



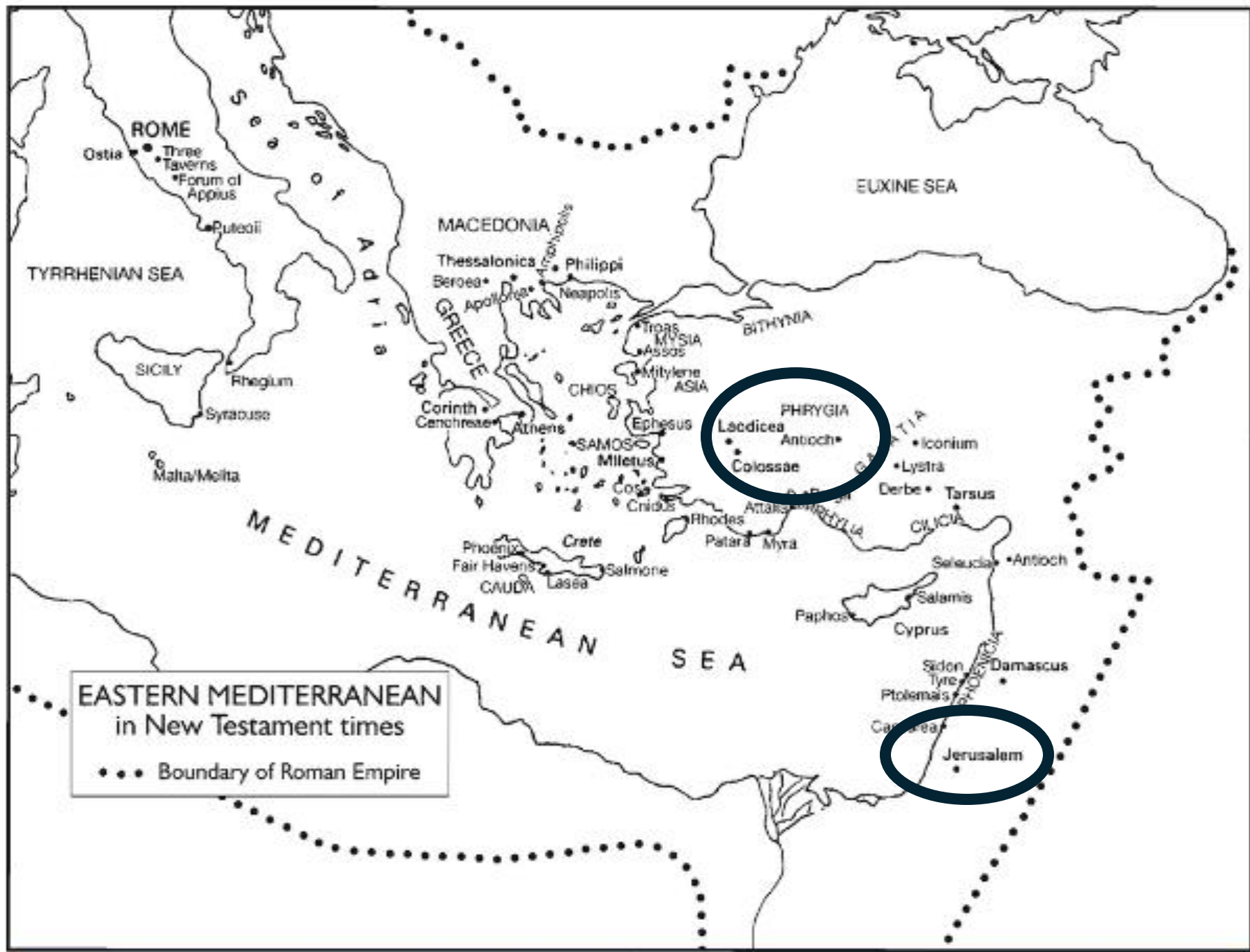
**Proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”**

