



# THE PRESENCE

LIVING LIFE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A lighthouse on a rocky cliff with a beam of light shining across a stormy sea.

# The Compelling Presence

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## 2 Corinthians 5

<sup>14</sup> ...Christ's love compels us,  
because we are convinced  
that one died for all,  
and therefore all died.



## 2 Corinthians 5

<sup>15</sup> And he died for all,  
that those who live  
should no longer live for themselves  
but for him who died for them  
and was raised again.



2 Corinthians 5

# COMPELLED





POWER BANK



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Philadelphi (Rabbah)

Machaerus

ARABIA

Masada

Ascalon (Ashkelon)

Gaza



Ascalon (Ashkelon)

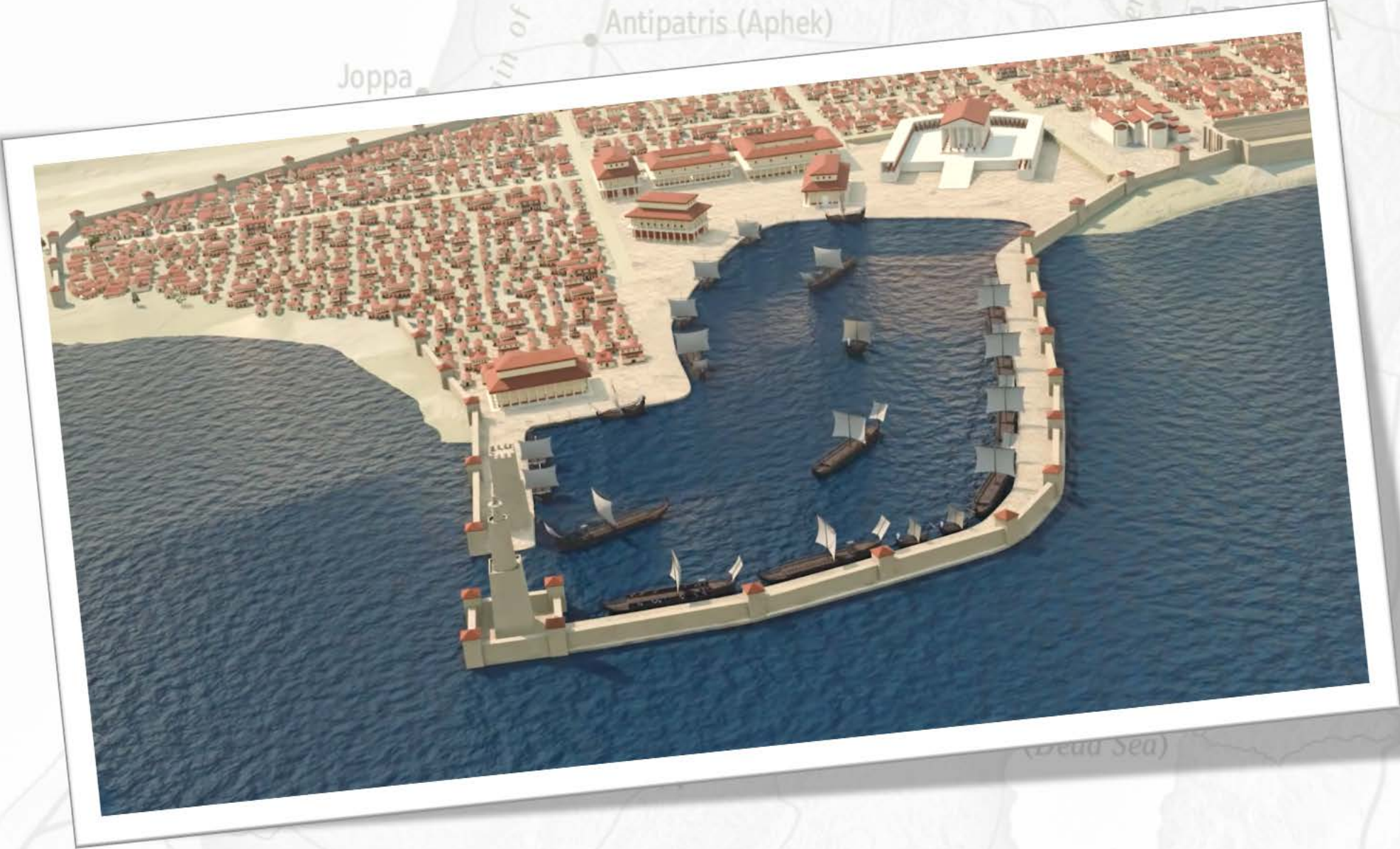
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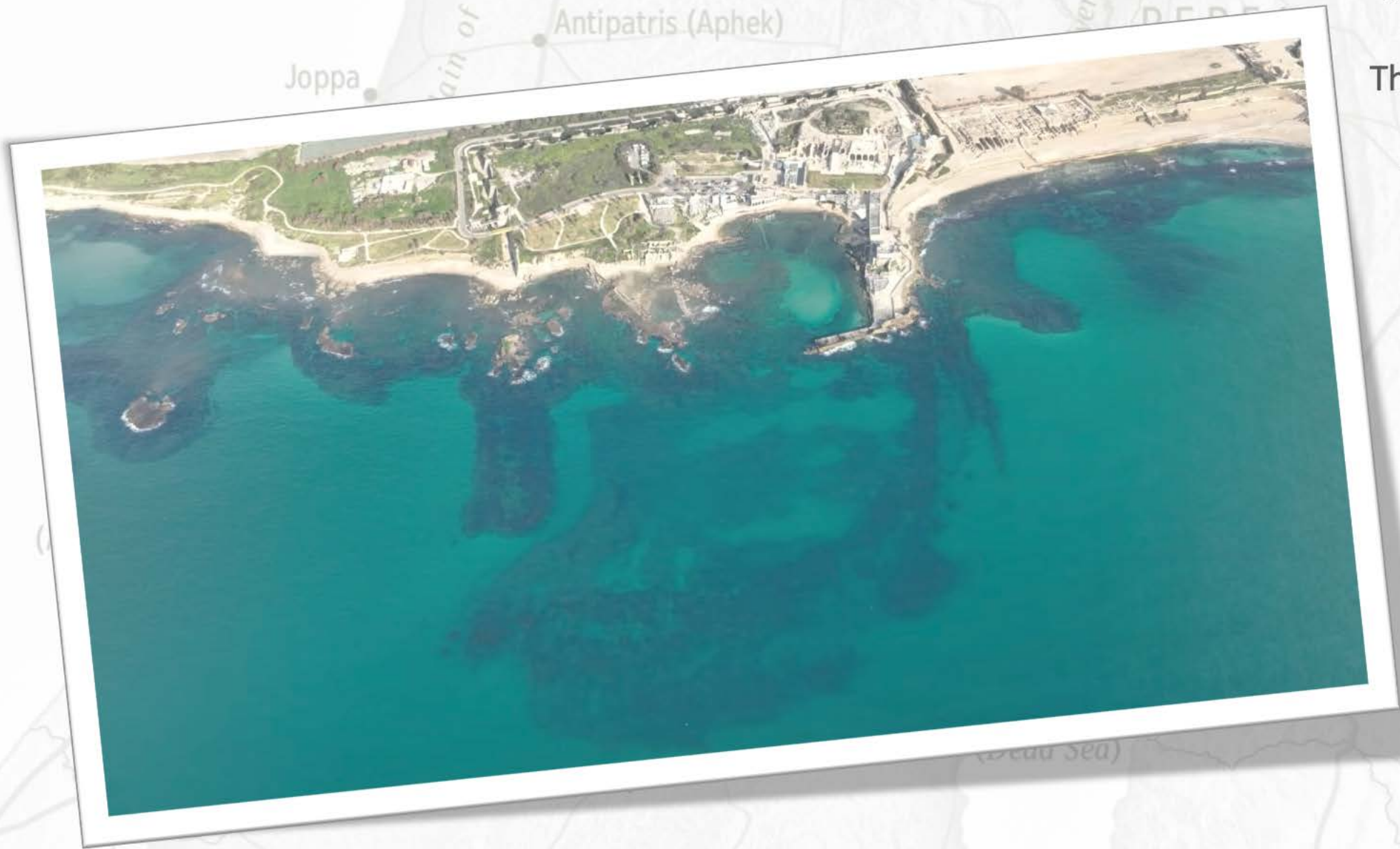
