Paul: a legal case study

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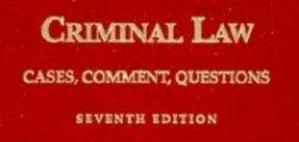
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Also issue of what kind of man is Paul

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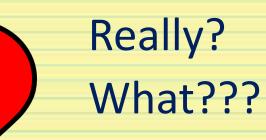
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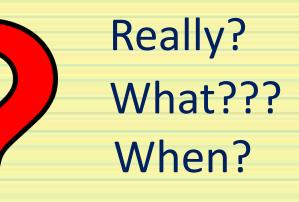




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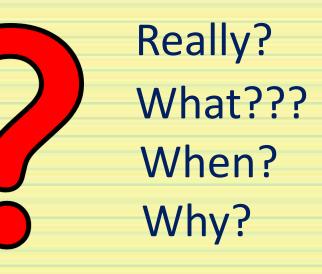




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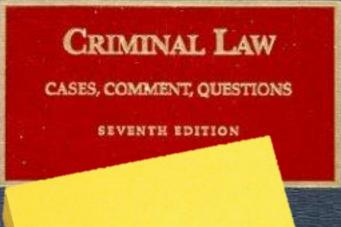
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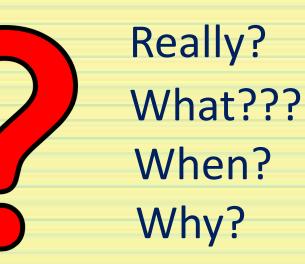
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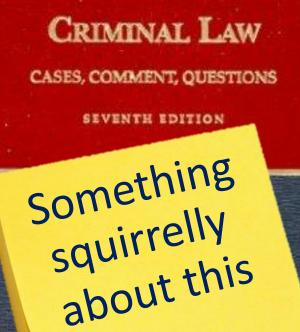


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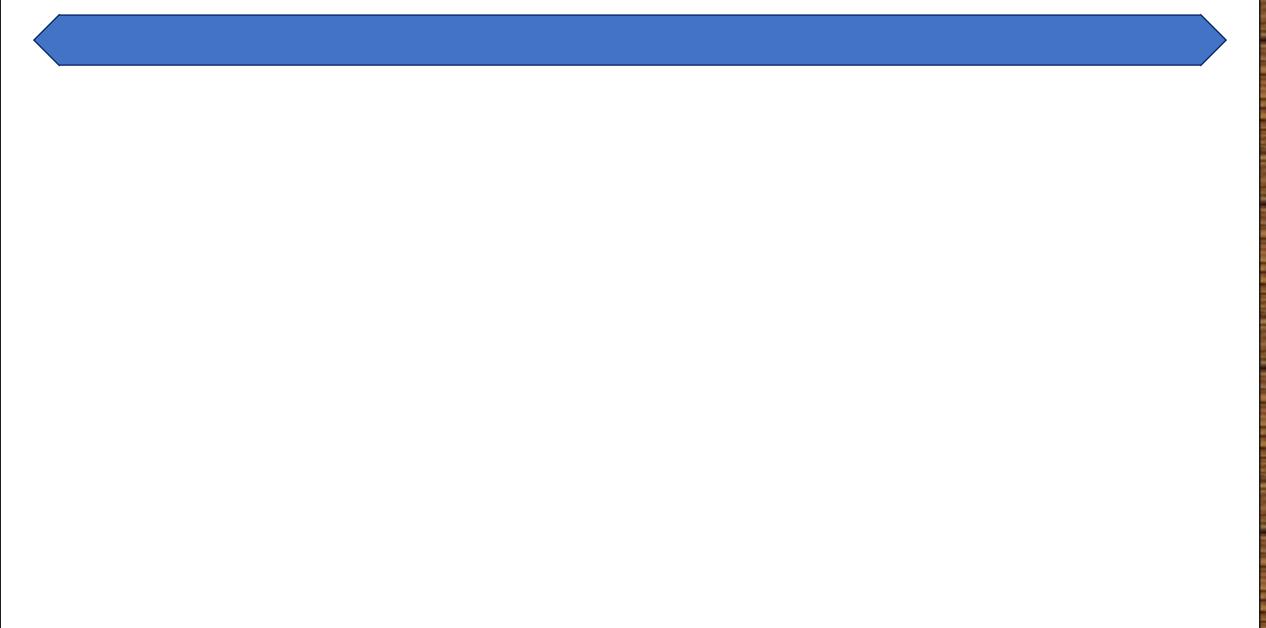


