



# Paul, His Life and Teachings

## Paul's Background and Childhood

### Lesson 3

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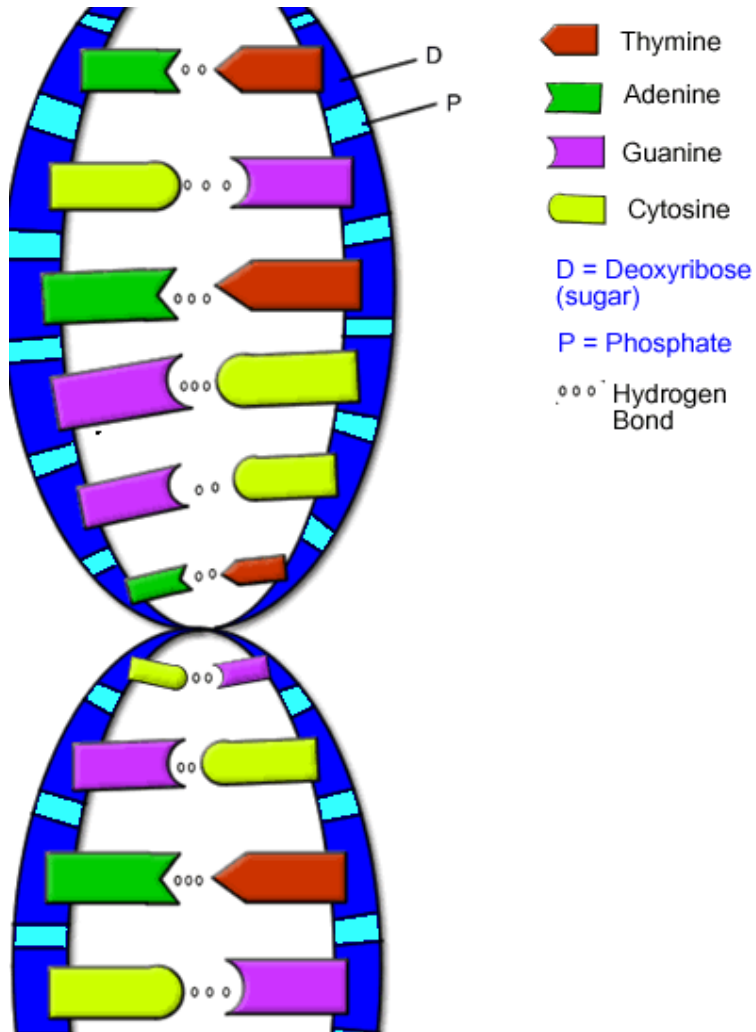


Not  
my  
kid!



**Nature**

**Nurture**



# Nature / DNA

# Nurture / Environment



Nature:

(Psalm 139:13-14)

“You formed my  
inward parts; you  
knitted me together in  
my mother’s womb. I  
praise you for I am  
fearfully and  
wonderfully made.”







Nurture:

(Psalm 139:5)

“You hem me in,  
behind and before,  
and lay your hand  
upon me.”



Nature

Nurture





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- Relevant scriptures





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- Implications



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- Points for home





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May I say something to you?

Do you speak Greek? I thought you were the Egyptian guy!

I am a Jew from Tarsus in Cilicia, a Citizen of no obscure city







I am a Jew, born in Tarsus  
in Cilicia, but brought up  
in this city, educated  
at the feet of Gamaliel







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Yes





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But I am a  
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Uh oh



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“The son of Paul’s  
sister heard of the  
ambush”

# Acts 26 Paul and King Agrippa



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“My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews”



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“I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them” (Acts 26:10).



Phil. 3:5-6, I was  
“circumcised on the eighth  
day, of the people of Israel,  
of the tribe of Benjamin, a  
Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the  
law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a  
persecutor of the church; as  
to righteousness under the  
law, blameless.”

