

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

for kids!



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Attention!

**Parents, Grandparents,
and Teachers**

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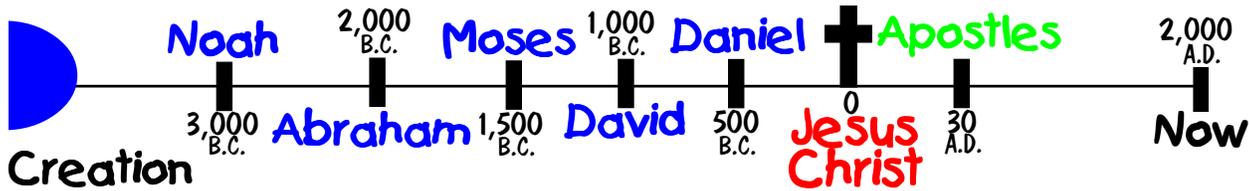
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young as six or seven.**

**We hope this material is helpful to you as a teacher
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the lives of your children a knowledge of God and a
desire to love and serve Him.**

**This study book is an overview of the Bible, so
we encourage you to read the stories from the
Bible with your kids.**

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The Old Testament



The First Seven Days

The first two chapters of the Bible describe how God created the world. Here is what He did on each day.

day 1: God made light. He called the light “day,” and He called the darkness “night” (Genesis 1:3-5).

day 2: God made water. He separated the water so that there was water on the earth and water in the air. The water covered the sky and was like a big cloud that you could see through (Genesis 1:6-10).

Because there was no rain, God sent moisture in the air to feed the trees, the plants, and the people. The water was in the sky until the time of Noah when it rained down on the earth for 40 days causing the great flood described in Genesis 6–8.

day 3: God made the land and formed the ground water into seas. Then God made all the trees, plants, and flowers (Genesis 1:9-13).

day 4: God made the sun and the moon and all the stars to shine in the sky (Genesis 1:14-19).

day 5: God made all the fish and the birds (Genesis 1:20-23).

day 6: God made all the land animals. Then God made a man named Adam and a woman named Eve. God told them to rule over the earth, over the birds, the fish, and all the animals. He also told them to eat the food that grew in the garden and to have kids so the earth would be full of people (Genesis 1:24-31).

day 7: God looked at everything He made and said that it was good. Then God rested (Genesis 2:1-3).

The Old Testament - review

The First Seven Days

The first two chapters of the Bible describe how God created the world. Draw a picture of what happened on each day of creation.

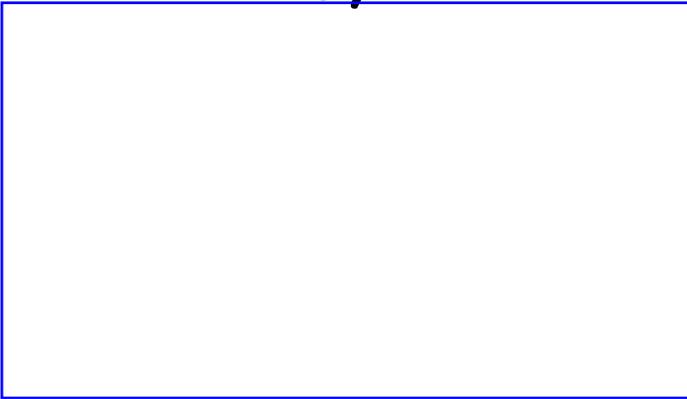
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day 2



day 3



day 4



day 5



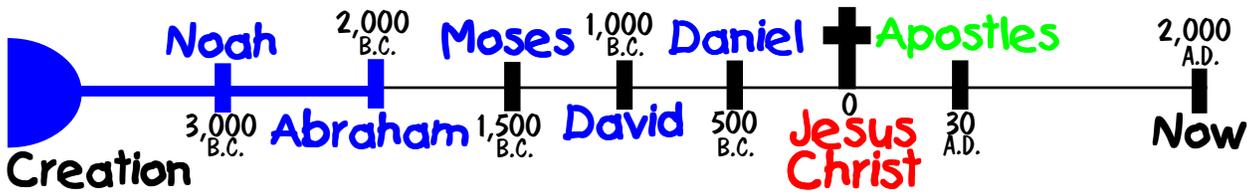
day 6



What did God do on day 7? _____

The Old Testament

The First 2,000 Years



The first 2,000 years of the Old Testament are described in Genesis chapter 1 to Genesis chapter 12. The rest of the Old Testament happened over the next 2,000 years. We are going to study the major people and events in the Bible starting with the first 12 chapters of Genesis.

In **Genesis chapters 1 & 2** the Bible says that God created the heavens and the earth and all the living creatures on it, like people, animals, and bugs. He also created other things, like trees and clouds.

In **Genesis chapter 3** Adam and Eve were the first humans created. While in the Garden of Eden, Satan told Eve to eat the fruit that God told them not to eat. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit. This was the first sin.

In **Genesis chapter 4** Adam and Eve's son Cain killed his brother Abel because he was jealous of him. This was the first murder.

In **Genesis chapters 5 & 10** all the families of the world are listed so that you can see how they are all related to each other.

In **Genesis chapters 6, 7, & 8** Noah obeyed God and built a huge boat called the Ark. The people on the earth kept disobeying God, so He decided to send so much rain that

the whole earth would be flooded and only Noah and his family would survive.

In **Genesis chapter 9** God made His first rainbow as a promise to Noah that He would never destroy the earth with water again.

In **Genesis chapter 11**, after the flood, many people tried to make a building so high that it would reach to heaven. They were trying to climb to God instead of obeying God by moving out into the world and having many children, so God made them speak different languages. Since they could not understand each other any more, they had to quit working on the building and move away from each other. That building was called the Tower of Babel.

In **Genesis chapter 12** God spoke to a man named Abraham and told him to move to a place called Canaan. God told Abraham that He would bless him if Abraham obeyed God and moved to Canaan, which he did.

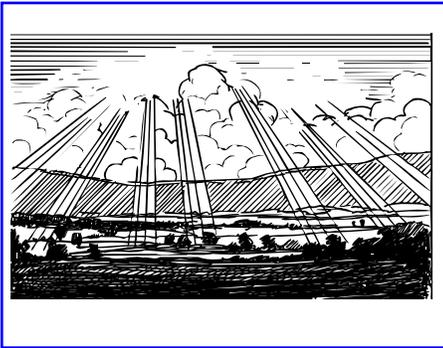
The Old Testament

Genesis chapters 1-12

From Adam to Abraham

The First
2,000 Years

Genesis 1 & 2



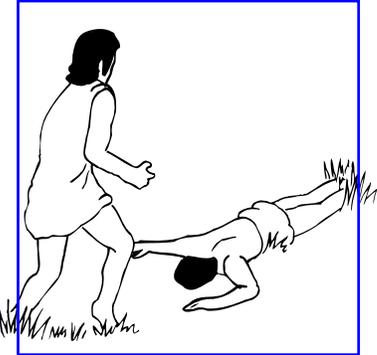
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Genesis 3



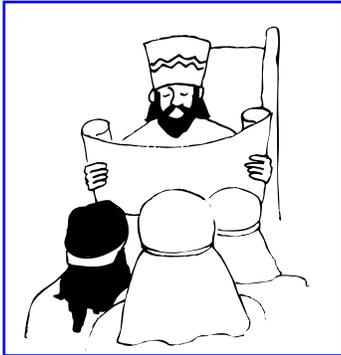
first sin

Genesis 4



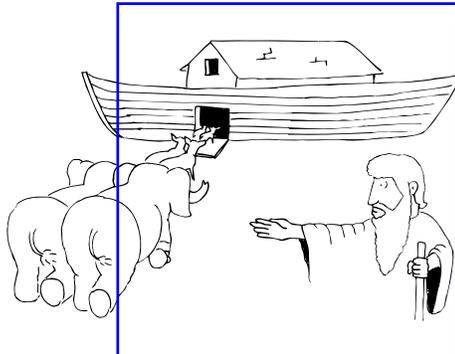
first murder

Genesis 5 & 10



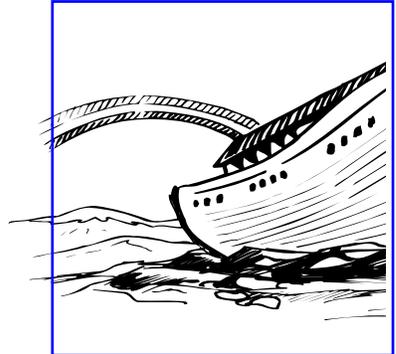
families listed

Genesis 6, 7, & 8



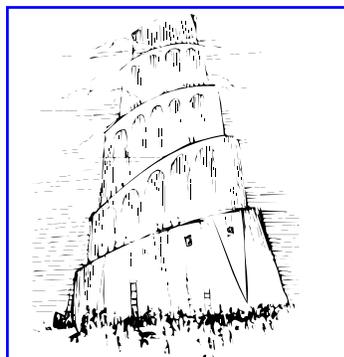
Noah & flood

Genesis 9



rainbow

Genesis 11



tower of Babel

Genesis 12

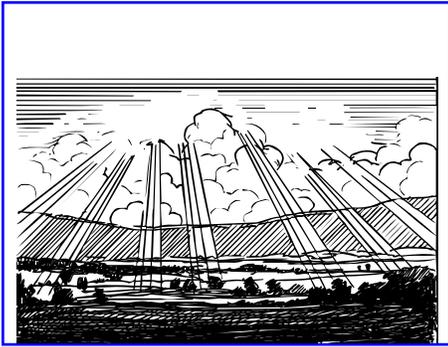


Abraham

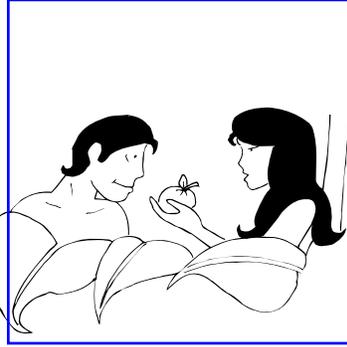
The First 2,000 Years - review

What events do these chapters describe?

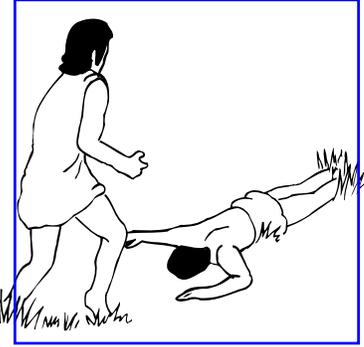
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Genesis 3



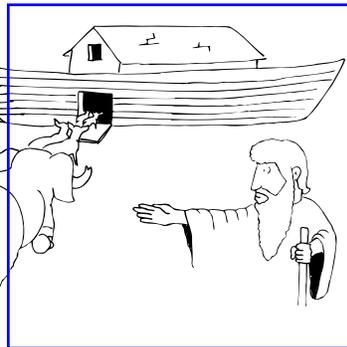
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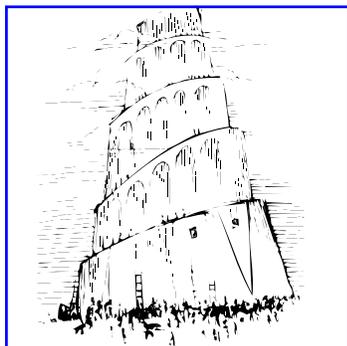
Genesis 6, 7, & 8



Genesis 9



Genesis 11



Genesis 12



The First 2,000 Years - review

Answer the following questions about the first 2,000 years.

