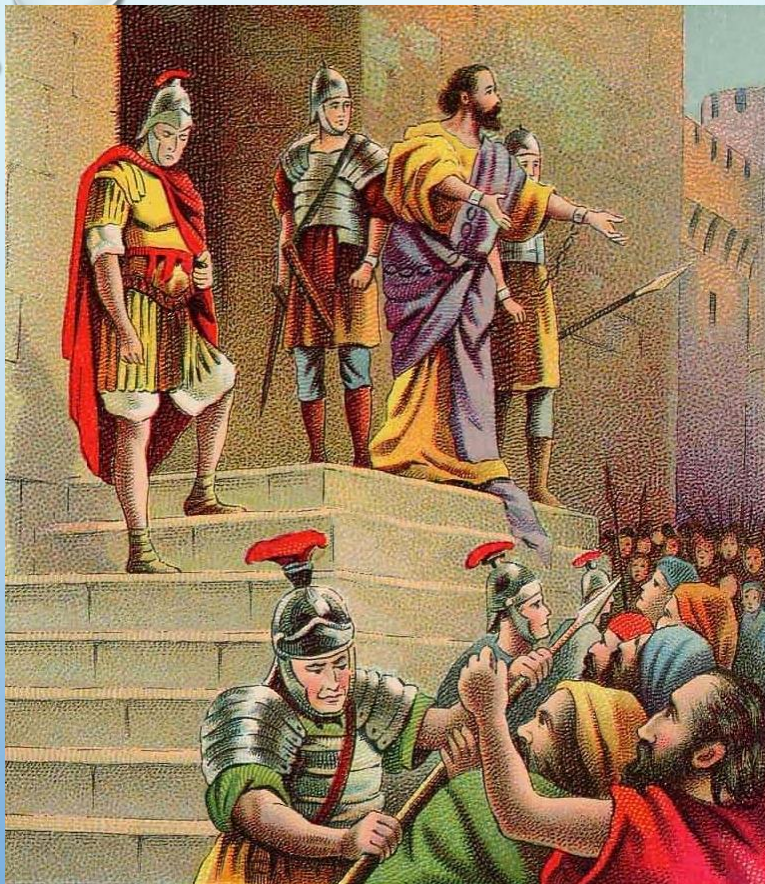


LIVING WITH PURPOSE

GOD SEES







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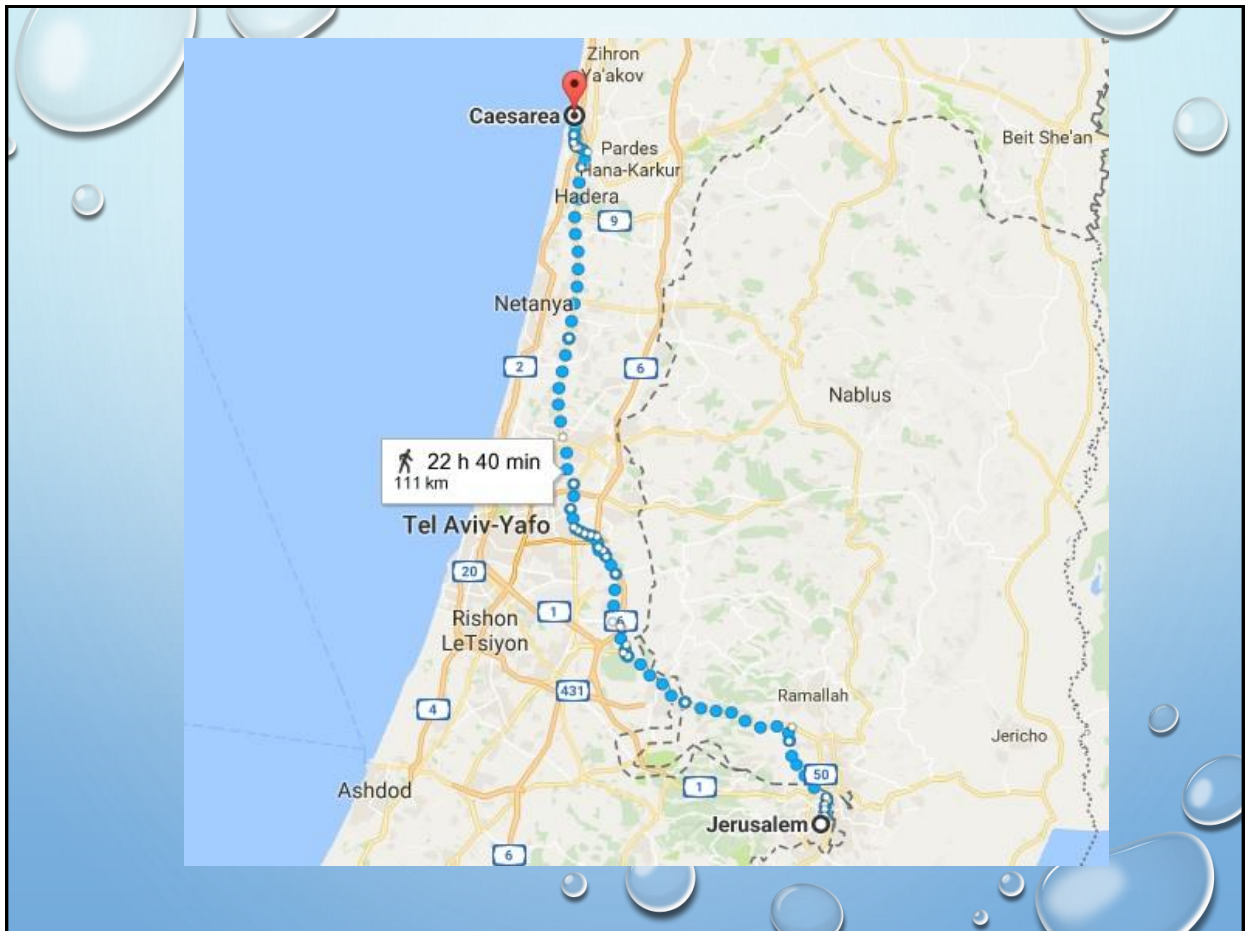
