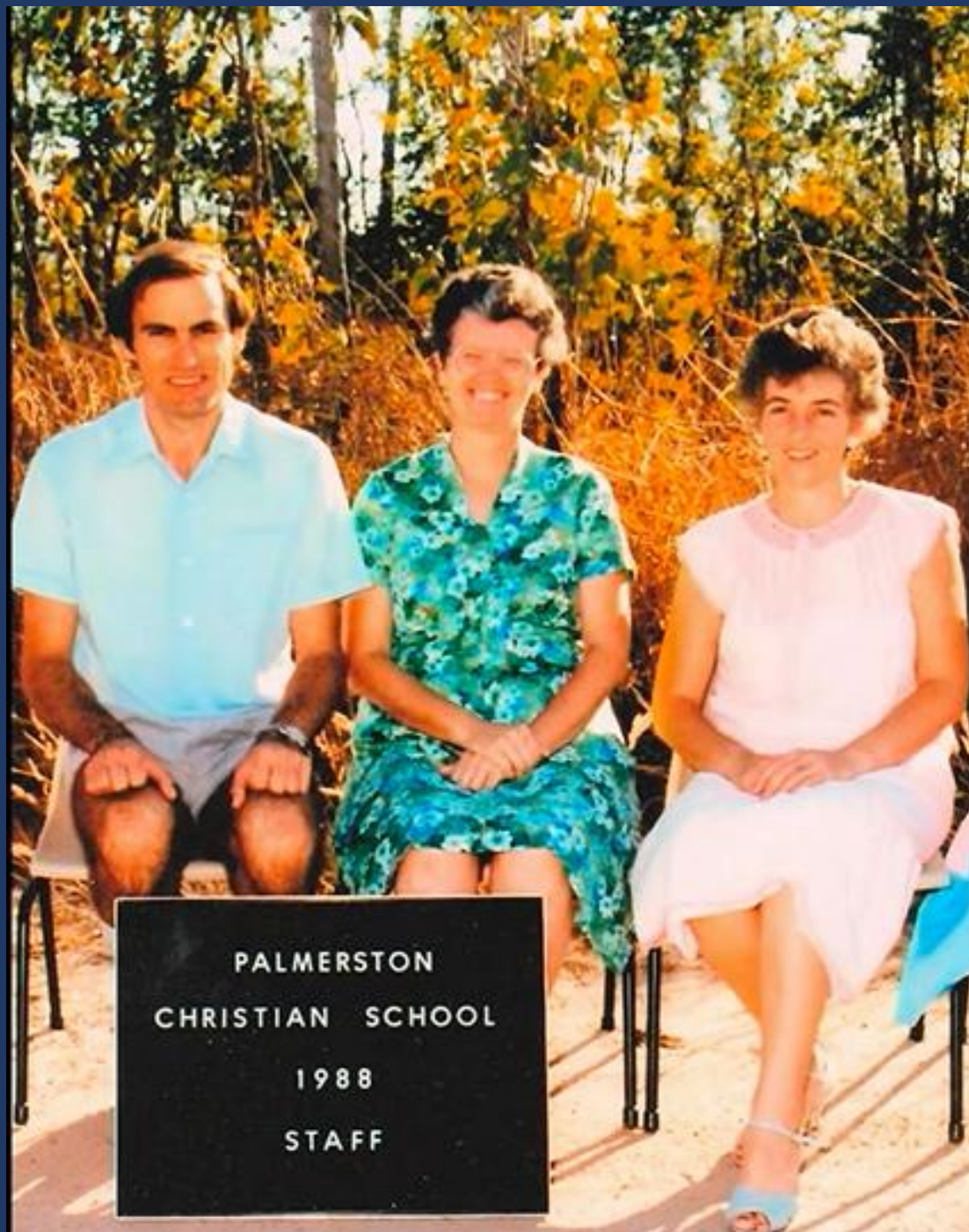




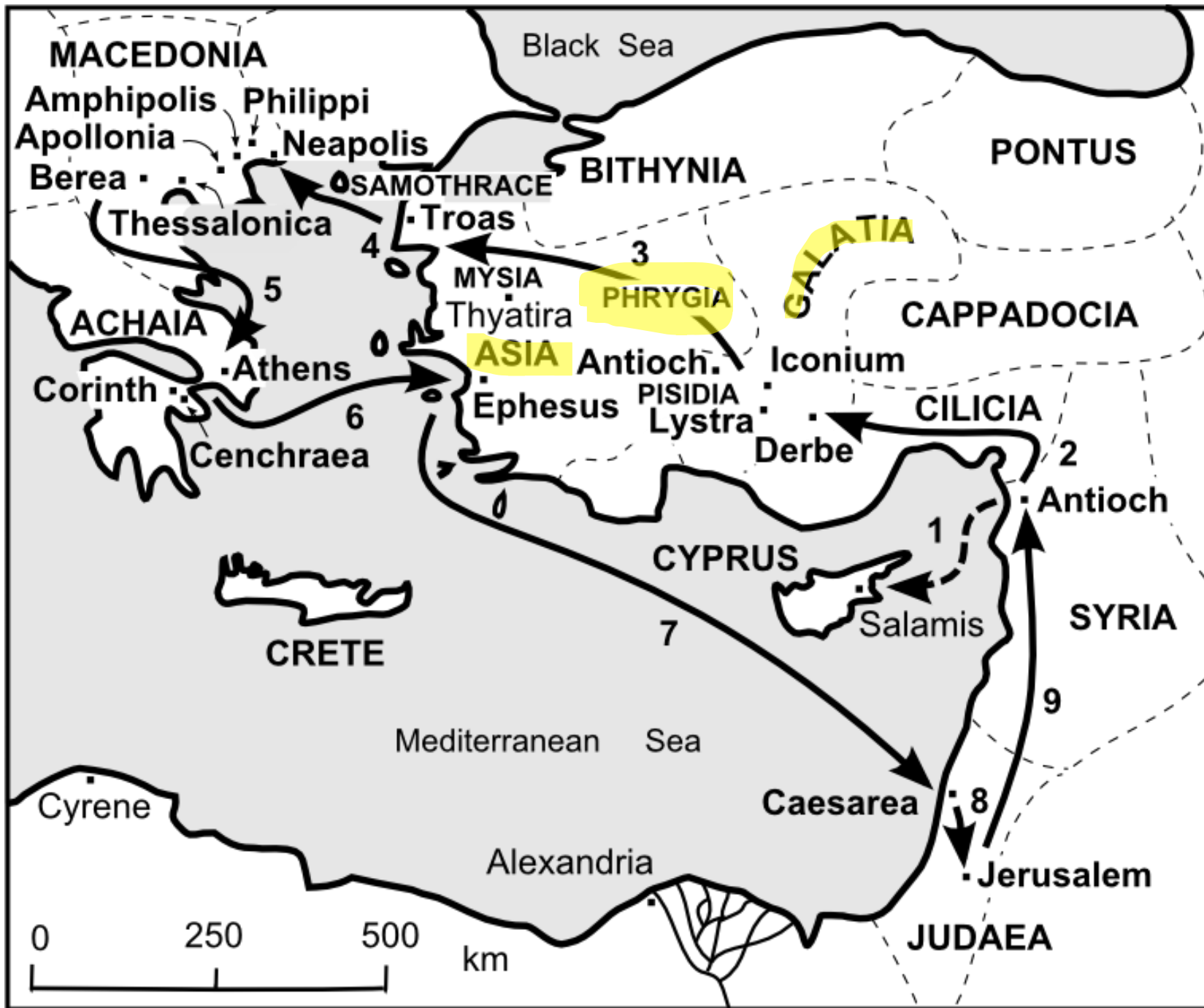
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A CALL TO PERSISTENT HOPE

