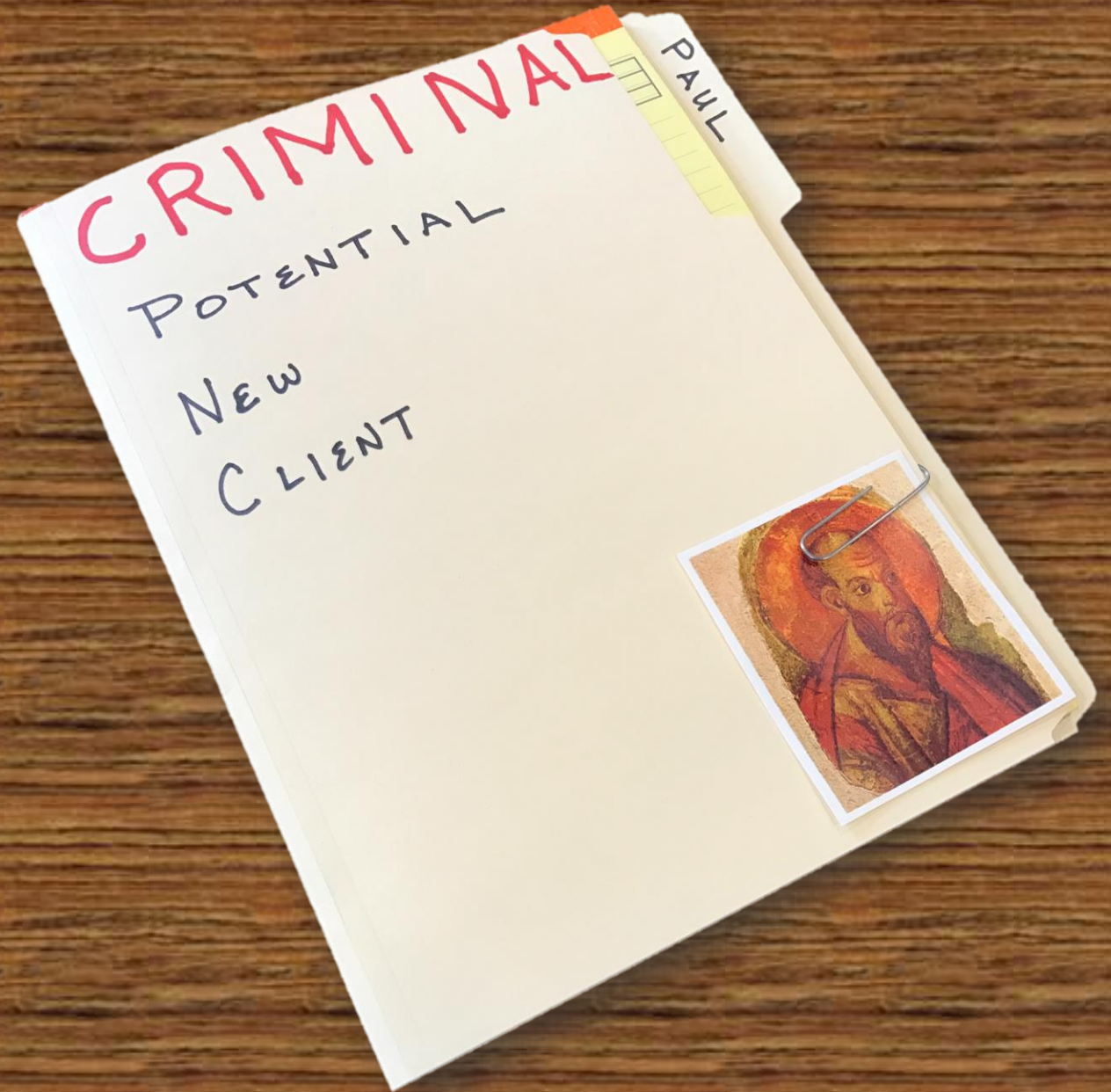


Paul: a legal case study



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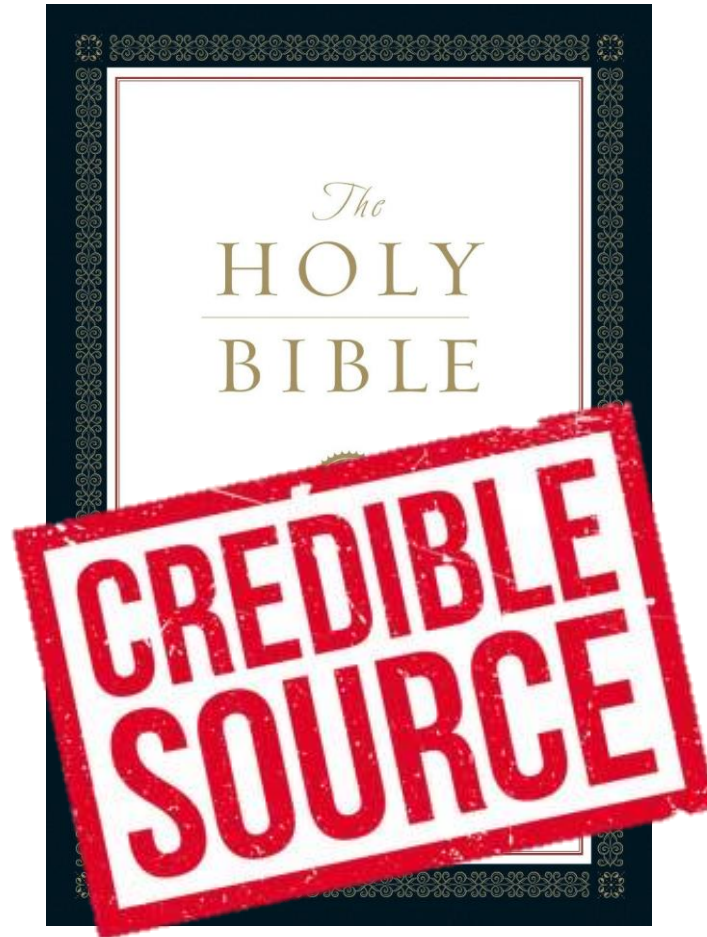
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