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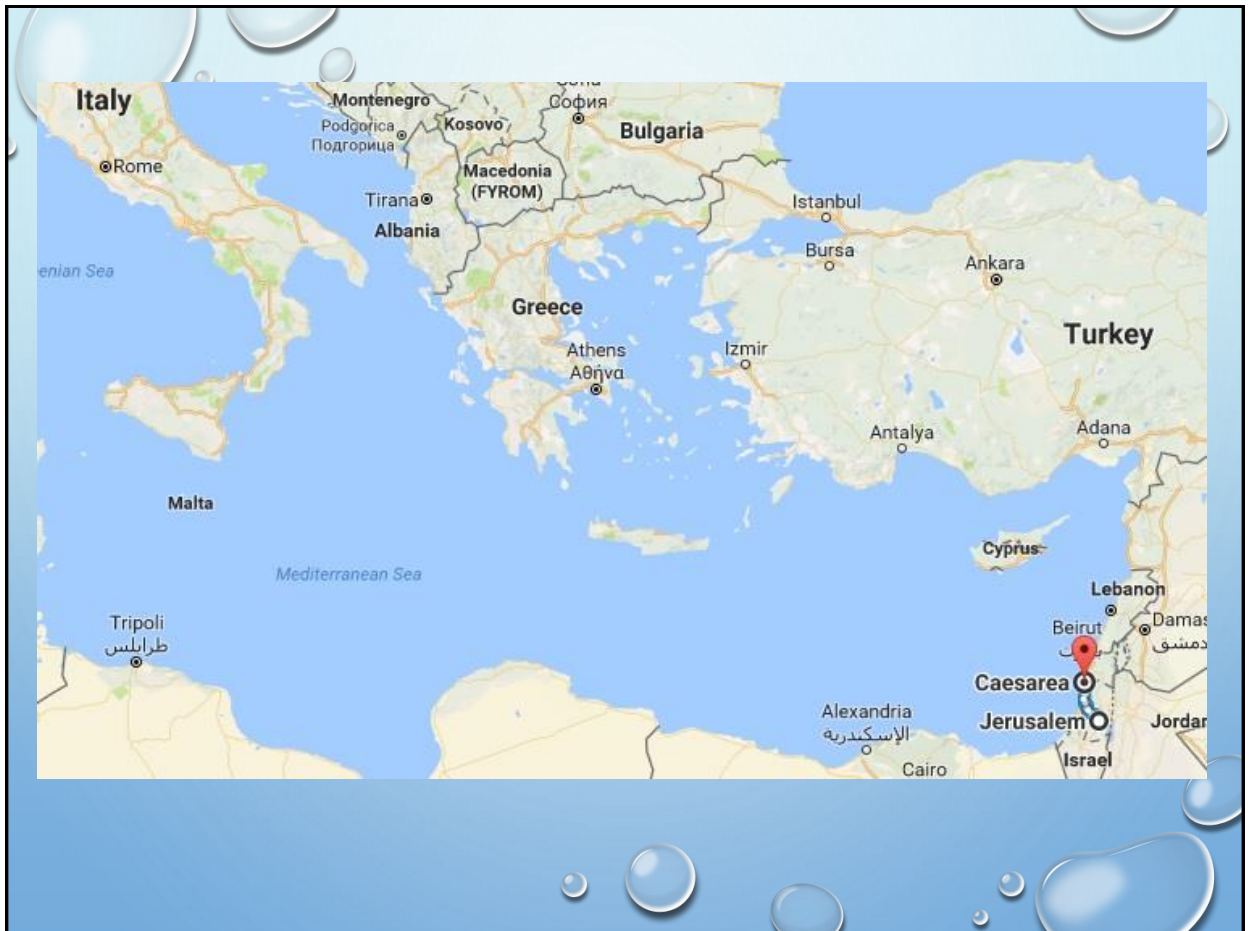
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2. EXPOSING THE PLOT 23:16-22
3. FOILING THE PLOT 23:23-35