Genesis 1 & 2

What are some things in the air that God created?

What are some things on the ground that God created?

Genesis 3

What was Adam and Eve's first sin?

Genesis 4

Why did Cain murder Abel?

Genesis 5 & 10

What is listed so that you can see how people are related to each other?

Genesis 6, 7, & 8

Why did God flood the earth?

Genesis 9

What did God show Noah after the flood?

Genesis 11

Why did some people try to build the Tower of Babel?

Genesis 12

What was the name of the new land God wanted Abraham to move to?

The Old Testament- continued

From Abraham to Joseph

Genesis chapter 12 starts with Abraham at 2,000 B.C. Abraham was born in a big city with a little name—**Ur**. Four people left Ur for the city of **Haran**: **Sarah** (Abraham’s wife), **Abraham**, **Lot** (Abraham’s nephew), and **Terah** (Abraham’s father). Notice that the first letter of each of their names together spell the word “**SALT**.” When they got to Haran, Terah died, and God promised Abraham He would give him **(1) a land, (2) a family, and (3) a blessing**, if he would go to the land of Canaan, which Abraham did (Genesis 12:5).

Three promises God gave to Abraham:

- (1) **A LAND:** God showed Abraham a new land and told him that He would give that land to him and his family forever.
- (2) **A FAMILY:** God told Abraham that a great nation of people would come from him. His family would be so many that they would be like the stars in the sky.
- (3) **A BLESSING:** God told Abraham that He would bless him if he went to the new land God showed him.

In Canaan **Abraham** had two sons, **Ishmael** and **Isaac** (Genesis 16:11-16). Isaac had two sons, **Esau** and **Jacob** (Genesis 25:19-26). Jacob’s name was changed to **Israel** (Genesis 32:28), and he had 12 sons who became the fathers of the 12 tribes of Israel (Genesis 49:1-28). He also had one daughter, named Dinah. One of Jacob’s sons was **Joseph**. The Bible follows Joseph next.

So far we have learned about three important people and three important events.

Three key people

AND

Three key events

Adam in 4,000 B.C.....**The Creation**

Noah in 3,000 B.C.....**The Flood**

Abraham in 2,000 B.C.....**The Move to Canaan**

The Old Testament- review

From Abraham to Joseph

Fill in the blanks with the right “place” name.

Sarah, Abraham, Lot, and Terah left what city? _____

Where did God make His promises to Abraham? _____

Where did God want Abraham and his family to move? _____

What three things did God promise to Abraham?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

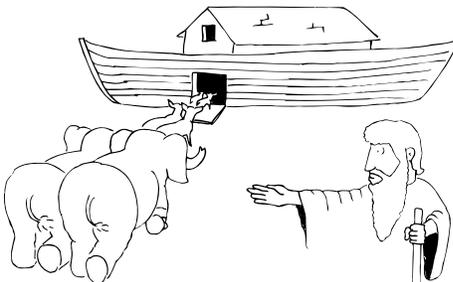
What were the names of Abraham’s two sons? _____

What were the names of Isaac’s two sons? _____

Jacob’s name was changed to what? _____

Who does the Bible follow next? _____

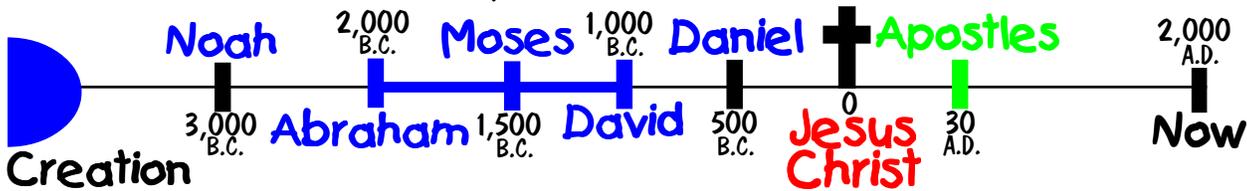
Fill in the blanks with the right people and dates.



The Old Testament

Part 1

The Second 2,000 Years



The first 2,000 years of the Old Testament were covered in the first 12 chapters of Genesis. The second 2,000 years are covered in the following 12 events.

- 1 Joseph goes to Egypt** - Of all of his sons, Jacob liked Joseph the best, so his brothers were very jealous. They sold Joseph as a slave into Egypt. While he was there, the king had a dream, and Joseph told him that his dream meant that there would be 7 years with a lot of food and 7 years with no food. So the king put Joseph in charge of collecting and saving extra food during the first 7 years. Then during the second 7 years Joseph's brothers had to go to Egypt to get food. When Joseph saw them, he forgave them and gave his brothers and his father food (Genesis 45).
- 2 Moses leads Israel** - Joseph's family stayed in Egypt. After Joseph died, the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. After 430 years there were 2 1/2 million Israelites in Egypt. God then picked a new leader named Moses who led the Israelites out of Egypt. They crossed the Red Sea on dry land and went to a mountain called Sinai (Exodus 3-20).
- 3 Israel gets the Law** - God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. They were written on two stones and were the first rules the Israelites had to follow. God also gave them the plans to build the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. The tabernacle was a big tent God told them to build. The Ark was a wooden box covered with gold. The Israelites put things in the box that reminded them of what God had done for them (Exodus 20-40).
- 4 Israel Wanders in the Wilderness** - The Israelites then went back toward the land God promised to Abraham, which was Canaan (Deuteronomy 1:6-4:43). There they sent in 12 spies to see what it was like. Joshua and Caleb were the only spies who believed that God would give them back the land. When the Israelites disobeyed God and decided not to go into the land, God made them wander in the wilderness for 40 years. Everyone who was 20 years old or older died during that time except Moses, Joshua, and Caleb.
- 5 Joshua Conquers the Land** - When the 40 years were over, Moses led the people back to the land again. He made a long speech, reminding the people to obey God, and then he died. God made Joshua the new leader. Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan River and into Canaan. They conquered Jericho, Ai, and most of the promised land of Canaan (Joshua 2-12).
- 6 The Time of the Judges** - After Joshua died, there were many different leaders called judges. One judge was Samson. He was a strong warrior with long hair. Another judge was Deborah. She was a wise woman (Judges 1-16).
- 7 The Time of the Kings** - The leaders after the judges were the kings. The first three kings of Israel were Saul, David, and Solomon. They each ruled for 40 years.

The Old Testament

The Second 2,000 Years

Part 1

From Joseph to David

1
Joseph goes to Egypt



2 Moses leads Israel



3
Israel gets the Law



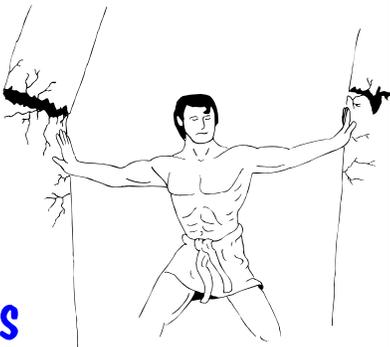
4
Israel wanders in the wilderness



5
Joshua conquers the land



6
The time of the judges



7 The time of the kings



The Second 2,000 Years - part 1

Put these events in the
right order from 1 to 7.

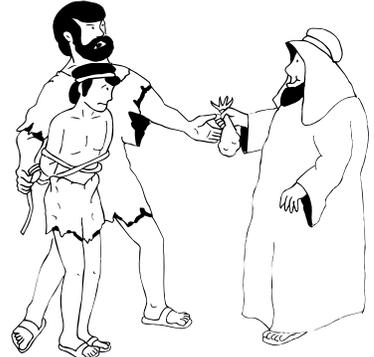
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Israel Wanders
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Joseph
Goes to
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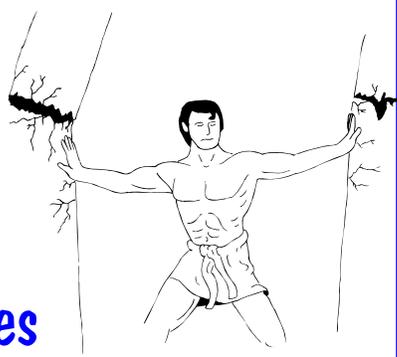
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The Time of
the Kings



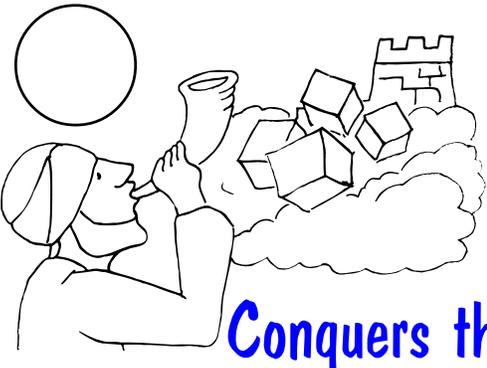
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The Time
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Joshua
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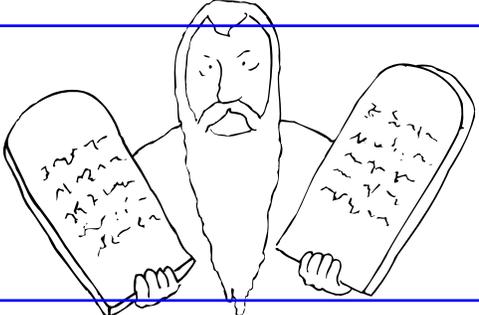
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Moses Leads
Israel



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Israel Gets
the Law



The Second 2,000 Years - review

Answer the following questions about the events of the second 2,000 years.

Joseph Goes to Egypt

Joseph told the King there would be _____ years of a lot of food.

Joseph told the King there would be _____ years of no food.

Moses Leads Israel

When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, what sea did they cross on dry land?

Israel gets The Law

Look up the Ten Commandments in the Exodus 20:1-17 and write them below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Israel Wanders in the Wilderness

How many spies went to see what the promised land was like?

How many spies believed that God would give them the land?

Joshua Conquers the Land

What was the first city Joshua conquered?

The Time of the Judges

Who was the wise woman who judged the Israelites?

The Time of the Kings

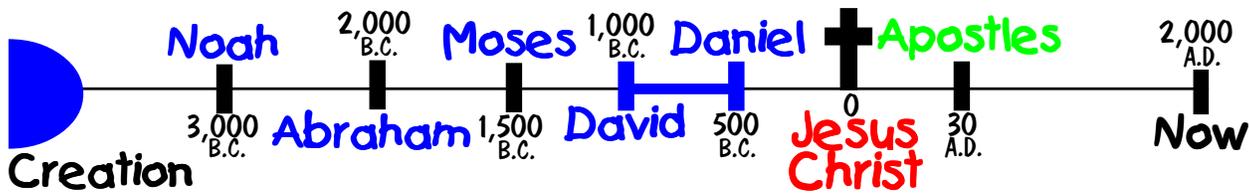
Who were the first three kings of Israel?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The Old Testament

The Second 2,000 Years

Part 2



This section covers the period after David (1,000 B.C.) to Daniel (500s B.C.) and the end of the Old Testament (400s B.C.). The first 2,000 years of the Old Testament were covered in the first 12 chapters of Genesis. The second 2,000 years are completed with these 5 events.