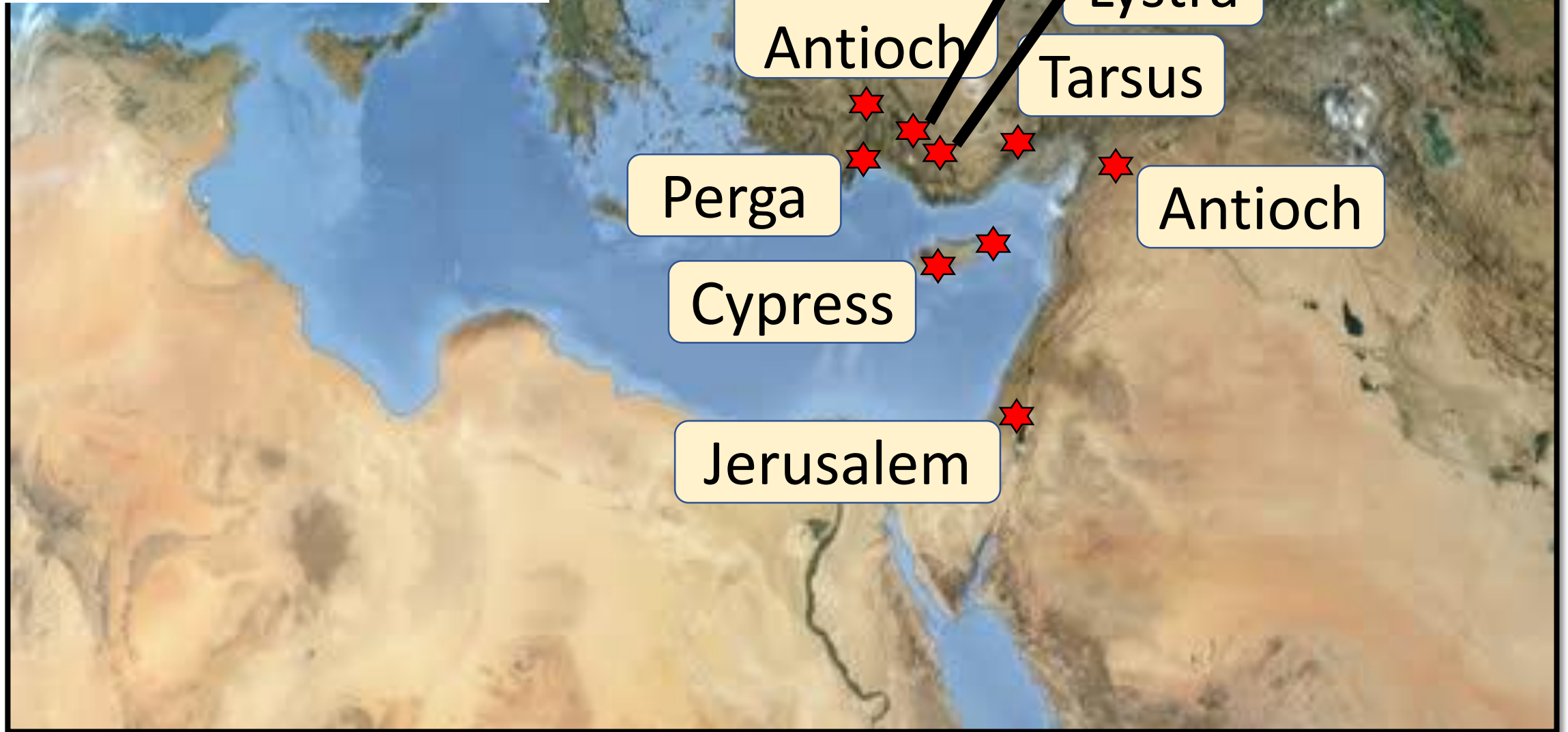
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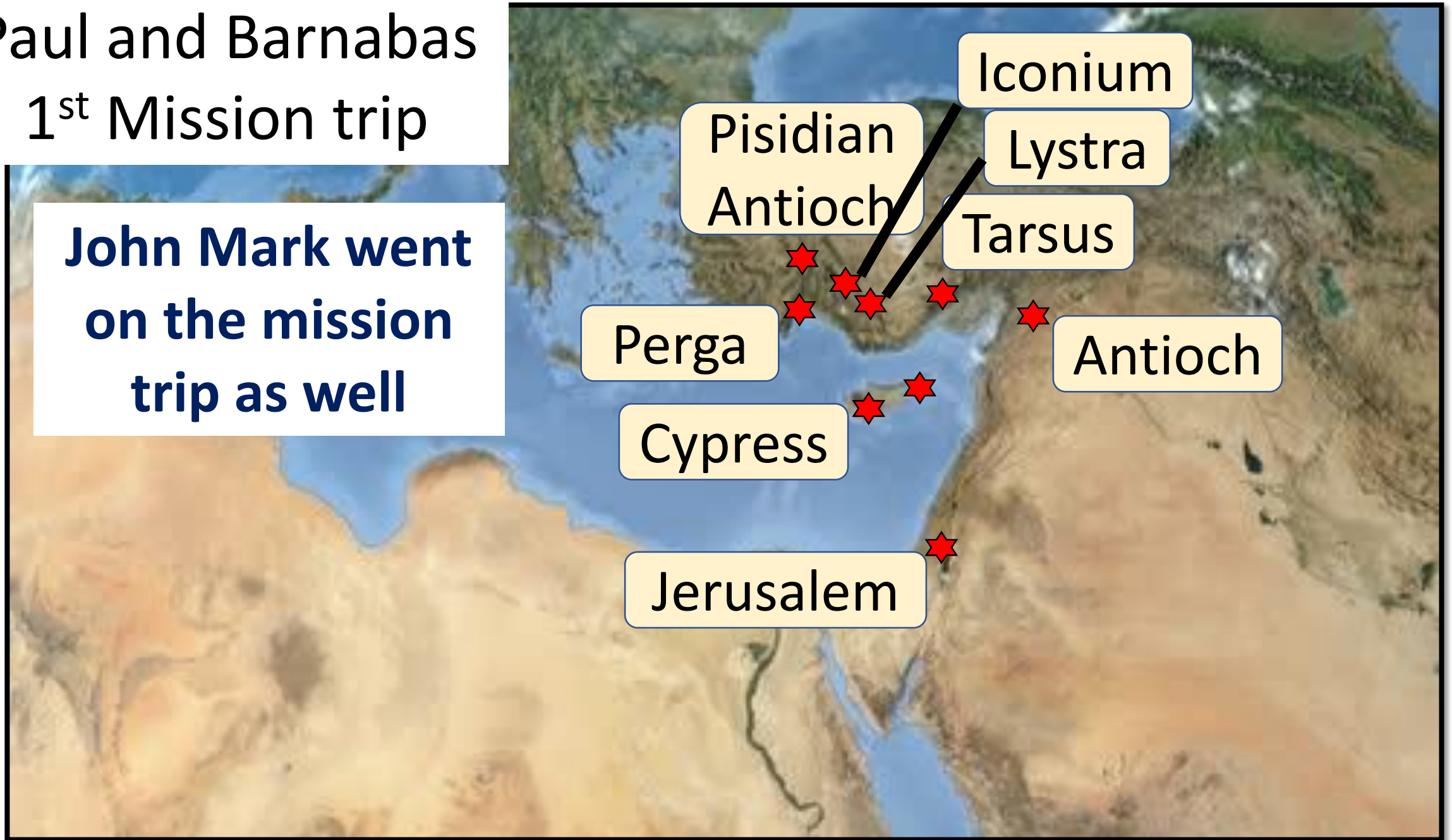
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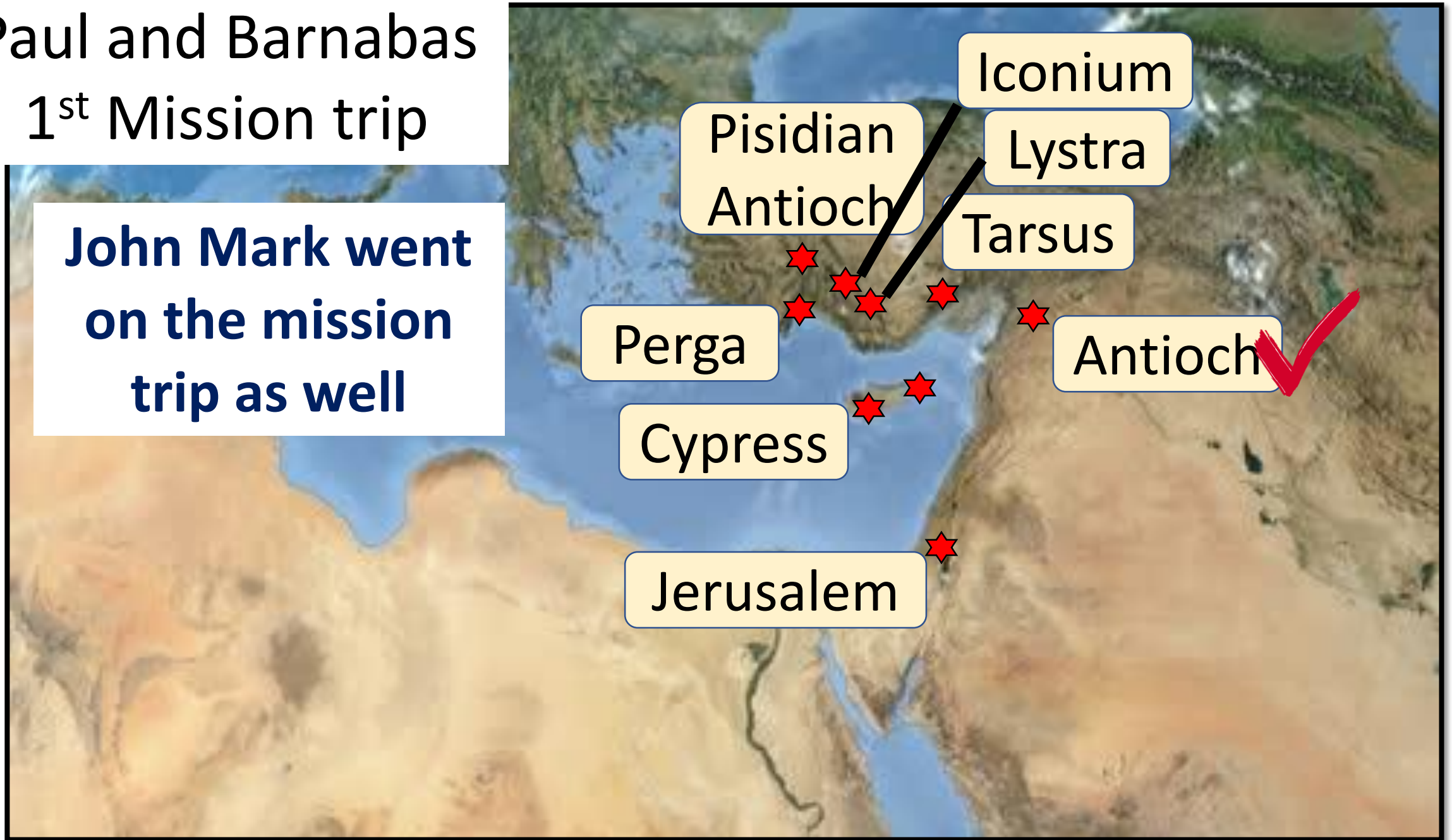
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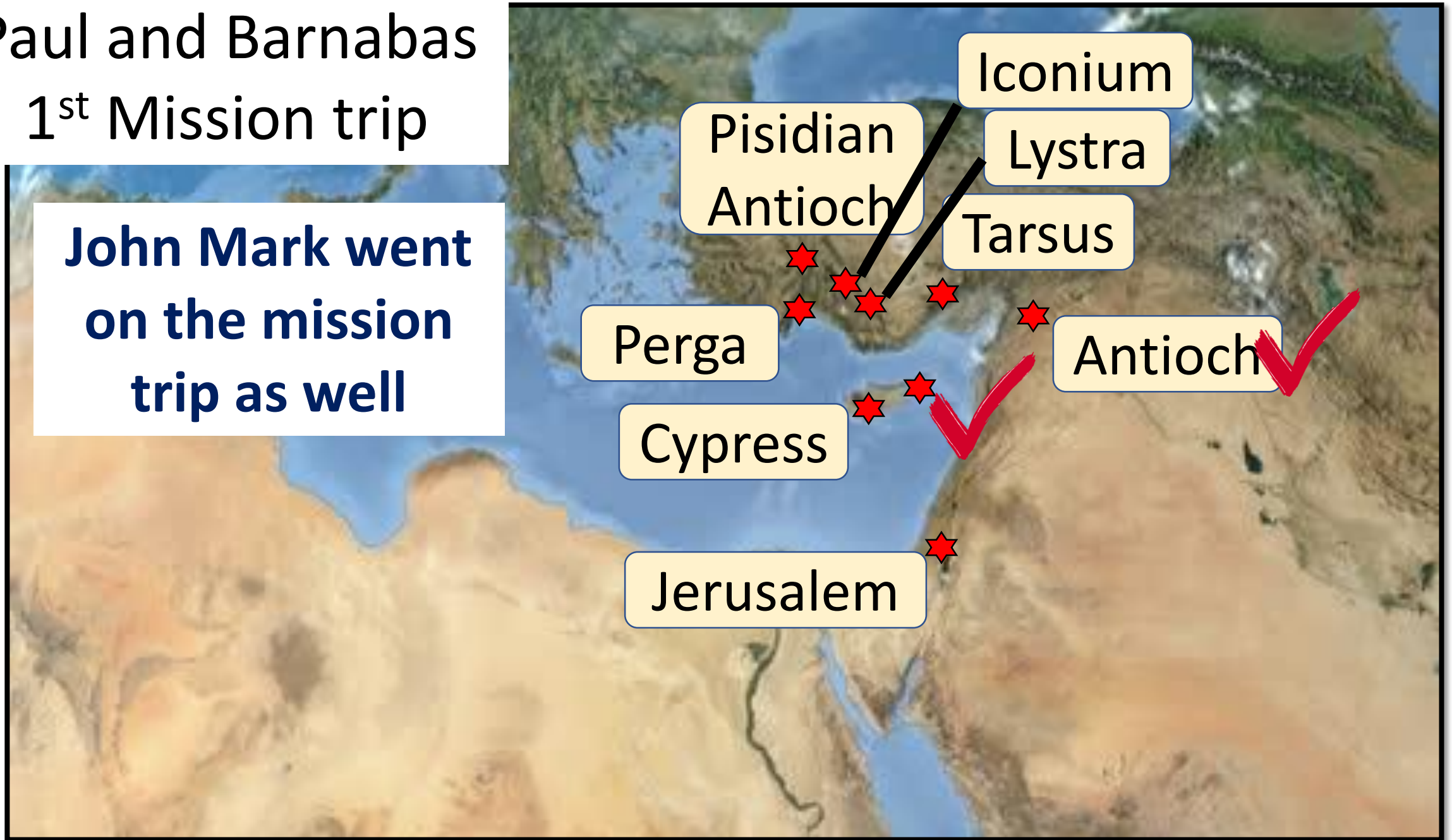
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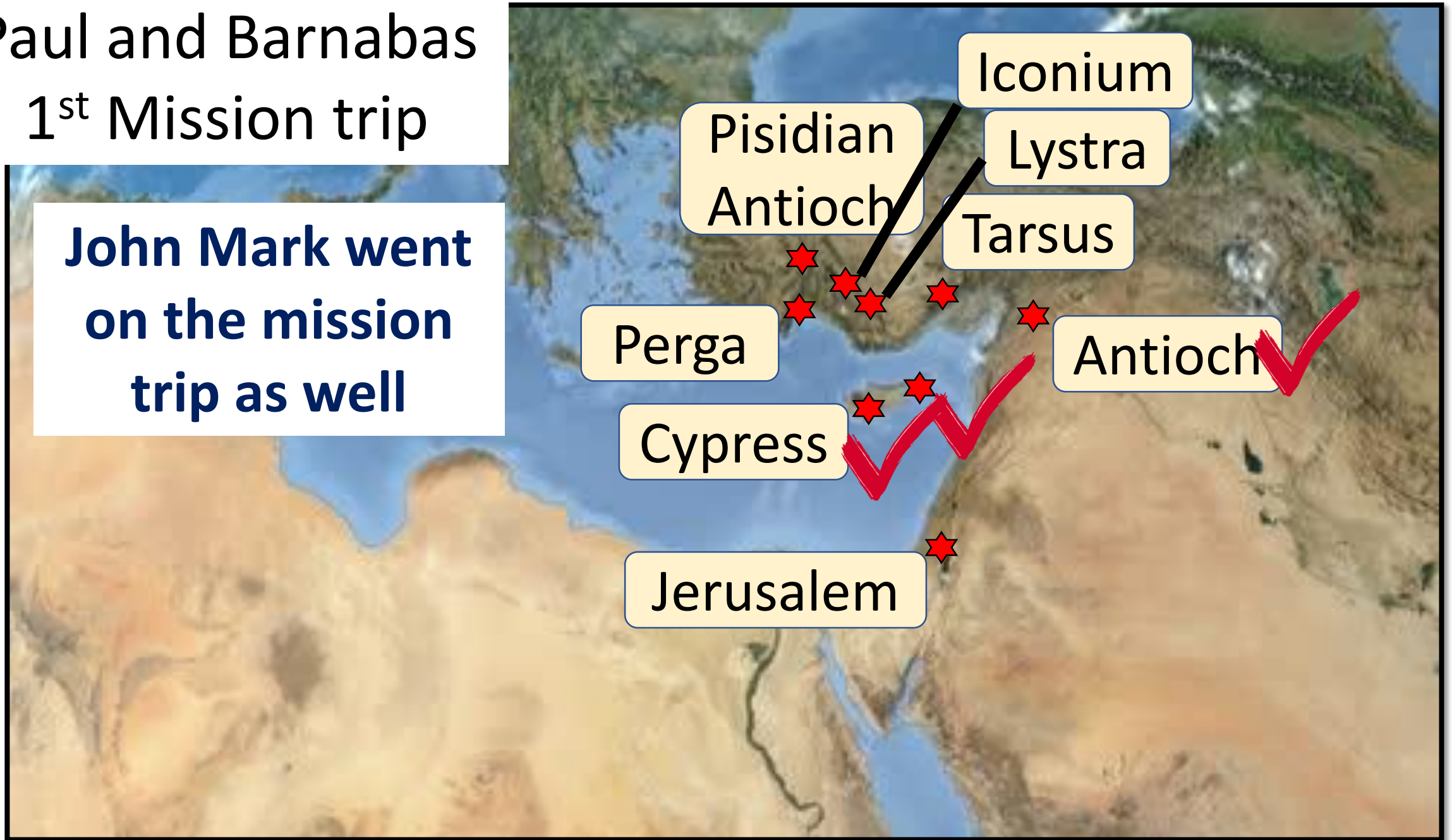
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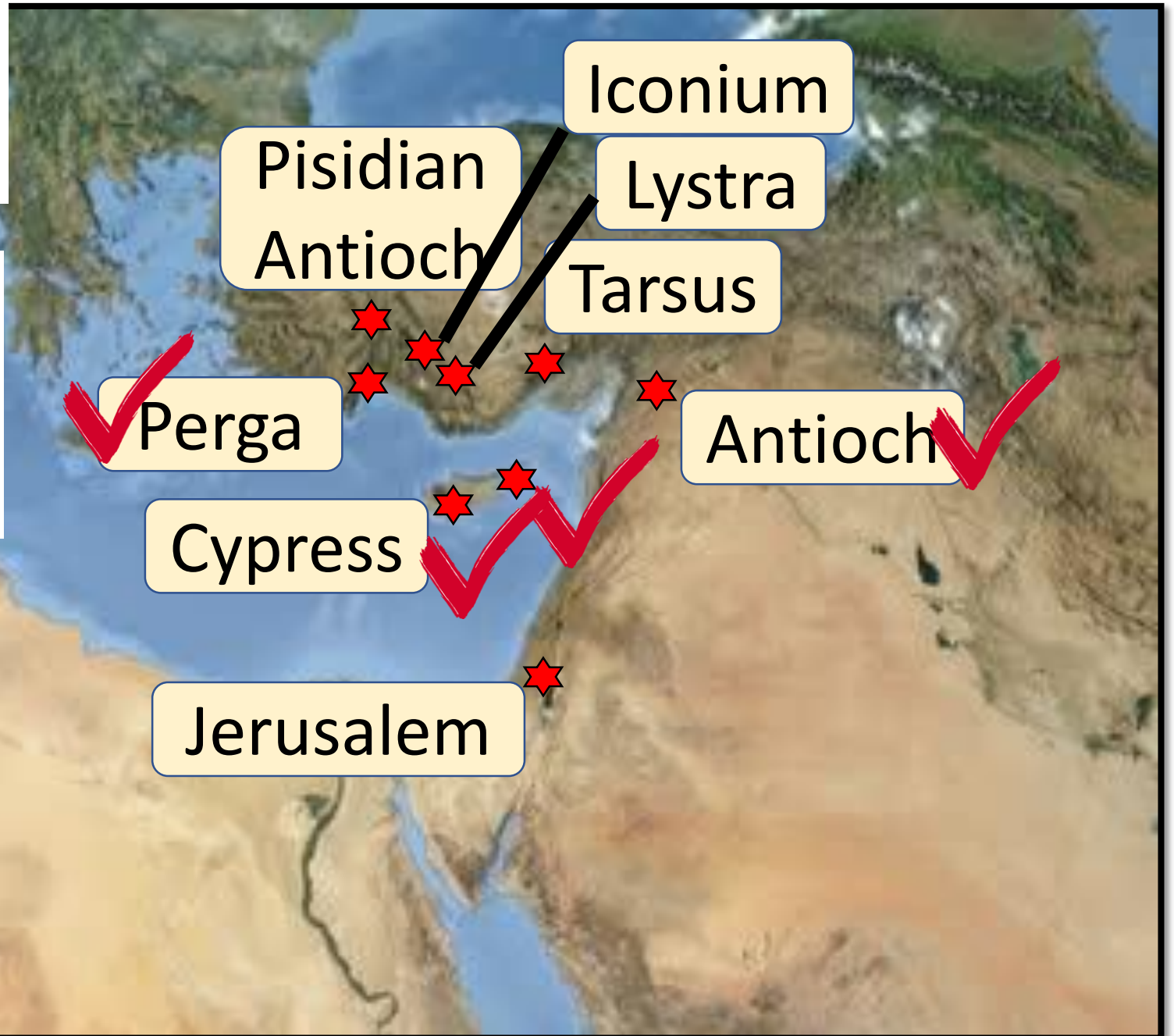
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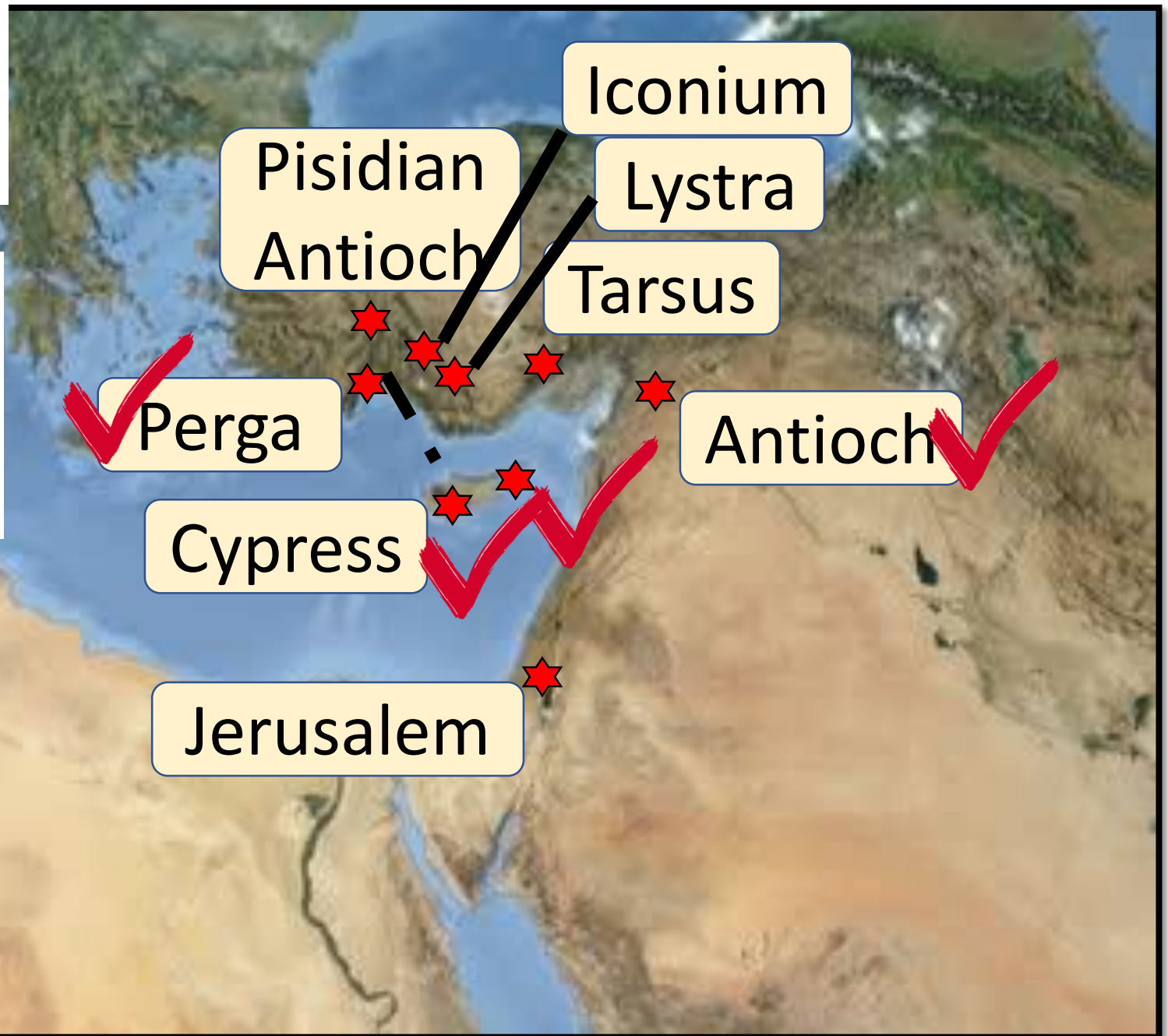
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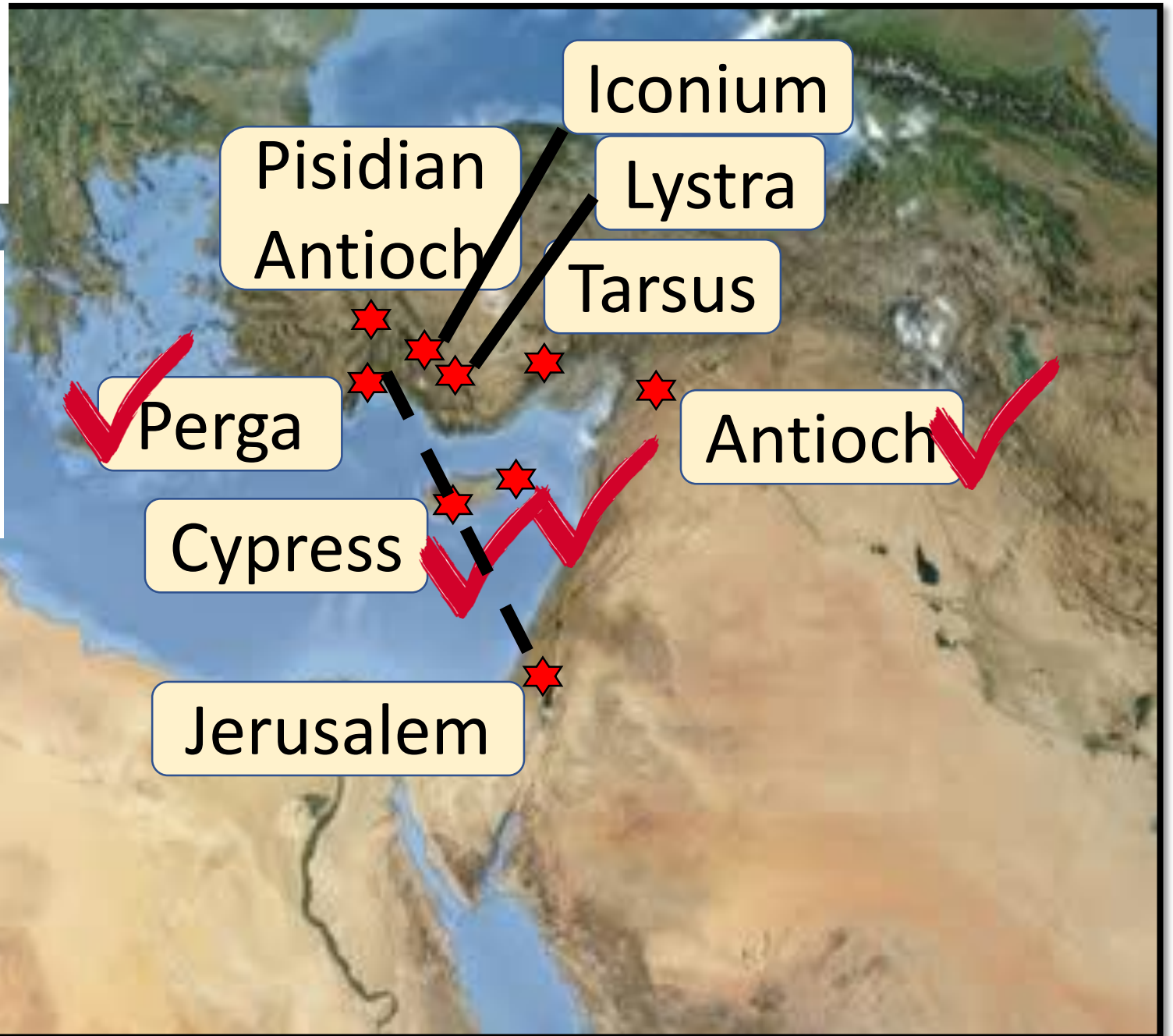
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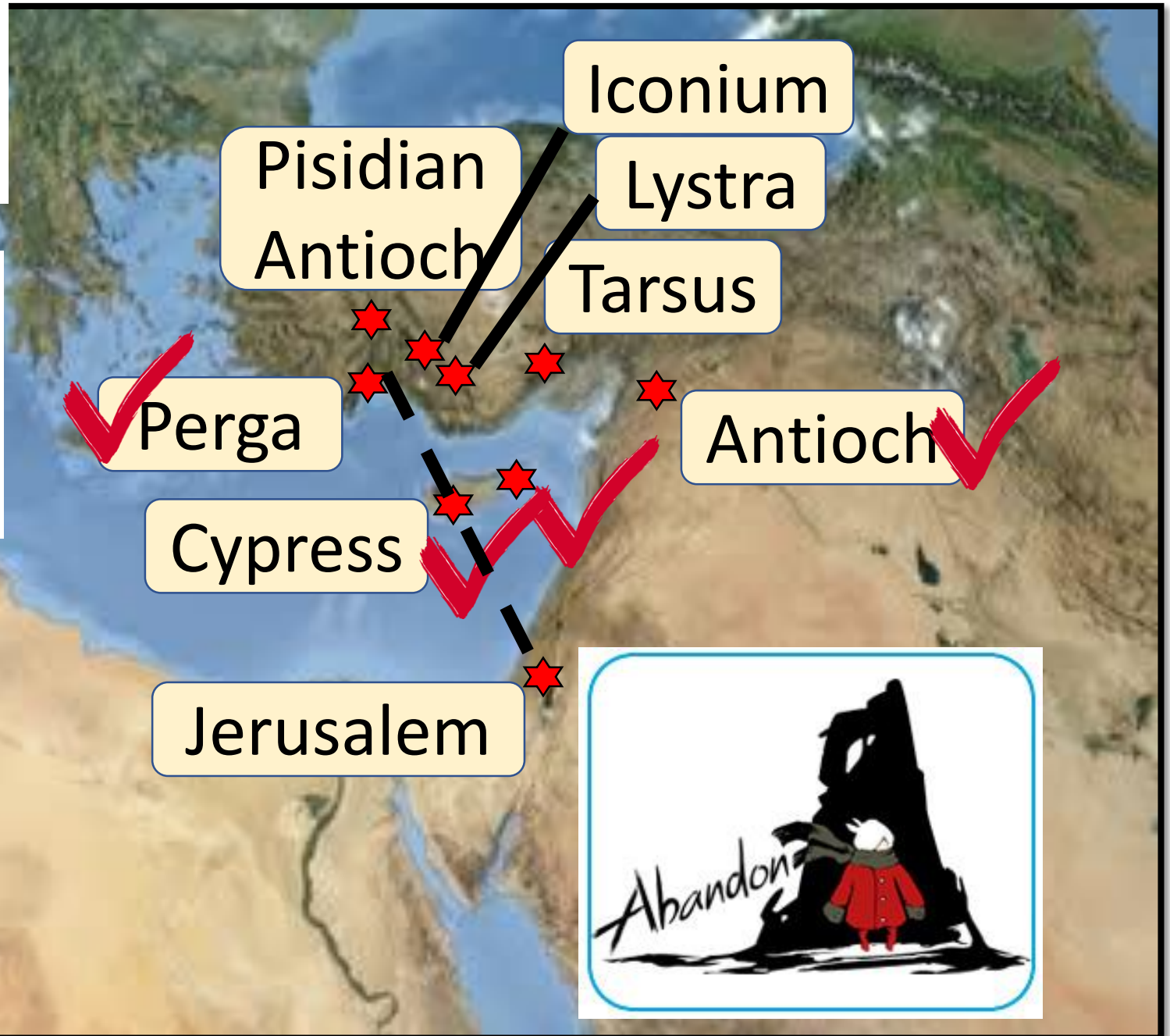
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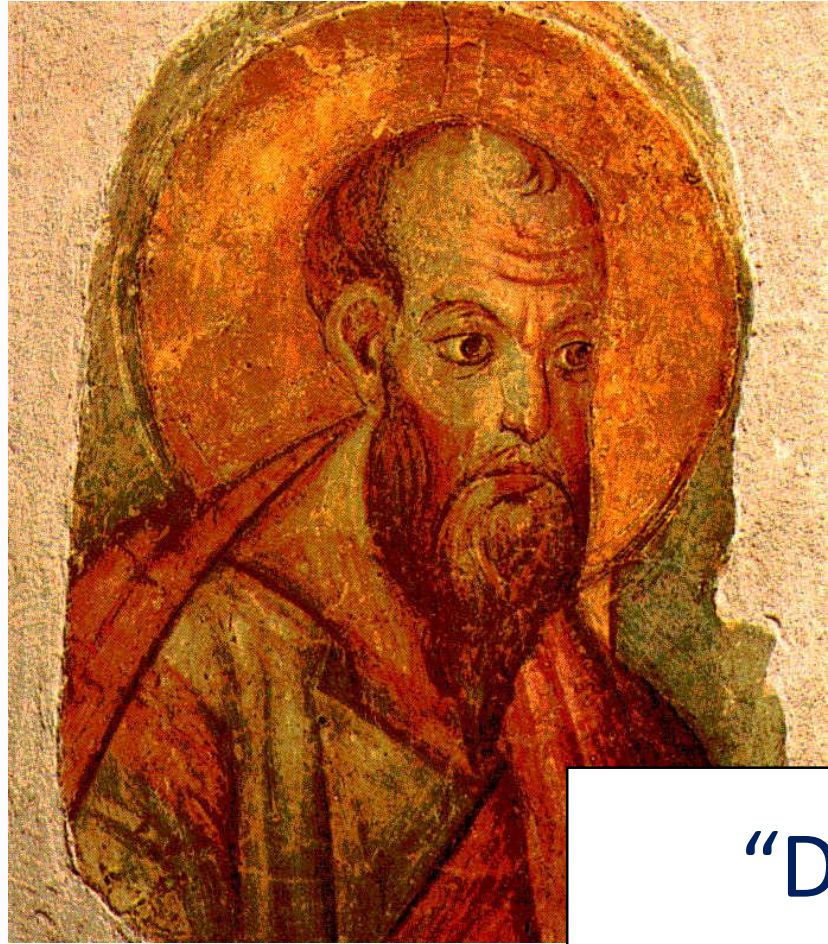


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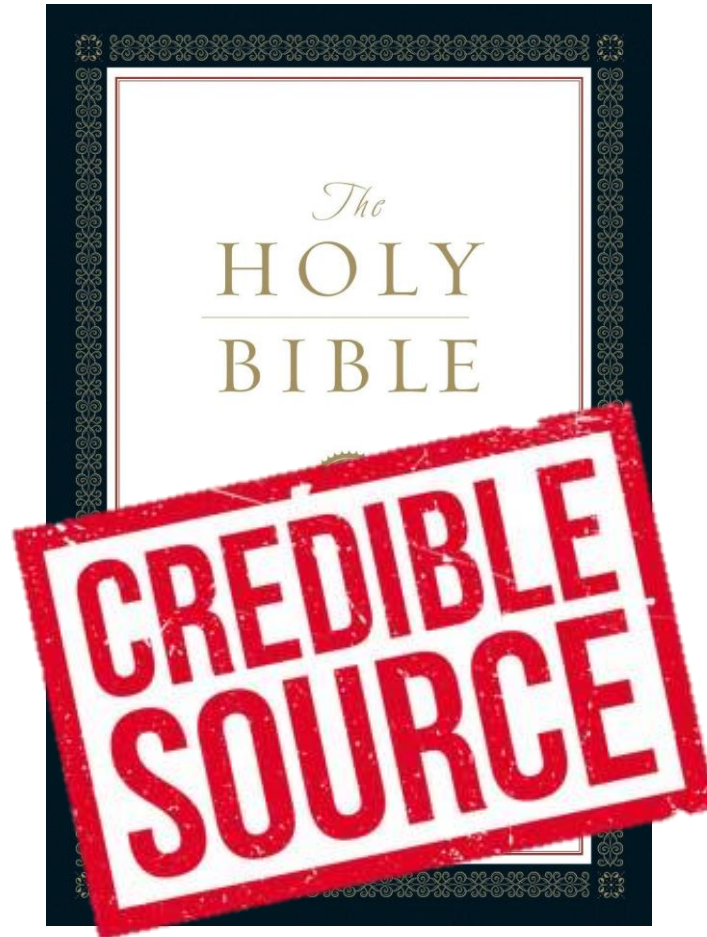


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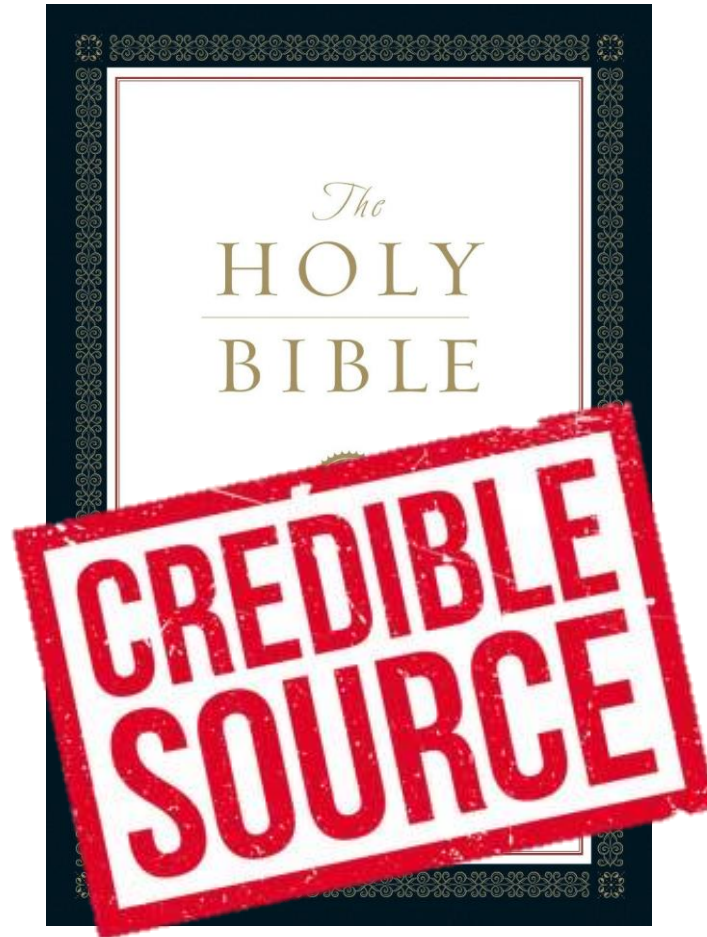
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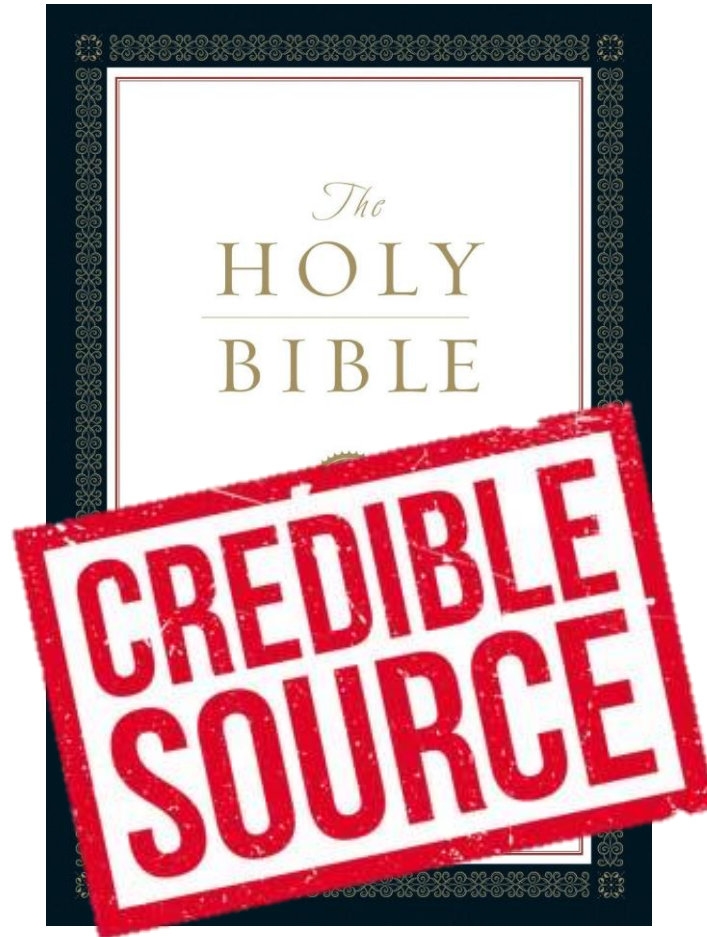
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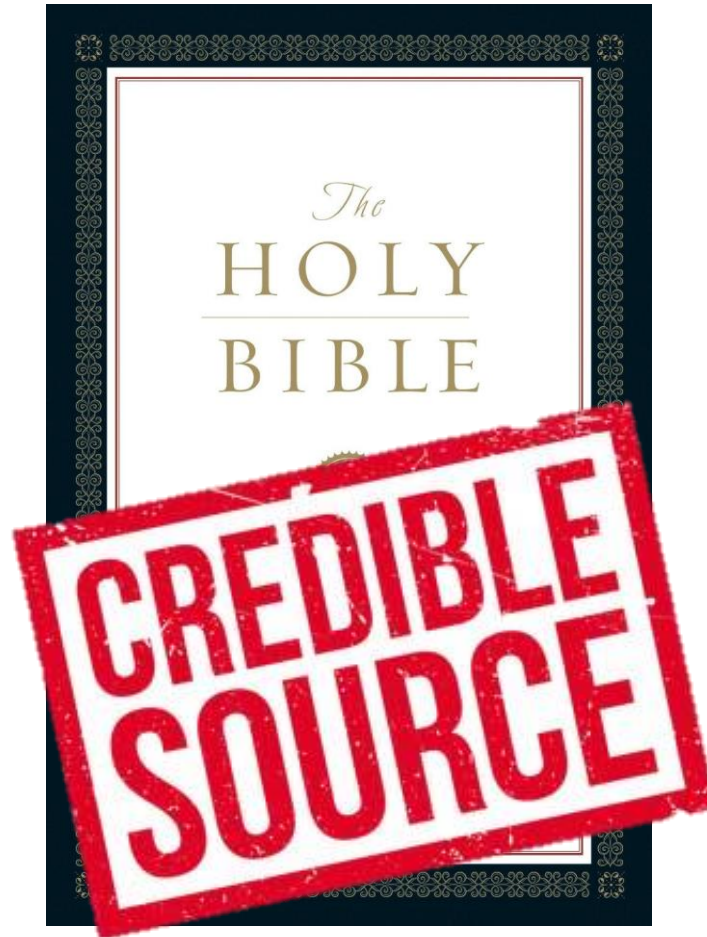
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1 Cor. 9:6 * Col. 4:10 * 2 Tim. 4:11



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