Acts 23:33, Arriving In Caesarea

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GOD SEES SO ...

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- ^{NAS} **NUMBERS 32:23** ... BEHOLD, YOU HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD, AND BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT.
- ^{ESV} **PSALM 90:8** YOU HAVE SET OUR INIQUITIES BEFORE YOU, OUR SECRET SINS IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE.
- ^{NAS} **PSALM 44:21** WOULD NOT GOD FIND THIS OUT? FOR HE KNOWS THE SECRETS OF THE HEART.
- ^{NIV} **1 JOHN 3:20** WHENEVER OUR HEARTS CONDEMN US. FOR GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR HEARTS, AND HE KNOWS EVERYTHING.

LIBERATED IN CHRIST

- ^{NAS} **PSALM 103:12** AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HAS HE REMOVED OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US.
- ^{ESV} **ISAIAH 43:25** "I, I AM HE WHO BLOTS OUT YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS FOR MY OWN SAKE, AND I WILL NOT REMEMBER YOUR SINS.
- ^{NIV} **MICAH 7:18** WHO IS A GOD LIKE YOU, WHO PARDONS SIN AND FORGIVES THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE REMNANT OF HIS INHERITANCE? ...
- ^{NIV} **1 JOHN 1:7** BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS, HIS SON, PURIFIES US FROM ALL SIN.

2. REJOICE IN HIM

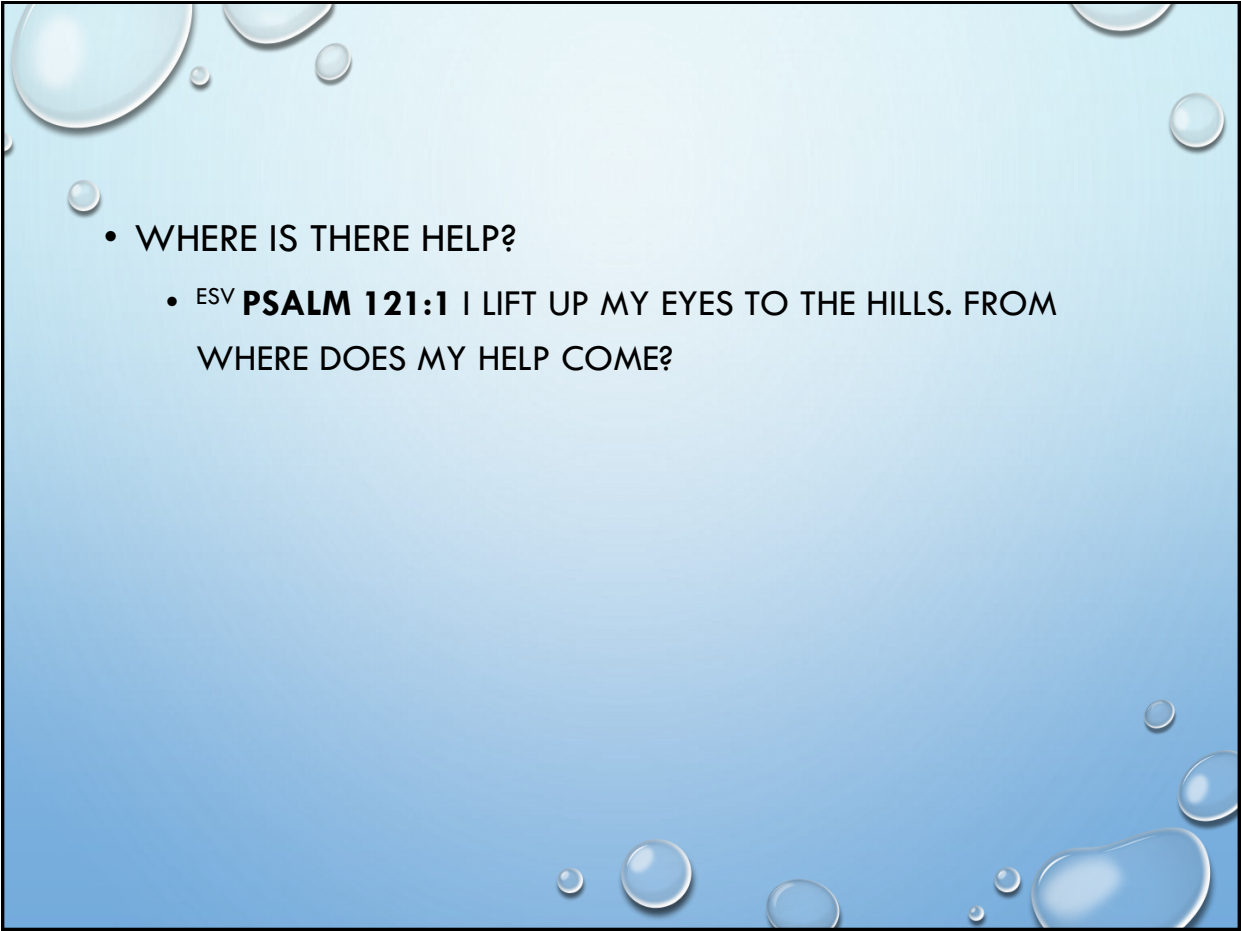
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- ^{NIV} **ACTS 23:23** THEN HE CALLED TWO OF HIS CENTURIONS AND ORDERED THEM, "GET READY A DETACHMENT OF TWO HUNDRED SOLDIERS, SEVENTY HORSEMEN AND TWO HUNDRED SPEARMEN TO GO TO CAESAREA AT NINE TONIGHT. ²⁴ PROVIDE MOUNTS FOR PAUL SO THAT HE MAY BE TAKEN SAFELY TO GOVERNOR FELIX."
- ^{NIV} **ACTS 23:35** ...THEN HE ORDERED THAT PAUL BE KEPT UNDER GUARD IN HEROD'S PALACE.

