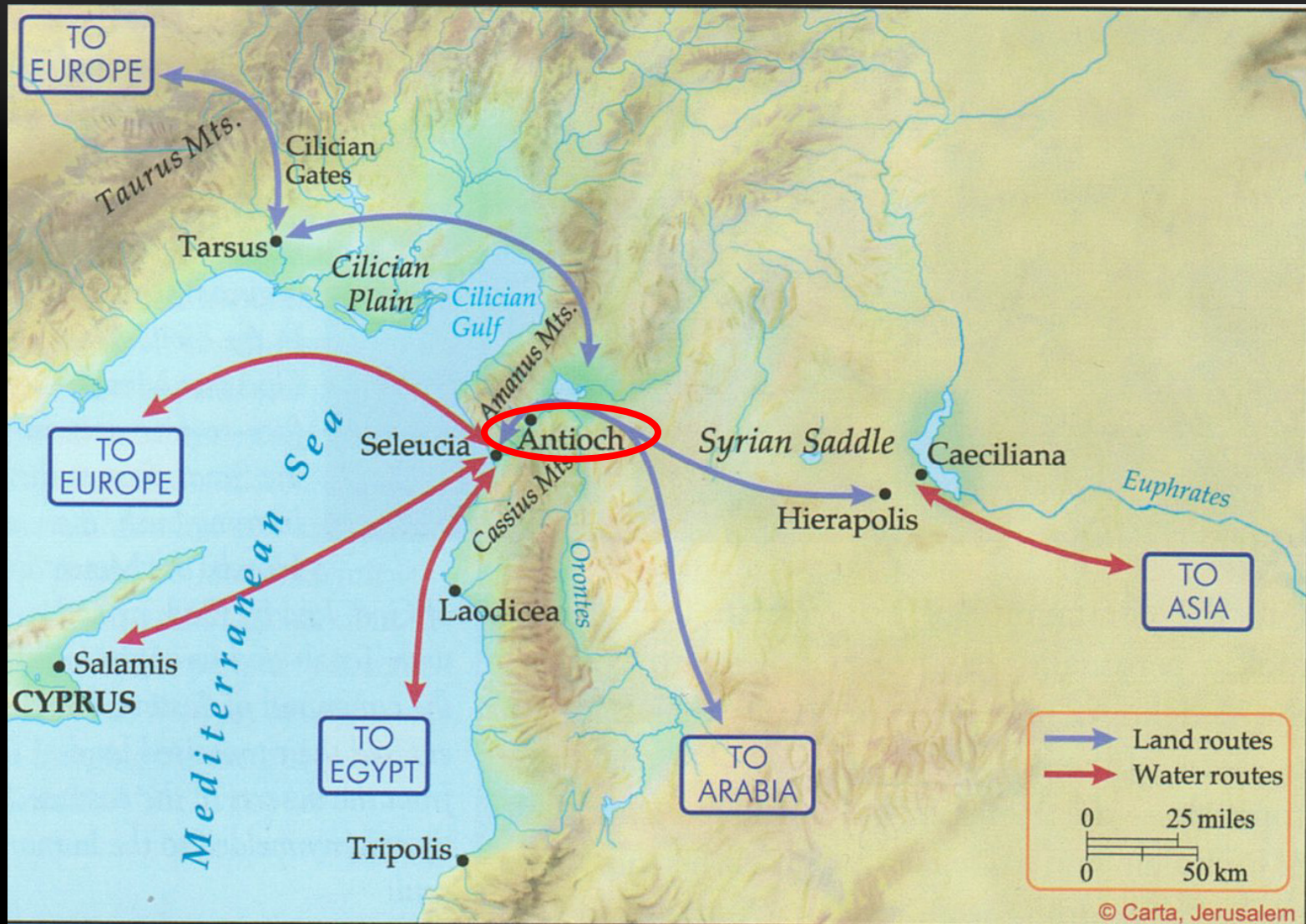
Eph. 2:11-22 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” *which is* performed in the flesh by human hands— *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into ~~a dwelling of God in the Spirit.~~

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- Acts 11:15-21



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- Acts 11:22



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Acts 4:36-37 Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement), and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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- Acts 11:23-26



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Familiar process:

1. *Teachers pour themselves out thru teaching & prayer*
 2. *The church sees their place in God's Grand Story & how much God has done for them*
 3. *In overflowing gratitude & a deep sense of their own individual callings:*
 - a) *Love one another which the world notices*
 - b) *Love those outside their walls*
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Acts 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:46-47 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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- Acts 11:27-30



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Fascinating...they don't say HOW
WILL WE SURVIVE?

Their immediate reaction is HOW
CAN WE HELP!

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Closing thoughts:

1. *God's ability in Judo – look for it!*
 2. *The great thermometer of giving*
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