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Rom. 9:6-8 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For **not all** who are descended from **Israel** belong to **Israel**, and **not all** are children of Abraham because they are his **offspring**, but “Through Isaac shall your **offspring** be named.” This means that it is **not** the children of the **flesh** who are the children of God, but the children of the **promise** are counted as **offspring**.

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Gal. 6:10 let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the **household of faith**.

Eph. 2:19-20 you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the **household of God**, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

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Rom. 15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

1 Cor. 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

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Things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

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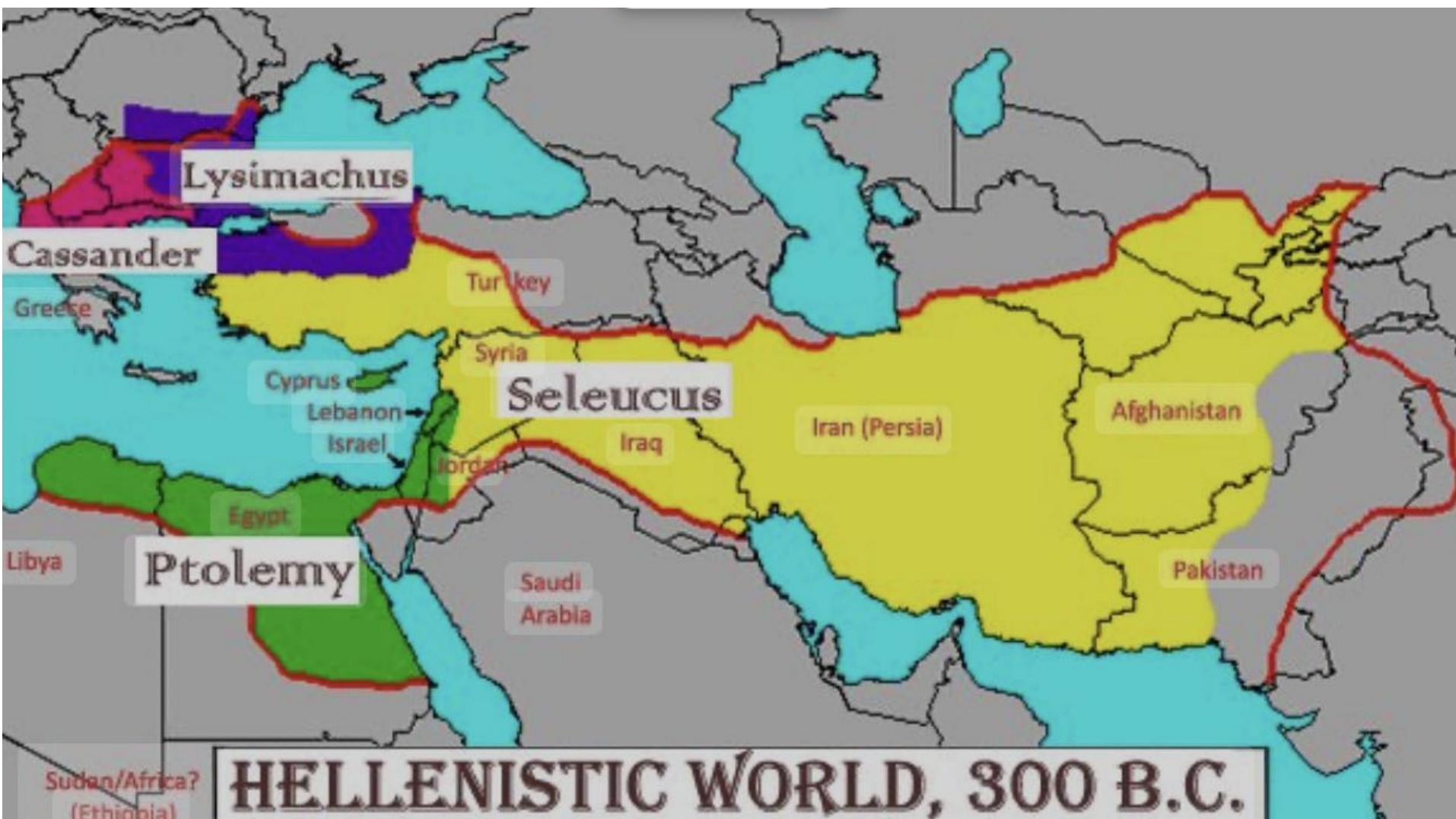
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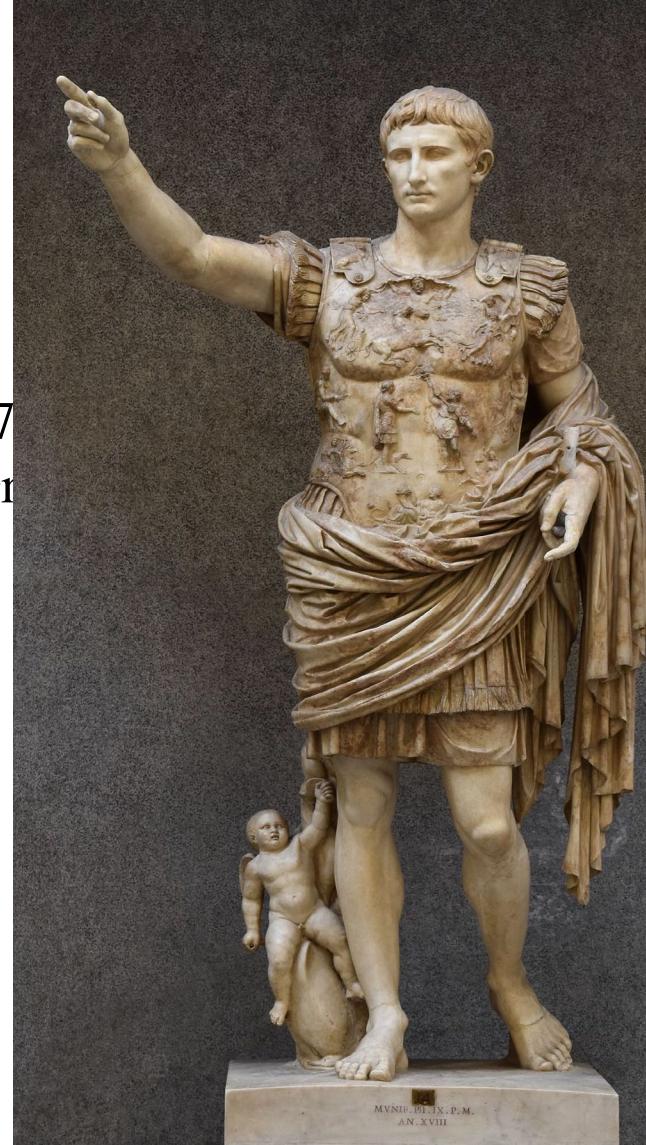