8 The Kingdom Split – (1 Kings 12) After King Solomon died, the kingdom split in two. The Northern kingdom was called Israel and their first king was named Jeroboam. He was Solomon's warrior. The Southern Kingdom was called Judah. Their first king was Rehoboam, Solomon's son.

9 The Northern Kingdom Captured – (2 Kings 12–25) The Northern Kingdom of Israel had 19 kings. They were all bad because they did not obey God. After 200 years this kingdom was captured by a nation called Assyria and the Israelites became slaves again. The Northern Kingdom Israelites did not return to the land until 1948.

10 The Southern Kingdom Captured – (2 Chronicles 12–36) The Southern Kingdom was called Judah. They had 19 kings and 1 queen, whose name was Athaliah. Some of the kings of the Southern Kingdom were good and some were bad. After 300 years they were captured by the nation of Babylon and became slaves.

11 The Southern Kingdom in Babylon – (2 Chronicles 36:5-21) The Judeans (Jews) were in Babylon for 70 years. Daniel lived during this time. Daniel loved God very much. Babylon was captured by a more powerful people called the Medes and the Persians who let the Jews return to the Promised Land.

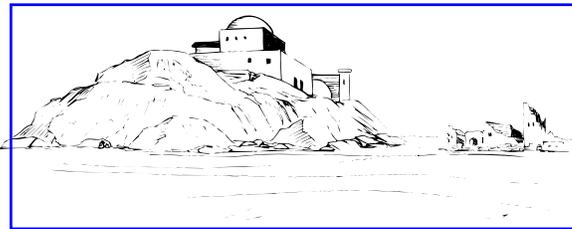
12 The Jews Return to the Promised Land – (2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1–2:1; Nehemiah 2) Zerubbabel returned with the first group of Jews who rebuilt the Temple that the Babylonians had destroyed. Then Ezra returned to help the Jews learn about God. Next, Nehemiah returned to help the Jews rebuild the walls of the city.

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The Second 2,000 Years, part 2

From David to Daniel and the End of the Old Testament

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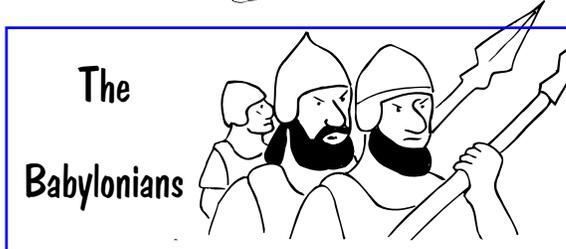
The Kingdom Split

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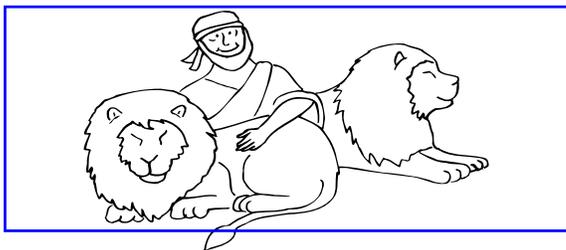
The Northern Kingdom
Captured

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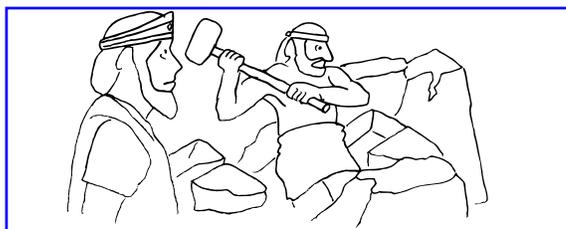
The Southern Kingdom
Captured

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The Southern Kingdom
in Babylon

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The Jews Return
to the Promised Land

The Second 2,000 Years - part 2 review

From David to Daniel and the End of the Old Testament

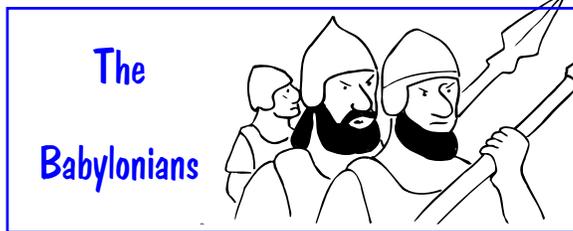
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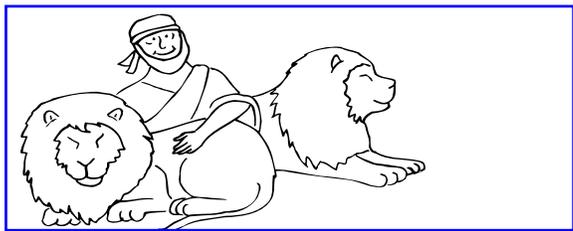
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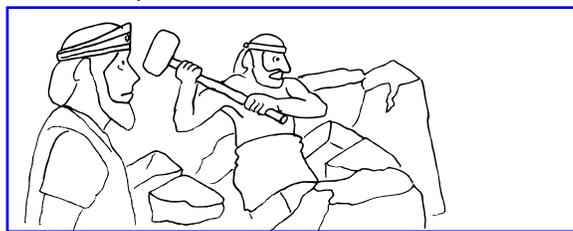
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The Second 2,000 Years - part 2 review

Answer the following questions about the events of the second 2,000 years.

The Kingdom Split

What was the Northern Kingdom called?

What was the Southern Kingdom called?

The Northern Kingdom Captured

Were the 19 kings of the north good or bad?

What nation captured the Northern Kingdom?

The Southern Kingdom Captured

Were the 19 kings and 1 queen of the Southern Kingdom good or bad?

What nation captured the Southern Kingdom?

The Southern Kingdom in Babylon

Who loved God very much and lived in Babylon during this time?

What did the Medes and Persians let the Jews do?

The Jews return to the Promised Land

Who helped the Jews rebuild the Temple?

Who helped the Jews learn about God?

Who helped the Jews rebuild the walls of the city?

The Second 2,000 Years, Part 3

The Inter-Testament Times

During the time between the Old Testament and the New Testament, the Southern Kingdom Jews returned to Judah, but they were under the control of other world empires. In the 500s B.C., Daniel wrote about those empires, each one representing a part of a man's body (Daniel 2:31-45). These are the names of the world empires who ruled over the Jews in Judah.

A **Babylon**—In the 500s B.C., the Jews were slaves in Babylon for 70 years.

B **Persia**—In the 400s B.C., Persia conquered Babylon and let the Jews return to Jerusalem in Judah. This return was led by 3 men named Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah. This is the end of the Old Testament.

C **Greece**—In the 300s B.C., the Greeks took over the world. They were led by a man named Alexander the Great. Alexander was a friend of Aristotle, who was a famous thinker and writer from Greece.

D **Egypt**—In the 200s B.C., the Egyptians ruled the Jews. The Egyptians were nice to the Jews and encouraged them to copy the Hebrew Old Testament into the Greek language. This was called the Septuagint. It was used by Jesus and His disciples.

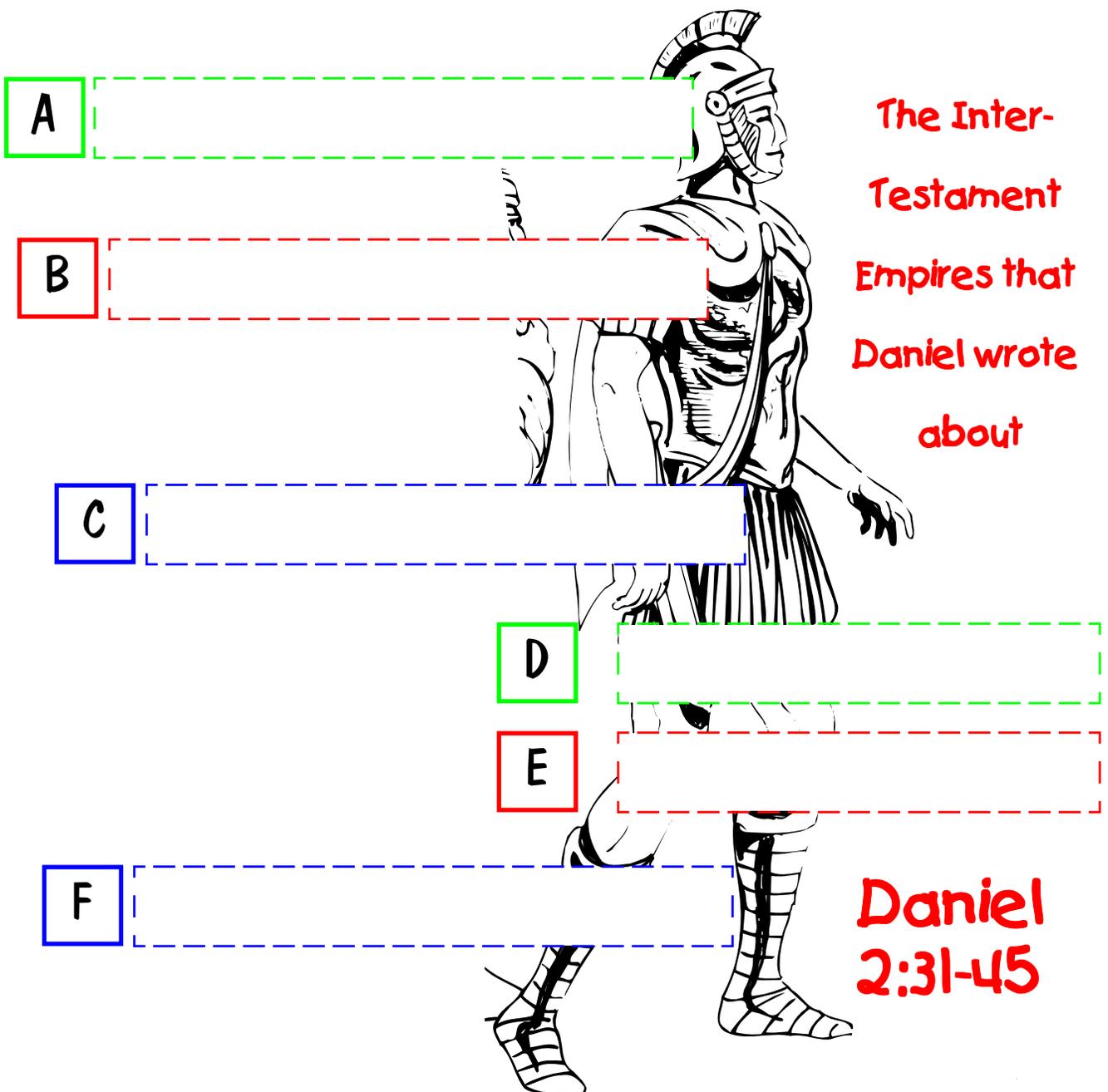
E **Syria**—In the 100s B.C., Syria ruled the world and they were mean to the Jews, especially their king, a man named Antiochus IV Euphianes. But there was a Jewish family named the Maccabees who fought Antiochus and chased the Syrians out of Jerusalem. This happened on December 25, 165 B.C. Even today Jews celebrate their victory over Antiochus IV Euphianes with a holiday called Hanukkah.

