

The Gospel goes to Macedonia

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Phrygia - Φρυγία

Galatia - Γαλατικός

Asia - Ἀσία

Mysia - Μυσία

Bithynia - Βιθυνία

Troas - Τρωάς

Macedonia - Μακεδών

Samothrace - Σαμοθράκη

Neapolis - Νέος πόλις

Philippi - Φίλιπποι

Lydia - Λυδία

Thyatira - Θυάτειρα

Paul - Παῦλος

Peter witnesses to Cornelius (38*)			●									
James, brother of John, martyred (41–44)				■								
Peter rescued from prison, leaves Jerusalem (44)				●								
Paul's second Jerusalem visit (famine relief) (44–47*)				■								
Paul's first missionary journey (46–47)					■							
Peter and Paul at Jerusalem council (48–49*)					■							
Paul's second missionary journey (48/49–51*)					■							
Claudius expels Jews from Rome (49)					●							
Paul's third missionary journey (52–57*)						■						
Paul ministers in Ephesus (52–55)						■						
Claudius dies; Jews allowed back to Rome (54)						●						
Nero's reign (54–68)							■					

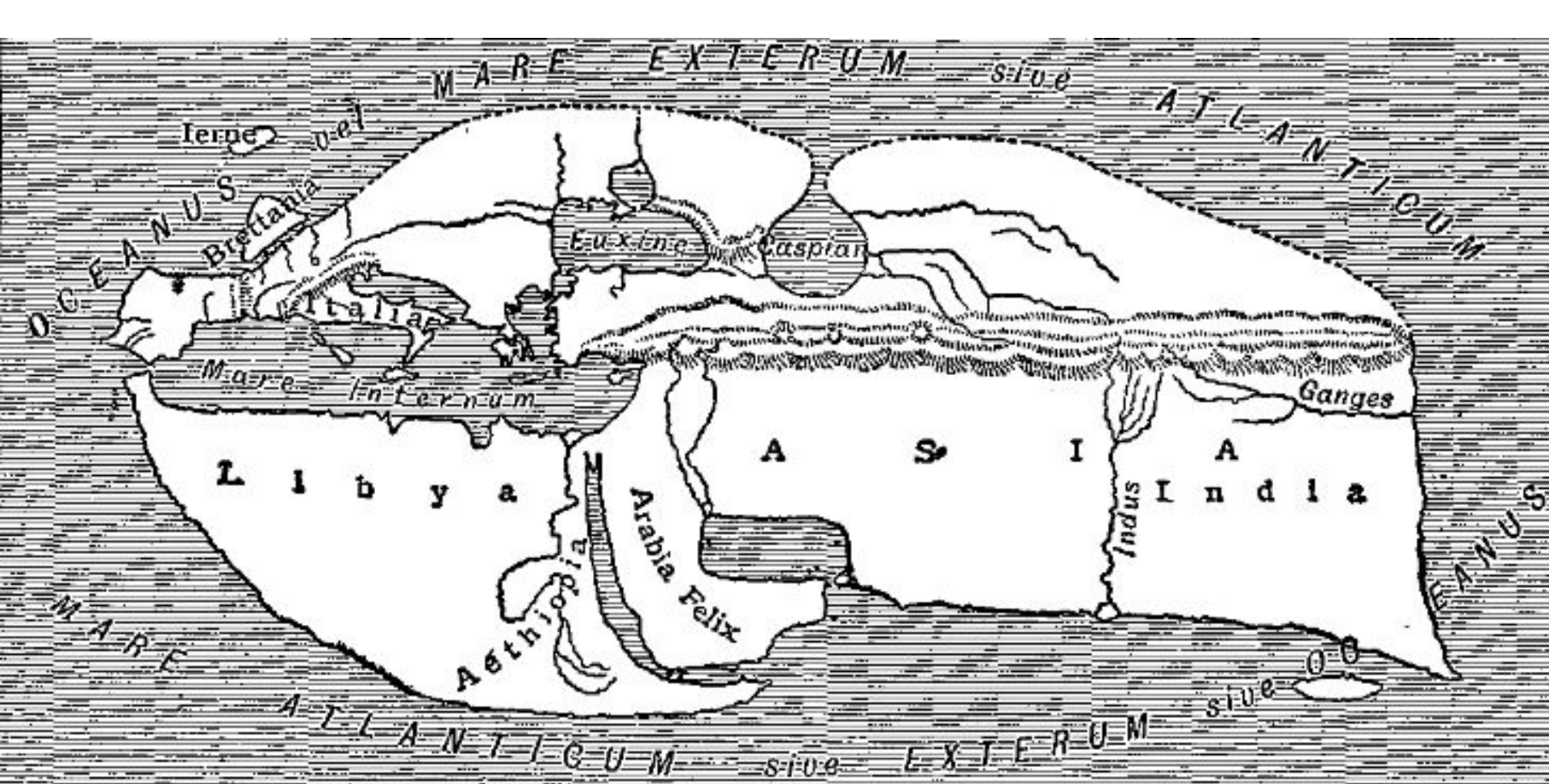




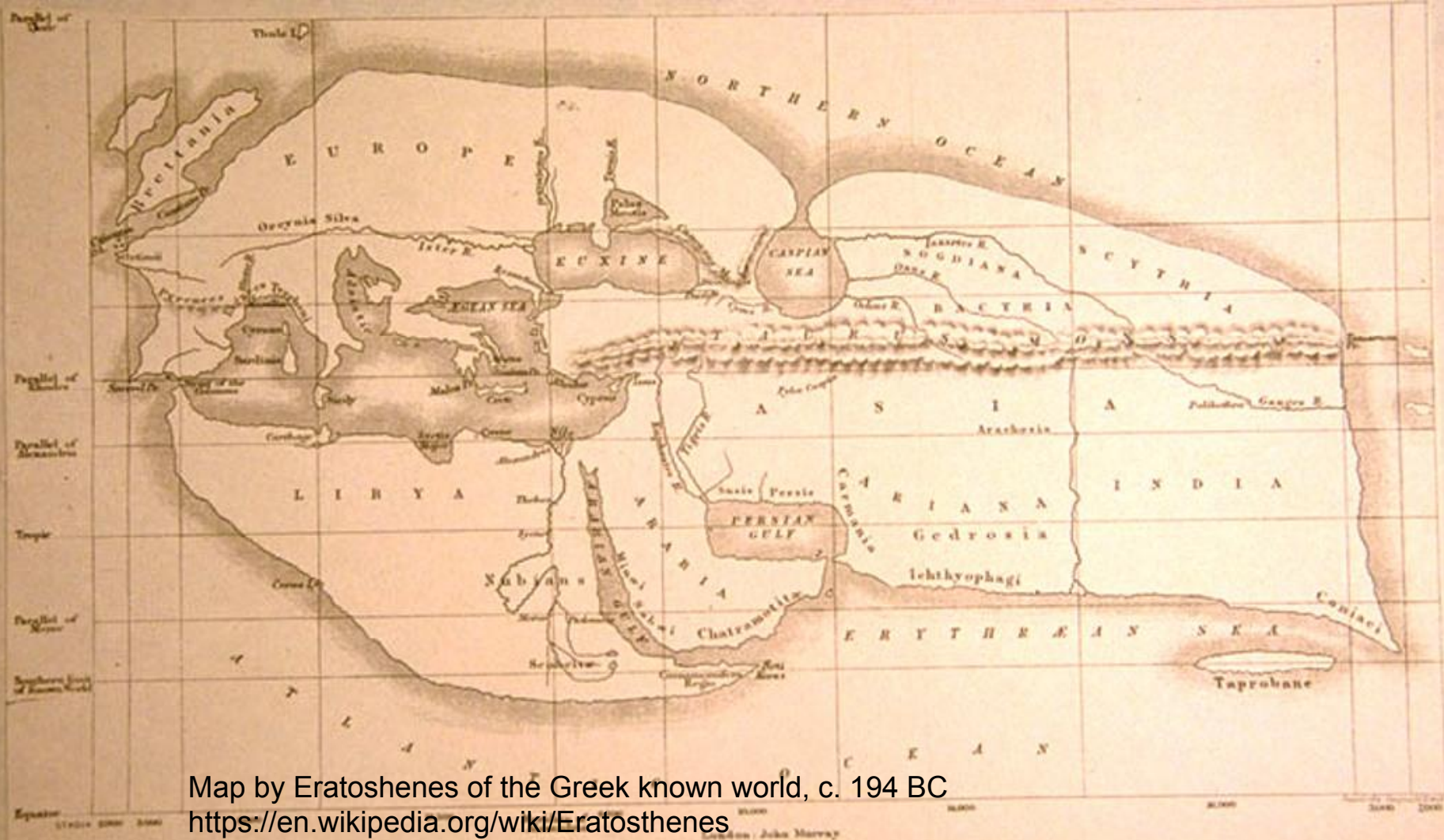




Portion of the Via Egnatia in Philippi
Carole Raddato - <https://www.ancient.eu/image/3058/via-egnatia-in-philippi/>



Map by Strabo of the Greek known world, c. 20 BC
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographica>





Map by Eratosthenes of the Greek known world, c. 194 BC
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eratosthenes>

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Three principles of divine guidance from this passage

1. God's guidance is both negative and positive (some doors close, others open)
2. God's guidance is not circumstantial only, but also rational (thinking about our situation)
3. God's guidance is not personal only, but also corporate (a sharing of data with others, so that we can mull over them together and reach a common mind)

John Stott, 261

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“Roman colonies were originally settlements of Roman citizens in conquered territory, with legal rights the same as their fellow citizens in Italy. They then became places to which surplus Italian population could be assigned or where soldiers could be pensioned off with land. They had a Roman form of government, were free from tribute and taxation, and used Roman law in local as well as external matters. They were effectively a piece of Rome transplanted abroad.”

Peterson, 459

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And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

Acts 13:48

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

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