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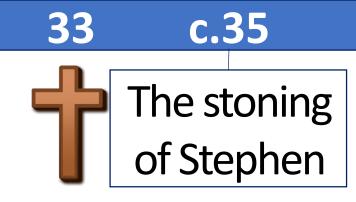
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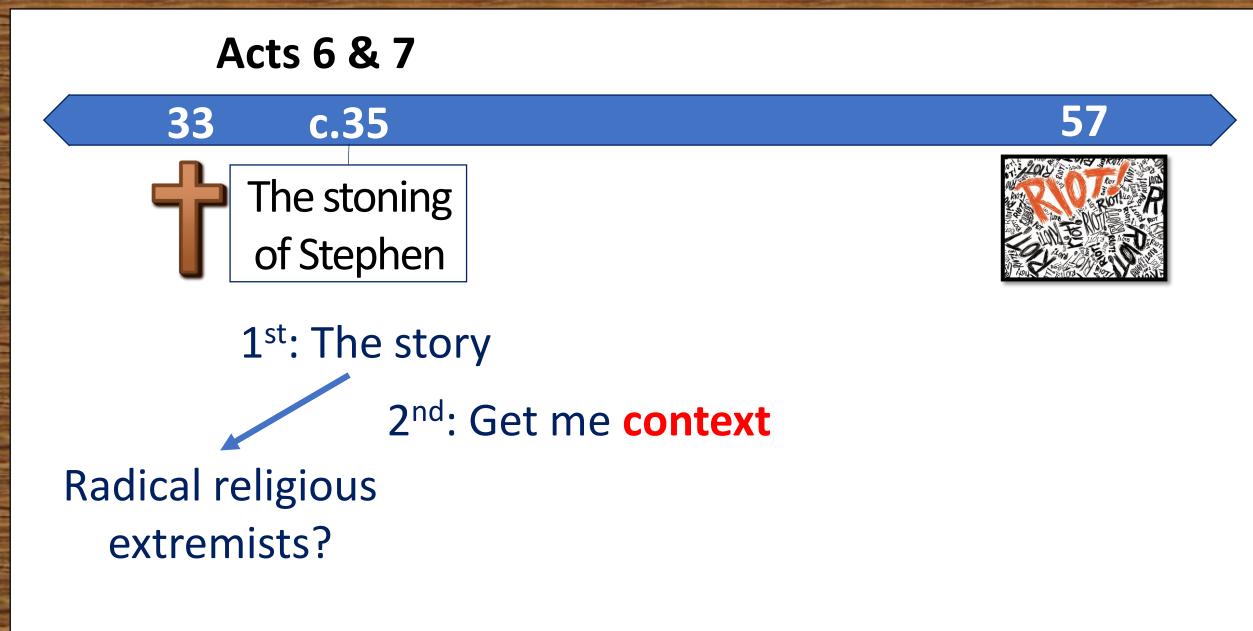
