

Lesson 2 – March 13

Acts of the Apostles

Early Church by the Beloved Physician Luke



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Empowered

alternate lesson title ... **Country Folks Can Survive—see Peter**



St. Peter by Rubens



St. Peter by Michelangelo
altar wall of Sistine Chapel
part of large scene of Last Judgment

Early Church to Antioch

1. Mar 6	Entrusted	1:1-26	wait for gift
2. Mar 13	Empowered	2:1-15	Pentecost
3. Mar 20	Unified	2:41-47	giving, meeting
4. Mar 17	<i>Resurrected!</i>	<i>Luke 24:1-12</i>	<i>Easter Evangelistic Emphasis</i>
5. Apr 3	Courageous	3:1 – 4:31	Peter speaks
6. Apr 10	Integrity	4:32 – 5:16	Ananias & Sapphira
7. Apr 17	Faithful	5:17-42	Peter arrested, Gamaliel
8. Apr 24	Selfless	6:1 – 8:3	seven chosen & Stephen
9. May 1	Obedient	8:4-40	Angel, Phillip, Candace
10. May 8	Converted	9:1-31	Paul blinded, then sees
11. May 15	Bold	10:1 – 11:30	Peter raises Tabatha
12. May 22	Accepting	10:1 – 11:30	Peter's vision— <i>EAT</i>
13. May 29	Extraordinary	12:1-25	Peter freed from prison



Book of Acts – the Early Church

1 **Intro – Theophilus, Appearances, Ascension**

2-12 **Peter – Church from Jerusalem to Antioch**

2-7 **Jerusalem – Peter, John, Ananias & Sapphira, Stephen**

8 **Samaria – Paul persecutes, Philip, Simon**

9 **Conversion of Paul**

10-12 **Conversion of Cornelius, Peter vision of sheets**

13-28 **Paul – Church from Antioch to Rome**



AD 30

AD 63

AD 64 – Nero burns Rome



Key Doctrine

The Holy Spirit enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in life, worship, evangelism and service.



Early Church to Antioch

Chapter 2

1-4 Spirit Given – *Pentecost, Flames, Languages*

5-13 Questions asked – *Crowd confused, Galileans, drunk?*

14-15 Opportunity Seized – *Peter stood, “Let me explain....”*

16-36 Peter from Joel and David: Jesus is Lord and Christ

37-47 “What shall we do” ... and were added *about 3,000!*



2:41-47 will be focus of next lesson



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Pentecost – Shavuot

✠ **Shavuot *sha-VU-ot* – Festival of Weeks, celebrated on the 50th day after Passover, also Pentecost, Greek for “50”**

✠ **One of Three Pilgrimage Festivals**

- 1. Passover – Deliverance of Hebrews from Egypt**
- 2. Shavuot – Festival of Weeks, celebrated ONE DAY**
- 3. Sukkot – Festival of Booths, recalling 40 years wandering**

✠ **Shavuot celebrated the covenants with Noah and Moses**



Pentecost – Shavuot

- ✠ *Encyclopedia Judaica*: **possible** Pharisees made Shavuot commemorate the giving of the Torah *before Christ*, believing as they did the Torah was given at Sinai on the 50th day after the Exodus, something the Sadducees denied.
- ✠ Yet, Philo and Josephus make **no reference** to Shavuot as commemorating the time of the giving of the Torah.
- ✠ AD 200+ celebrated anniversary Torah given at Sinai



Torah
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Holy Spirit ... Holy Ghost



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Gen 1:2; Jud 14:6; Job 26:13; Psa 51:11; 139:7; Isa 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Mat 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mk 1:10, 12; Luke 1:35; 4:1, 18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4, 38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17, 39; Acts 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Rom 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; 1Co 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11; Gal 4:6; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1Th 5:19; 1Ti 3:16; 4:1; 2Ti 1:14; 3:16; Heb 9:8, 14; 2Pe 1:21; 1Jo 4:13; 5:6-7; Rev 1:10; 22:17.

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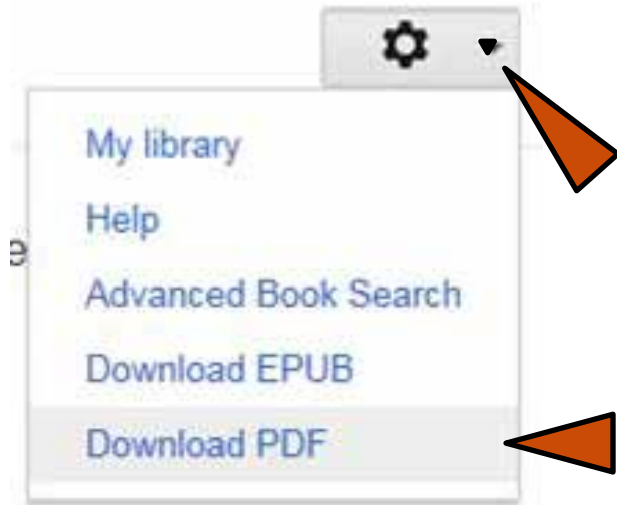
lesson Key Doctrine



Augustus H. Strong, *Systematic Theology: A Compendium ...Designed for ... Theological Students*
(Griffith & Rowland Press, 1907; 1,166 pgs) – download **FREE** here:

<https://books.google.com/books?id=Uq4PAAAAIAAJ>

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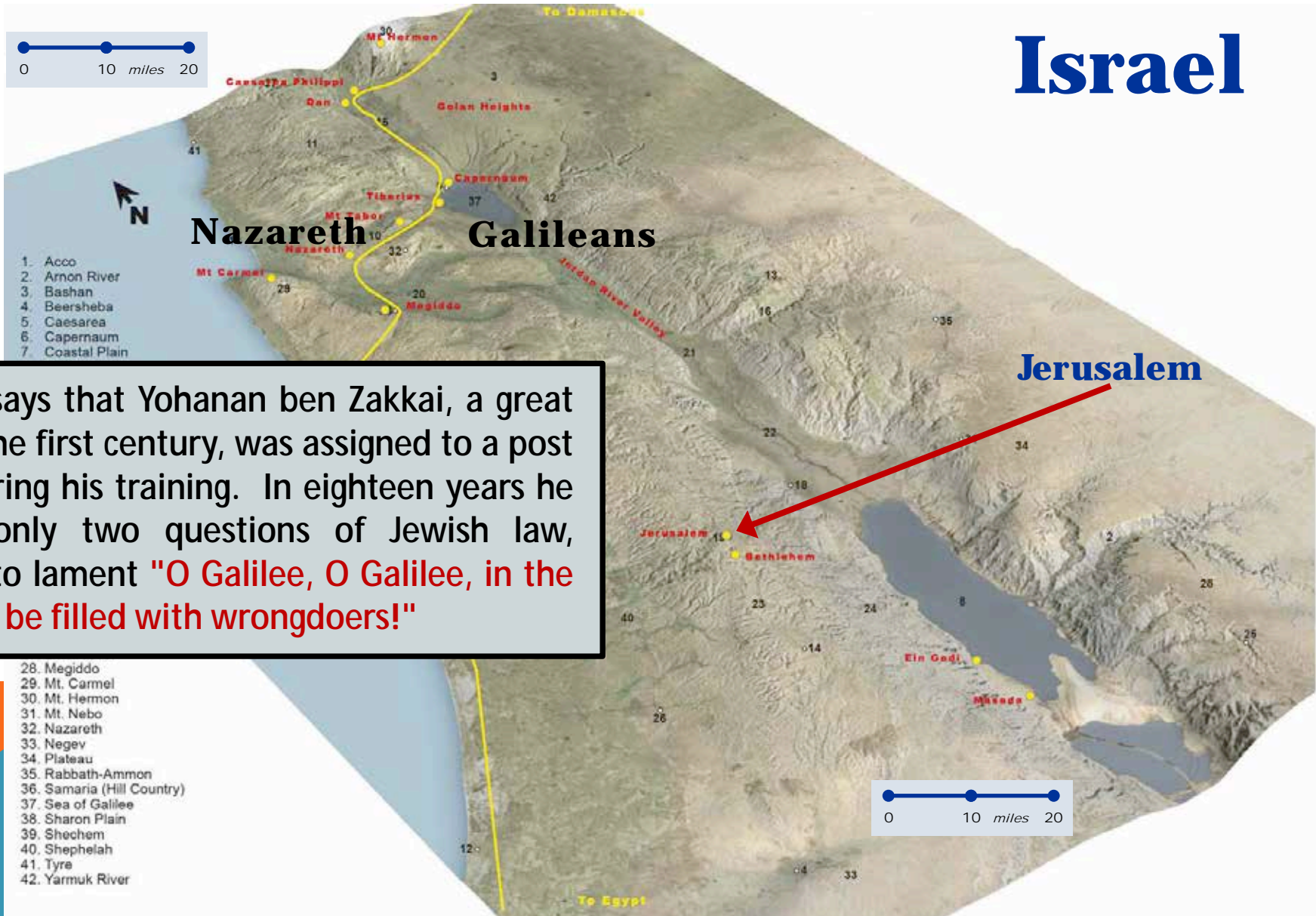
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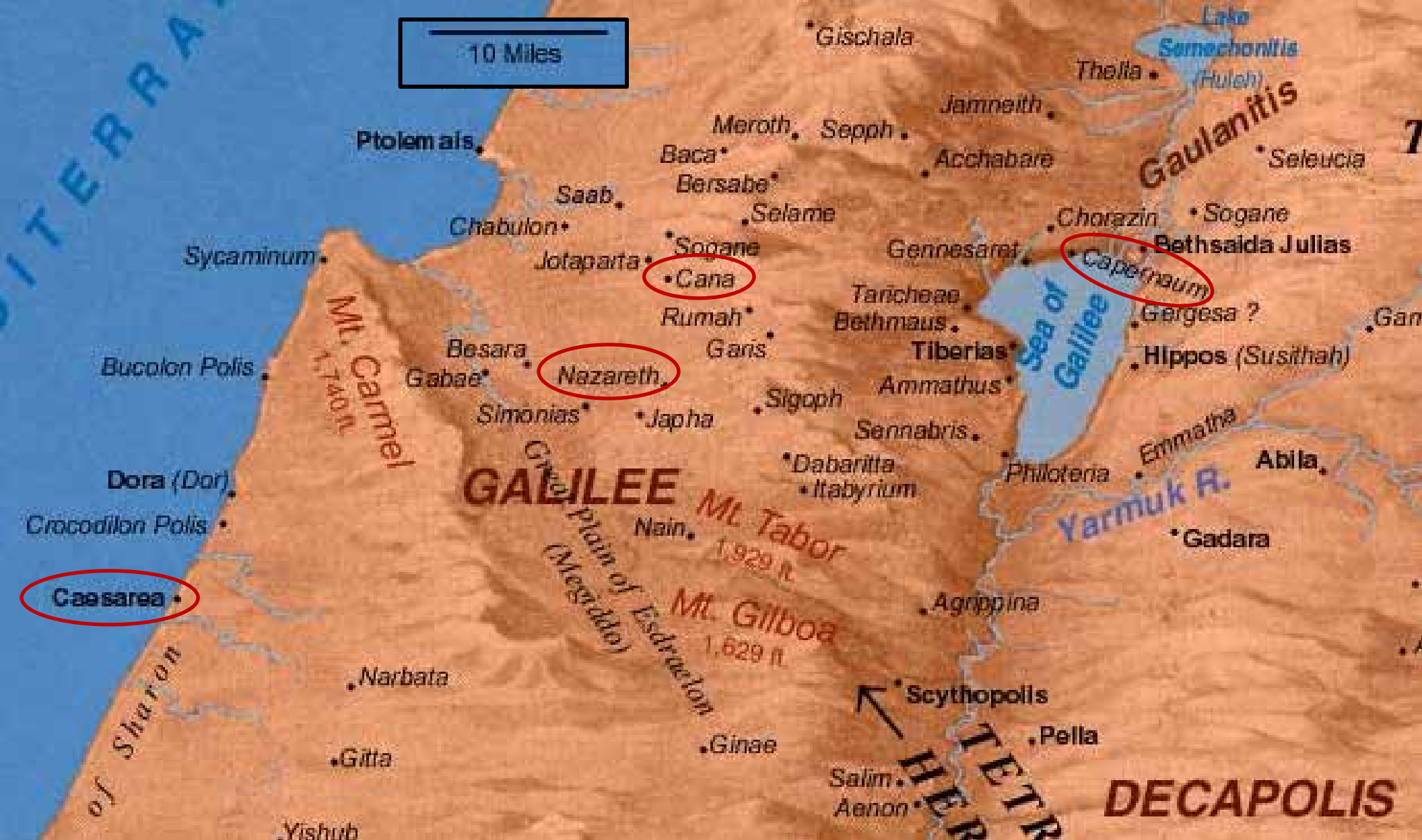


1. Acco
2. Arnon River
3. Bashan
4. Beersheba
5. Caesarea
6. Capernaum
7. Coastal Plain

The Talmud says that Yohanan ben Zakkai, a great Pharisee of the first century, was assigned to a post in Galilee during his training. In eighteen years he was asked only two questions of Jewish law, causing him to lament "O Galilee, O Galilee, in the end you shall be filled with wrongdoers!"