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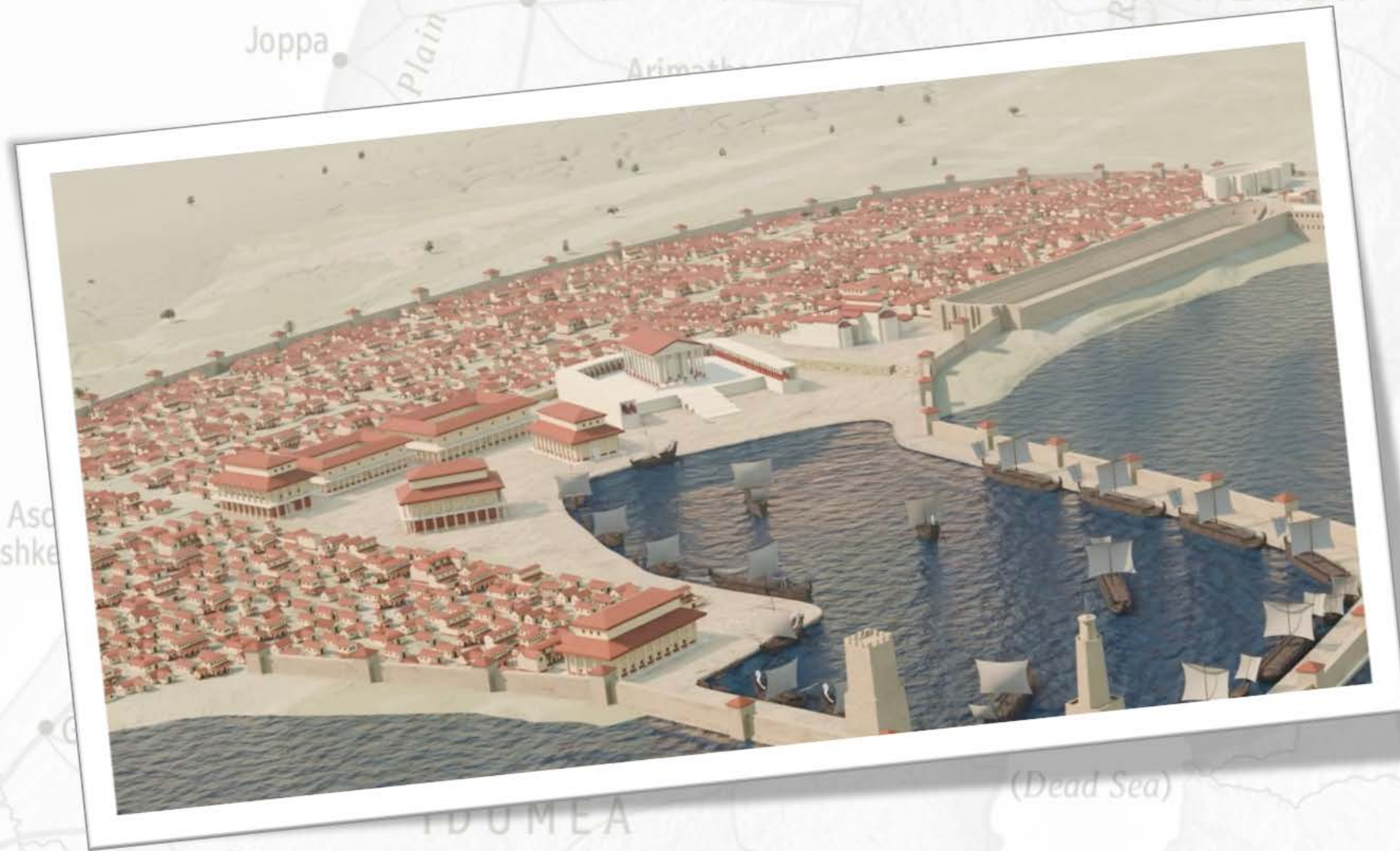
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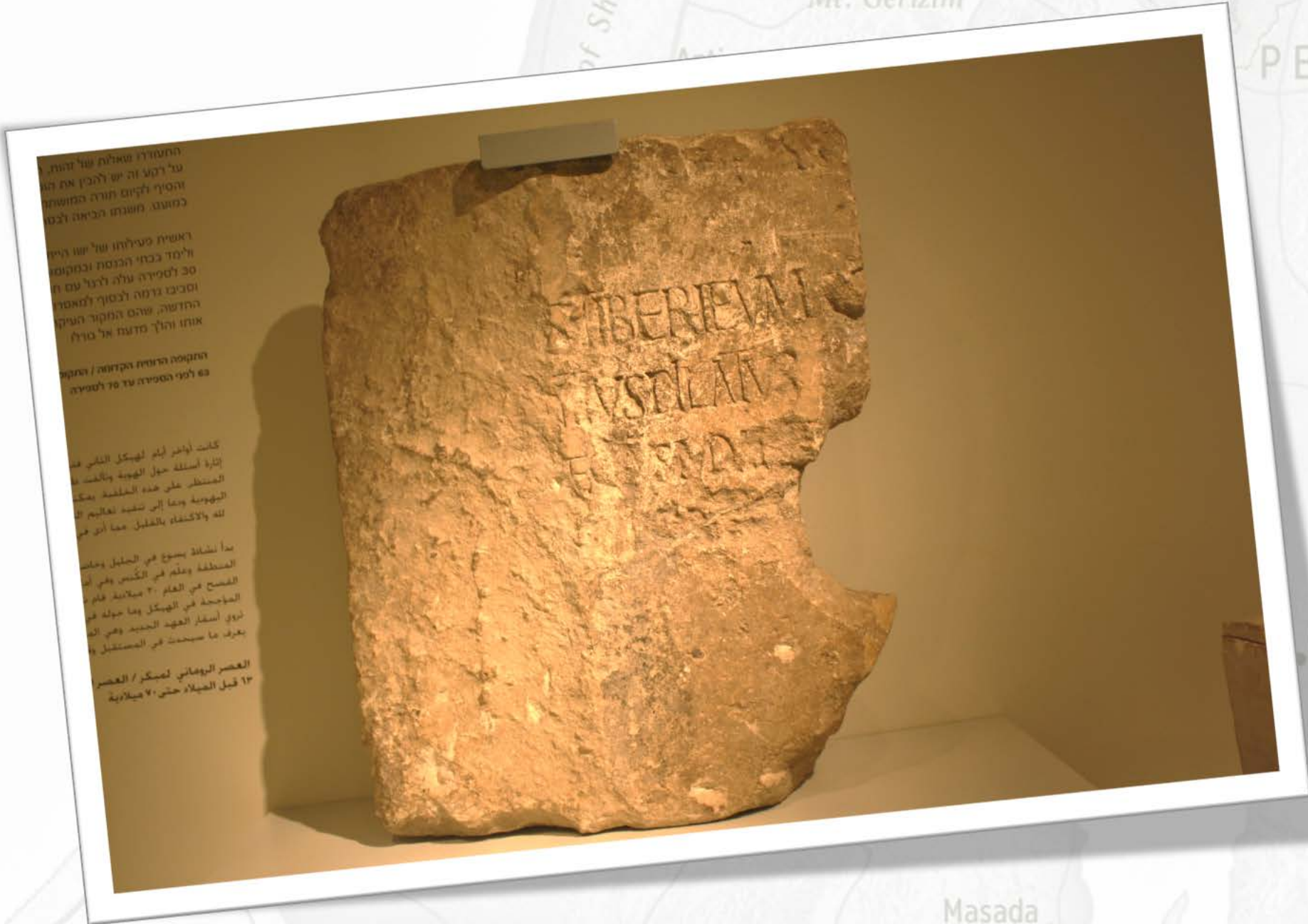
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Pontius Pilate,  
Governor  
of Judea  
dedicates a  
temple to  
the worship  
of Emperor  
Tiberias.

