

Paul & Barnabas in Antioch

Acts 13

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Yeshua. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

(Acts 11:19–22 ESV)

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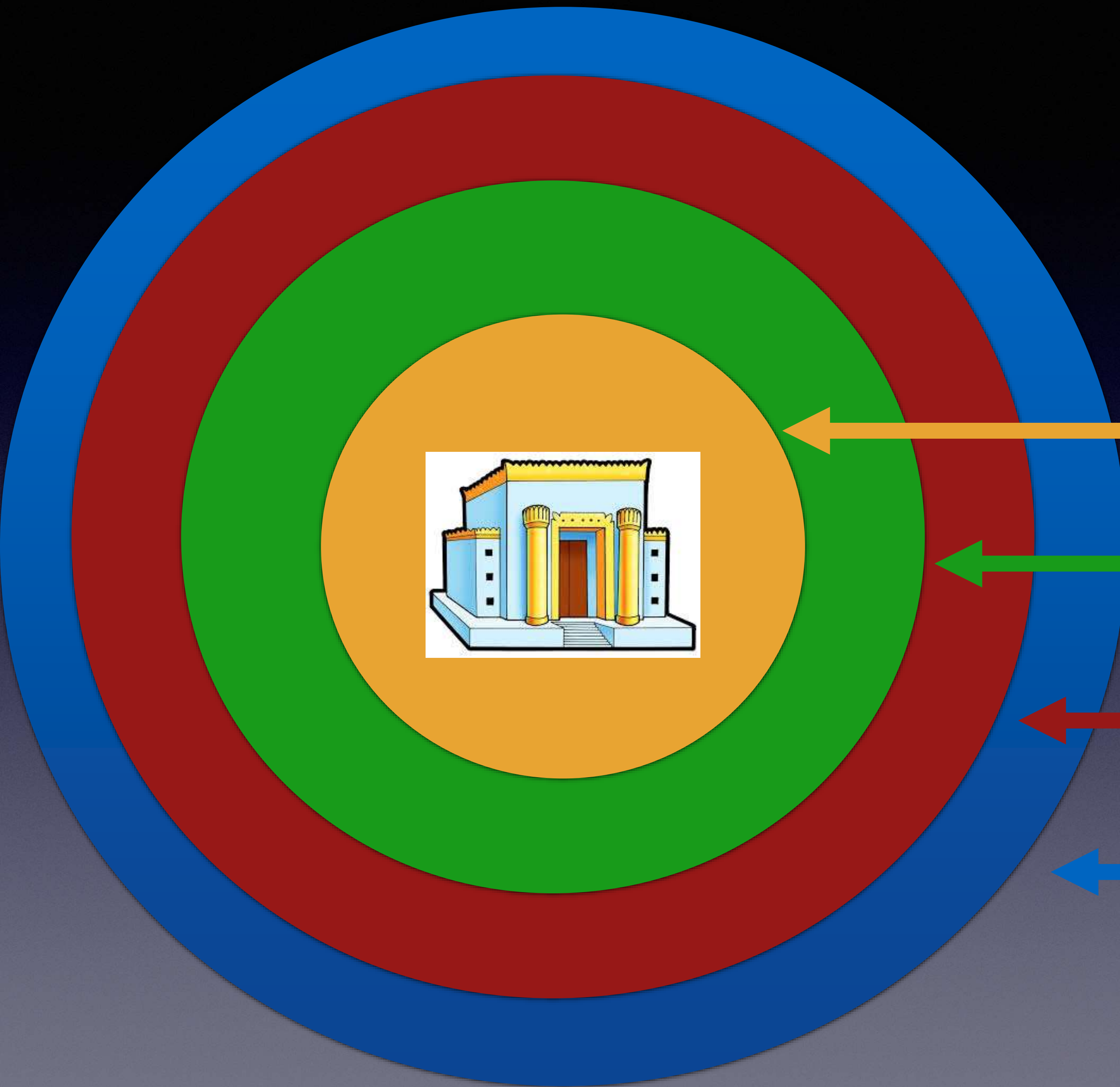
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(Acts 13:1–2 ESV)

Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them.

(Acts 13:3–5 ESV)

Acts 1:8



— **Jerusalem**

— **Judea**

— **Samaria**

— **Ends of Earth**

Stoning of Stephen



Shaul (Paul)