28. Megiddo
29. Mt. Carmel
30. Mt. Hermon
31. Mt. Nebo
32. Nazareth
33. Negev
34. Plateau
35. Rabbath-Ammon
36. Samaria (Hill Country)
37. Sea of Galilee
38. Sharon Plain
39. Shechem
40. Shephelah
41. Tyre
42. Yarmuk River





10 Miles

SYRIA
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Gaulanitis

GALILEE

Yarmuk R.

DECAPOLIS

HERETRIA

Gischala

Thella

Lake Samochonitis (Huleh)

Jamneith

Seleucia

Ptolemais

Meroth, Sepph

Acchabare

Baca

Bersabe

Selame

Saab

Chabulon

Sogane

Gennesaret

Chorazin

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Bethsaida Julias

Cana

Capernaum

Taricheae

Bethmaus

Gergesa?

Sycaminum

Jotaparta

Rumah

Garis

Tiberias

Hippos (Sursithah)

Bucolon Polis

Mt. Carmel

Besara

Nazareth

Japha

Sigoph

Ammathus

Emmatha

Abila

Plain of Esdracton (Megiddo)

Mt. Tabor 1,929 ft.

Nain

Mt. Gilboa 1,629 ft.

Dabaritta

Itabyrium

Philoteria

Gadara

Dora (Dar)

