

SECOND

CORINTHIANS

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Must truly understand 3 things

- I. Who Paul is
- II. What Paul not only HAS gone thru but even more importantly what Paul IS going thru that lead to his need to write a letter like II Corinthians to begin with
- III. What Paul believes – When Paul defines Christianity how does he do it?
- IV. Then we will dive in II Corinthians



Saul – Man of Zeal

- I. Where was he from & how did that shape him?
- II. What can we glean in our own lives about how God has shaped us?



I. Where was he from & how did that shape him?

- Geography = Tarsus

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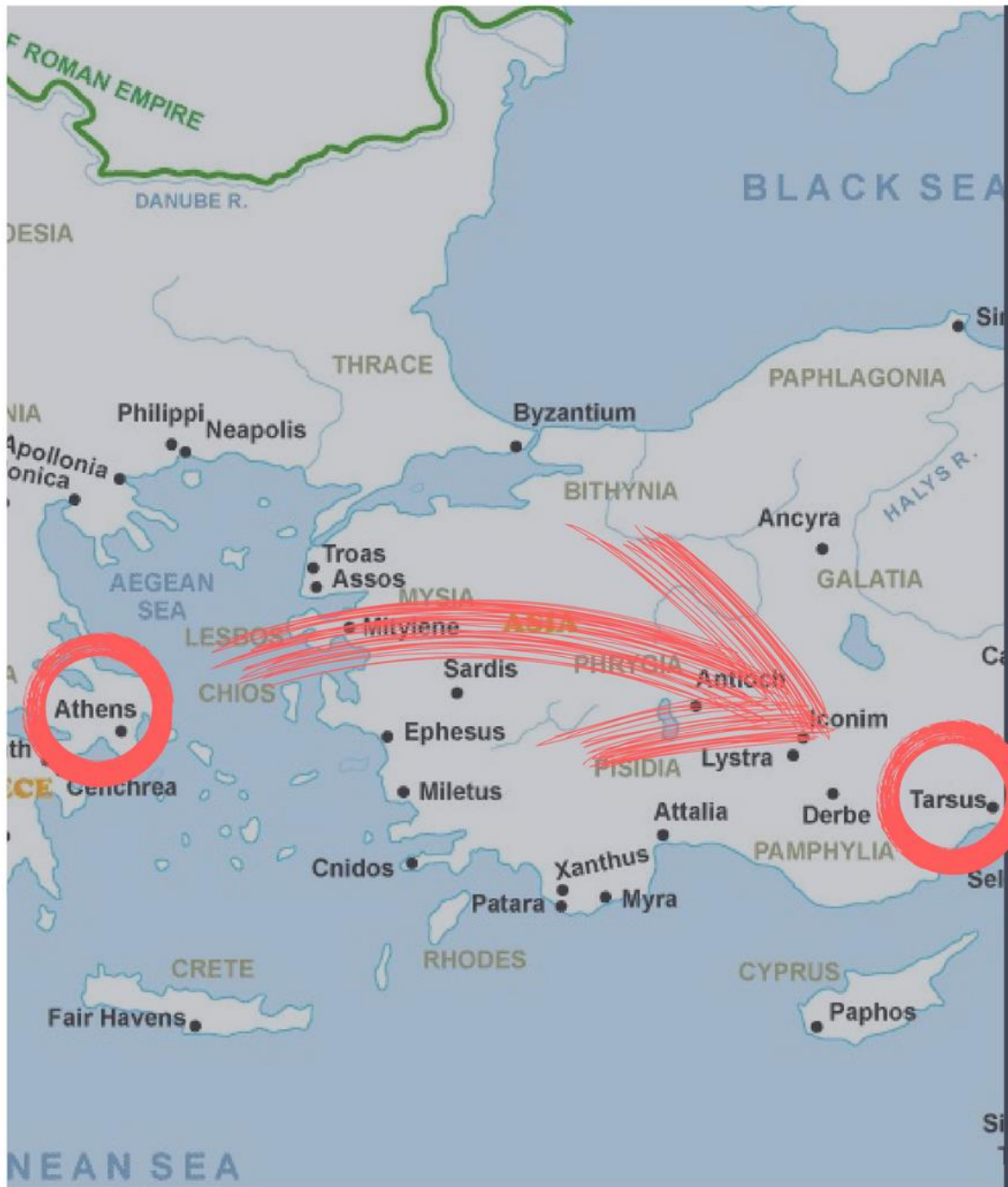
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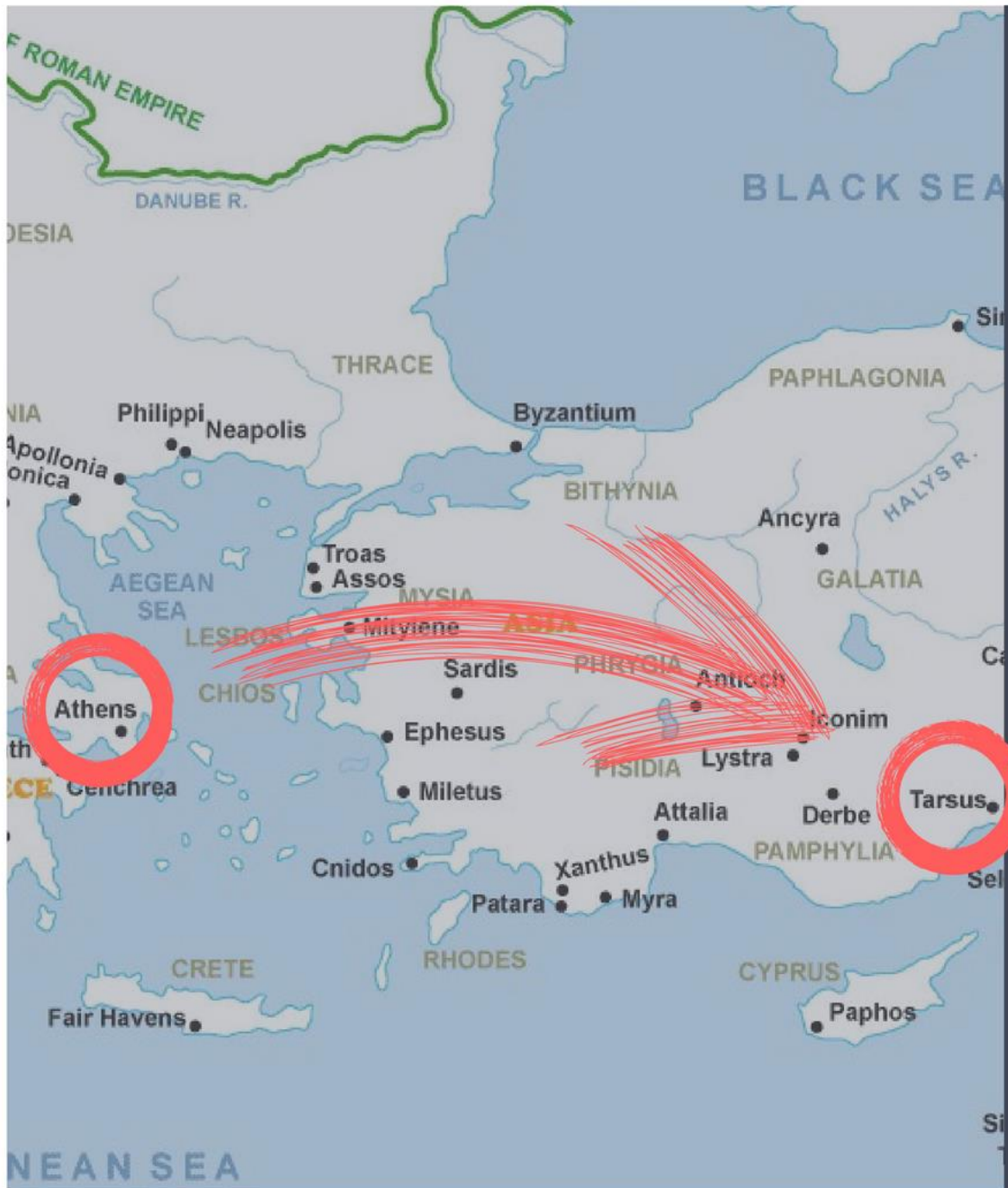
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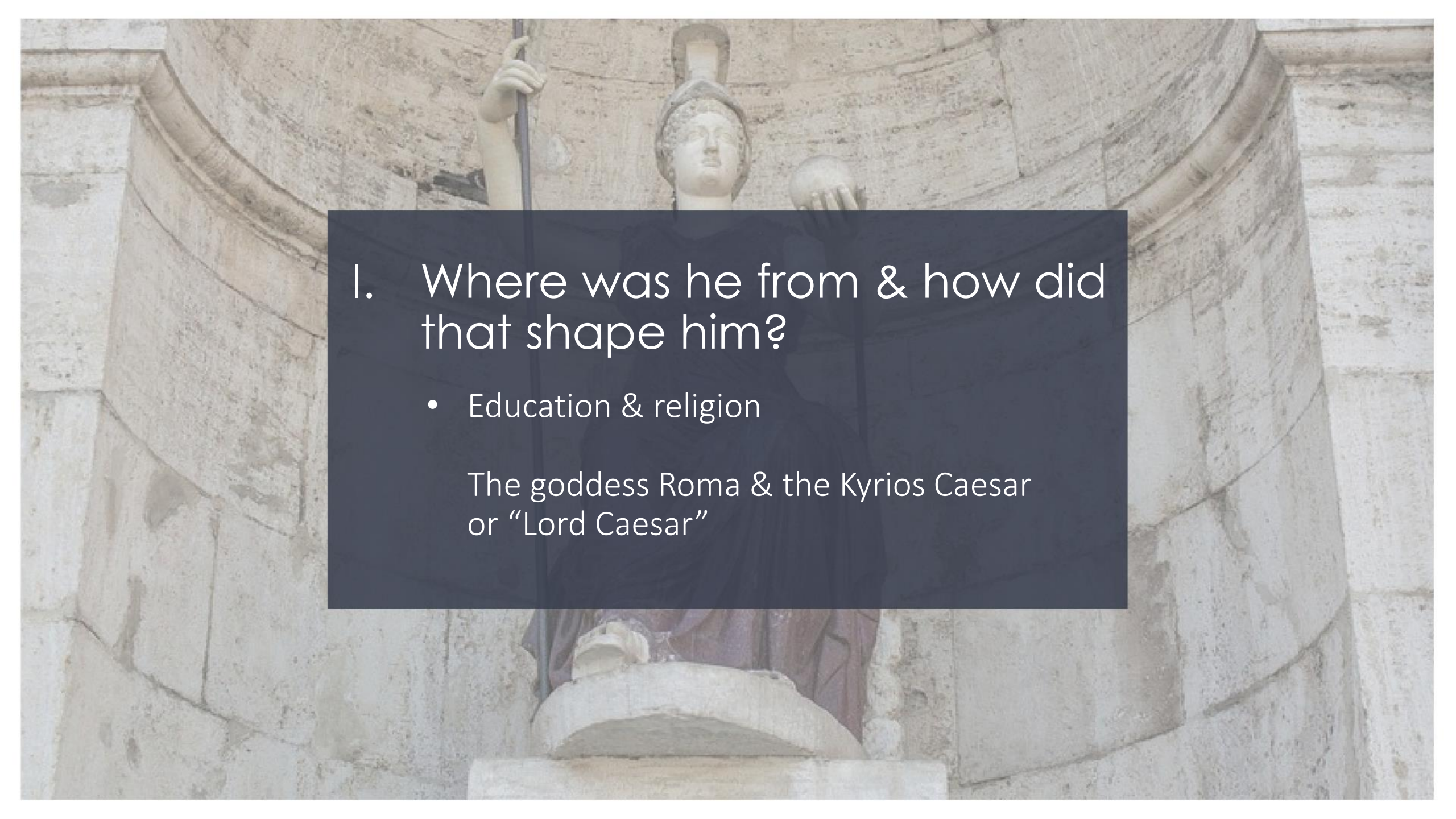
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- Education & religion