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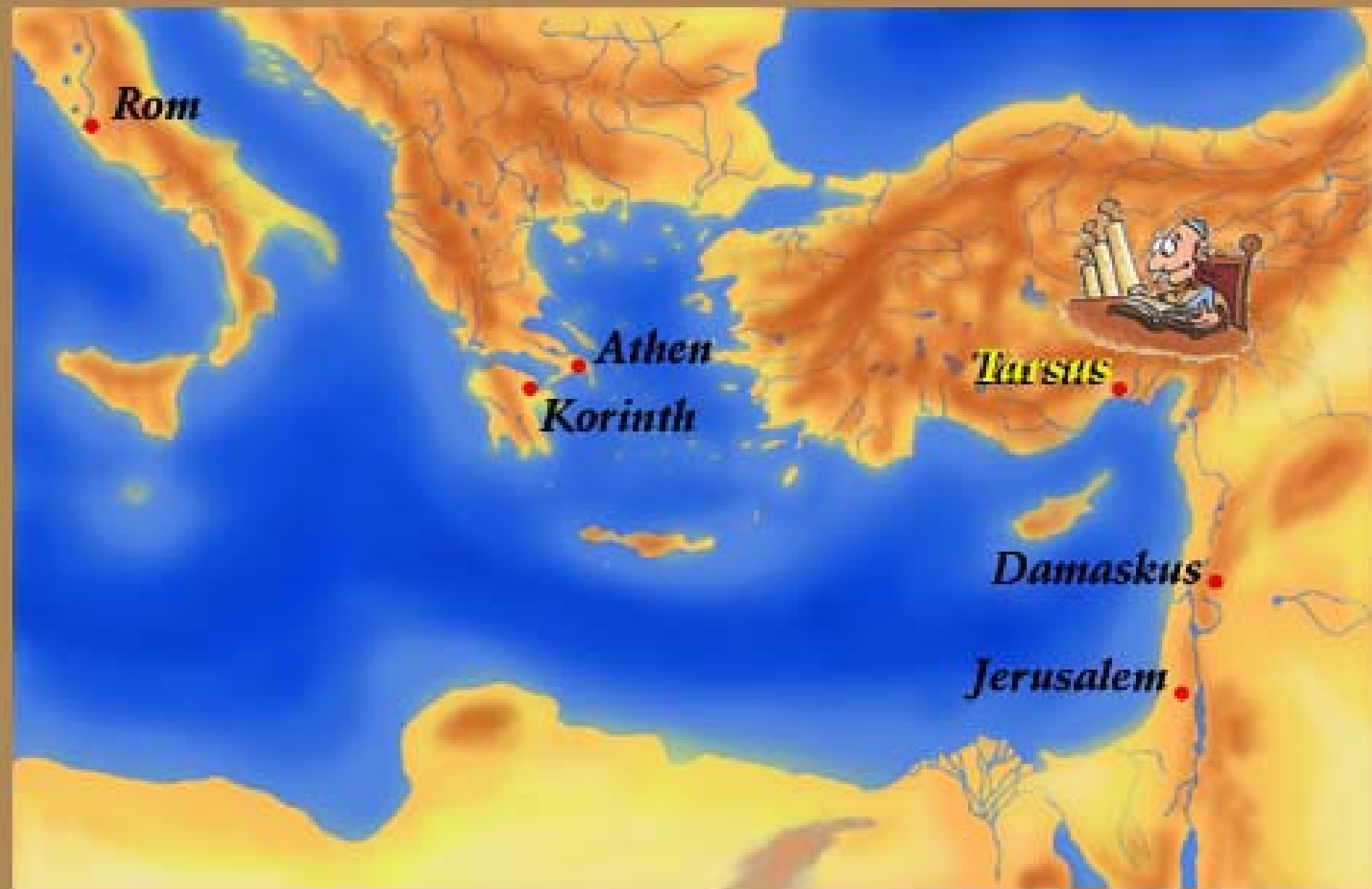