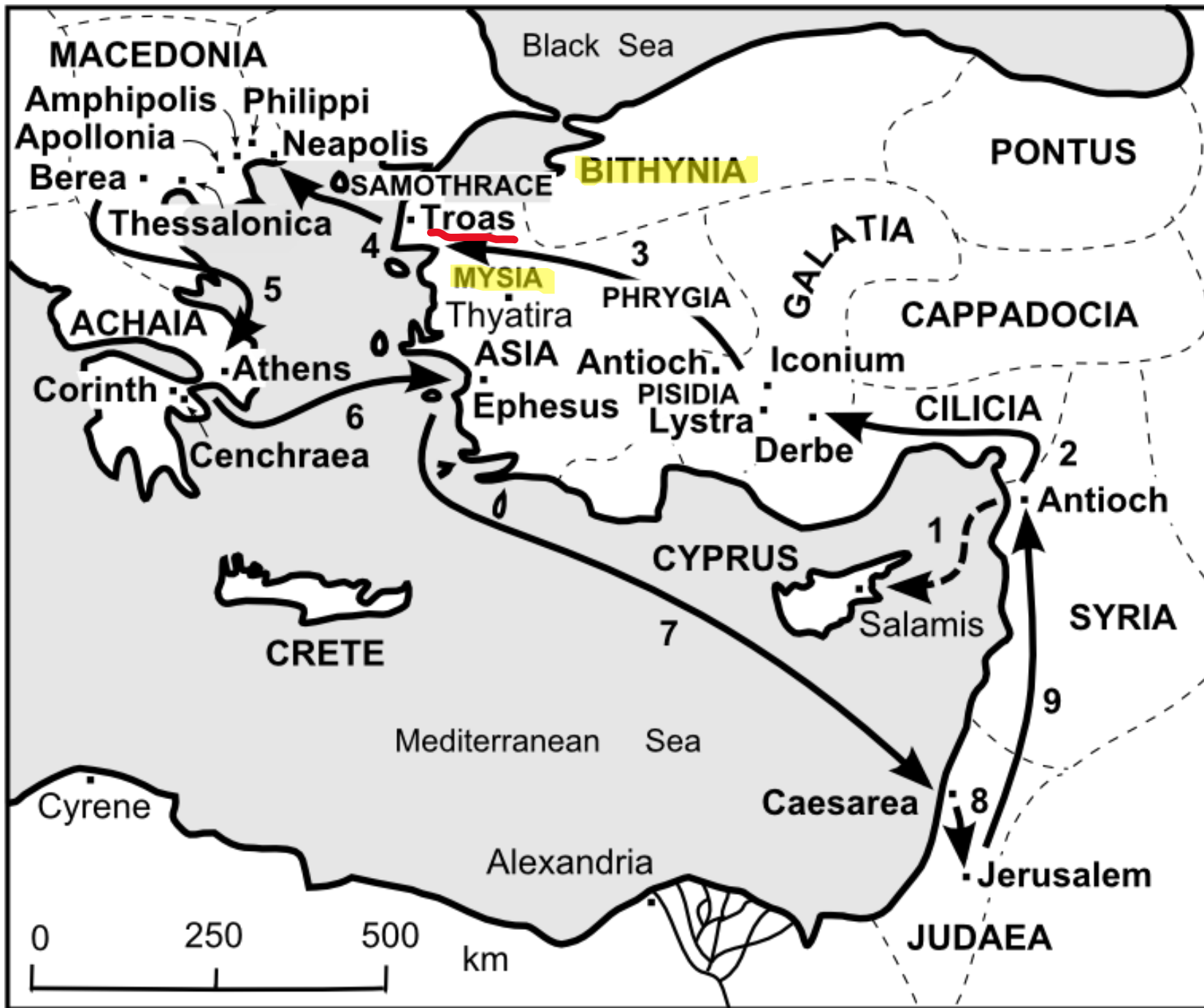
The Church in Thessalonica  
- a Model of Believers' Faith