**Mark 1:14-15**

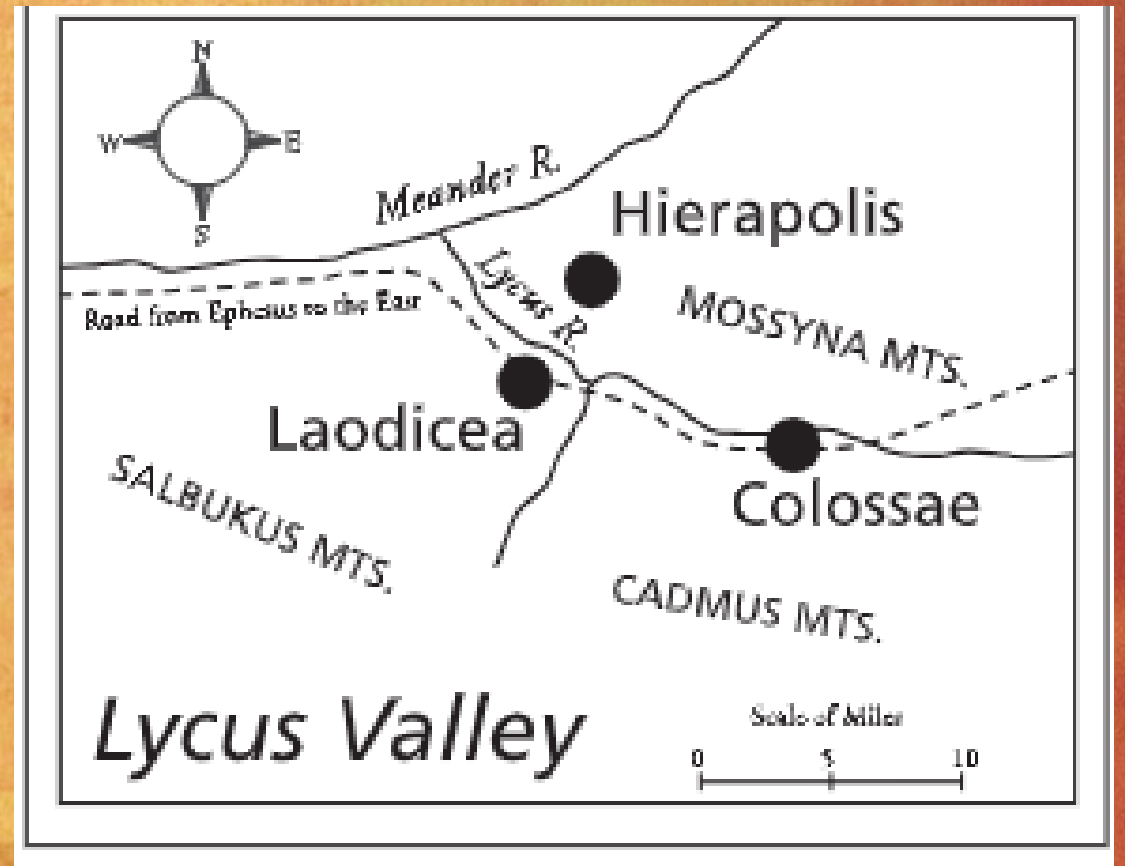
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**Matthew 28:16-20**

LETTER TO THE  
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## Maps of Asia Minor and the Lycus Valley



**Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of  
God, and Timothy our brother,  
To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful  
brothers and sisters in Christ:  
Grace and peace to you from God our Father.  
Colossians 1:1-2**

**We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.**

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**And now these three remain: faith, hope and  
love. But the greatest of these is love.**

**1 Corinthians 3:13**

**Colossians 1:3-8**

**We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.**

**Romans 8:22-25**

# **Colossians 1:9-14**

**For this reason,  
since the day we heard about you,  
we have not stopped praying for you.**

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**your kingdom come,  
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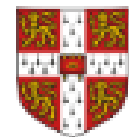
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# Wisdom

*noun*

**The ability to use your  
knowledge and experience  
to make good decisions and judgments.**



Cambridge  
Dictionary

**The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:  
for gaining wisdom and instruction;  
for understanding words of insight;  
for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,  
doing what is right and just and fair;  
for giving prudence to those who are simple,  
knowledge and discretion to the young—  
let the wise listen and add to their learning,  
and let the discerning get guidance—  
for understanding proverbs and parables,  
the sayings and riddles of the wise.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,  
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

**Proverbs 1:1-7**

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**“Be fruitful and increase in number...”**

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**So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.**

**God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful  
and increase in number.”**

**Genesis 1:27-28**

**Then God said to Noah, “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”**

**Genesis 8:15-17**

**That night the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham.”**

**Genesis 26:24**

**And God said to him, “I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants. The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you.”**

**Genesis 35:11-12**

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**...giving joyful thanks to the Father,  
who has qualified you  
to share in the inheritance  
of his holy people  
in the kingdom of light.**

**For he has rescued us  
from the dominion of darkness and  
brought us into the kingdom of the Son  
he loves,  
in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of sins.**

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