Crocodilon Polis

Caesarea

Agrippina

Scythopolis

Pella

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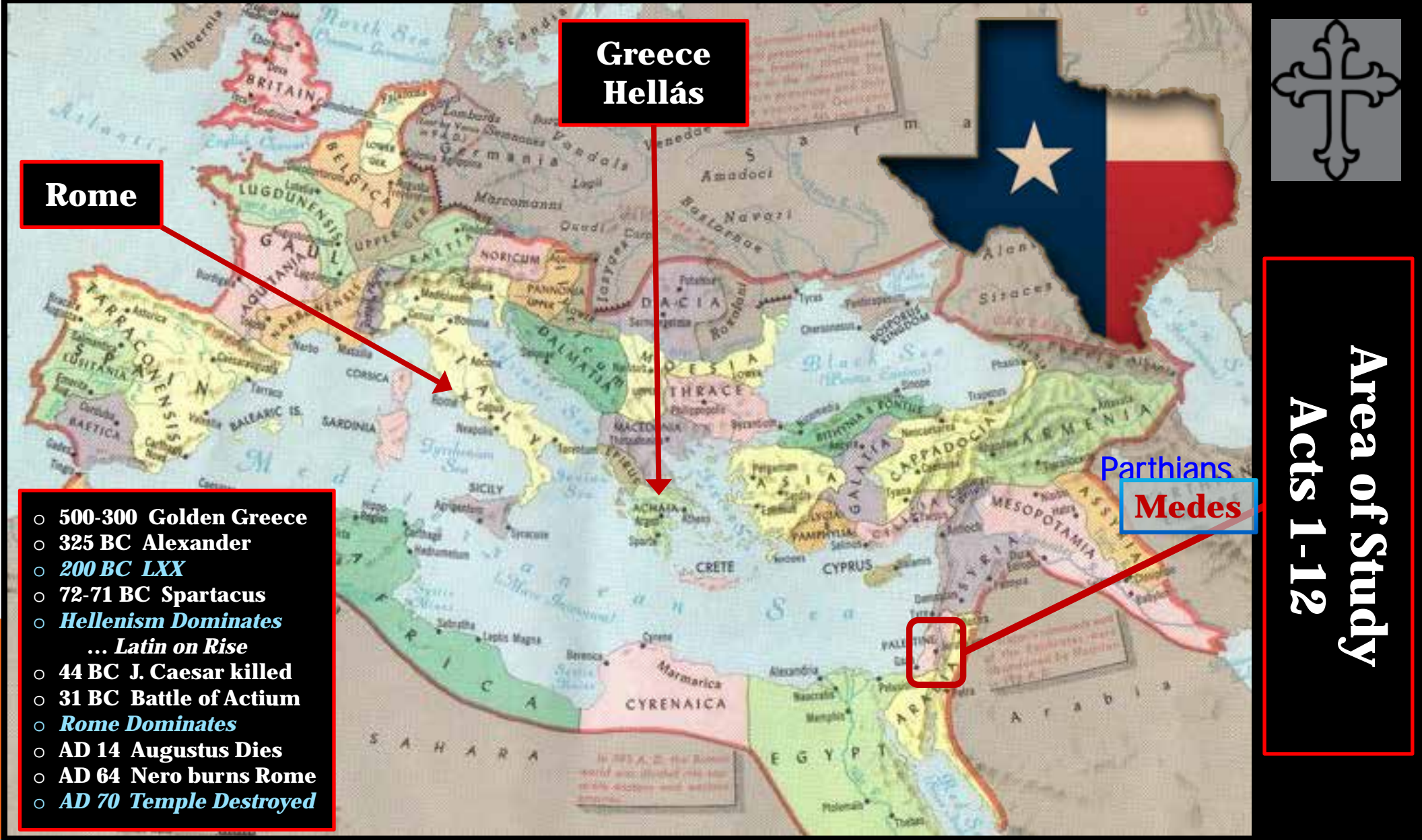
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