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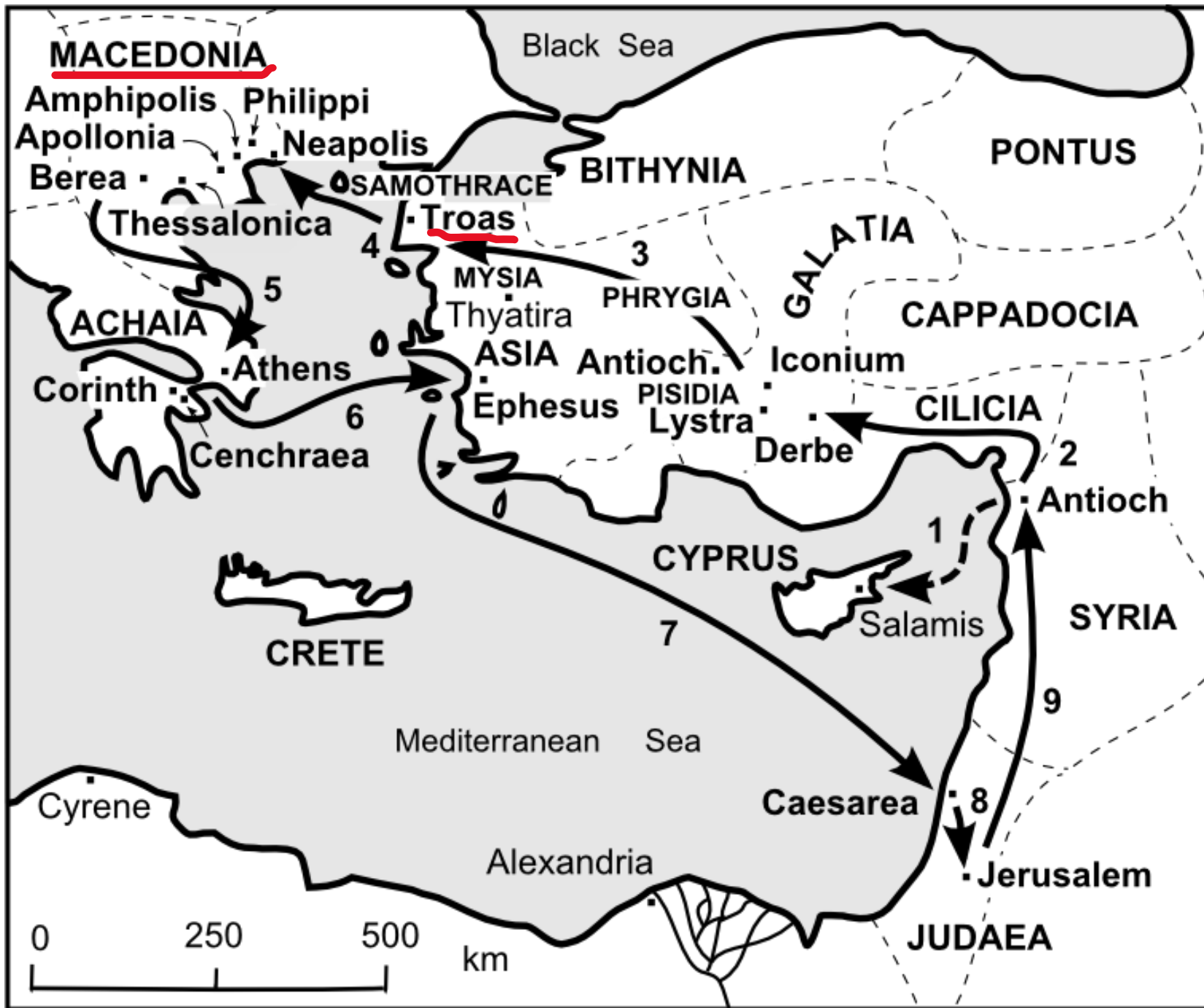


<sup>6</sup> Paul and his companions travelled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia.