החצרות ואלות של דמות.  
על רקע זה יש להבין את הווי  
הסוף לקיום תורה המושגת  
כמעט. משנת הביאה לבס

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וסביבו ברמה לבסוף למאמר  
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אותו והוף מדעו אל סדר

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Map showing the region of Perea and Idumea, including locations such as Joppa, Antipatris (Aphek), Mt. Gerizim, Jacob's Well, Philadelphia (Rabbah), Masada, and the Dead Sea. The map also labels the Plain of Sharon and the River.

## Acts 10

<sup>1</sup> At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment.

<sup>2</sup> He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.



## Acts 10

<sup>3</sup> One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said,  
"Cornelius!"



## Acts 10

<sup>4</sup> Cornelius stared at him in fear.

“What is it, Lord?” he asked.

The angel answered,

“Your prayers and gifts to the poor  
have come up as a memorial offering before God.”



## Acts 10

<sup>5</sup> Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter.

<sup>6</sup> He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."







PETER

## Acts 10

<sup>9</sup> ...Peter went up on the roof to pray.

<sup>10</sup> He became hungry and wanted something to eat,  
and while the meal was being prepared,  
he fell into a trance.



## Acts 10

15... “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”



## Acts 10

<sup>19</sup> While Peter was still thinking about the vision,  
the Spirit said to him,  
“Simon, three men are looking for you.  
<sup>20</sup> So get up and go downstairs.  
Do not hesitate to go with them,  
for I have sent them.”



## Acts 10

...<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak:

“I now realize how true it is that God  
does not show favoritism

<sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation  
the one who fears him and does what is right.



## Acts 10

<sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent  
to the people of Israel,  
announcing the good news of peace  
through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.



## Acts 10

37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached;



## Acts 10

<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.



## Acts 10

<sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,  
<sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.



## Acts 10

<sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people,  
but by witnesses whom God had already chosen,  
by us who ate and drank with him  
after he rose from the dead.



## Acts 10

<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”



## Acts 10

**44** While Peter was still speaking these words,  
the Holy Spirit came  
on all who heard the message.



## Acts 10

<sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

<sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.



## Acts 10

Then Peter said,

47 "Surely no one can stand in the way  
of their being baptized with water.

They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."



## Acts 10

48 So he ordered that they be baptized  
in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Then they asked Peter to stay with them  
for a few days.





**Jerome says  
that a church  
was built on  
Cornelius'  
Home.**

**AD 404  
Letter 108  
to Eustochium.**

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A watercolor-style illustration of a lighthouse on a rocky cliff. The lighthouse is white with a dark top section and a glowing light. A beam of light from the lighthouse illuminates the text. The sea is turbulent with white-capped waves crashing against the rocks. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds. The overall mood is one of resilience and courage.

# Beyond Comfort Zone



# HEROD

## Acts 12

<sup>1</sup> About that time  
King Herod Agrippa  
began to persecute some believers  
in the church.



## Acts 12

<sup>19</sup>...Afterward Herod left Judea to stay in Caesarea for a while.



## Acts 12

21 ...When the day arrived,  
Herod put on his royal robes,  
sat on his throne,  
and made a speech to them.