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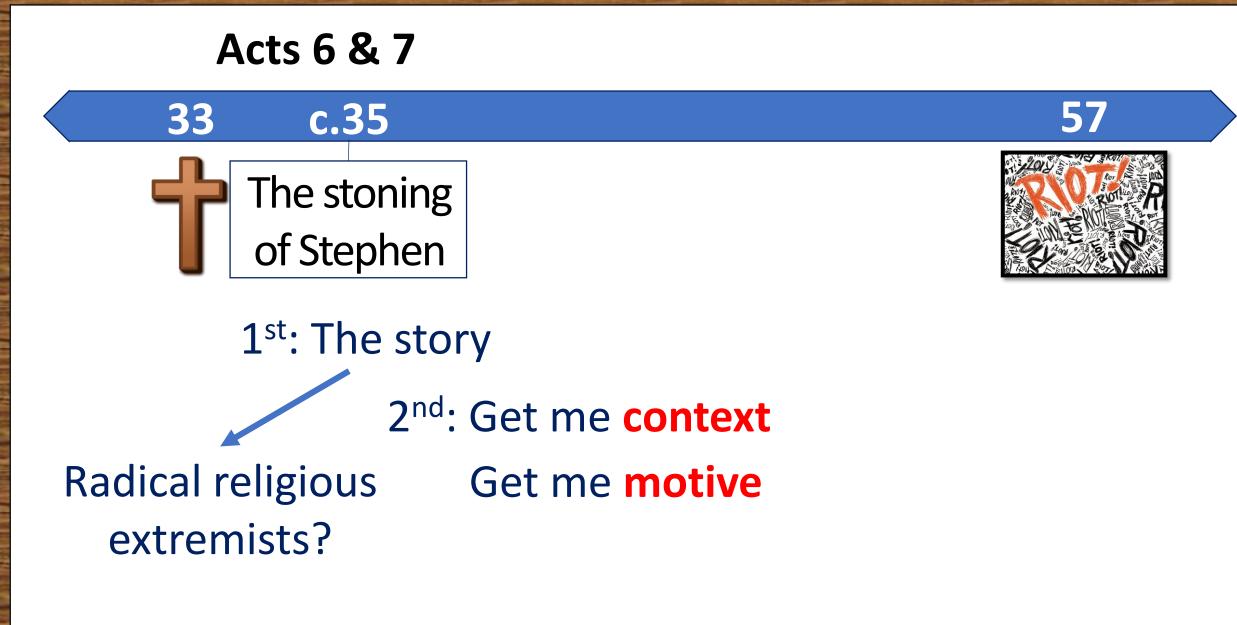
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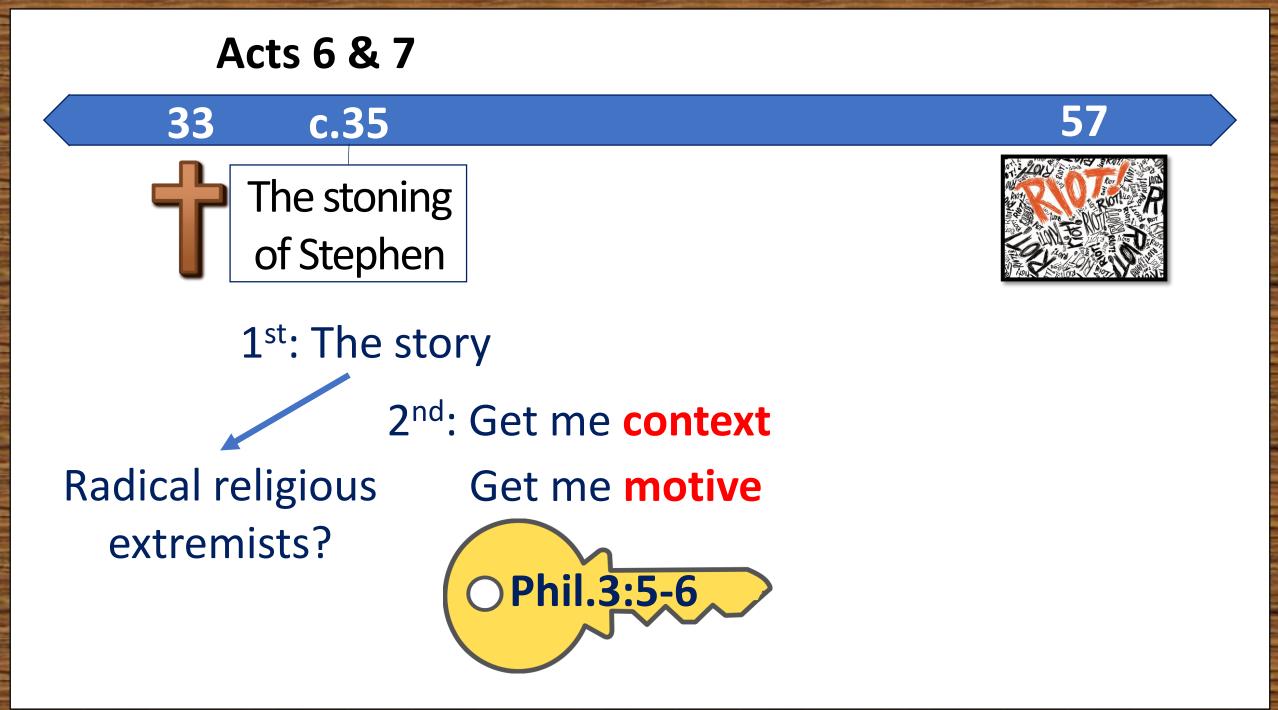


