

A Light to the Gentiles

Acts 13:42-52

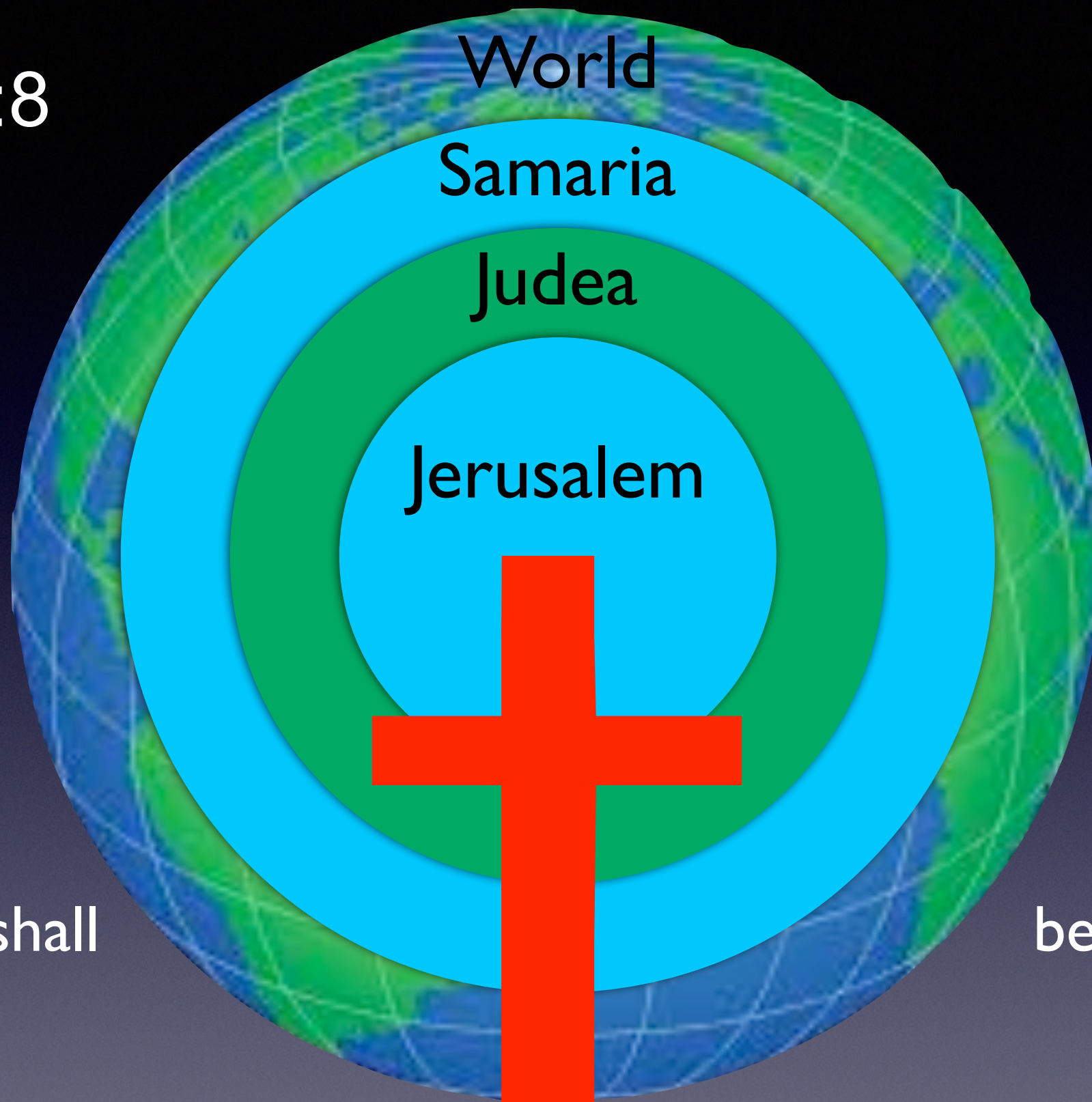


Acts 1:8

But you
will
receive
power

and you shall

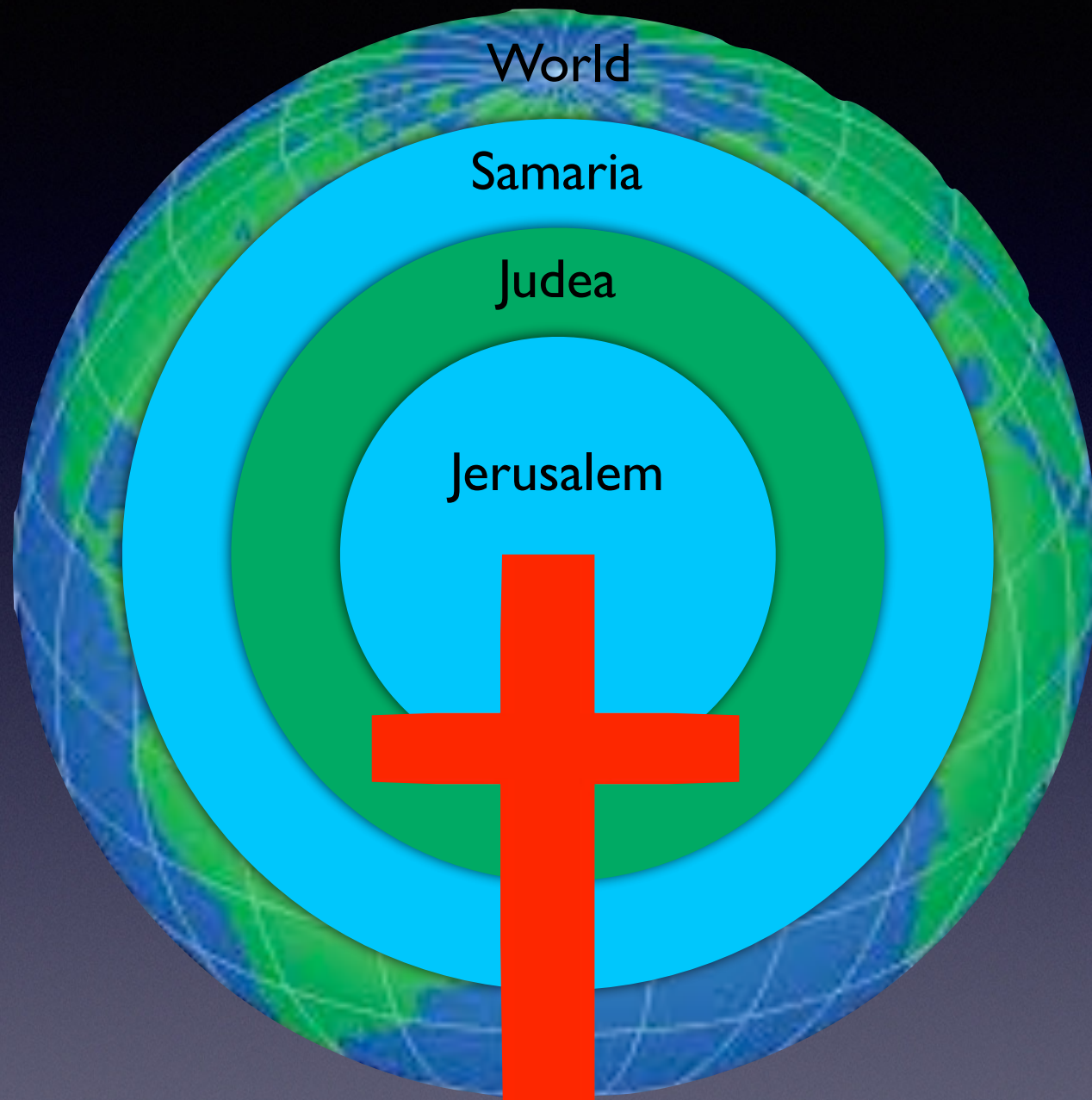
both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
and even to the remotest part of the earth



when the
Holy Spirit
has come
upon you;