## Acts 12

22 The people gave him a great ovation,  
shouting, "It's the voice of a god,  
not of a man!"

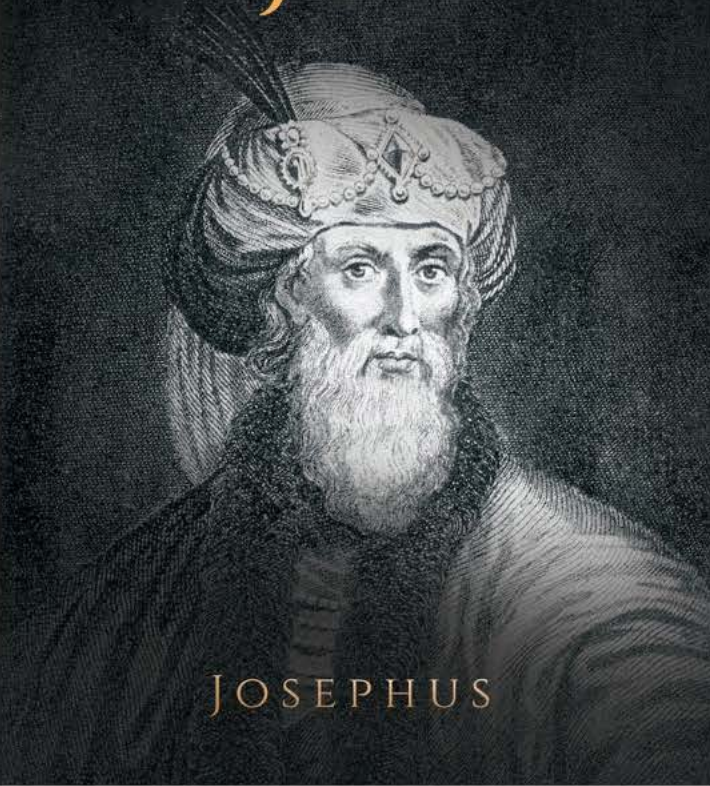


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<sup>23</sup> Instantly, an angel of the Lord struck Herod with a sickness, because he accepted the people's worship instead of giving the glory to God. So he was consumed with worms and died.

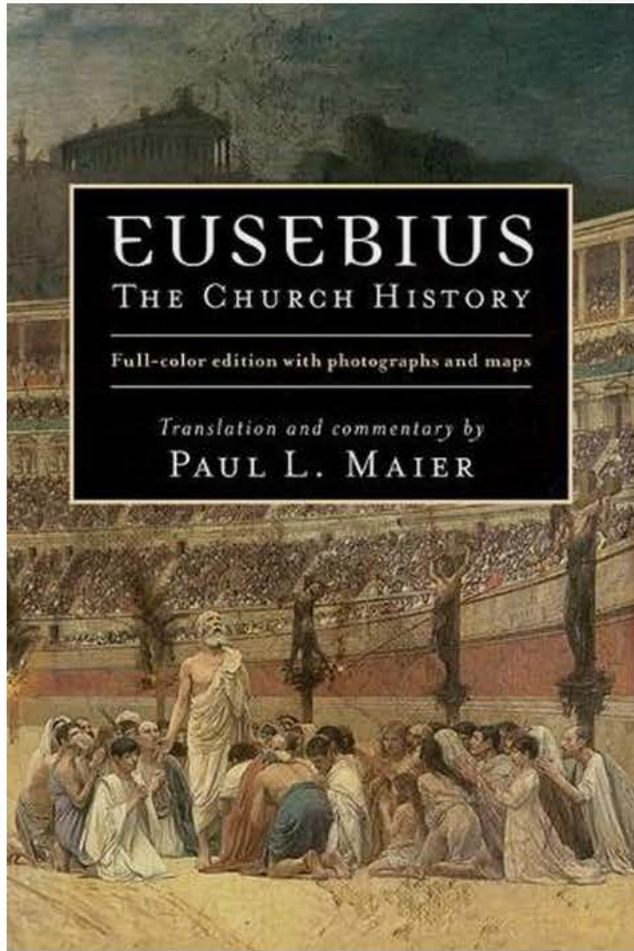


THE  
ANTIQUITIES  
OF THE  
JEW



"A severe pain also arose  
in his belly,  
and began in a most  
violent manner..."

AD 79. Josephus, Antiquities 19



“... three confessors of Christ at Caesarea were also crowned with martyrdom by becoming food for wild beasts: Priscus, Malchus, and Alexander.”

“Marius, honored with high rank in the army and also prominent through birth and wealth, was beheaded for his witness to Christ [in his way to becoming a Centurion].”

EUSEBIUS, AD 313.

## Acts 12

24 Meanwhile, the word of God continued to spread, and there were many new believers.



A dramatic watercolor-style illustration of a lighthouse perched on a dark, rocky cliff. The lighthouse is white with a glowing lantern room. A powerful beam of light emanates from the lantern, shining across the turbulent, grey and white waves of a stormy sea. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and the overall atmosphere is one of intense power and danger.