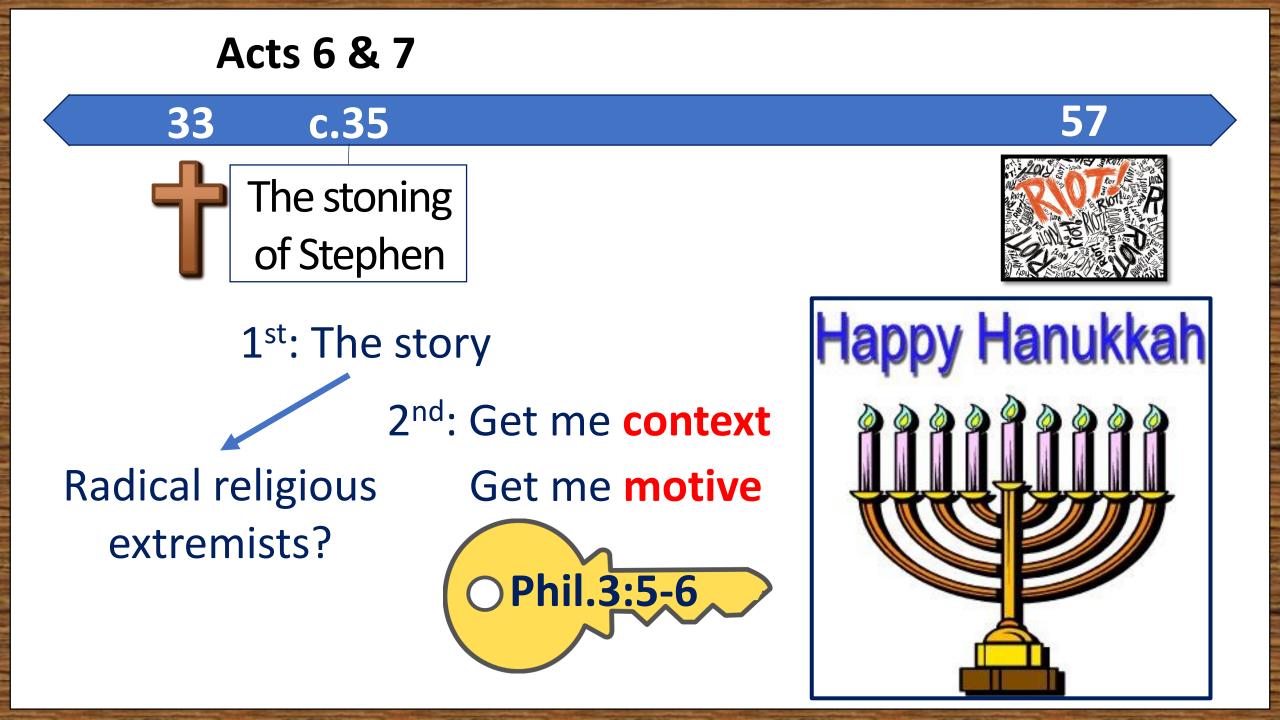
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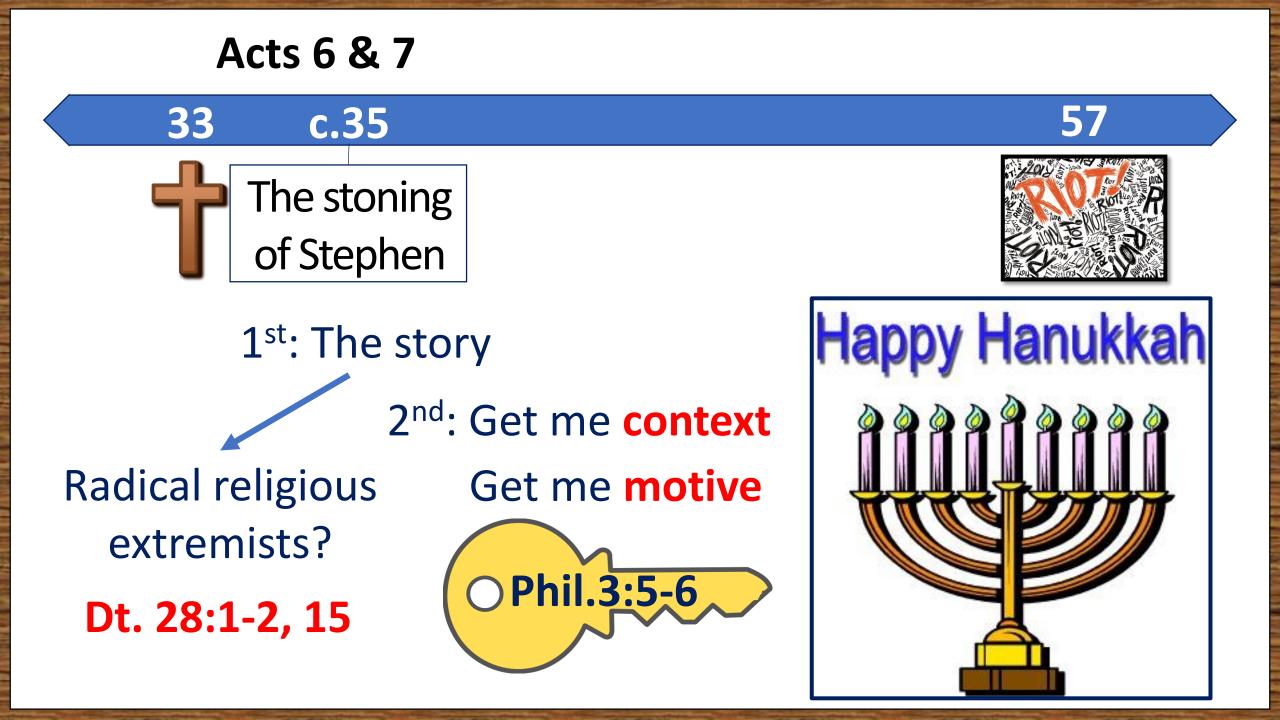
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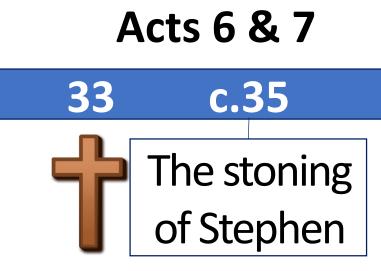