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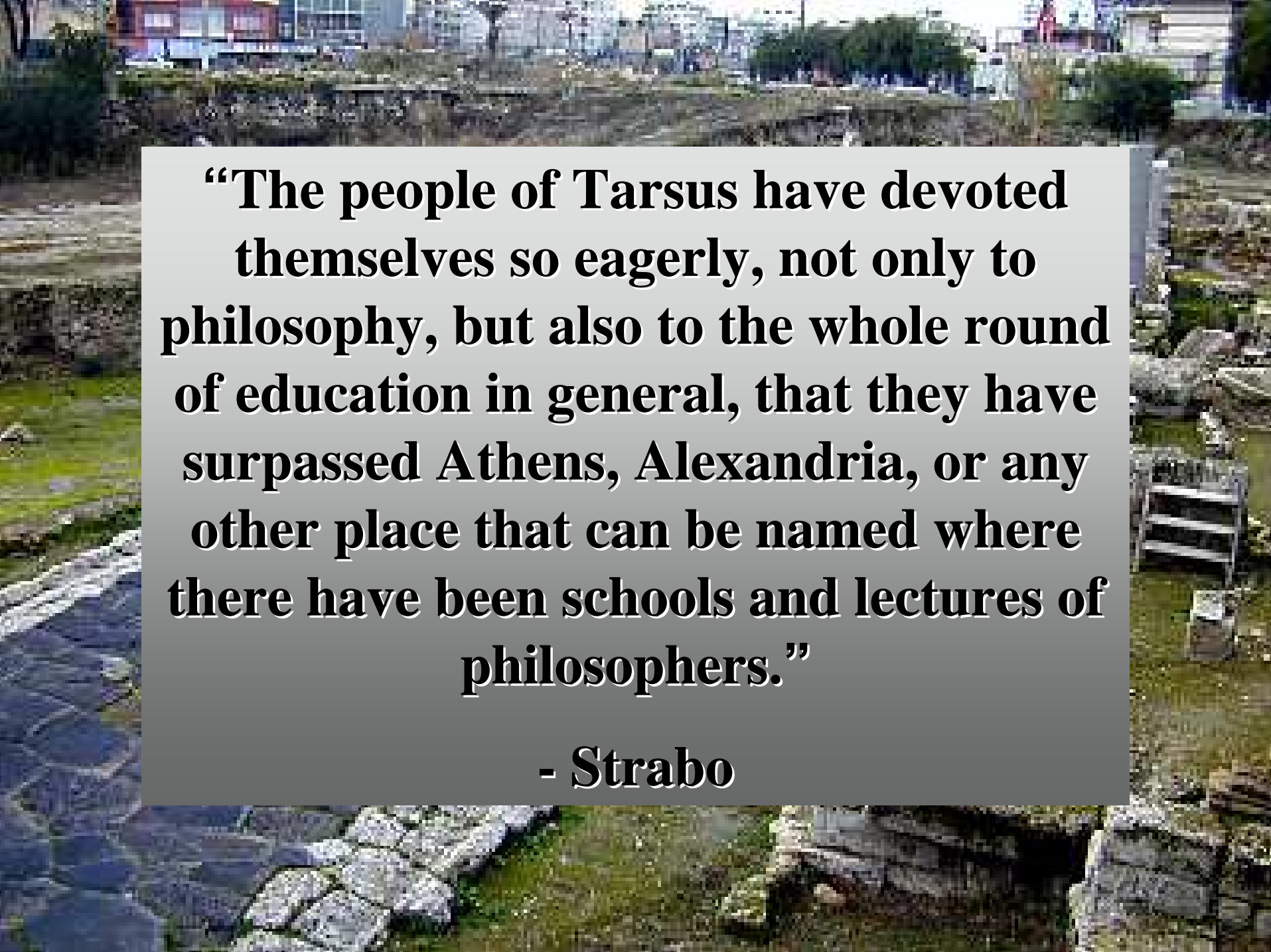