F **Rome**—In about 50 B.C., Rome became the new world empire under the leadership of a man named Julius Caesar (Daniel 2:40; 7:7). A man named Antipater talked the Romans into letting him rule the Jews, even though the Romans were still in charge. Later, Antipater's son was made king by the Romans. His name was Herod the Great. He was the bad king who tried to kill baby Jesus after the Wise Men who came from the East called Jesus "the king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:1-18).

The Second 2,000 Years - The Inter-Testament Times

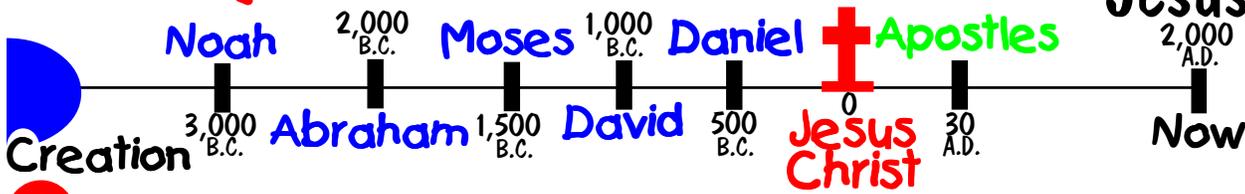
Part 3 review

What world empires do each
part of the man represent?



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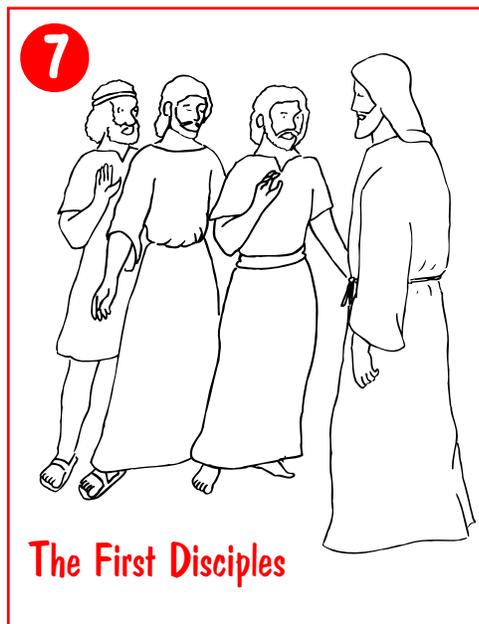
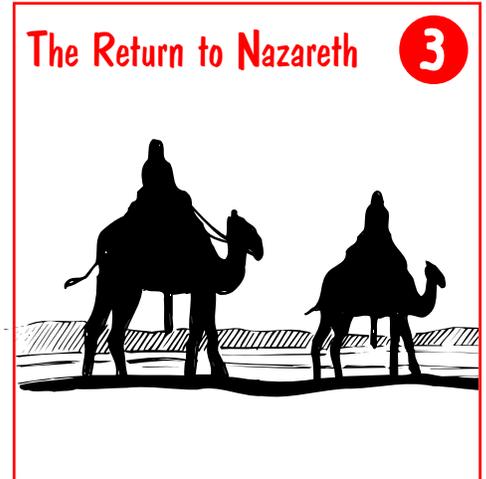
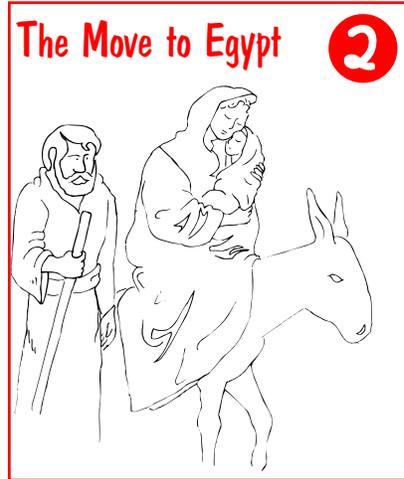
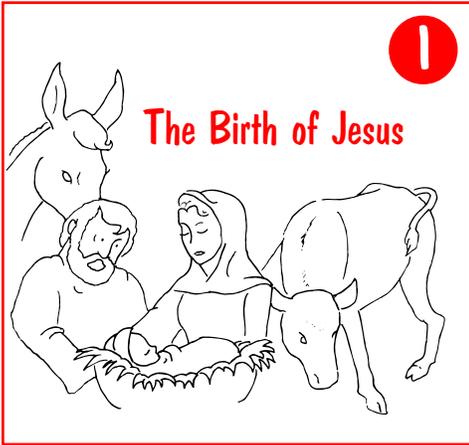
The Life of Jesus Christ part 1



- 1 The Birth of Jesus** – Mary and her husband Joseph left their home in Nazareth because they had to enroll in Bethlehem for a census. While they were there, Mary gave birth to baby Jesus, who is God the Son (Luke 2:1-7).
- 2 The Move to Egypt** – Some Wise Men went to Jerusalem looking for Jesus so they could worship Him. When King Herod learned that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, Herod directed the Wise Men to go there. Herod planned to kill Jesus because the Wise Men called Jesus the King of the Jews. When Herod could not find Jesus, Herod had all the boys 2 years old and younger killed. Joseph was warned by an angel in a dream, so he fled with his family to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15).
- 3 The Return to Nazareth** – After King Herod died, an angel appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, telling him to return to the land of Israel (Matthew 2:20). So Joseph, Mary, and Jesus went back to their home town of Nazareth (Luke 2:39).
- 4 Teaching in the Temple** – When Jesus was 12 years old, He went with Joseph and Mary to Jerusalem. When they were on their way back home to Nazareth, they realized Jesus wasn't with them or their relatives, so they returned to Jerusalem and found Him teaching in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52).
- 5 The Baptism by John** – When Jesus was about 30 years old, He began to travel around teaching people about God. One of the first things Jesus did after He left home was to be baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River (Matthew 3:13-17).
- 6 The Temptation by Satan** – God (the Holy Spirit) led Jesus into the wilderness. After 40 days, He was tempted by Satan. One of Satan's temptations was that he would give the kingdoms of the world to Jesus if Jesus would worship him. Jesus said that we are only supposed to worship God. Then He made Satan leave (Matthew 4:1-11).
- 7 The First Disciples** – Jesus went back to where John was baptizing people. There He met John and Andrew who were disciples of John the Baptist. They began to follow Jesus. Next, Jesus chose Peter, Philip, and Nathaniel to be disciples (John 1:35-51). Jesus left with His new disciples and went to a wedding in Galilee. While they were there, Jesus turned water into wine. This is the first miracle Jesus did that's recorded in the Bible (John 2:1-11).
- 8 The "Born Again" Discussion with Nicodemus** – Jesus and His disciples traveled back to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish holiday called Passover. While they were there, a man named Nicodemus, who was a Jewish religious leader, came to Jesus in secret to ask Him about salvation. Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be "born again." What He meant was that, even though Nicodemus was already born physically, he still had to be saved from his sins. Jesus called that spiritual birth (John 3:7).

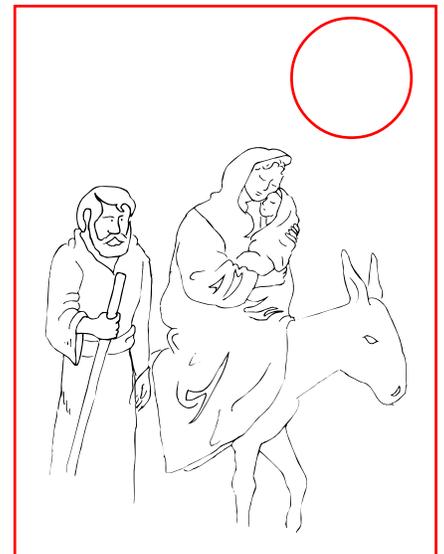
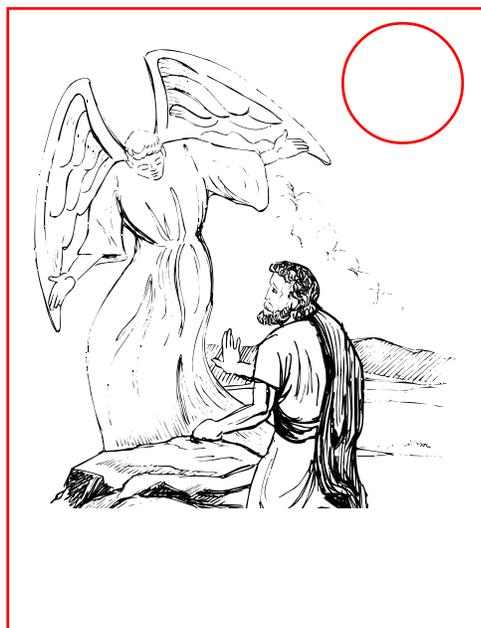
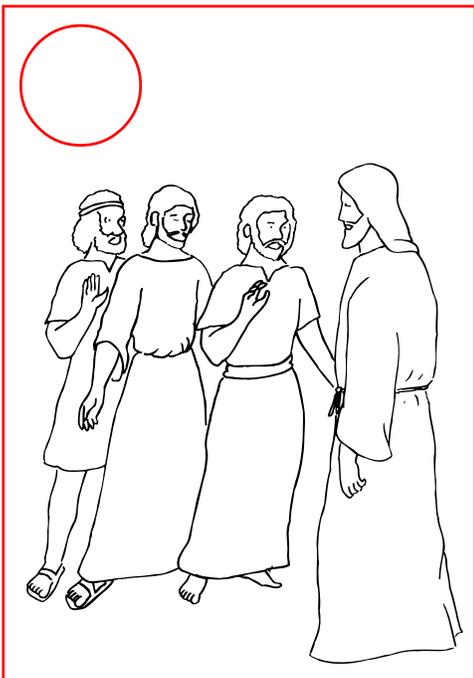
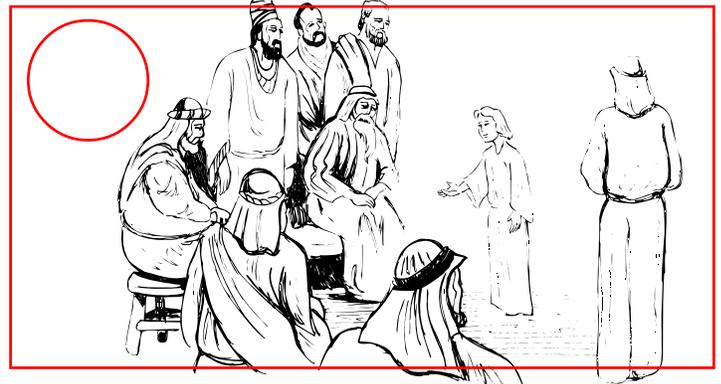
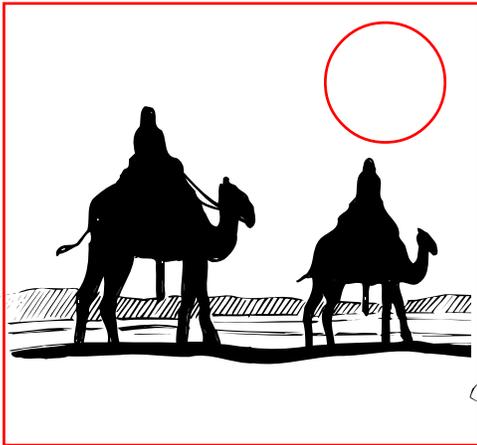
The New Testament

The Life of Jesus Christ part 1



The New Testament - part 1

Put these events in the right order from 1 to 8.