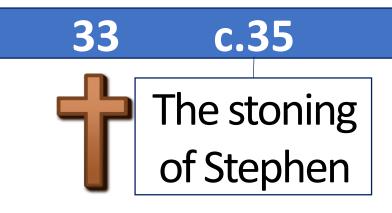




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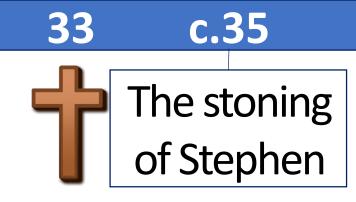


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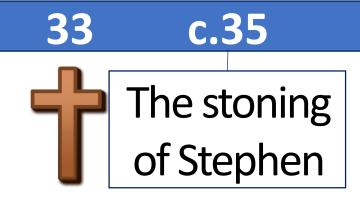


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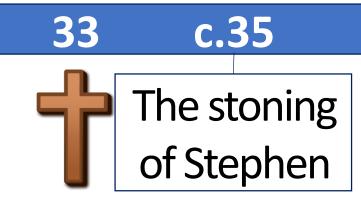
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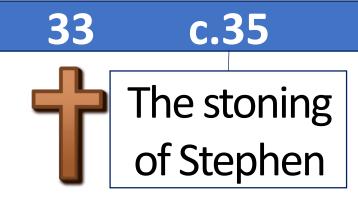
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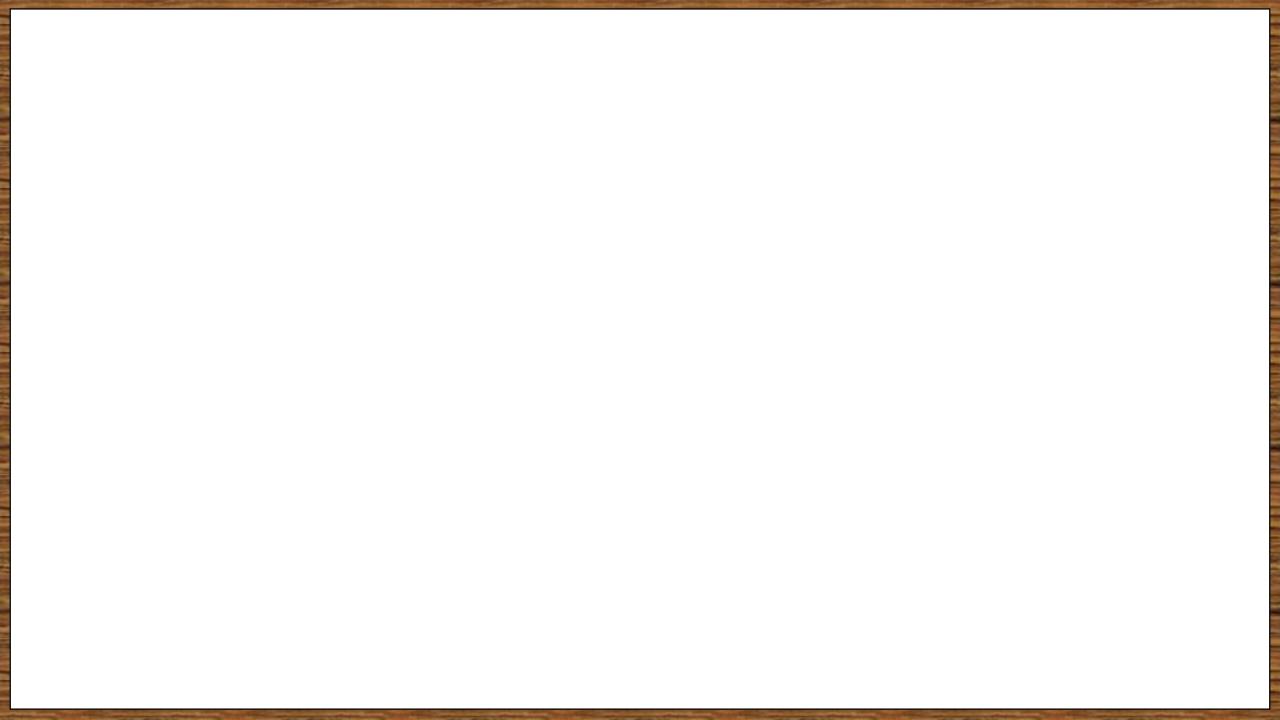
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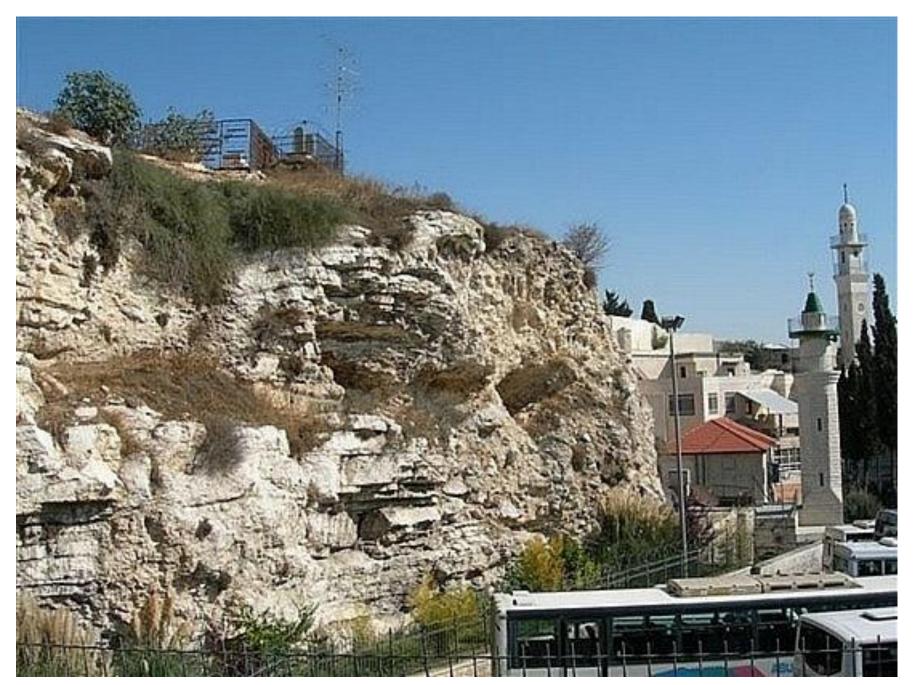