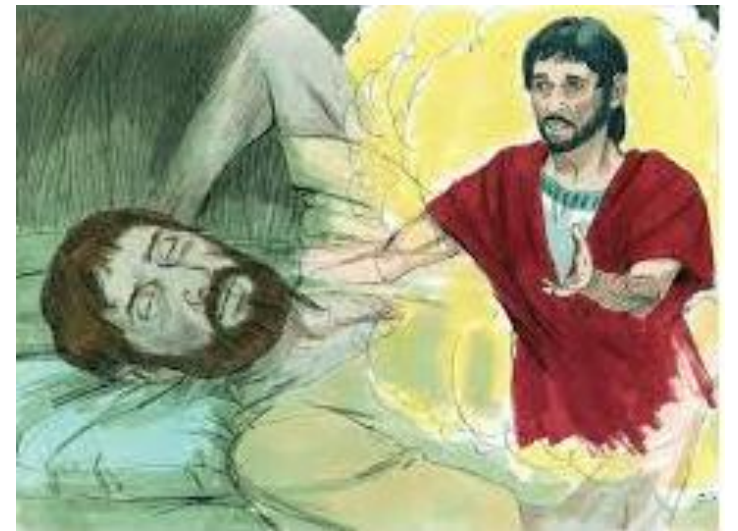


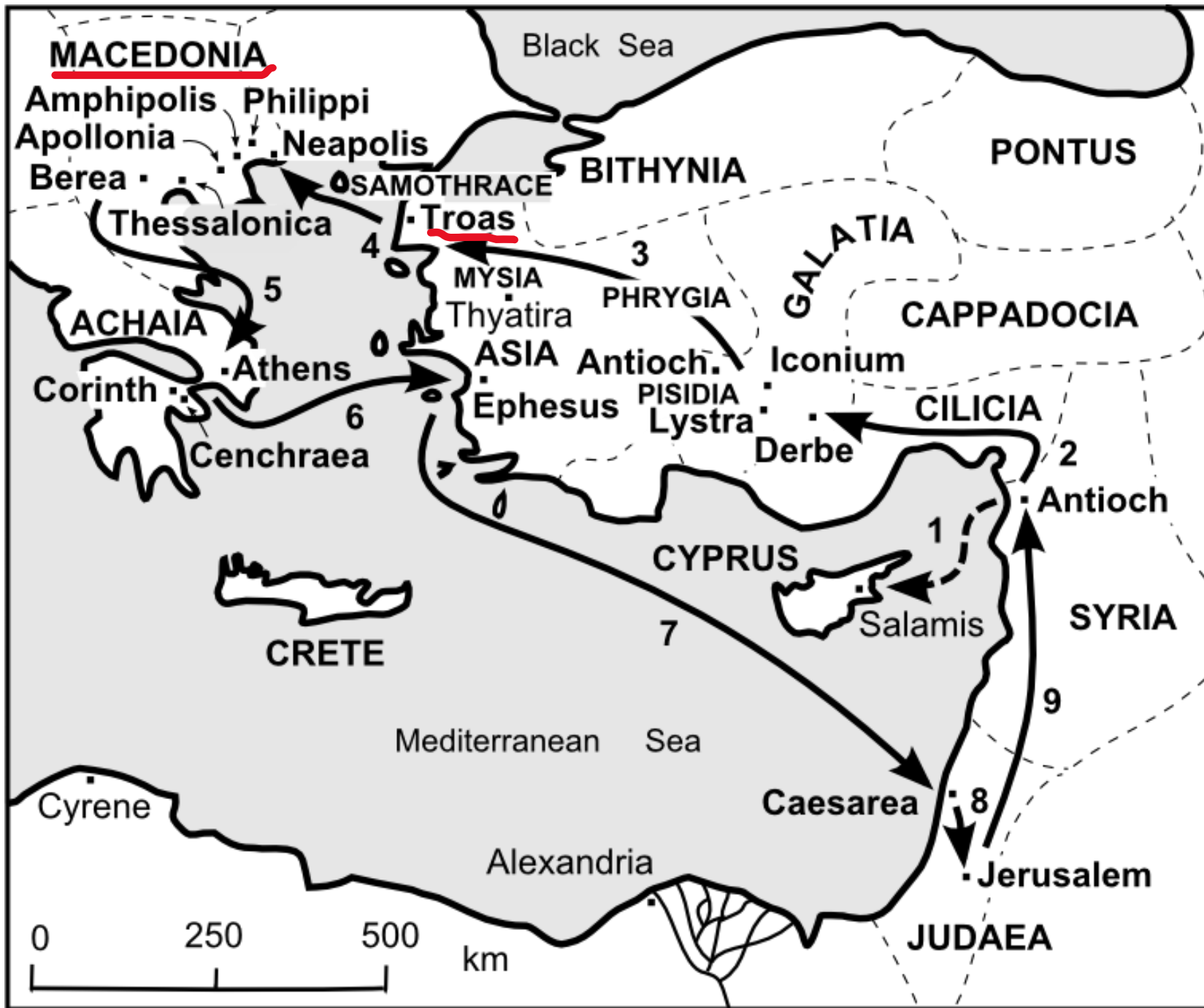
<sup>7</sup> When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

<sup>8</sup> So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

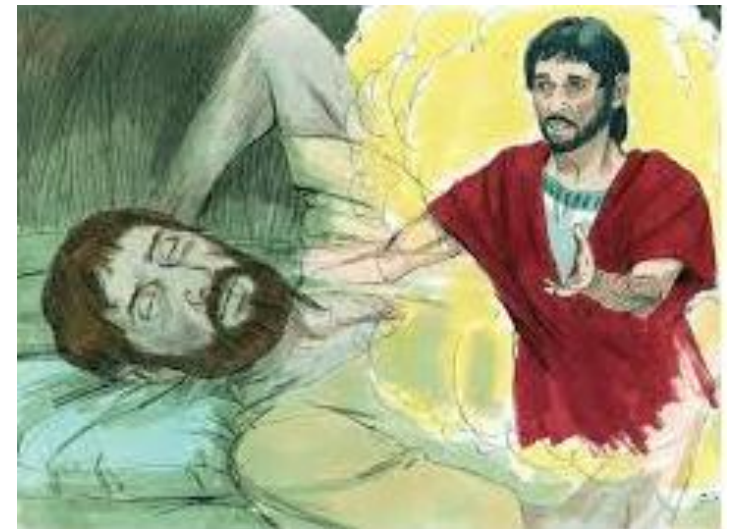


<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”





<sup>10</sup> After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.



<sup>1</sup>When had they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.



<sup>2</sup> As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead.



“This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said.

<sup>4</sup> Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

<sup>5</sup> But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup> But when they did not find them, *they dragged Jason and some other believers* before the city officials, shouting:

“These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, <sup>7</sup> and Jason has welcomed them into his house.



They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." <sup>8</sup> When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil.



<sup>9</sup> The authorities made Jason and the others pay the required amount of money to be released, and then let them go. Acts 17:1-9





1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians  
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ: Grace and peace to you.

<sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you  
and continually mention you in our  
prayers. <sup>3</sup> We remember before our  
God and Father your work produced  
by faith, your labour prompted by  
love, and your endurance inspired by  
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.



<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.



<sup>8</sup> The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore, we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup> for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.



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**Work Produced  
by Faith**

**FAITH with-  
out WORKS  
IS DEAD.**

**James 2:26**

- caring for the sick



- caring for the sick



- supporting the weak



- feeding the hungry



- feeding the hungry



- doing good to those who harm you



- visiting people in prison



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- standing up for the truth

- being obedient and resilient in difficult circumstances






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“<sup>6</sup> But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, <sup>7</sup> for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; <sup>8</sup> for now we *really* live, if you stand firm in the Lord.”

Chapter 3 verses 6-8



<sup>1</sup>And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup>In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that **they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.** Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

2 Corinthians 8