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● **Cyrene**

● **Cyprus**

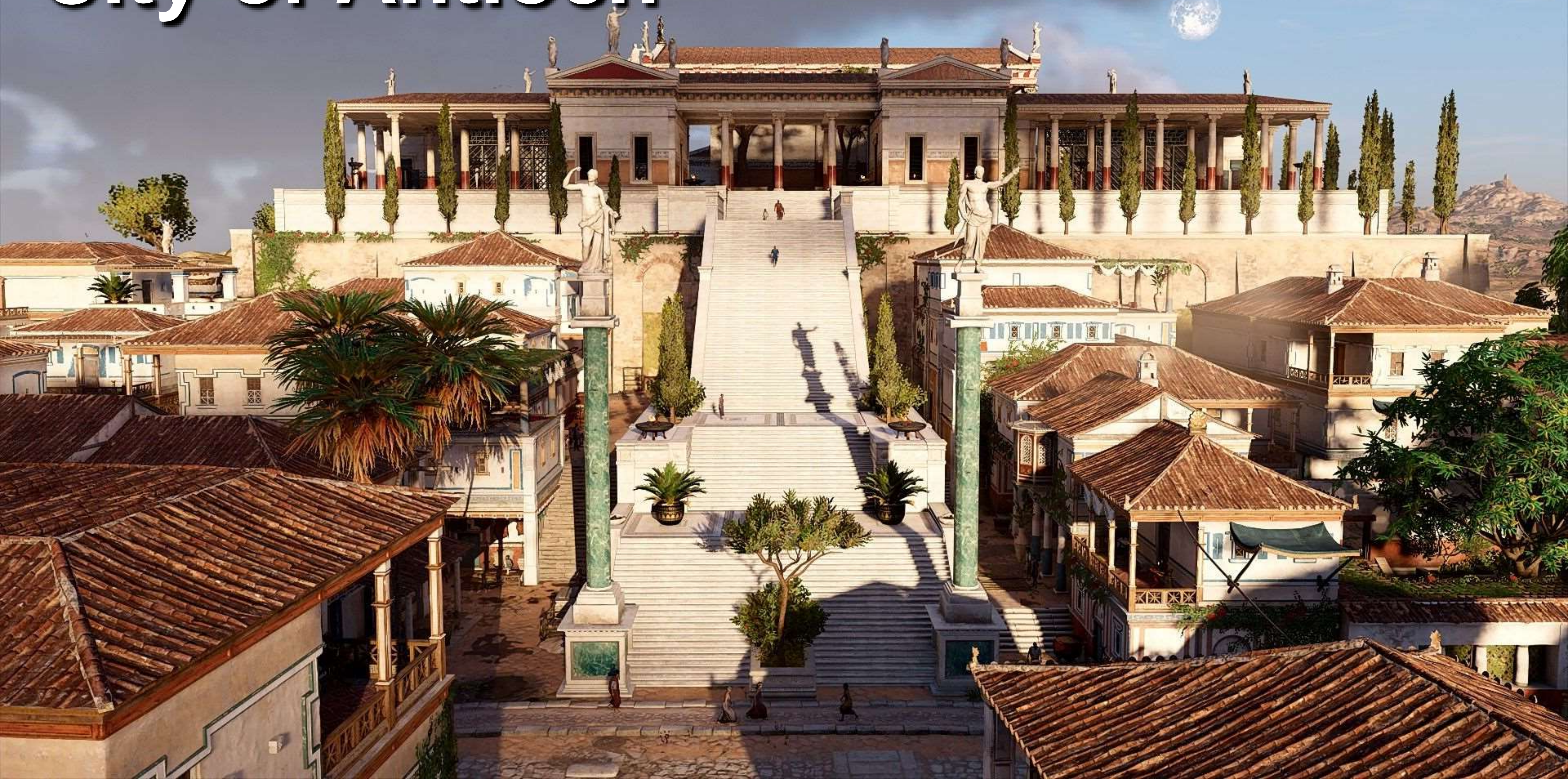
● **Tarsus**

● **Antioch**

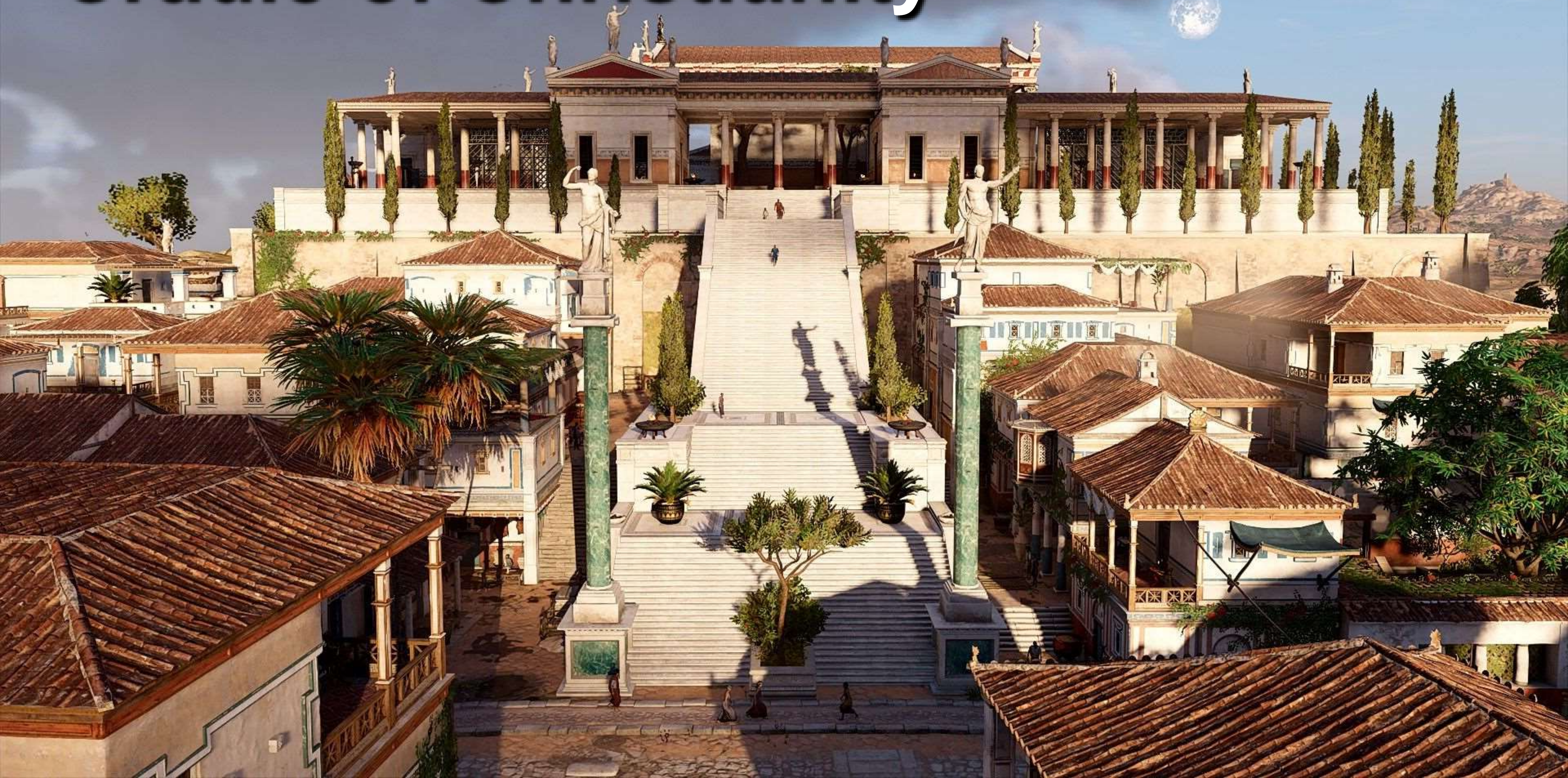
● **Damascus**

● **Jerusalem**

City of Antioch



Cradle of Christianity



In Antioch the disciples were first called
Christians. (Acts 11:26b)

Christianos Χριστιανός

- Christos: Anointed One, Messiah
- Christianos: Followers of the Messiah
- Example: *Herodians, Caesarians, Pompeians*
- Derogatory: Implied disloyalty

Derogatory Title

- In Antioch the disciples were first called *Christians* (Acts 11:26)
- Agrippa said... "In a short time you persuade me to be a *Christian*" (Acts 26:28)
- If anyone suffers as a *Christian* (1 Peter 4:16)

Derogatory Title

- *Christians* were in the habit of meeting on a fixed day...and sang a hymn to Christ as to a god (Pliny the Younger, 112 AD)
- The *Christians*, you know, worship a man to this day (Lucian, 2nd Century)
- Justin Martyr embraced *Christians* (2nd Century)

Badges of Honor

- *Americans* (Samuel Johnson, London, 1775)
- *Yankees* (British Cartoon, 1775)
- *Jews for Jesus* (San Francisco Chronicle, 1970)

**Honor to identify with
The Messiah**

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Who's In the Congregation?

- Multigifted
- Multivocational
- Multicultural
- Multiracial (maybe)
- Different social statuses

Multigifted Multivocational

Different Spiritual Gifts

Different Spiritual Skills



Multicultural

Saul (Paul) - Pharisee from Palestine

Barnabas (Joseph) - Levite, Cyprus

Antiochians - Hellenistic Jews

Lucius - Jew from Cyrene





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● **Cyrene**

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Multiracial

Simon - Niger (nee-GER)

Lucius - Cyrene, N Africa





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Different Social Status

Manaen - Friend of Herod Agrippa



Agrippa

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(Acts 13:2–3 ESV)

Called

Spirit Spoke

Set Apart

Aphorisate

Sent Out

Apolusan

***Apostles:* Set apart & Sent Out**

Sent Out Paul & Barnabas

- Paul came to the local congregation
- Paul served in the local congregation
- Paul was sent out by the local congregation

So What?

1. We should draw people to Tree of Life
2. We should serve within Tree of Life
3. We should send people out from Tree of Life

1. Draw People

We need to invite people to TOL
We need to invite to Faith & Film



2. Serve & Grow

Tree of Life needs hands & feet

You need to grow in service



3. Send Out

Tree of Life needs to send out workers