be My witnesses

Outline of Acts of the Apostles



The Witness to Jerusalem
Acts 1:1 - 8:3

The Witness to Judea and
Samaria
Acts 8:4 - 12:24

The Witness to the ends
of the earth
Acts 12:25 - 21:14

From Jerusalem to Rome
Acts 21:15 - 28:31

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Acts 12:25 - 21:14

The 1st Missionary Journey

Acts 12:25 - 14:28

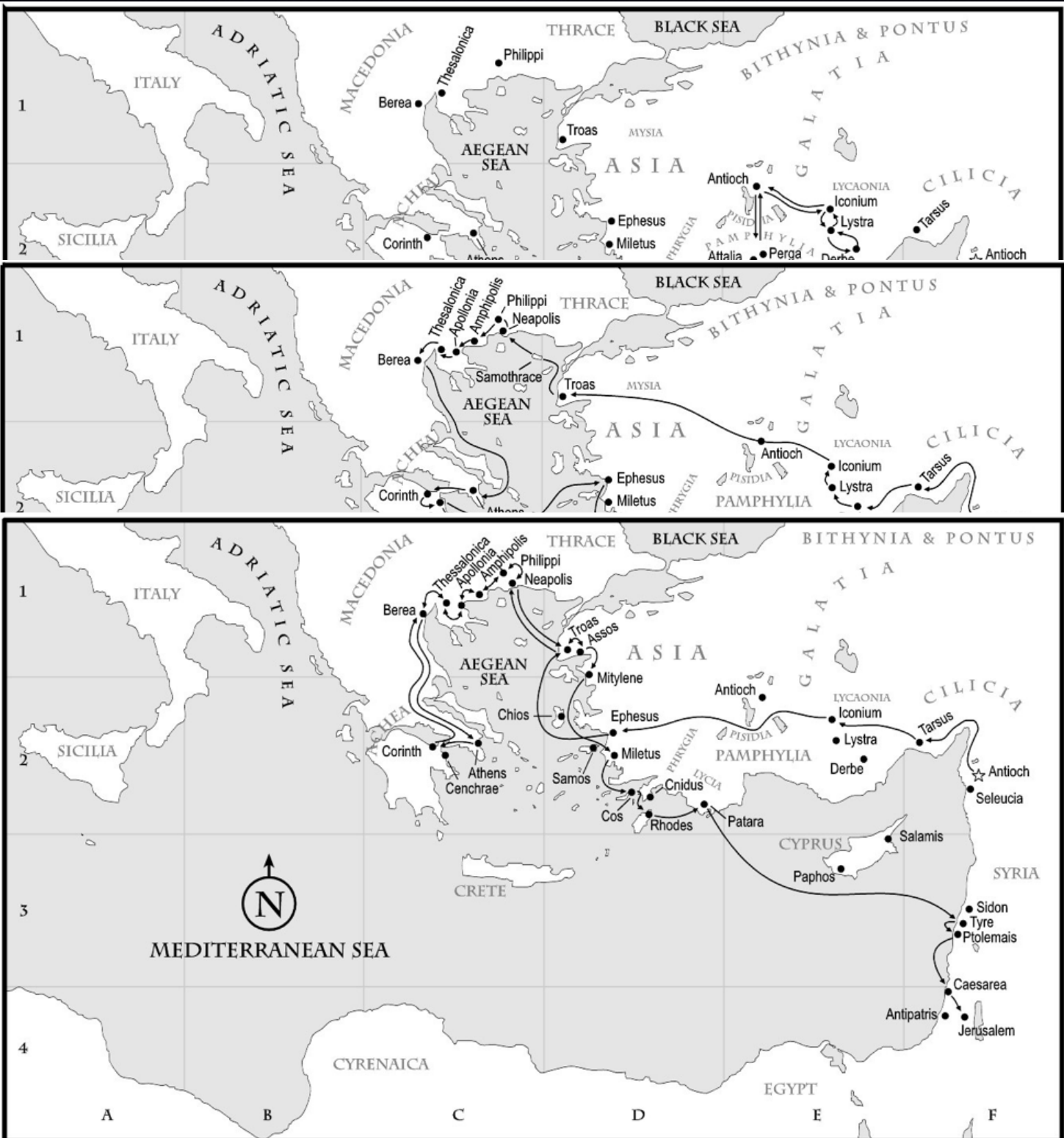
Jerusalem Council-Acts 15

The 2nd Missionary Journey

Acts 15:36 - 18:22

The 3rd Missionary Journey

Acts 18:23 - 21:14



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Ruins of Pisidian Antioch



John MacArthur

“Conflict will often occur when the true gospel is preached today. The gospel does not gather everyone together, nor is it a generally tolerable opinion that nonbelievers can take or leave. Instead it splits people, dividing the penitent from the hardhearted, the saved from the unsaved, the righteous from the reprobate, those who love its truth from those who reject it.....Acts 13:42-52 finds Paul and Barnabas in Pisidian Antioch. Here, too, the gospel would prove divisive. Like a giant boulder cast into a tiny pond, it shattered the surface calm between the city’s various ethnic groups.”

Key Verse

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Acts 13:46 - Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; **since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life**, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

Acts 13:47 - For so the Lord has commanded us, “I have placed you as a light for the Gentiles that you may bring salvation to the end of the earth.”

Acts 13:47 - When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and **as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed**.

Theme Statement

Theme Statement: Christians are to share the light of the gospel of grace through the Lord Jesus Christ to both all those who are familiar with the Scriptures as well as to all those who are alien to the Scriptures. In the end, it will divide people between all those appointed by the LORD God to salvation and those who reject the gospel judging themselves to be unworthy of salvation.

The Light to the Jews First

Acts 13:42-46

1. The Light was first delivered to the Jews - v. 46
2. The Light was received by some Jews and God-fearing proselytes - v. 42-43
3. The Light was about the grace of God - v. 43
4. The Light was rejected by many of the Jews - v. 44-46

The Light Defined

Acts 13:47

1. The Light was intended to be through Abraham through the nation Israel

Exodus 19:5-6 - 'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the

Luke 2:29-32 - "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a Light

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Light to the Gentiles Second

Acts 13:48-52

1. The Light was received by the Gentiles with great joy and honoring the Word of God
2. The Light was received by faith by every Gentile who had been appointed to eternal life
3. The Light of the Word of God was being spread throughout the whole region
4. The Light to the Gentiles was met with the persecution of Paul and Barnabas resulting in them being driven from the region
5. The fruit of the Gospel was that the disciples were filled with joy and controlled by the Holy Spirit

Implications

1. The gospel is spread always by the preaching/teaching/
speaking of the Word of God
2. The gospel divides so we can expect both a positive and negative response to its message
3. God is Sovereign in salvation and man is responsible - both are true at the same time.