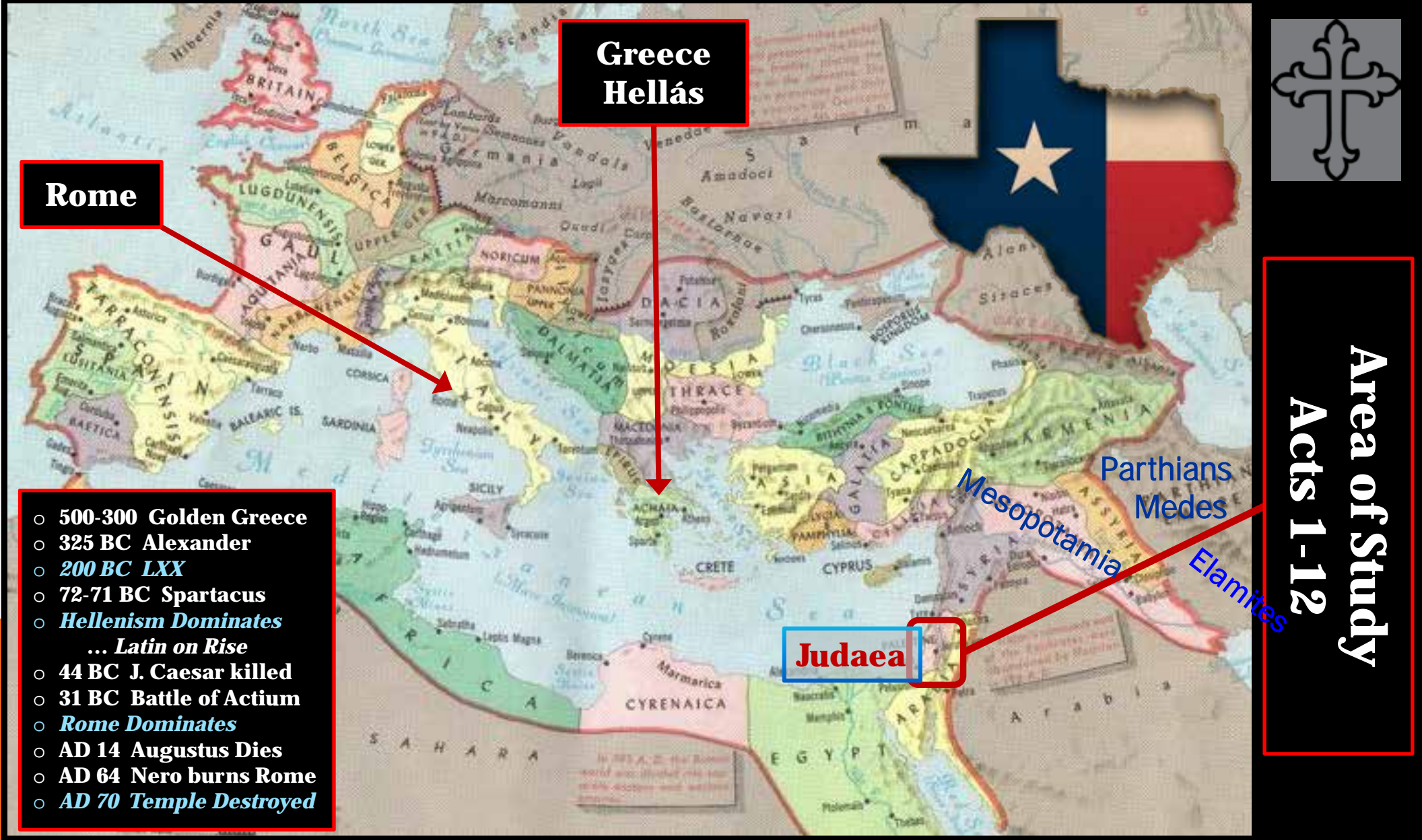
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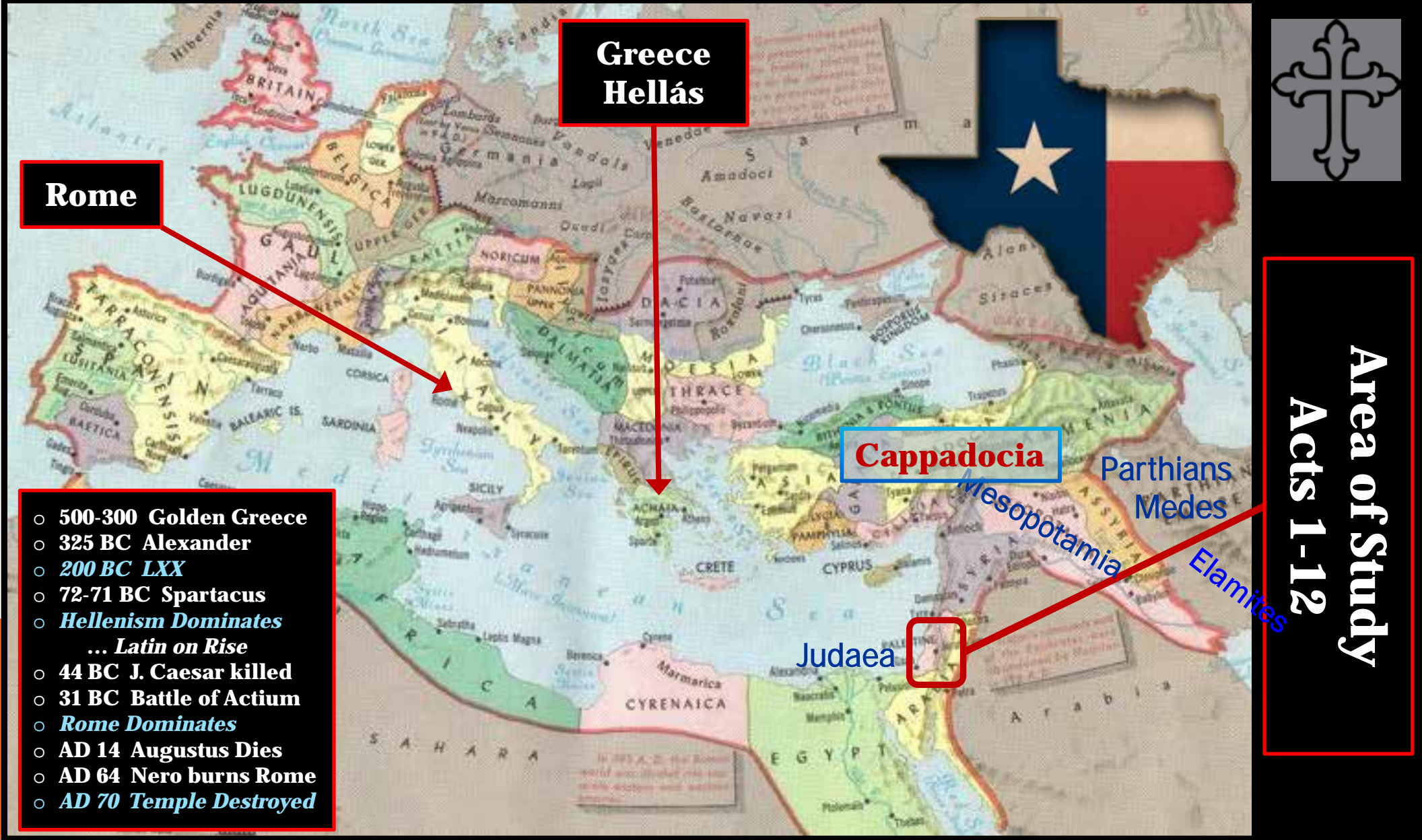
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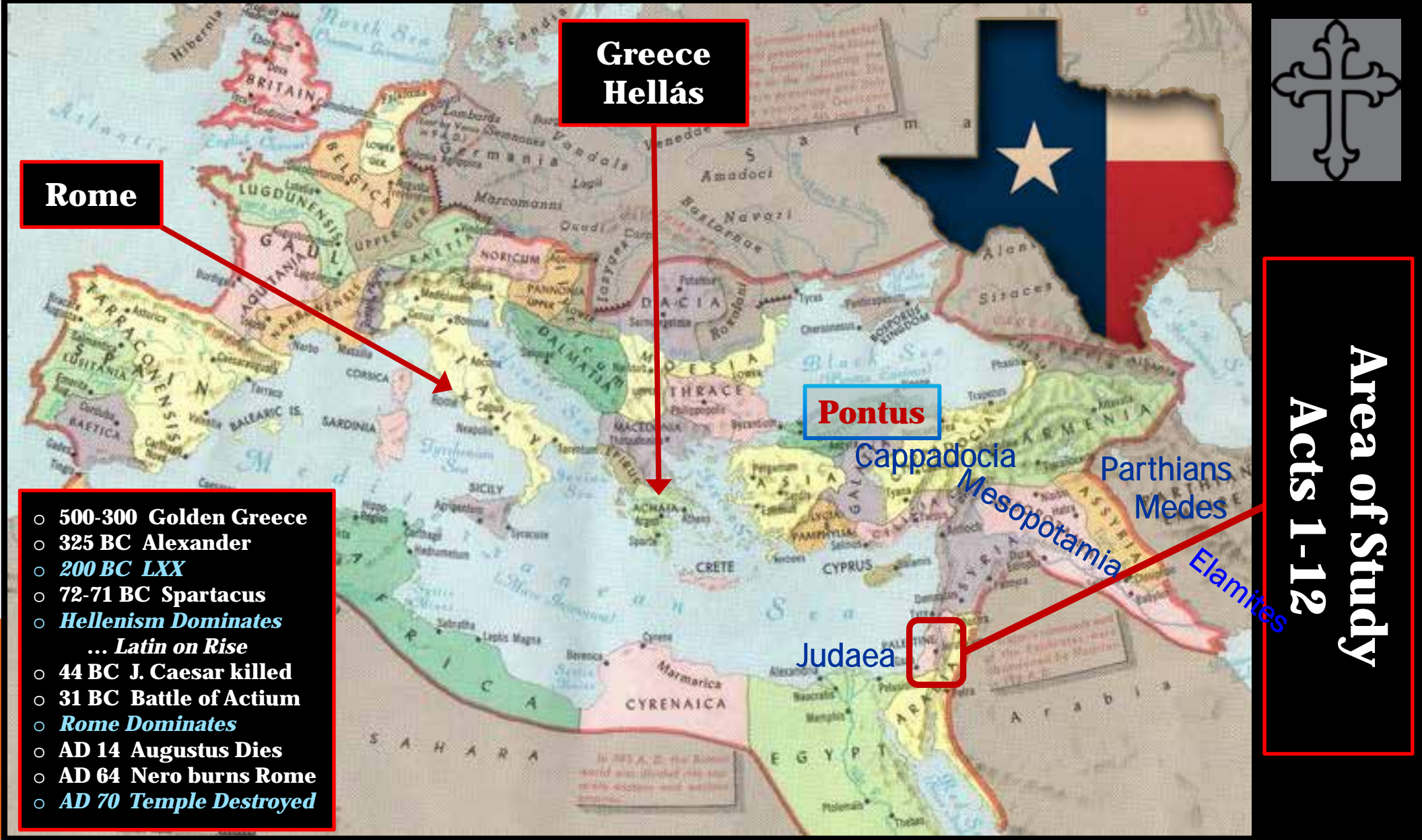
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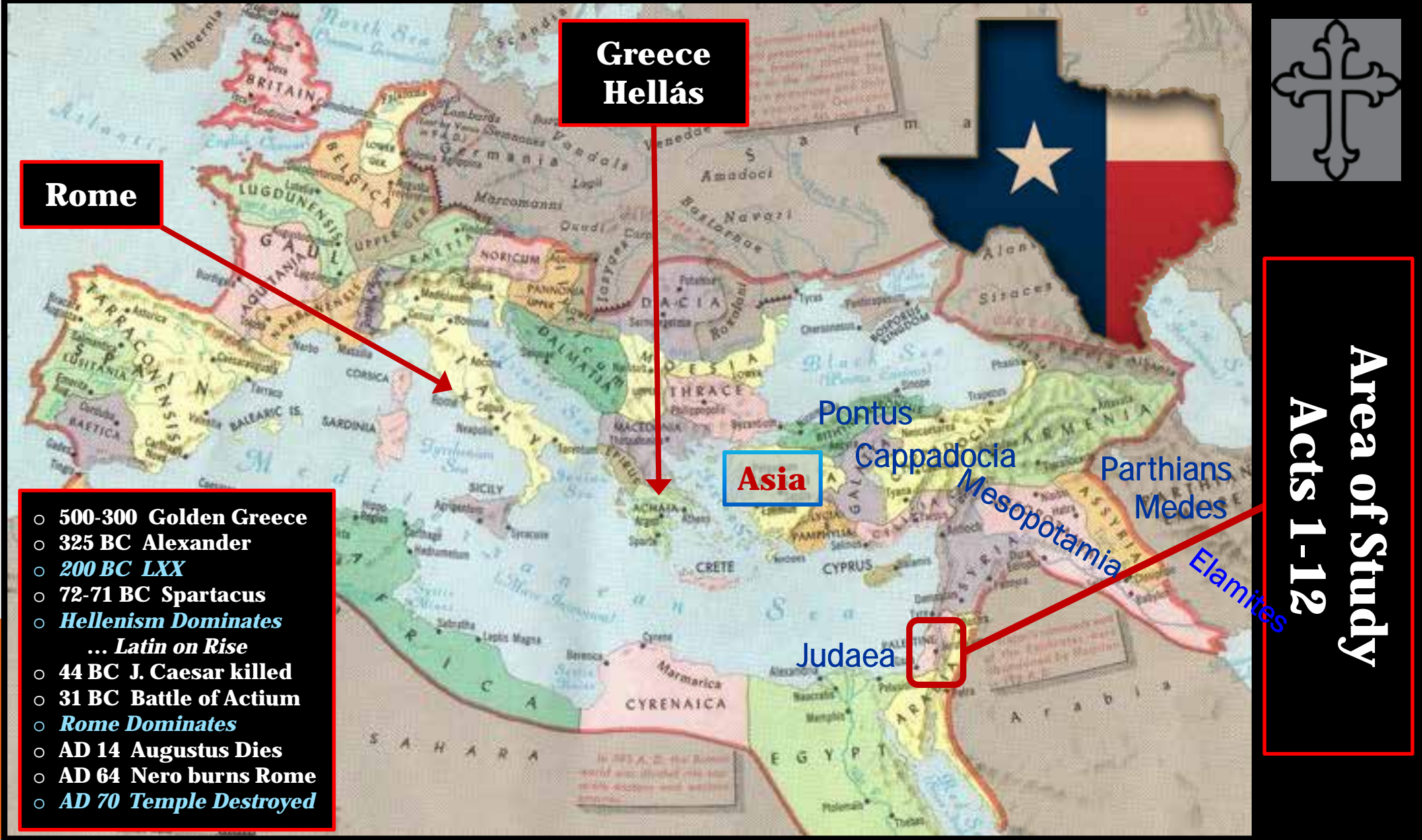
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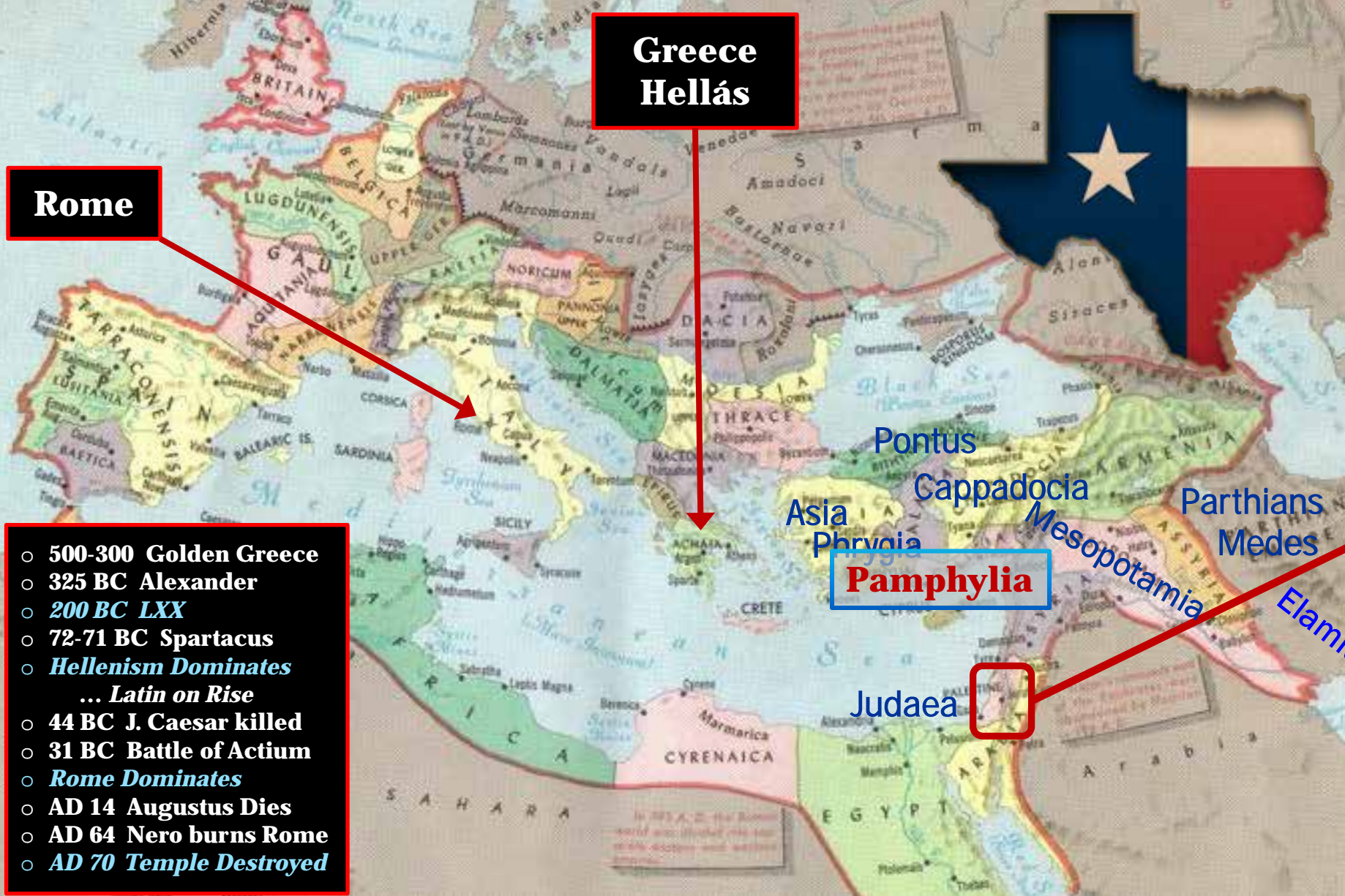


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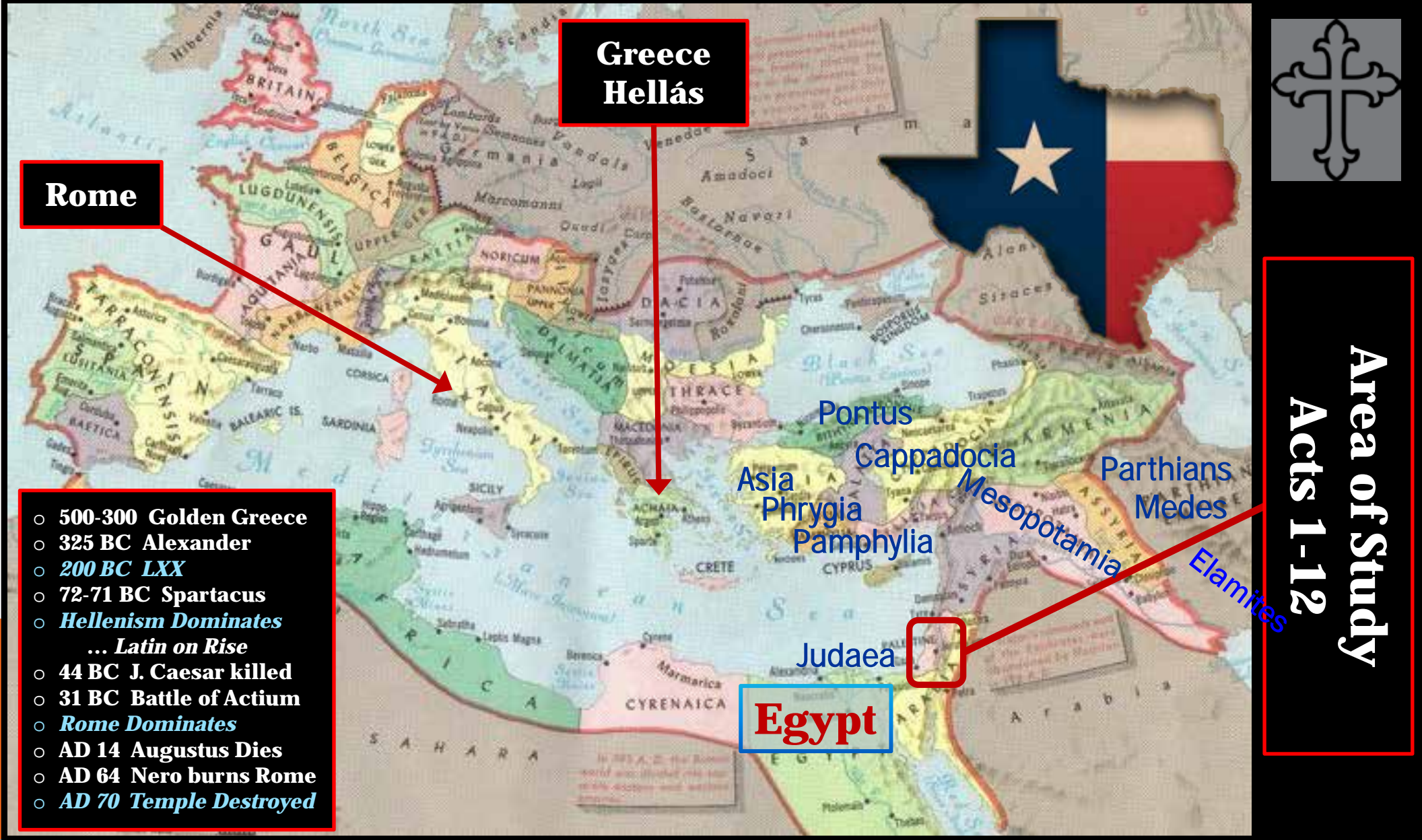
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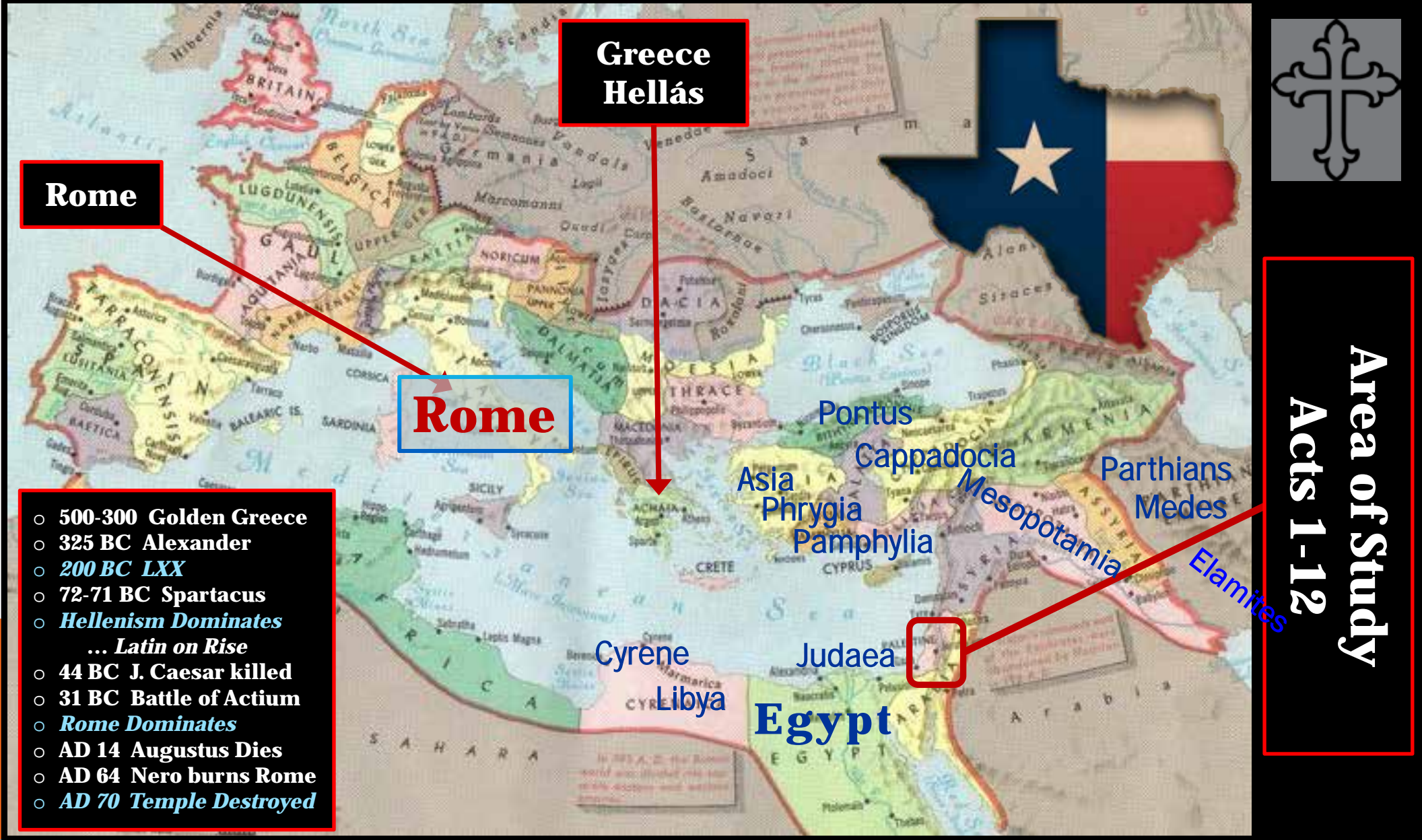
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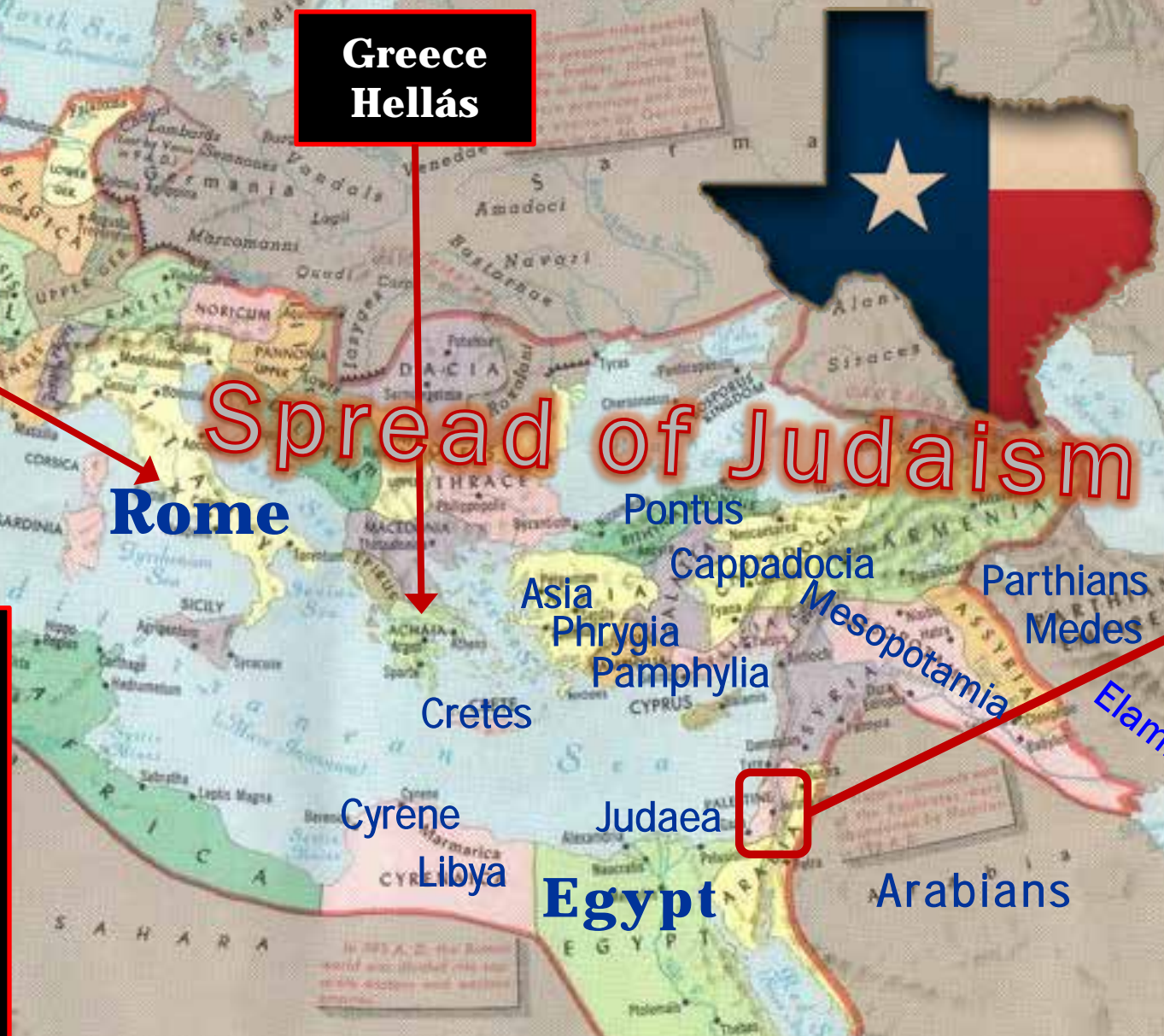
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AD 30 – No Christians
anywhere *but* Israel!

25 more years before
Christians in Rome!

Antioch

Damascus

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¹³Others mocking said, “These men are full of new wine.”



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14-15 Opportunity Seized – Peter, “Let me explain....”

14But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: ¹⁵For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

16-36 Peter from Joel and David to Jesus is Lord and Christ
Peter – First Witness

37-47 “What shall we do” ... were added about **3,000!**





Early Church BONUS

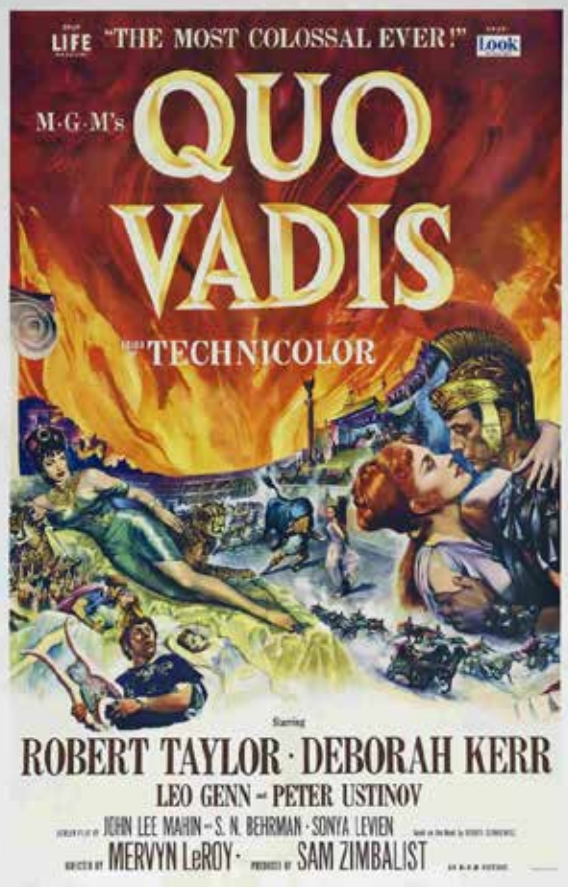
Acts 28, Paul & Rome AD 63 – AD 64, Nero burns Rome

Quo Vadis, 1951 epic MGM film adapted from the classic novel *Quo Vadis* (1896) by Henryk Sienkiewicz. Marcus Vinicius, a Roman patrician, falls for Lygia, a Christian, and he attempts to save her from Nero's increasing insanity.

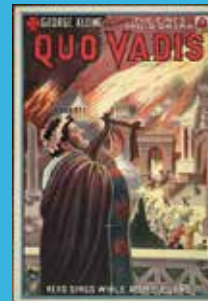
"*Quo Vadis*"—"Where are you going?" refers to a Christian tradition of St Peter from the apocryphal *Acts of Peter* (Vercelli Acts XXXV). As Peter flees Rome, he meets the risen Jesus and asks Jesus "*Quo vadis?*" Jesus replies, "*Romam eo iterum crucifigi*"—"I am going to Rome to be crucified again." Peter gains the courage to return to Roman and his ministry, and eventually to be crucified.

Unworthy to be crucified as his Lord was, he asked to be crucified upside-down.

The Church of Domine Quo Vadis in Rome is built where, according to legend, the meeting between Peter and Jesus took place.



Poster for 1924 Italian
silent movie, *Quo Vadis*



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