ALL OTHERS ARE  
FORGOTTEN BY  
THE PEOPLE OF  
THE WORLD

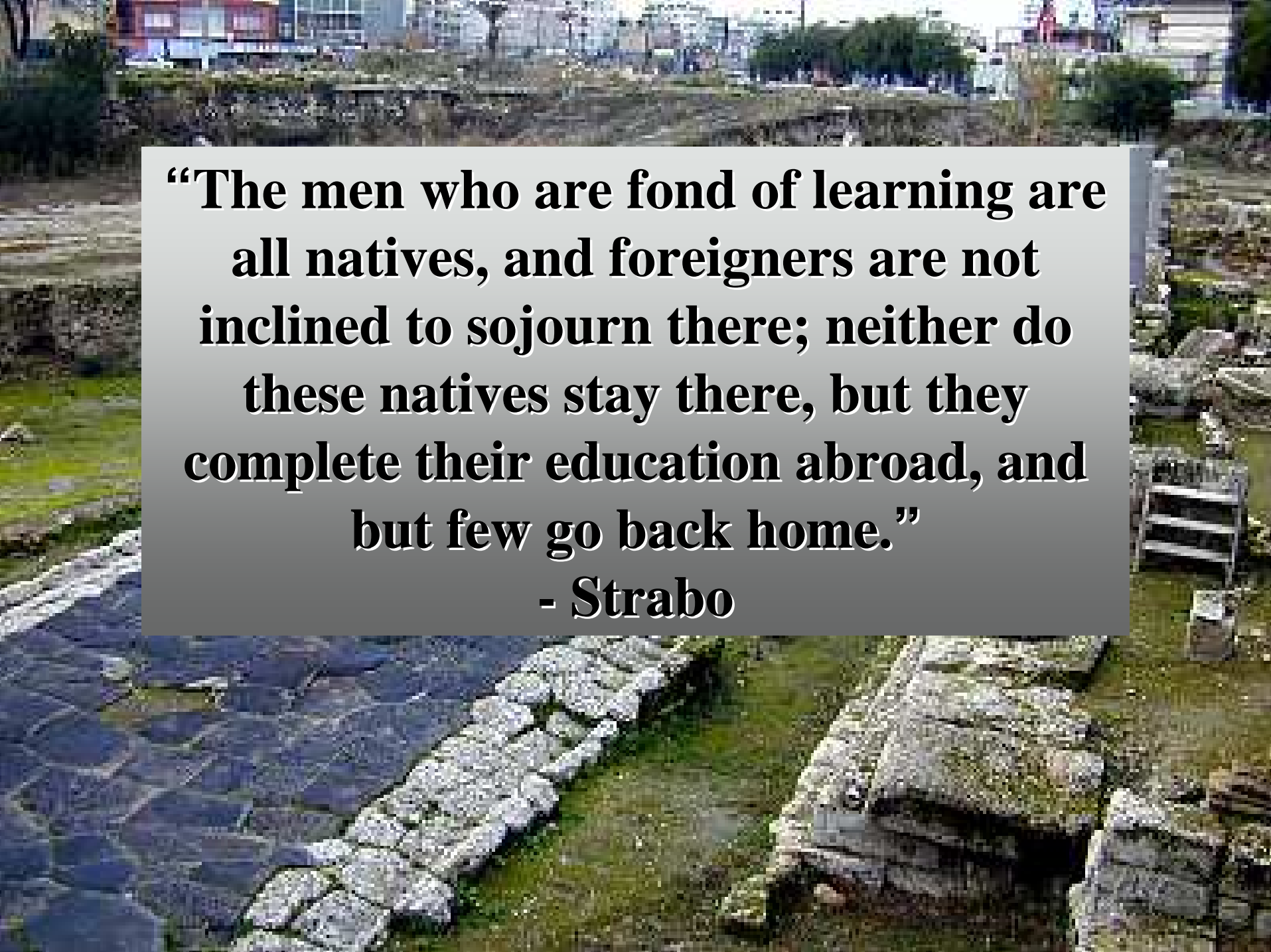


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**“The people of Tarsus have devoted themselves so eagerly, not only to philosophy, but also to the whole round of education in general, that they have surpassed Athens, Alexandria, or any other place that can be named where there have been schools and lectures of philosophers.”**