The goddess Roma & the Kyrios Caesar
or “Lord Caesar”



“Here oh Israel, the Lord is God...the Lord is ONE”

Shema – Deuteronomy 6:4-9



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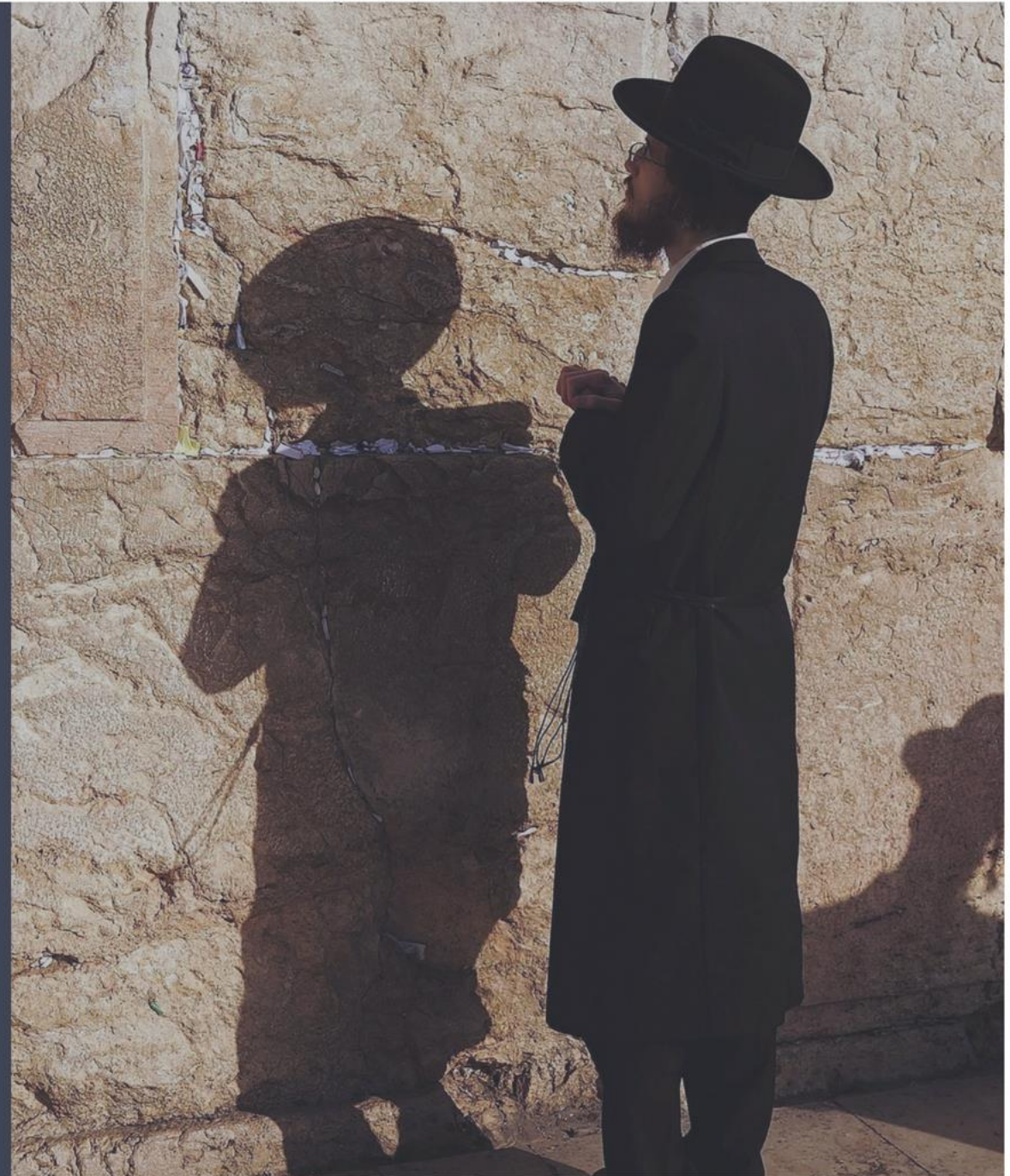
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- Faith

“Shema Yisrael, Adhonai Elohenu, Adhonai Echad”

“Hear of Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One”