The New Testament - part 1 review

Answer the following questions about the events of the New Testament.

The Birth of Jesus

What city was Jesus born in?

The Move to Egypt

Why did King Herod want to kill Jesus?

The Return to Nazareth

What was the name of Joseph and Mary's home town?

Teaching in the Temple

How old was Jesus when He was found teaching in the Temple?

The Baptism by John

Where was Jesus baptized?

The Temptation by Satan

Jesus told Satan that we should only worship _____ .

The First Disciples

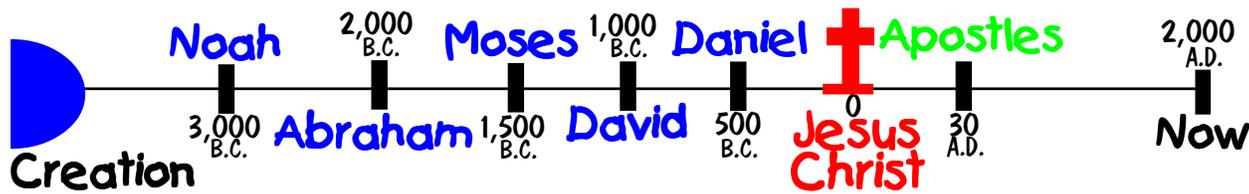
What was Jesus' first miracle in the Bible?

The "Born Again" Discussion with Nicodemus

Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be saved. Why?

The New Testament

The Life of Jesus Christ part 2



9 The Woman at the Well – Jesus and His disciples stayed in Jerusalem for a while baptizing new believers. On their way back to Galilee, Jesus stopped at a well and told a woman that He was the Messiah promised in the Old Testament (John 4).

10 The Galilean Ministry – Jesus did a lot of His teaching and healing of people in Galilee. While on top of a mountain, He taught a group of people, who had been following Him, how to live a good life by obeying God (Matthew 5–7).

11 The Pool of Bethesda – The Pool of Bethesda was a pool of water in Jerusalem where sick people would go to try and get better. When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem from Galilee, He visited the pool and healed a man who couldn't walk. The man jumped up and went away rejoicing (John 5).

12 Healing a Woman's Daughter – Jesus traveled to a place called Phoenicia. While He was there, He came across a Gentile woman who had a very sick daughter. Jesus healed her, proving that it was not just Jews who were being healed but that everyone could come to Jesus for help and salvation (Mark 7:24-30).

13 The Transfiguration – Jesus took some of His disciples to a huge mountain. While they were there, His face became bright like the sun and His clothes looked like a bright light. This was the transfiguration. When the disciples saw this, they understood how awesome God was (Matthew 17:1-13).

14 The Move to Jerusalem – At the beginning of the fourth year of Jesus traveling around teaching and healing people, He left Galilee for the last time and headed for Jerusalem (Luke 9:51-56).

15 Lazarus Raised from the Dead – While in Jerusalem, Jesus' friend named Lazarus died and Jesus raised him from the dead (John 11). Later, Jesus was passing through a city named Jericho. He saw a short man named Zaccheus up in a tree trying to see Jesus in the crowd. When Jesus saw him, He told Zaccheus to come down from the tree. Jesus stayed with Zaccheus in his house, helping him to become a believer (Luke 19:2-10).

16 The Final Week – During the last week of Jesus' life, He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while crowds of people cheered and praised Him, laying palm branches on the ground in front of Him (Mark 11:1-11). Jesus then ate supper with His disciples for the last time before His death. While eating with the disciples, Jesus explained to them how they should remember His death by taking Communion. Soon after this, Jesus was arrested and crucified (Matthew 26–27). His body was placed in a tomb for three days, then Jesus rose from the dead (Matthew 28).

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The Life of Jesus Christ, part 2

The Woman at the Well

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The Galilean Ministry

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The Pool of Bethesda

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Healing a Woman's Daughter

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The Transfiguration

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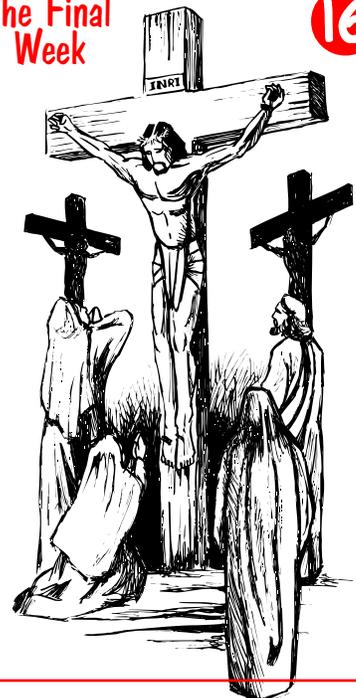
The Move to Jerusalem

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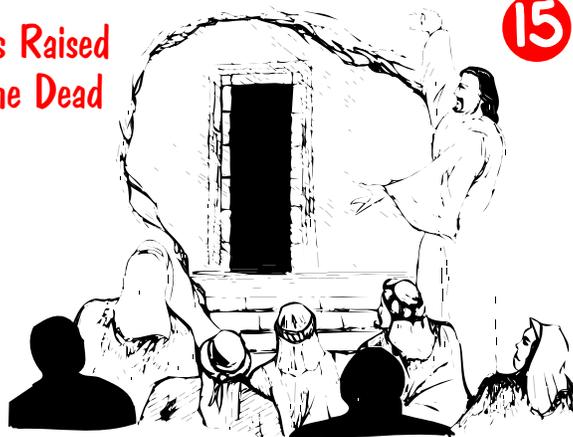
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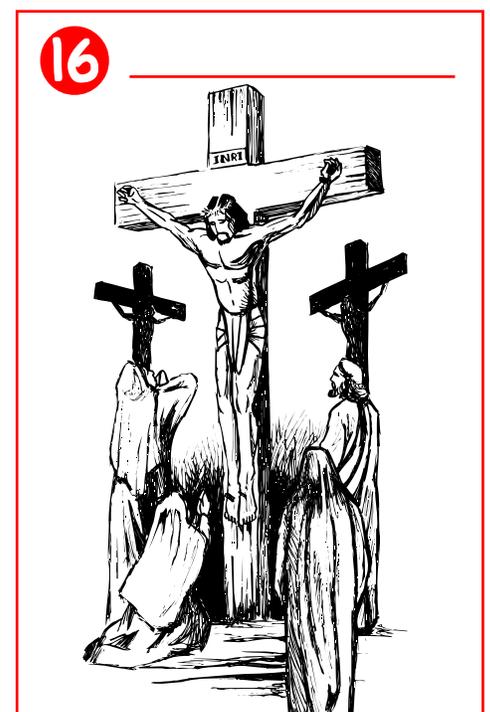
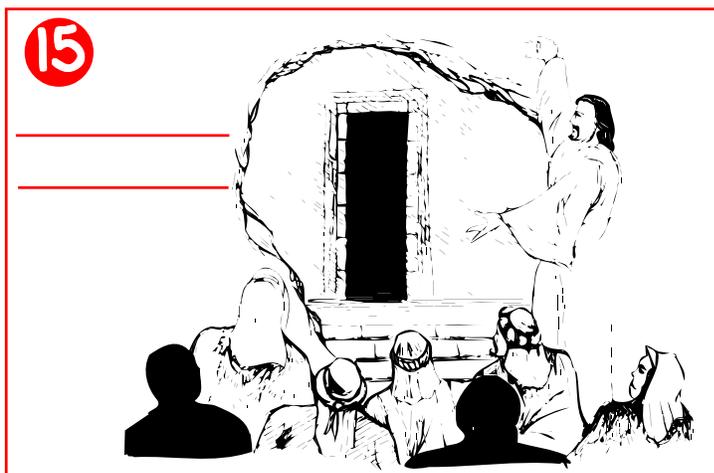
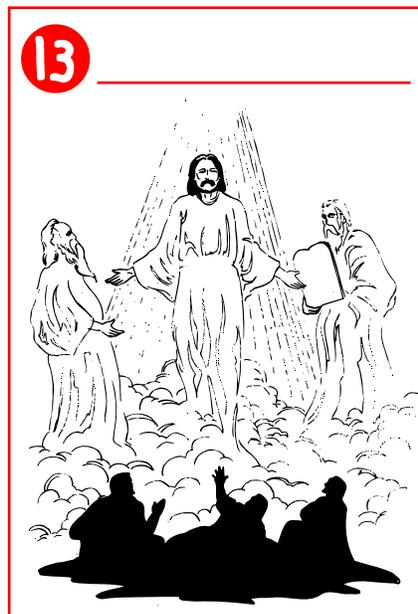
Lazarus Raised from the Dead

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The Life of Jesus Christ - part 2 review

What events do these pictures describe?



The Life of Jesus Christ - part 2 review

Answer the following questions about the events during the Life of Christ

The Woman at the Well

When Jesus talked to the woman at the well, who did He say He was?

The Galilean Ministry

Jesus said that you can live a good life by obeying whom?

The Pool of Bethesda

What did Jesus do for a man who couldn't walk?

Healing a Woman's Daughter

Who can come to Jesus for help?

The Transfiguration

What did Jesus look like when He was transfigured?

The Move to Jerusalem

What place did Jesus leave for the last time when He went to Jerusalem?

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

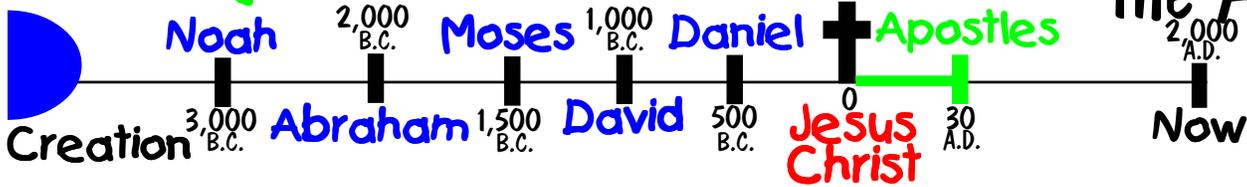
Who raised Lazarus from the dead?

The Final Week

How many days was Jesus' body in the tomb before He rose from the dead?