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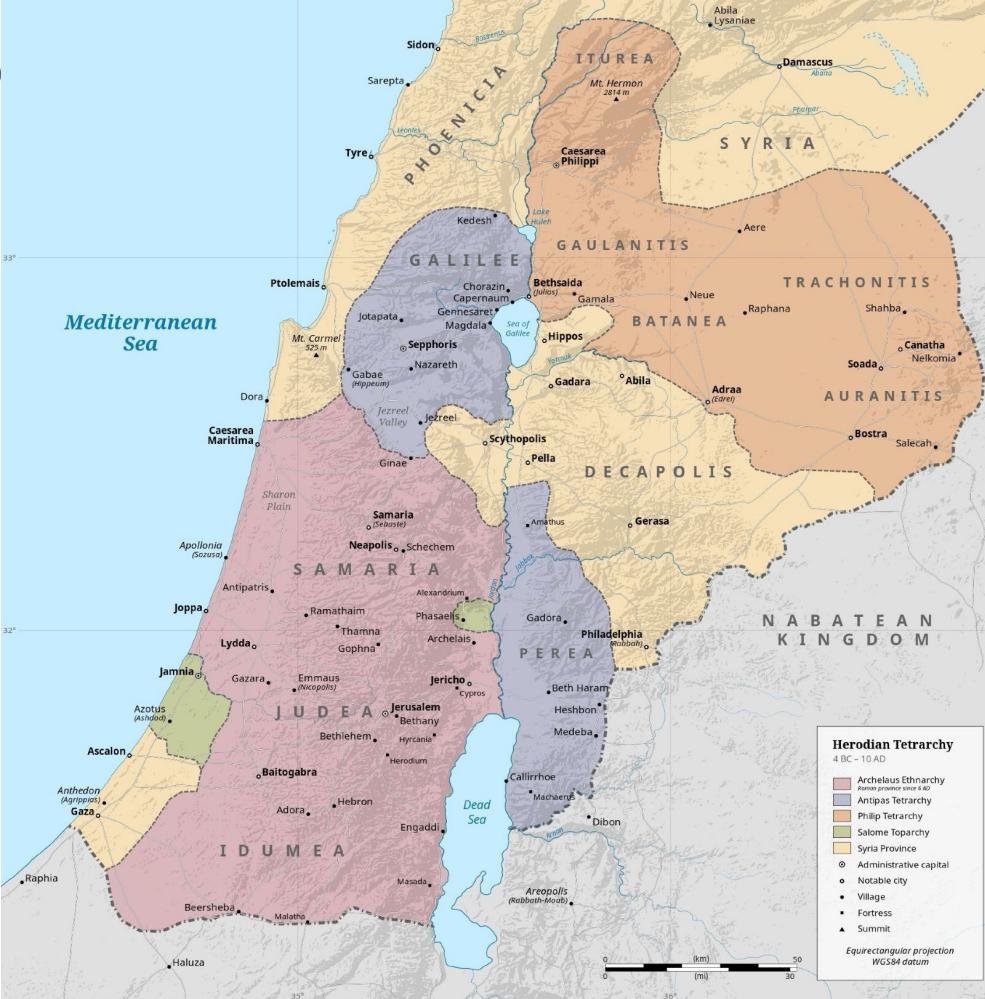
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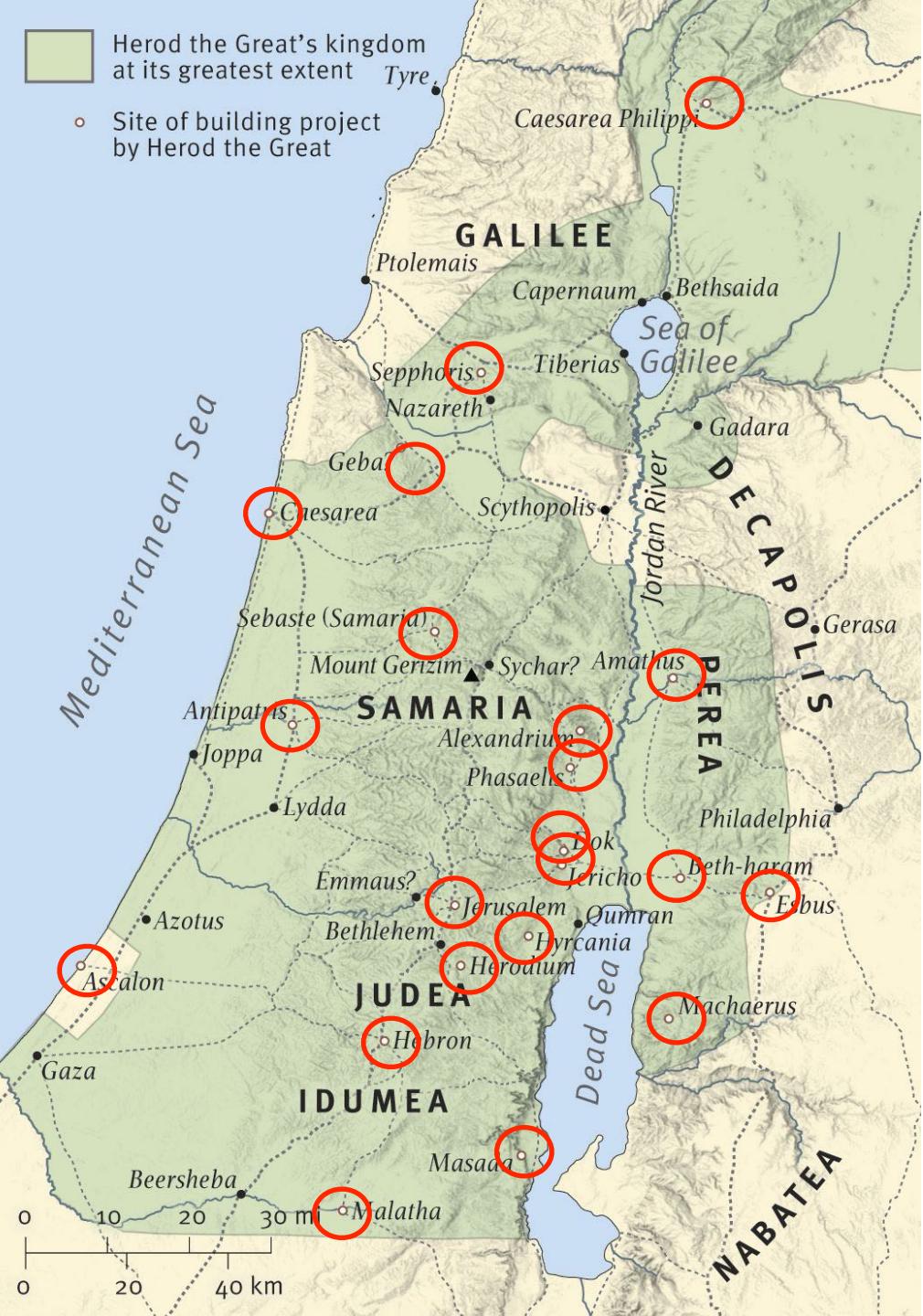
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By far the most important event in the entire rise of Christianity was the meeting in Jerusalem in around the year 50, when Paul was granted the authority to convert the Gentiles without them also becoming observant Jews.

Rodney Stark, *The Triumph of Christianity*, 413.

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