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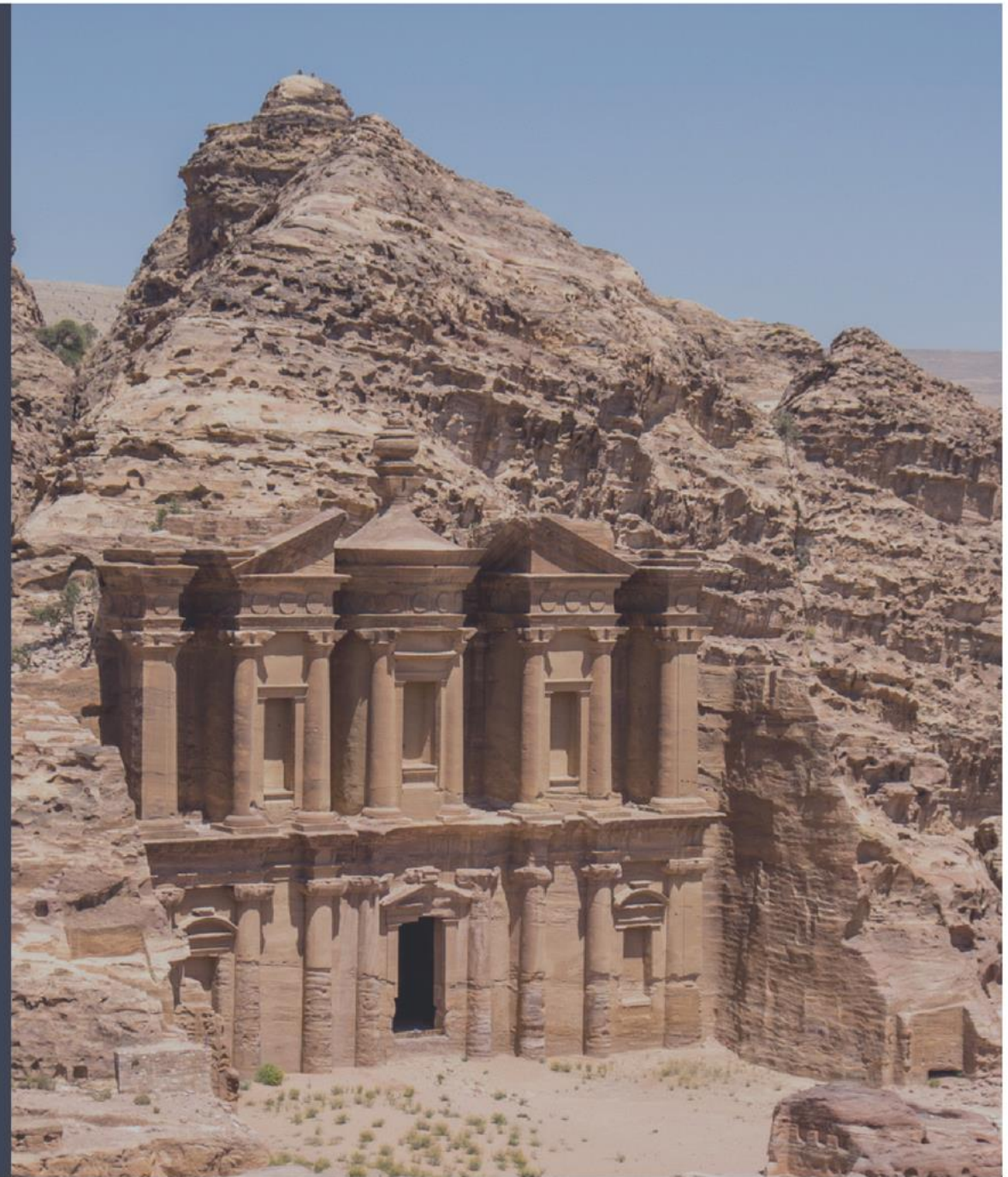
The story of Phineas – Numbers 22-25

Balak the King of Moab

Balaam the prophet

Phineas – priestly son of Aaron

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And the LORD said to Moses, [11] “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy. [12] Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace, [13] and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel.’”

Num. 25:10-13



Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was stayed. [31] And that was counted to him as righteousness from generation to generation forever.

Psalm 106:30-31



For we are slaves. Yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to grant us some reviving to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us protection in Judea and Jerusalem.

Ezra 9:9



And Saul approved of his (Stephen's) execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. [2] Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. [3] But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Acts 8:1-3



II. What can we glean from Saul's early life?

- A. How is God shaping you? Not just right now but how HAS he shaped you for right now?

A person is shown from the chest up, leaning over a desk and writing in a notebook with a pen. The scene is dimly lit, with the person's face and hands illuminated by a soft light source. The background is dark and out of focus. The overall mood is one of quiet concentration and reflection.

II. What can we glean from Saul's early life?

- A. How is God shaping you? Not just right now but how HAS he shaped you for right now?
- B. Are you fervent about the right things?