APPLICATION

- GOD SEES AND KNOWS ALL

- ^{ESV} **PSALM 33:13** THE LORD LOOKS DOWN FROM HEAVEN;
HE SEES ALL THE CHILDREN OF MAN; ¹⁴ FROM WHERE HE
SITS ENTHRONED HE LOOKS OUT ON ALL THE INHABITANTS
OF THE EARTH, ¹⁵ HE WHO FASHIONS THE HEARTS OF
THEM ALL AND OBSERVES ALL THEIR DEEDS.

- THERE IS NO HELP OR DELIVERANCE IN EARTHLY MEANS
 - ^{NIV} **PSALM 33:16** NO KING IS SAVED BY THE SIZE OF HIS ARMY; NO WARRIOR ESCAPES BY HIS GREAT STRENGTH. ¹⁷ A HORSE IS A VAIN HOPE FOR DELIVERANCE; DESPITE ALL ITS GREAT STRENGTH IT CANNOT SAVE.

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- WHERE IS THERE HELP?
 - ^{ESV} **PSALM 121:1** I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS. FROM
WHERE DOES MY HELP COME?

- ^{NIV} **PSALM 121:2** MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. ³ HE WILL NOT LET YOUR FOOT SLIP-- HE WHO WATCHES OVER YOU WILL NOT SLUMBER;
- ^{NAS} **PSALM 33:18** BEHOLD, THE EYE OF THE LORD IS ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, ON THOSE WHO HOPE FOR HIS LOVINGKINDNESS, ¹⁹ TO DELIVER THEIR SOUL FROM DEATH, AND TO KEEP THEM ALIVE IN FAMINE.

CONCLUSIONS

WE ARE NOT ALONE

- ^{NAS} **LAMENTATIONS 3:49** MY EYES POUR DOWN
UNCEASINGLY, WITHOUT STOPPING, ⁵⁰ UNTIL THE LORD
LOOKS DOWN AND SEES FROM HEAVEN.



BECAUSE HE SEES, WE REJOICE

- ^{NIV} **PSALM 33:20** WE WAIT IN HOPE FOR THE LORD; HE IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD. ²¹ IN HIM OUR HEARTS REJOICE, FOR WE TRUST IN HIS HOLY NAME.

LIFE WON'T BE EASY

- ^{ESV} **JOHN 16:33** I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS TO YOU, THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION. BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."

THERE'S A BETTER LIFE TO COME

- ^{NAS} **ROMANS 8:18** FOR I CONSIDER THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH THE GLORY THAT IS TO BE REVEALED TO US.

- ^{NAS} **1 PETER 3:14** BUT EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, *YOU ARE BLESSED*. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, ¹⁵ BUT SANCTIFY CHRIST AS LORD IN YOUR HEARTS, ALWAYS *BEING* READY TO MAKE A DEFENSE TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU ...