



Paul, His Life and Teachings

Paul's Hebrew Training

Lesson 4

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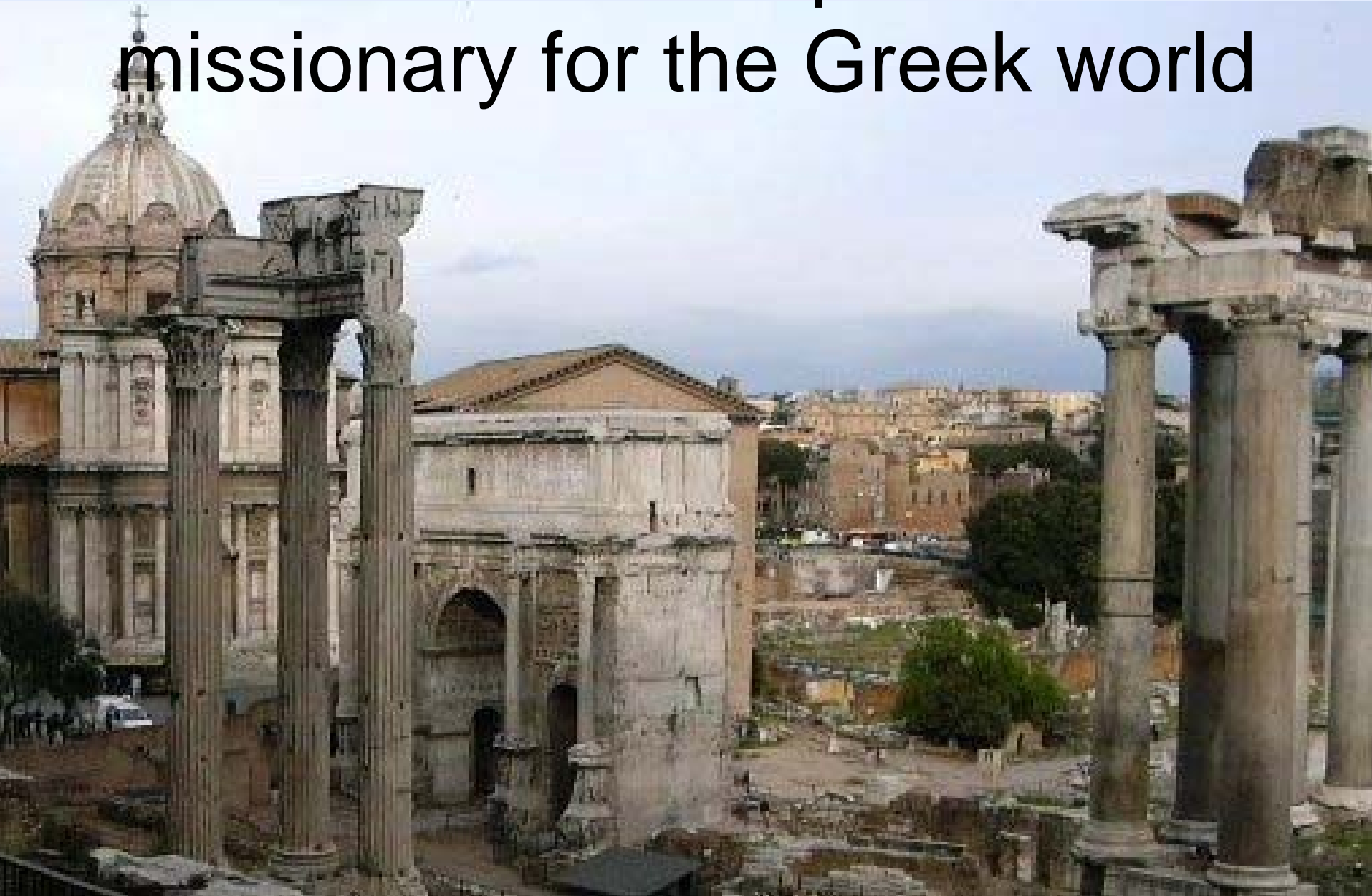
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Missions work best with knowledge of language and culture



Paul was the perfect
missionary for the Greek world



Paul was still fully Hebrew and
understood the gospel



Roadmap for today



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“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city. Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.” (Acts 22:1-3)



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Acts 26: Paul and King Agrippa



“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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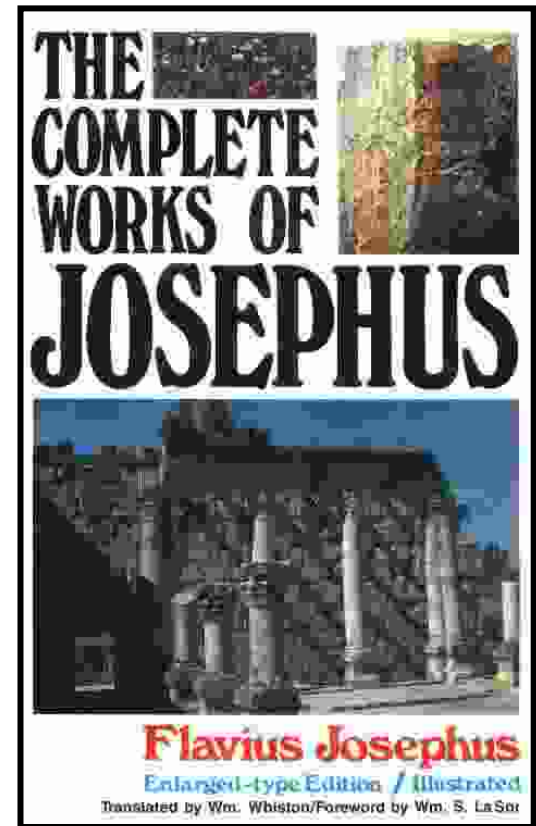


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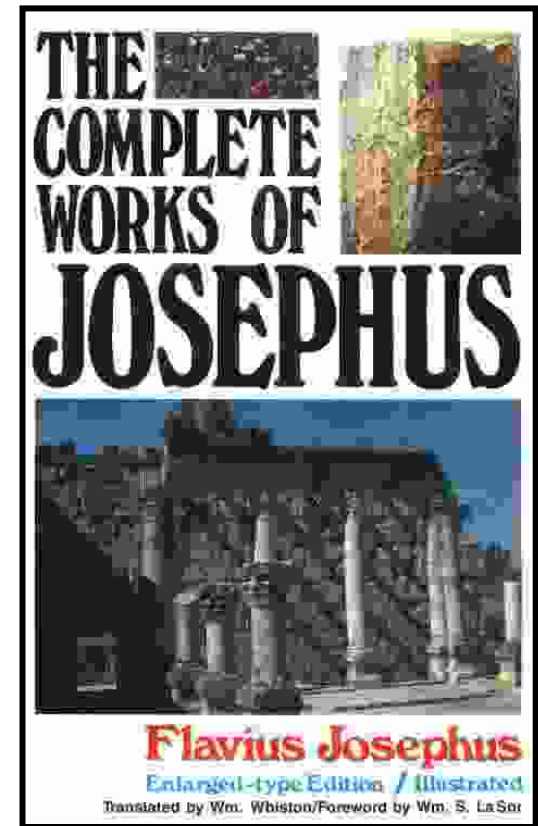
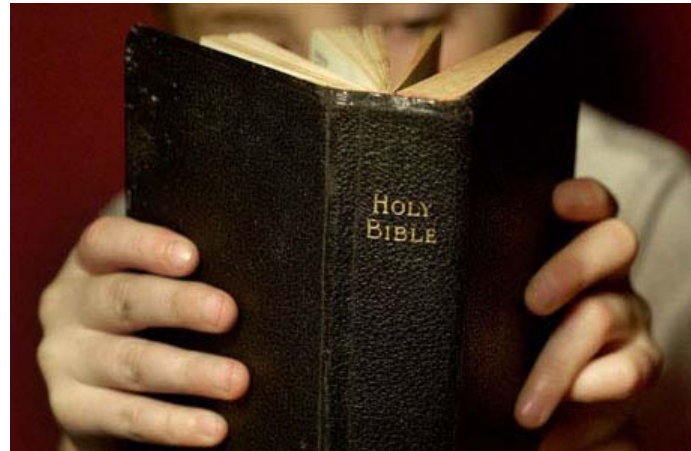
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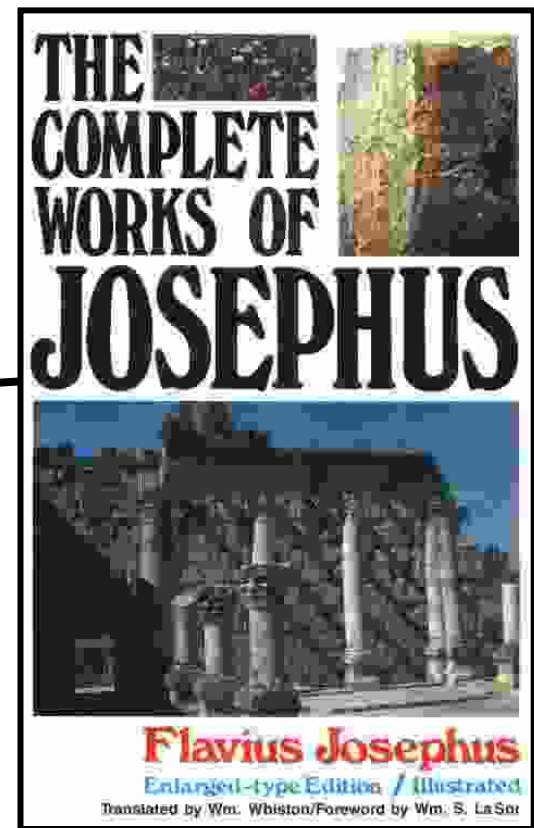
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“There was also a group of Jews priding itself on its *adherence to ancestral custom* and *claiming to observe the laws* of which the Deity approves, and by these men, called **Pharisees**, the women were ruled.”



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Jesus concerned:
some Pharisees put
law over people



Jesus' concern:
Whitewashed tombs,
pretty outside, but
dead inside



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Some thought
themselves moral
police, when they
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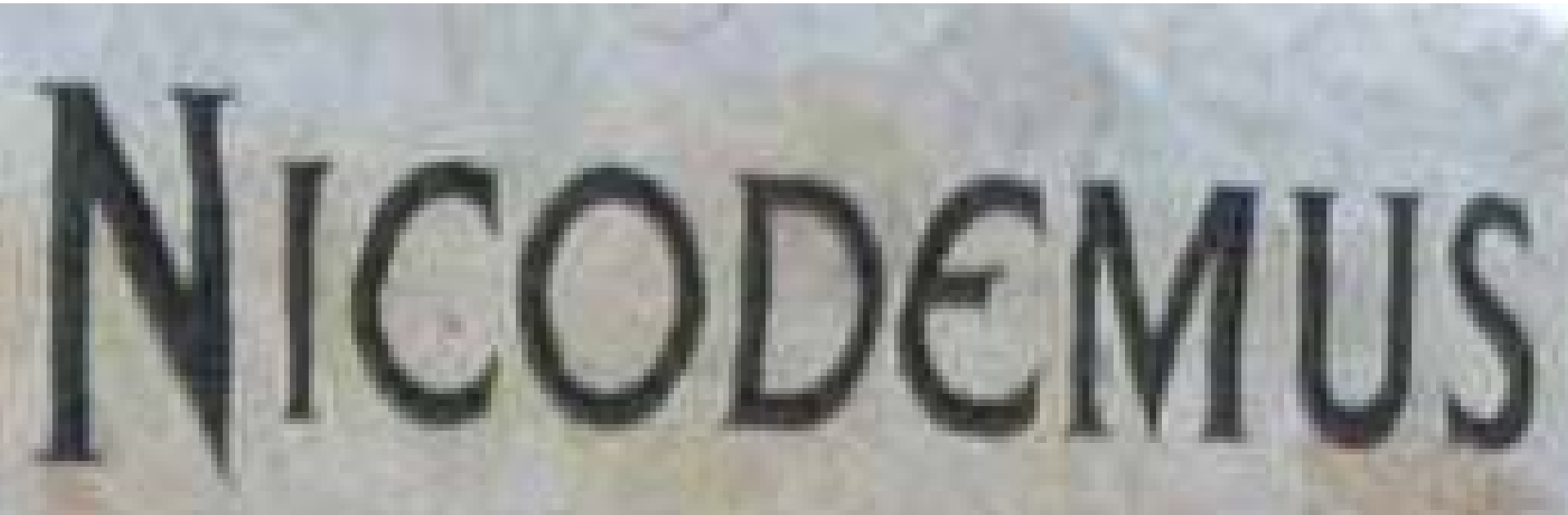