The New Testament

The Acts of the Apostles part 1



- 1 The Ascension** - After Jesus died on the cross, He rose from the dead. For 40 days Jesus appeared to many people. Jesus then told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of a new Helper for them, who was God the Holy Spirit. While the disciples were watching Jesus, He rose up into the clouds. This is called the ascension (Acts 1).
- 2 The Coming of the Holy Spirit** - A few days later, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in Jerusalem with the sound of rushing wind. Fire appeared above them and they began to speak in many different languages, so that all who had gathered would be able to understand what the disciples were teaching about Jesus. After that, the Holy Spirit also helped 3,000 people become Christians (Acts 2).
- 3 Peter and John Arrested** - When Peter and John continued teaching people about Jesus, they were arrested by the Jewish religious leaders. Many Jews did not want people teaching about Jesus because they did not believe that Jesus was God (Acts 3–5).
- 4 The First Deacons** - Every spring Jews came to Jerusalem to remember and celebrate God saving them when they were slaves in Egypt. This Jewish holiday was called the Passover. There were at least 8,000 new believers who were in Jerusalem for the Passover. To help in getting supplies to everyone, the apostles chose some men to serve who were called deacons. One of them was Stephen, who was later killed for teaching the Jews about Jesus (Acts 6–8).
- 5 The Salvation of Paul** - A young Jew named Paul did not believe Jesus was God. He wanted believers in Jesus to be arrested and killed. Jesus appeared to Paul in a bright light, and asked Paul why he was being so mean to Jesus. Paul then believed in Jesus and decided to spend the rest of his life serving Him. But before Paul began to teach about Jesus, he went away for about 10 years to study and learn more about God (Acts 9).
- 6 Peter's Vision of the Food** - During this time, Peter was teaching the Jewish believers. God showed him in a dream that the Jewish Law was over, so he could now eat meat that used to be illegal to eat. At this time Jesus' half brother James wrote the book of James (Acts 10).
- 7 Paul and Barnabas in Antioch** - A good believer named Barnabas was sent by the believers in Jerusalem to a new growing church in a city called Antioch. Barnabas chose Paul to go with him to help teach them that Jesus was God. The new believers raised money for Paul and Barnabas to take back to Jerusalem with them to help the believers who were suffering there (Acts 11).
- 8 Peter Released from Prison by an Angel** - Another Herod, the king of the Jews at this time, began arresting and killing the believers. He had the Apostle James (the brother of John) killed. He also had Peter arrested and put into prison. But the believers began to pray for him and God sent an angel to let Peter out of jail (Acts 12).

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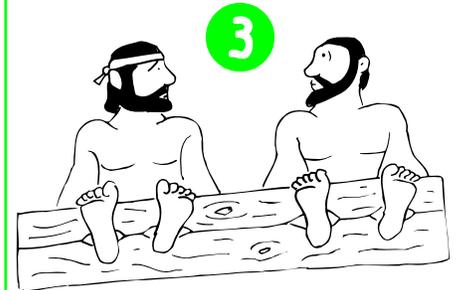
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The Ascension



The Coming of the Holy Spirit

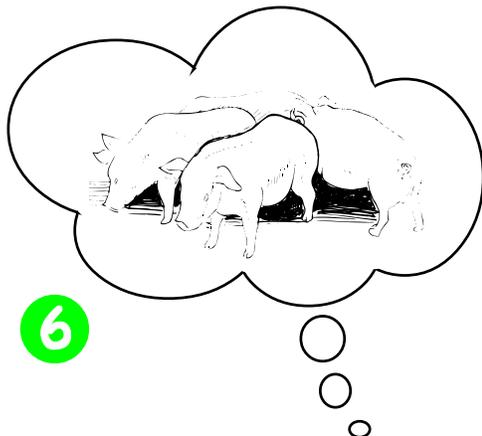
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The Salvation of Paul



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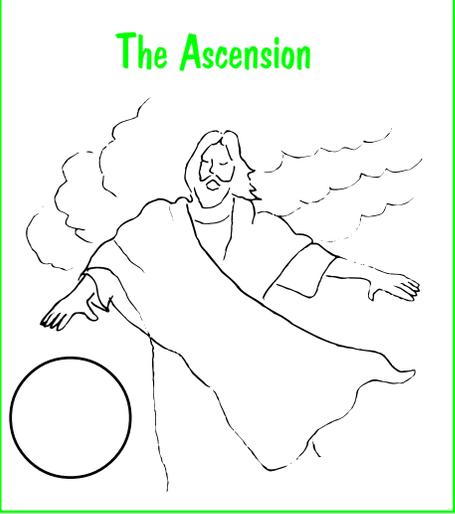
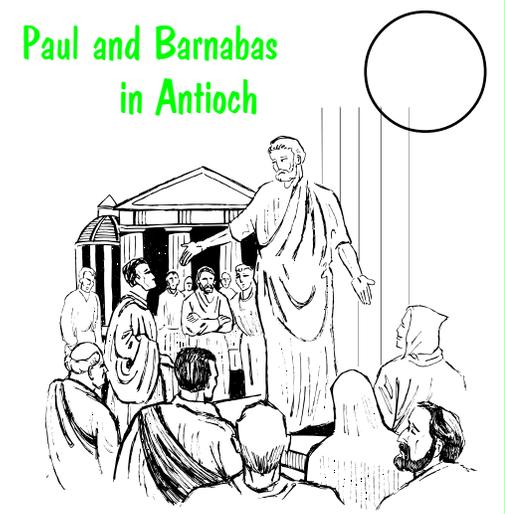
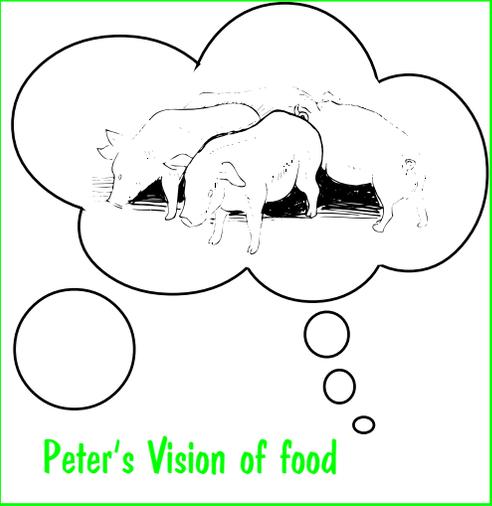
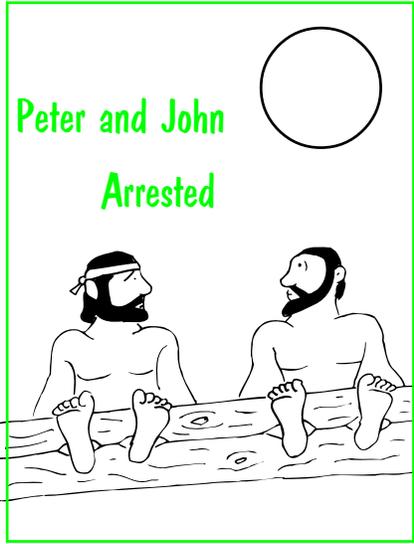
Paul and Barnabas in Antioch



Peter Released from Prison by an Angel

The Acts of the Apostles, part 1 review

Put these events in the right order from 1 to 8.



The Acts of the Apostles - part 1

Answer the following questions about events from the Acts of the Apostles

The Ascension

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to people for how many days before His ascension?

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, what did they see and hear?

Peter and John Arrested

Why did many Jews not want people teaching about Jesus?

The First Deacons

Why were the first deacons chosen?

The Salvation of Paul

Who appeared to Paul in a bright light to get him to change and believe in Jesus?

Peter's Vision of the Food

Why is it okay now to eat any kind of meat?

Paul and Barnabas in Antioch

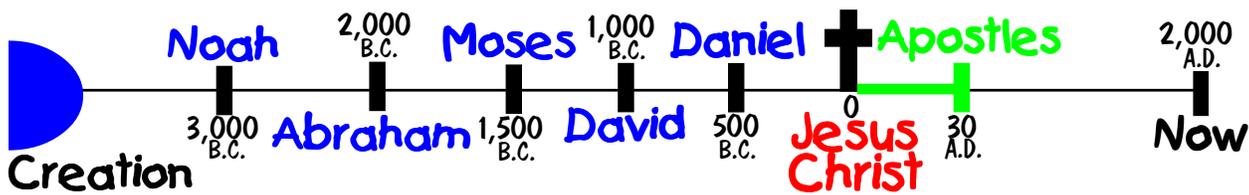
What did the believers in Antioch give to Paul and Barnabas to bring back to the believers in Jerusalem?

Peter Released from Prison by an Angel

Who arrested Peter and had the Apostle James killed?

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The Acts of the Apostles part 2



9 The First Missionary Journey – Paul and Barnabas took a trip together to teach people in other countries about Jesus. They took a young man named John Mark with them, but he left them and went home. Paul and Barnabas continued on to a region called Galatia. Paul later wrote the book of Galatians to the Christians they met on their journey (Acts 13–14).

10 The Jerusalem Council – When some Gentiles started becoming Christians, this bothered the Jews because the Gentiles were not obeying the Jewish laws God gave them in the Old Testament. There was a meeting in Jerusalem called the Jerusalem Council to discuss whether or not the new Gentile Christians had to obey the laws of the Jews. The answer was NO. Gentile Christians did not have to become Jews after they became Christians (Acts 15).

11 The Second Missionary Journey – Paul took Silas with him on his next trip. Timothy and Luke joined them when they went to the city of Corinth. Paul then sent Timothy to check on the Christians they had met in the city of Thessalonica. When Timothy returned, Paul wrote letters to them. In the Bible they are the books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians (Acts 16–18).

12 The Third Missionary Journey – After visiting Jerusalem and Antioch again, Paul began his last missionary journey with Timothy. They spent most of their time in the city of Ephesus, where Paul wrote the books of Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians. Then Paul revisited some Greek cities before returning to Jerusalem (Acts 19–21).

13 The Journey to Rome – While in Jerusalem, Paul was arrested and taken to the city of Caesarea, where he was put in prison for two years. Paul was then sent to Rome for his trial before Caesar. While on the way to Rome, Paul's ship crashed. He was OK and continued on to Rome, where he was put in prison again for another two years. While he was in prison, he wrote the books of Ephesians, Philemon, Colossians, and Philippians (Acts 22–28).

14 The Other Books of the New Testament – The Apostle John moved to Ephesus and wrote the book called the Gospel of John and the small books of 1, 2, and 3 John.

15 The Book of Revelation – John was arrested and sent to live on the island of Patmos. While there he wrote the book of Revelation which describes what will happen to the world after Jesus comes down in the clouds to take all the Christians up to heaven.