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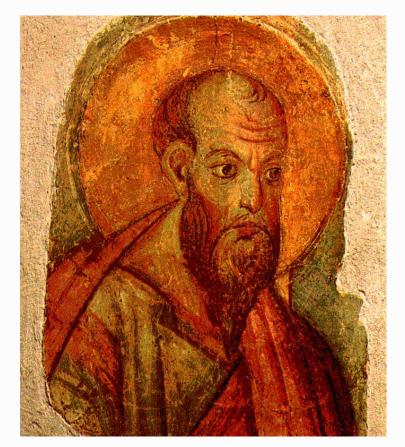
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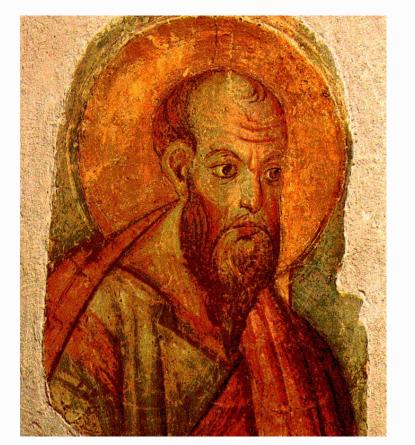
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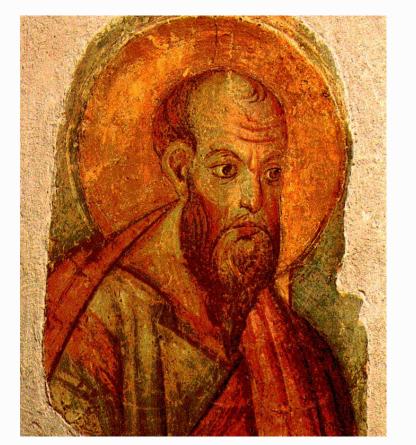
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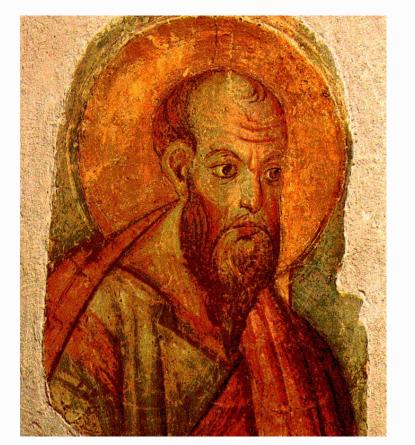


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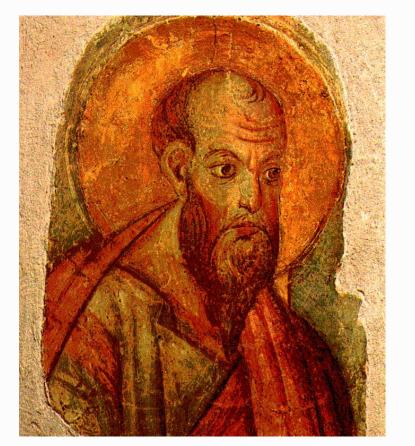


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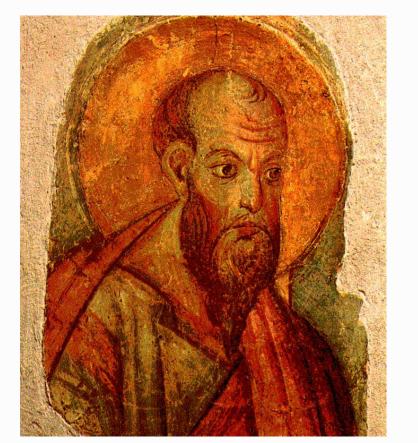


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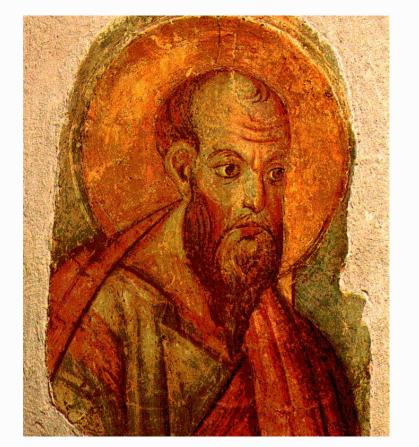
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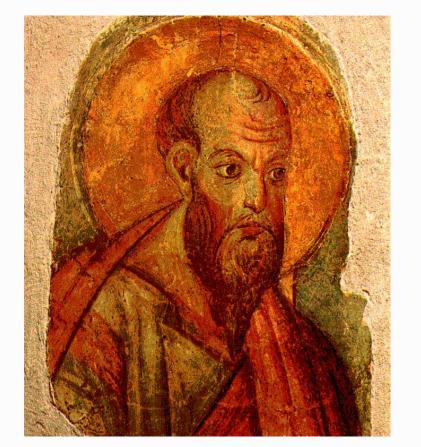
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