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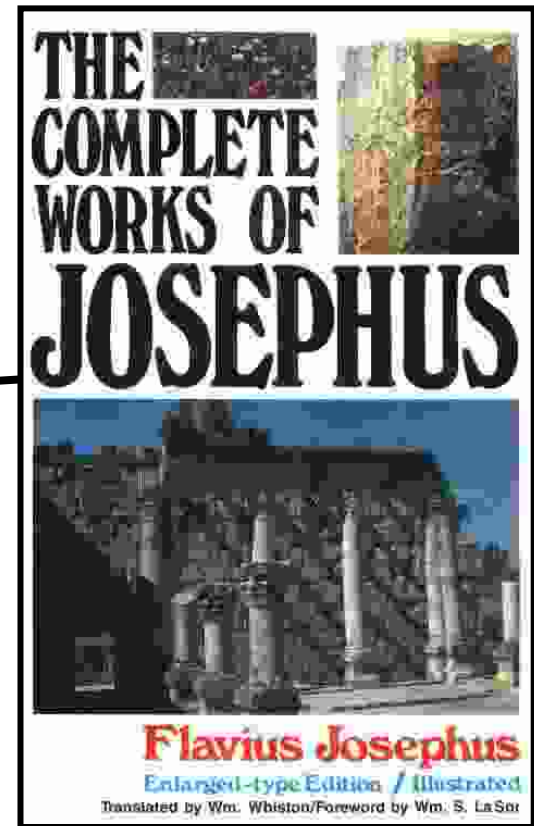
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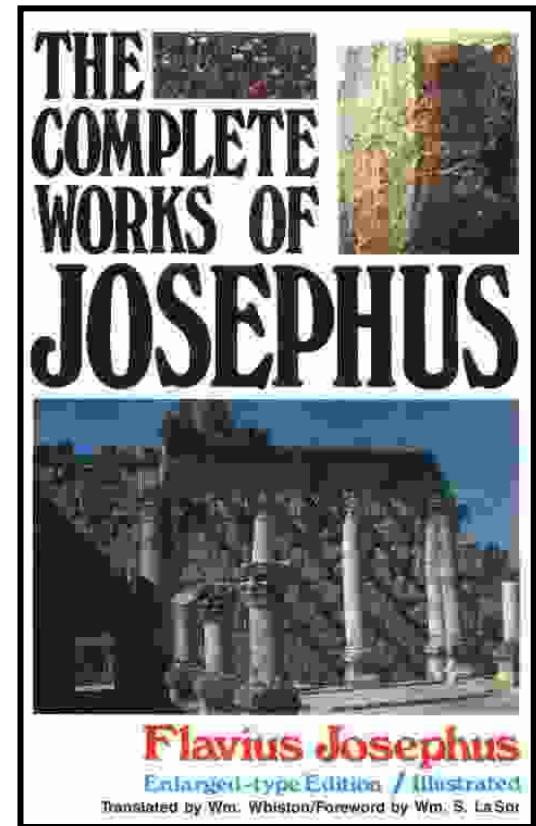
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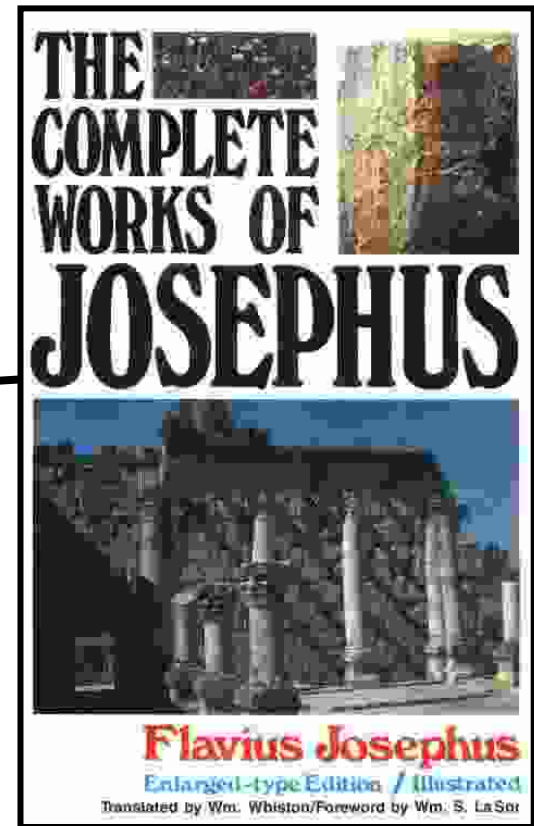


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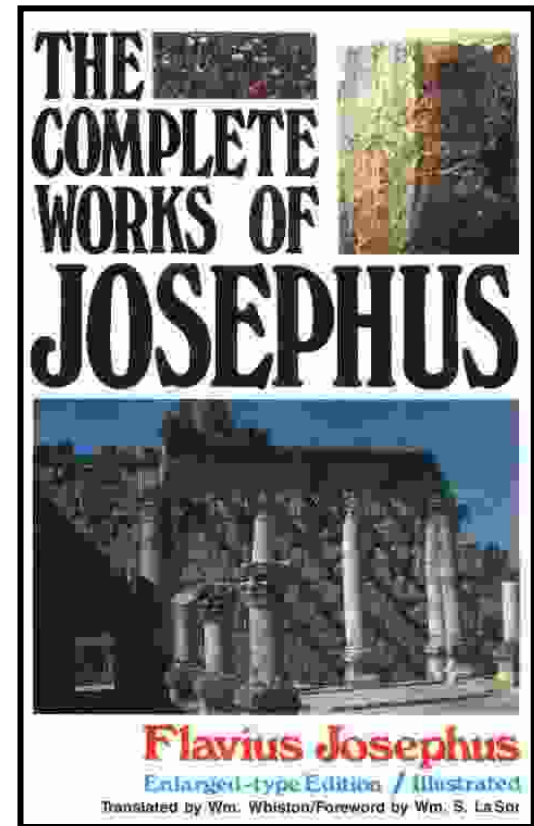


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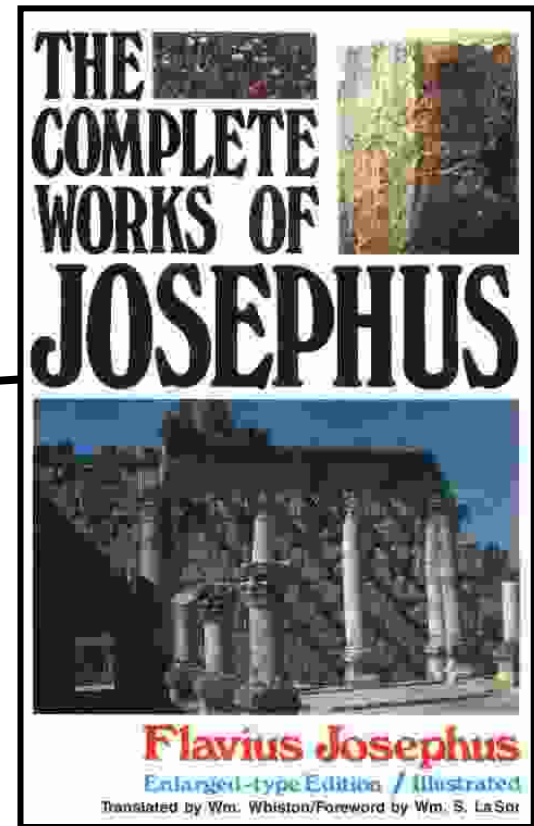


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Most important
Pharisee belief
Paul kept was the
resurrection



Paul studied at the feet of Gamaliel, a Pharisee who was head of the school of Hillel

Shammai vs. Hillel on Gentile conversion



Hillel “lax” or pragmatic?



Gamaliel takes a Hillel approach



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Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do. Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

Paul sounds like Gamaliel/Hillel writing on marriage



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“To the rest I say, not
the Lord...”

(1 Cor. 7:12).

The significance of Paul's vote





Next week assignment:
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Paul the persecutor and
Paul's conversion

Points for Home

What a resume
Paul had!

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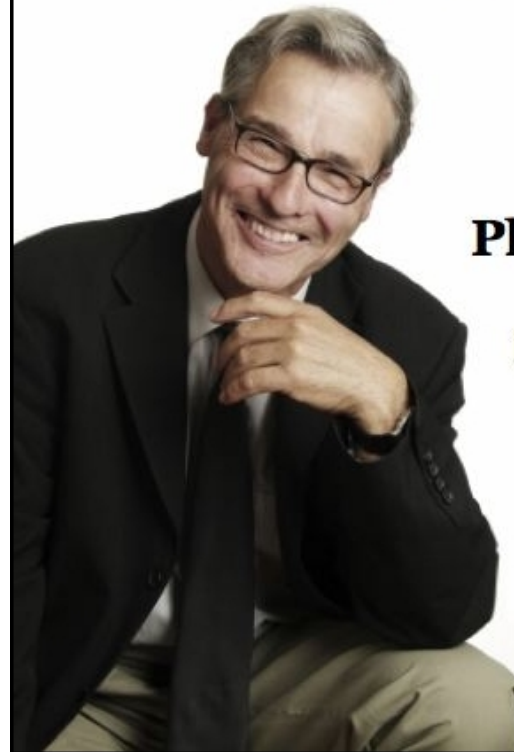
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Points for Homes

Holiness is a good thing ... in actions and heart!



Points for Home

Measure what we hear by what God has
said



“Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true” (Acts 17:11).