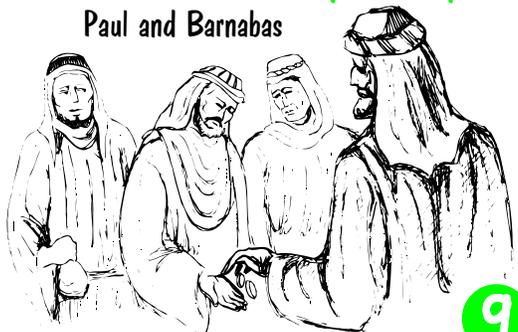
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The New Testament

The Acts of the Apostles, part 2

The First Missionary Journey

Paul and Barnabas



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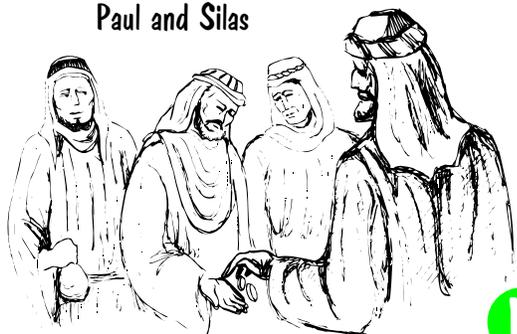
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The Jerusalem Council



The Second Missionary Journey

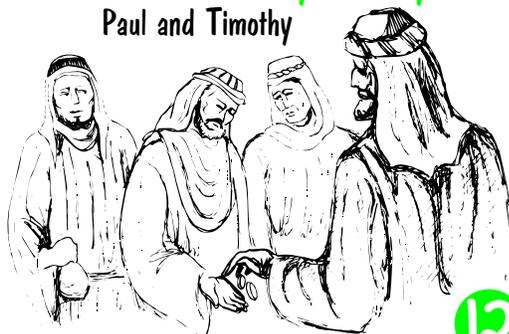
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The Third Missionary Journey

Paul and Timothy



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The Journey to Rome



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The Other New Testament

Books



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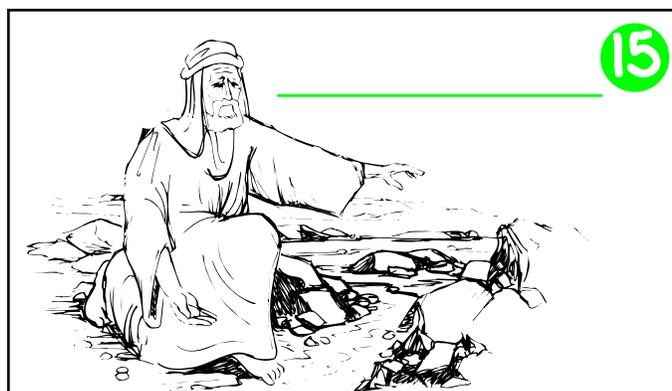
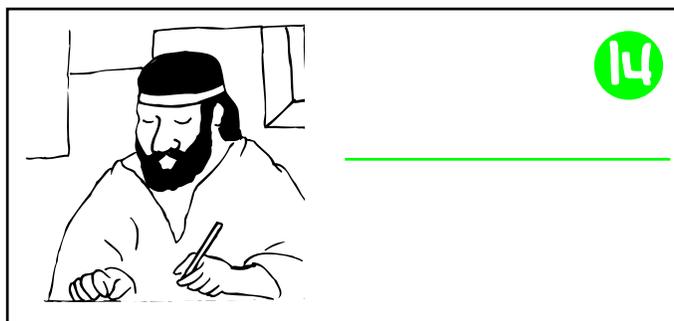
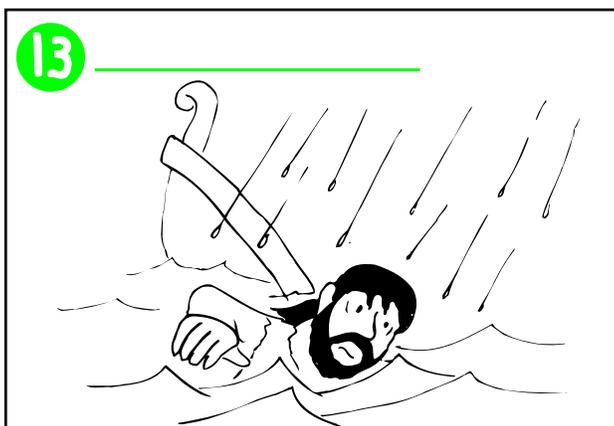
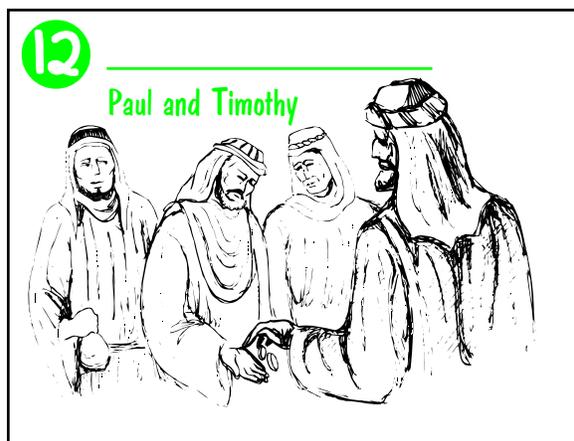
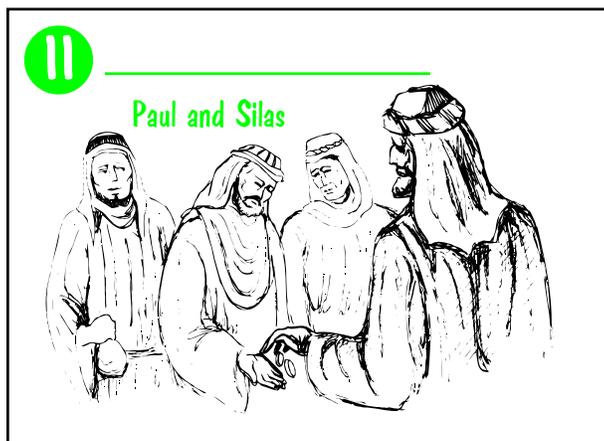
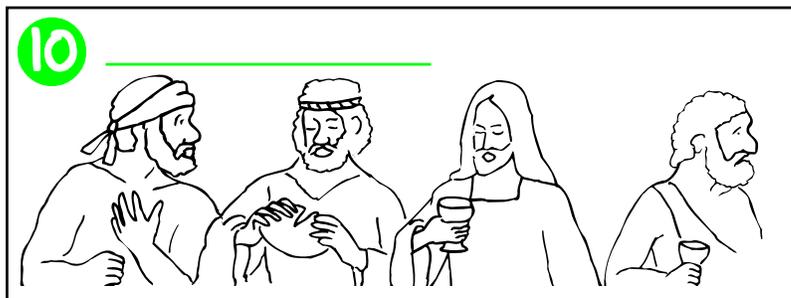
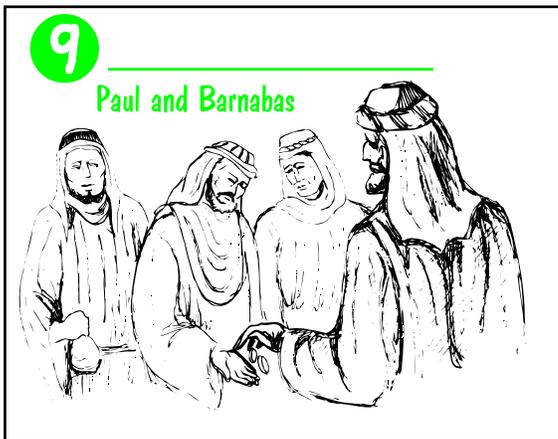
The Book of Revelation



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The Acts of the Apostles, part 2 review

What events do these pictures describe?



The Acts of the Apostles - part 2

Answer the following questions about events from the Acts of the Apostles

The First Missionary Journey

Who went on the first missionary journey?

The Jerusalem Council

Did Gentiles have to become Jews after they became Christians?

The Second Missionary Journey

Who did Paul send to visit the believers in Thessalonica?

The Third Missionary Journey

Where did Paul and Timothy spend most of their time on this journey? This is also the place where Paul wrote Romans and 1 & 2 Corinthians.

The Journey to Rome

What happened to Paul while he was on his way to Rome?

The Other Books of the New Testament

Who wrote the gospel of John and 1, 2, and 3 John?

The Book of Revelation

Where was John when he wrote the book of Revelation?

The Definitions of Important Terms

angel - literally, "messenger," that is, a messenger of God. They are beings who were created by God before He created humans. One-third rebelled with Satan when he sinned. They are called demons. God kicked them out of heaven to roam about on the earth.

apostle - literally, "one who is sent." It usually refers to the 12 disciples and Paul. They are men specifically chosen by Christ.

ascension - literally, "carried up into heaven." It's when Christ was physically taken up into the clouds, after His death and resurrection, to sit at the right hand of God.

baptism - the practice of the New Testament church of applying water to the body, representing the forgiveness of sin which comes only through Christ.

bless - to be made prosperous by God.

census - literally, "assessment." The counting or enrollment of people. One purpose of taking a census was for taxing the people.

Christians - a term used to describe people who profess an allegiance to Christ.

church - the worldwide group of all true believers in Christ.

communion - the drinking of red juice and eating of bread as a ceremony to remember the shed blood of Christ and the broken body of Christ.

crucifixion - to kill someone by fastening them to a wooden cross.

deacons - a position of leadership in the church which emphasizes service.

disciple - literally, "a follower." In the New Testament there were many disciples who followed Jesus.

Gentile - someone who is not a Jew.

God, the Holy Spirit - the third Person of the Trinity.

Israelites - descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These people were chosen by God in the Old Testament to follow Him to the land He chose for them.

jealous - to envy or covet, that is, to desire something that someone else has. Jealousy is usually a sin.

Law - the "Law" in the Bible usually refers to the Old Testament. Sometimes it specifically refers to the Ten Commandments, or generally to the rules or statutes of God.

Messiah - that is, "Christ." It's a word used to describe Jesus as the Savior of the World.

miracle - a supernatural act.

murder - the sin of individually taking the life of another human being because of a personal hatred.

Passover - the holiday celebrated by the Jews which remembers the time when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. The angel of death passed over the homes which had lamb's blood on their doorposts and killed the firstborn of the homes which did not have the blood.

revelation - when God communicated to people.

sin - to do something which is contrary to the character of God.

slave - a person owned by another person. Slaves in the Bible had rights according to the Jewish Law. They could buy and sell and own things, even other slaves.

Temple - the building built originally by Solomon in Jerusalem which was destroyed in A.D. 70 and has not been rebuilt since. It is the place which housed the Ark of the Covenant.

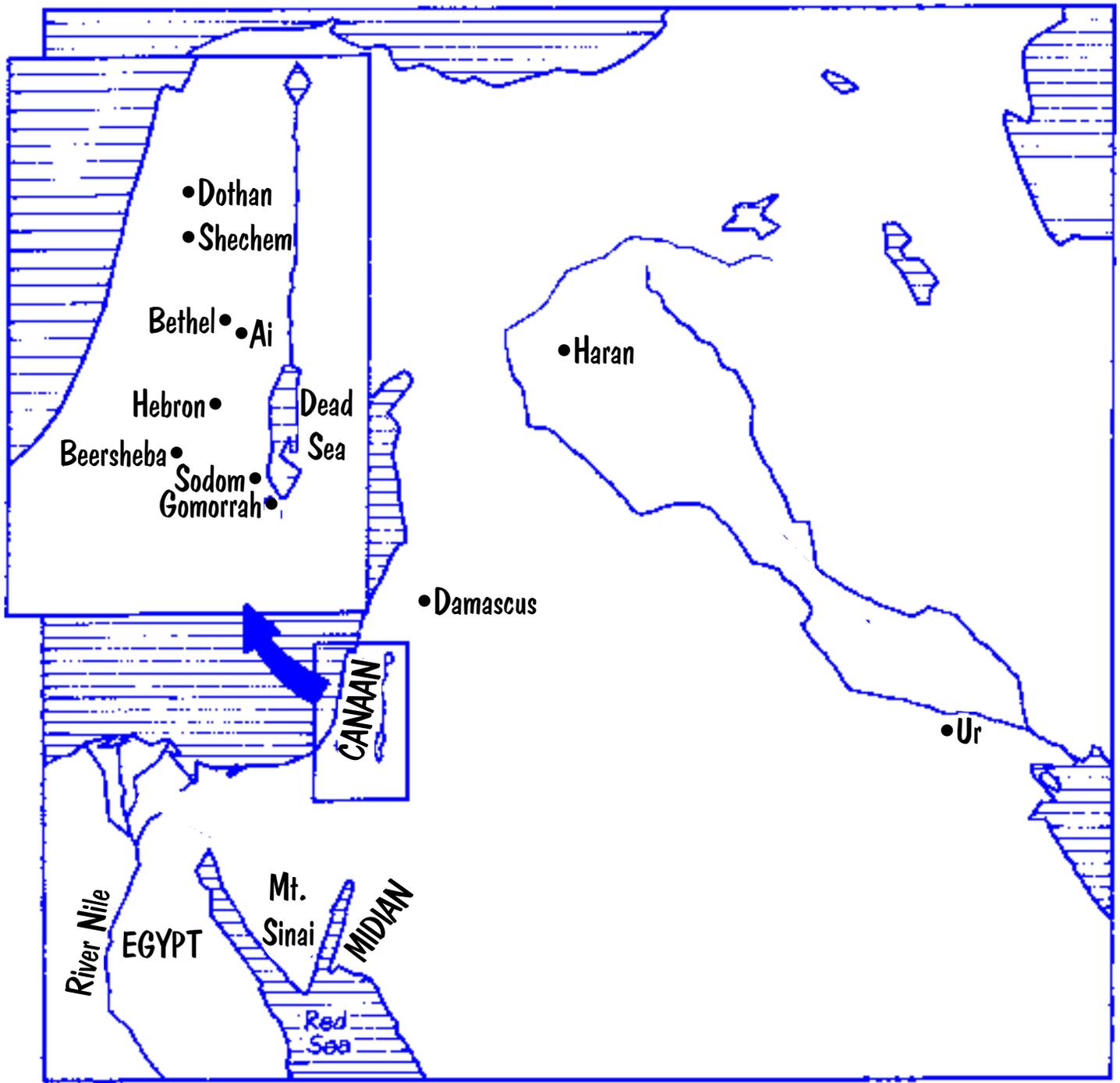
temptation - to try to get someone to sin. Satan tempted Christ three times, but He did not sin. Satan sinned by tempting Jesus. Testing is not the same as tempting. Testing tries to get someone to do the right thing. God tests people, but He never tempts them.

12 tribes of Israel - these are the descendants of the 12 sons of Jacob. They are Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph (sometimes listed as his sons Ephraim and Manasseh), Benjamin, Dan and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

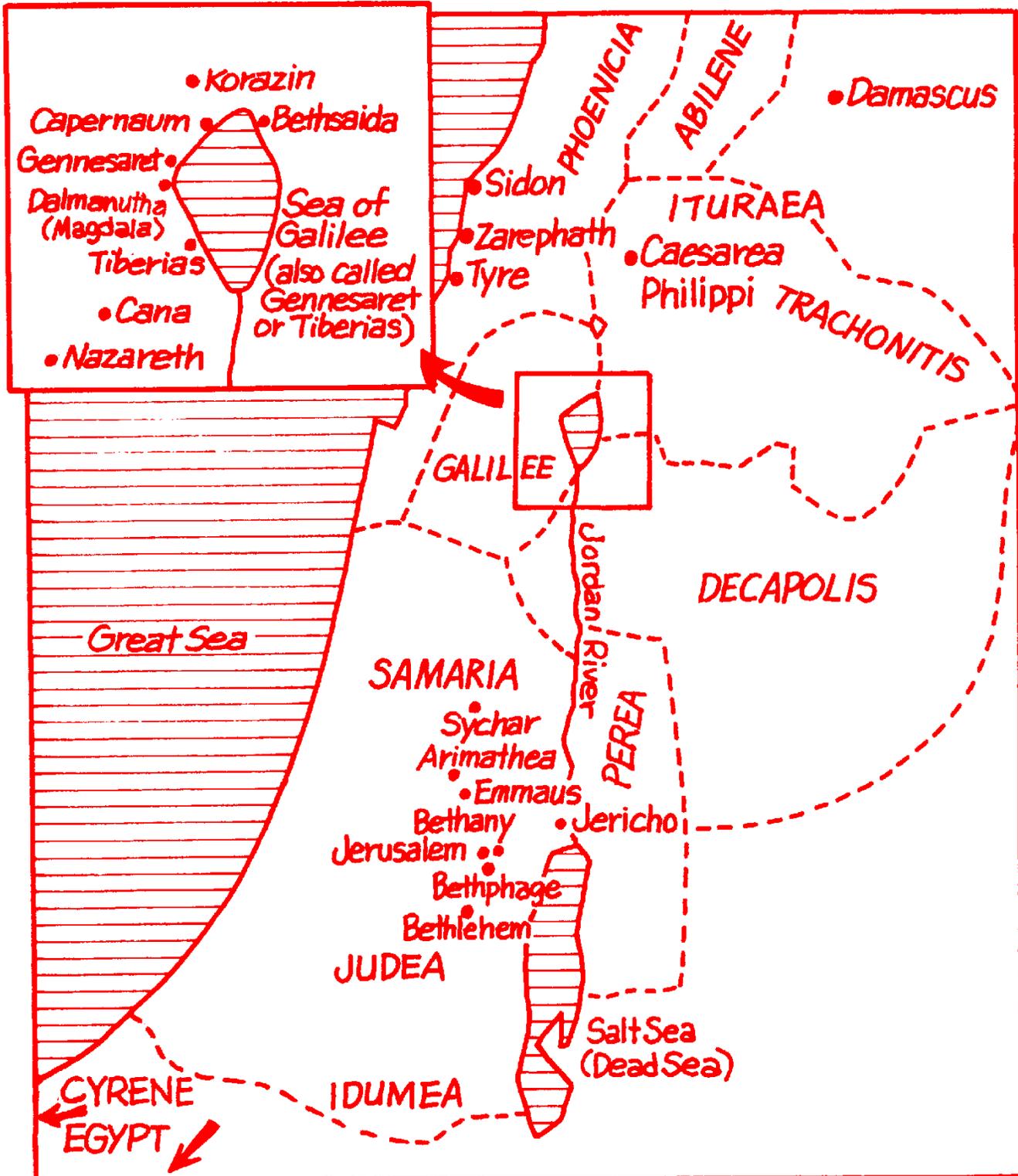
wilderness - the desert area in the southern part of the land of Canaan.

Important Places in the Bible

The Old Testament



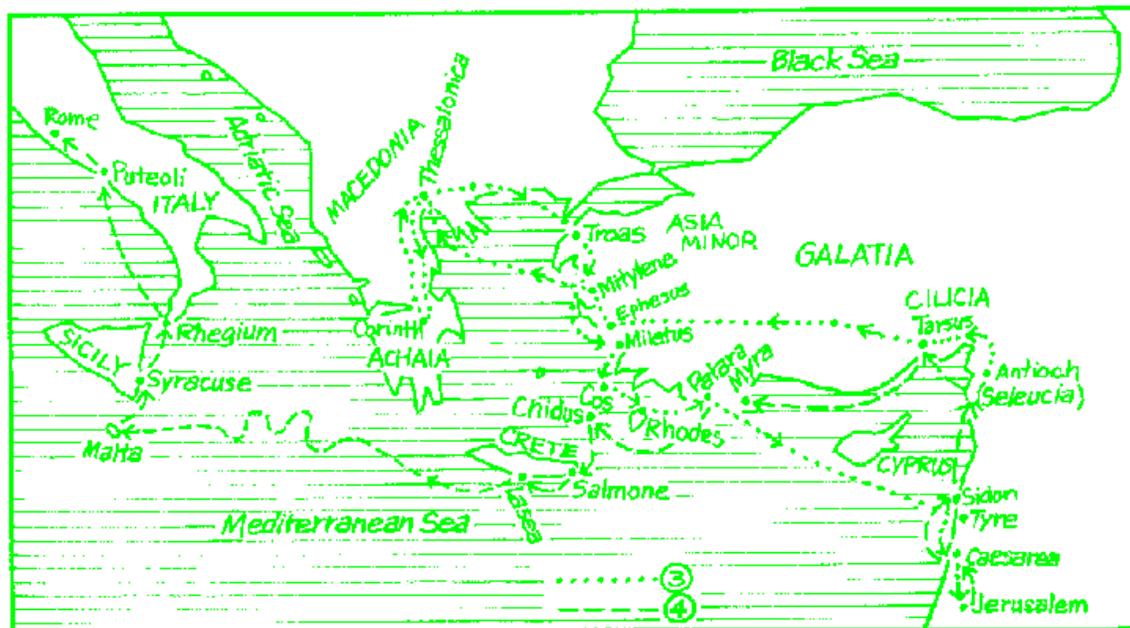
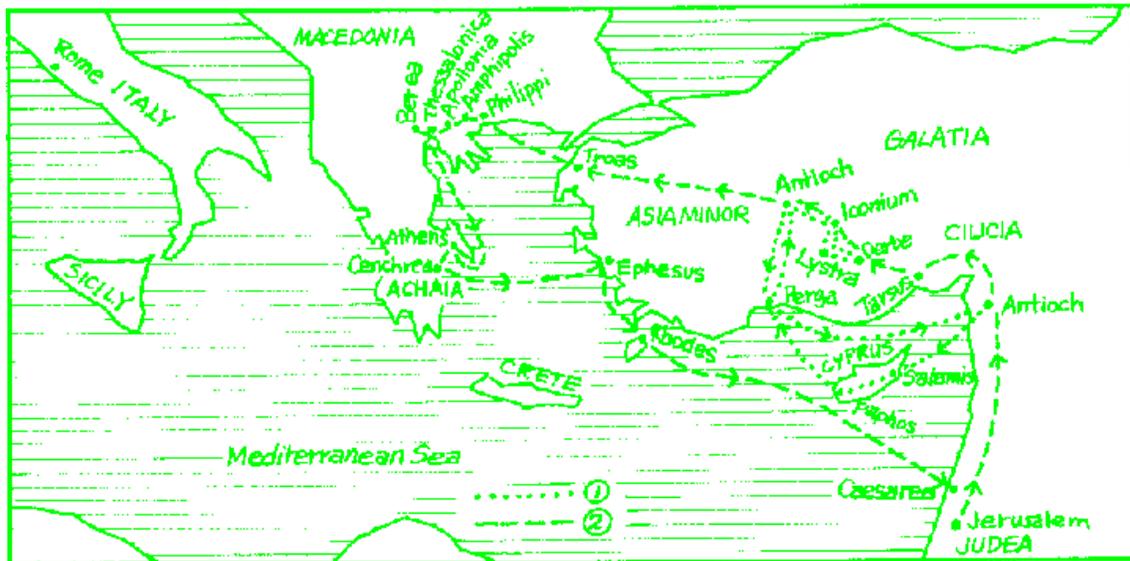
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1 Paul's First Missionary Journey: Acts 13:1–14:28

2 Paul's Second Missionary Journey: Acts 15:36–18:22

3 Paul's Third Missionary Journey: Acts 18:23–21:26

4 Paul's Trip to Rome: Acts 21:27–28:31

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