**- Strabo**



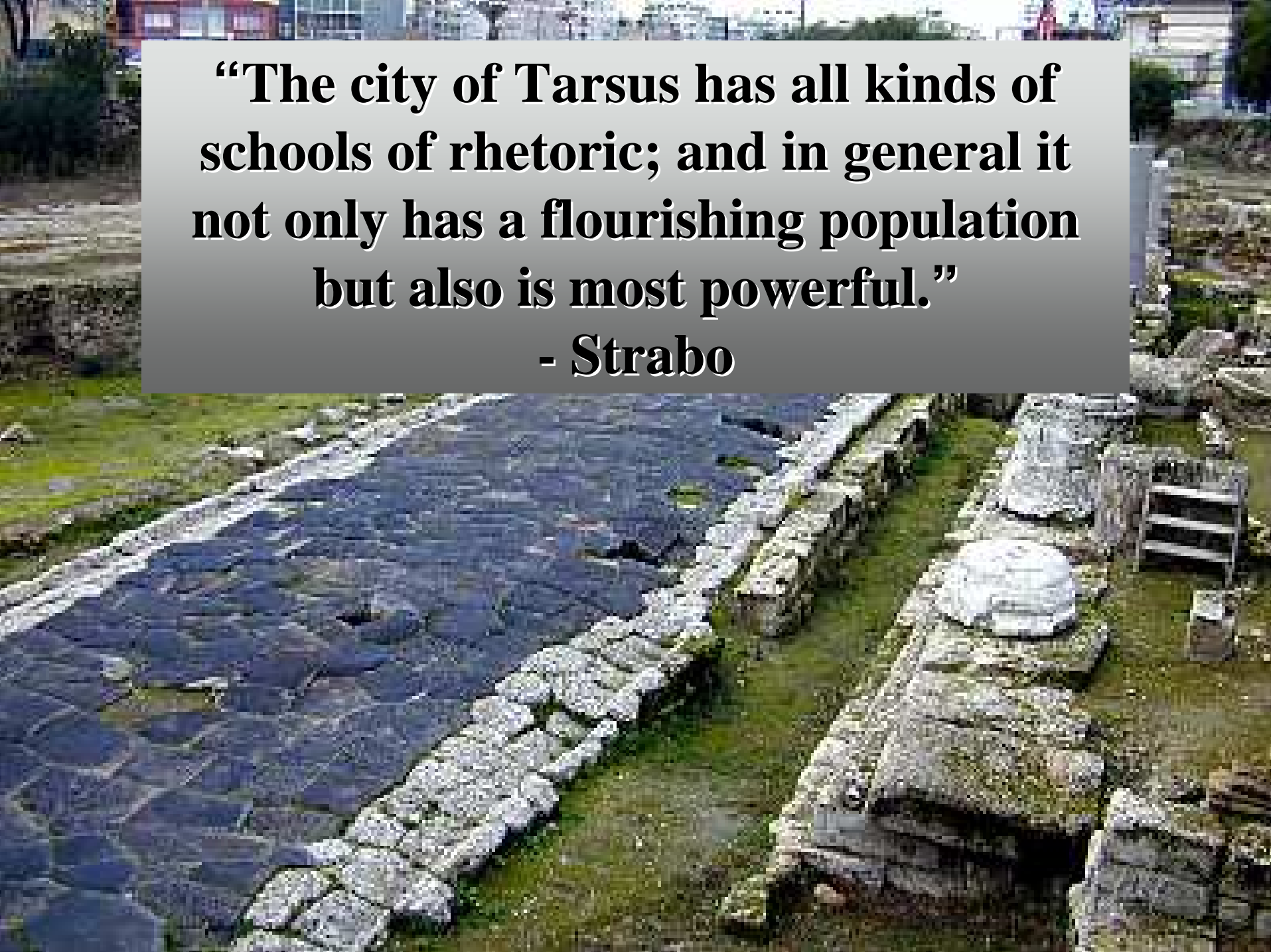
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**“The men who are fond of learning are all natives, and foreigners are not inclined to sojourn there; neither do these natives stay there, but they complete their education abroad, and but few go back home.”**

