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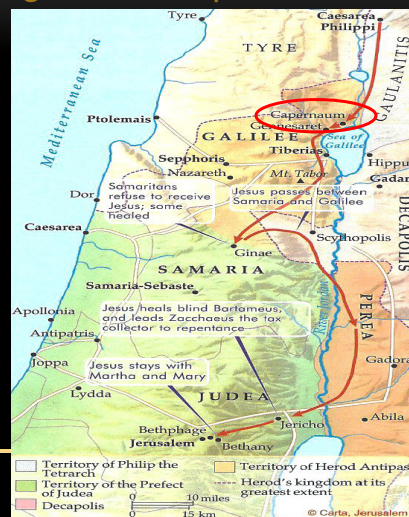
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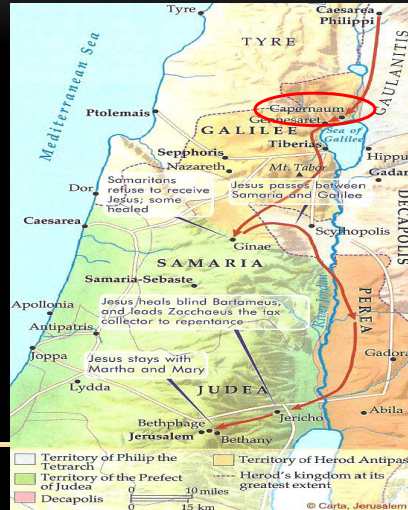


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Math. 7:26 And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. [27] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

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Math. 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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Math. 21:13 He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

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- d) *Place of God’s impending judgment*

Math. 24:1 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when His disciples came to point out to Him the buildings of the temple. [2] But He answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

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Eccl. 3:7 (there is) a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Prov. 21:23 Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

Prov. 18:21a Death and life are in the power of the tongue,



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Prov. 17:27 Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. [28] Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.

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Knowledge without wisdom (knowing when/how to use it) & discernment (sensing the Spirit's prodding) is more than worthless, it is damaging

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I Peter 3:15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

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Math. 10:16 “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

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