# Beyond Safety



PAUL





ITALY

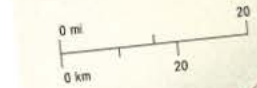
Adriatic

Tyrrhenian Sea

SICILY

MALTA (MELITA)

- ▶ First Journey (AD 47-49)
- ...◆ Second Journey (AD 49-52)
- ...◆ Third Journey (A.D. 52-57)
- ...◆ Journey to Rome (A.D. 57-60)
- + One of the "Seven Churches"



BITHYNIA

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

LYCAONIA

CILICIA

ISIDIA

Perga

PAMPHYLIA

CYPRUS

SYRIA

PHOENICIA

GALILEE

SAMARIA

JUDEA

ARABIA

EGYPT

CYRENAICA

LIBYA

Rome  
Three Tavern  
Appii Fo  
Puteoli  
Por

Abila  
Gadara  
DECAPOLIS  
Bethany across Jordan?  
Pella  
Salim  
Aenon  
Nazareth  
Nain  
Dor  
Caesarea  
SCYTHOPOLIS (Beth-shean)  
Samarita  
Sebaste (Samarita)  
Sychar  
Mt. Gerizim  
Jacob's Well  
Antipatris (Aphek)  
Arimathea  
Ephraim  
Joppa  
Lydda (Lod)  
Jericho  
Ramah  
Bethphage  
Bethany  
Gumran  
Wilderness of Judaea  
Machaerus  
Salt Sea (Dead Sea)  
Herodium  
Hebron  
Beer-sheba  
Masada  
JAMNIA (Jabneh)  
Emmaus  
Jerusalem  
Bethlehem  
Ashdod, Azotus  
Ascalon (Ashkelon)  
Gaza

Antioch  
Iconium  
Derbe  
Tarsus  
Antioch  
Seleucia  
Salamis  
Paphos  
Sidon  
Tyre  
Tyre  
Protemais  
Caesarea  
Antipatris  
Joppa  
Ammar  
Gaza  
Jerusalem  
Damascus

## Acts 23

<sup>33</sup> When the cavalry arrived in Caesarea, they delivered the letter to the governor and handed Paul over to him.... Then he ordered that Paul be kept under guard in Herod's palace.



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## Acts 25

<sup>23</sup> The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and entered the audience room with the high-ranking military officers and the prominent men of the city. At the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.



## Acts 26

<sup>1</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul,

“You have permission to speak for yourself.”

So Paul motioned with his hand and began his defense:

<sup>2</sup> “King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews,



## Acts 26

<sup>3</sup> and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently...



## Acts 26

22 But God has helped me to this very day;  
so I stand here and testify to small and great alike.

I am saying nothing beyond  
what the prophets and Moses  
said would happen;



## Acts 26

<sup>23</sup> that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”



## Acts 26

<sup>24</sup> At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense.  
"You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted.  
"Your great learning is driving you insane."



## Acts 26

25 "I am not insane,  
most excellent Festus,"  
Paul replied.  
"What I am saying  
is true and reasonable.



## Acts 26

26 The king is familiar with these things,  
and I can speak freely to him.  
I am convinced that none of this  
has escaped his notice,  
because it was not done in a corner.



## Acts 26

27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets?  
I know you do.”

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul,  
“Do you think that in such a short time  
you can persuade me to be a Christian?”



## Acts 26

29 Paul replied,  
"Short time or long—I pray to God  
that not only you  
but all who are listening to me today  
may become what I am,  
except for these chains."



## Acts 26

<sup>30</sup> The king rose, and with him  
the governor and Bernice  
and those sitting with them.





# Beyond Fear

A lighthouse on a rocky cliff with a beam of light shining across a stormy sea. The lighthouse is white with a dark top section and a glowing light. The sea is dark and turbulent, with white foam from the waves. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and a bright beam of light from the lighthouse cuts through them, illuminating the water. The overall mood is dramatic and powerful.

# God's Love

A dramatic watercolor-style illustration of a lighthouse perched on a dark, rocky cliff. The lighthouse is white with a glowing yellow light from its lantern room. A powerful beam of light emanates from the lantern, cutting through a dark, stormy sky filled with heavy, grey clouds. The sea below is turbulent, with white-capped waves crashing against the base of the cliff. The overall mood is one of resilience and guidance amidst adversity.

Compels us

## 2 Corinthians 5

<sup>15</sup> And he died for all,  
that those who live  
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**WHAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK?**

*Comfort Zone. Safety. Fear.*



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