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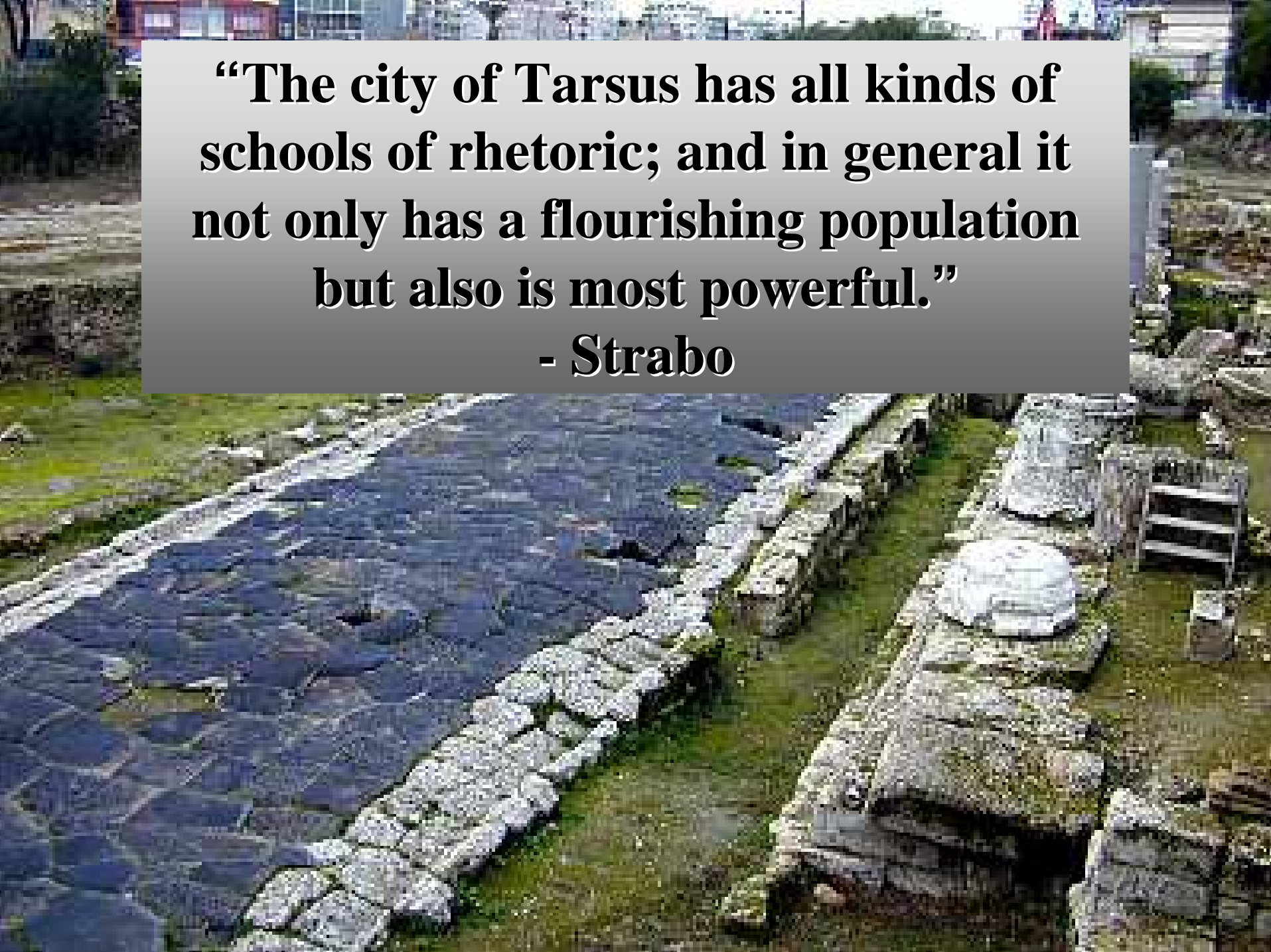
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