

Acts of the Apostles

First Christian Pentecost

2:8 And how hear we every man
in our own language,
wherein we were born?



Tongues of Fire Divided



Saint Peter, circa 1612
by Rubens (1577–1640)

chapters

1 Stand by Me

2a You Light Up My Life

2b United

3 Placed

4a Emboldened

4b Accountable

5 Worthy

6 Serving

7-8 Baptizing

9a Calling

9b Healing

10-11 Including

12 Praying



Spirit descends as a
Dove on Jesus in
Matt 3:16 & Mark 1:10



Woodville
First Baptist
Our Church
House



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

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Summary</i>
June 2	1	Stand by Me	Gift of Holy Ghost Coming
June 9	2a	You Light Up My Life	Pentecost—Gift of Holy Spirit
June 16	2b	United	Giving, Meeting
June 23	3	Placed	Peter Speaks after Healing Lame Man
June 30	4a	Emboldened	Peter Speaks to Rulers of Jerusalem
July 7	4b	Accountable	Ananias & Sapphira
July 14	5	Worthy	Peter Arrested, Gamaliel
July 21	6	Serving	Seven Chosen & Stephen
July 28	7-8	Baptizing	Angel, Phillip, Candace
Aug 4	9a	Calling	Paul Blinded, then SEES
Aug 11	9b	Healing	Peter Heals Aenaes & Raises Tabatha
Aug 18	10	Including	Peter's Vision— <i>EAT</i>
Aug 25	11-12	Praying	Peter Freed from Prison



Book of Acts – Early Church

- 1 Intro – Theophilus, Appearances, Ascension *AD 33*
- 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 63*

AD 64 – Nero burns Rome



After the crucifixion ... disciples hide ...

Last week, Jesus appears to many for 40 days ...

Give an impossible charge – yet **STAY in Jerusalem**

So many nights I'd sit by my window

Waiting for someone to sing me his song

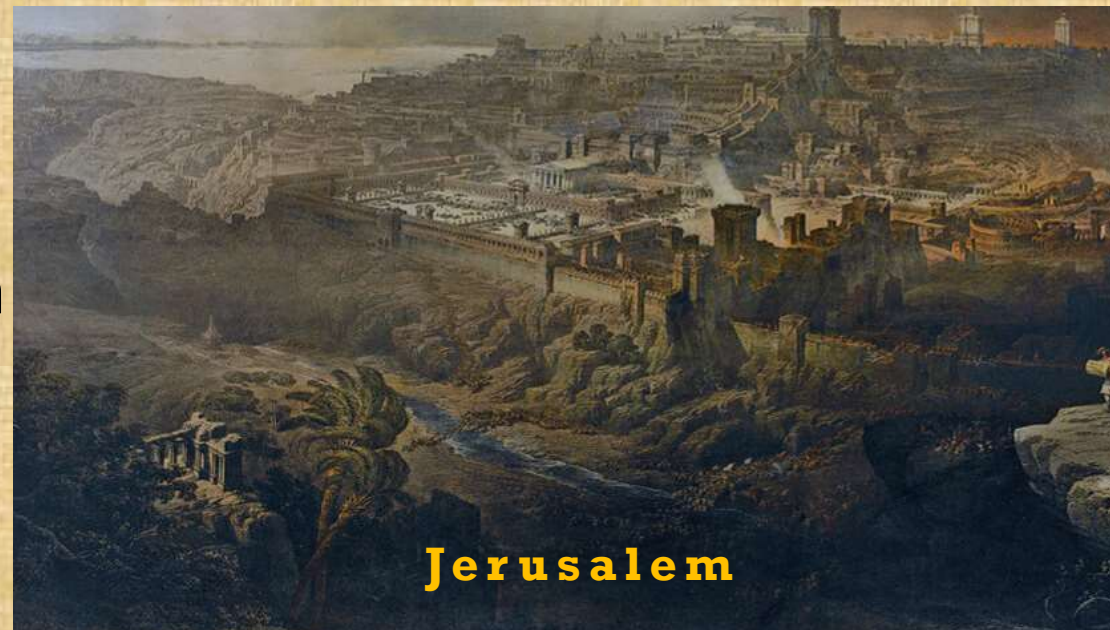
So many dreams I kept deep inside me

Alone in the dark ...



Pentecost ...

- ✓ **50 days after Passover**
- ✓ **Other than the **GREATEST** miracle of all—resurrection**
- ✓ **No miracles between resurrection & Pentecost**



Jerusalem

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Chapter 2

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

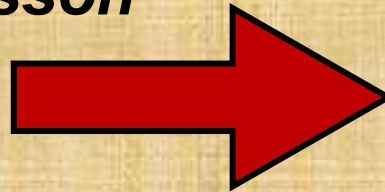
5-13 Questions asked – *Crowd confused, Galileans, drunk?*

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

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

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

2:41-47 will be focus of next lesson



Church Begins – Acts 2:1-4

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

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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

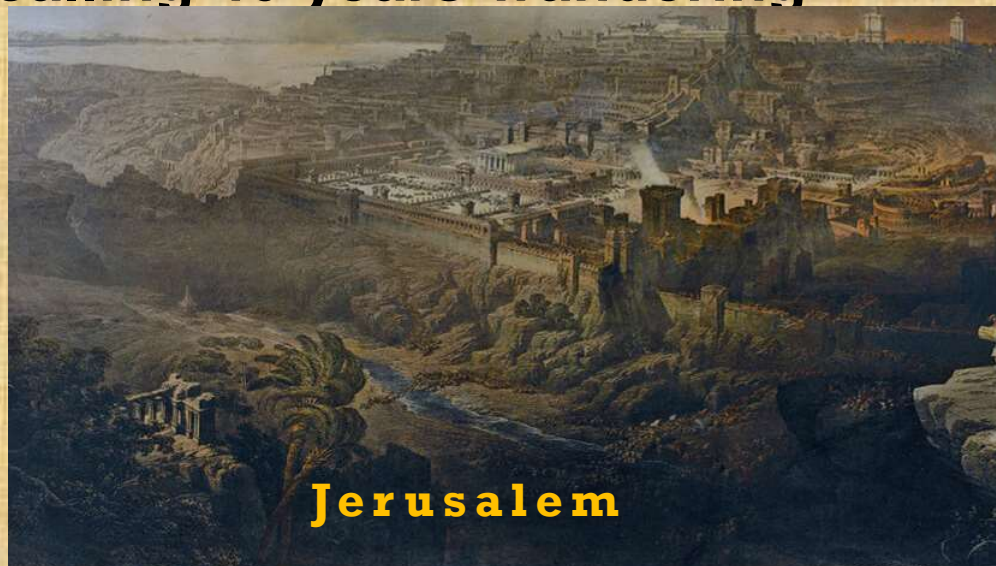
Passover – Deliverance of Hebrews from Egypt

Shavuot – Festival of Weeks, celebrated ONE DAY

Sukkot – Festival of Booths, recalling 40 years wandering

Shavuot celebrated the covenants with Noah and Moses

Shavuot giving of Torah



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+ Jews celebrated anniversary Torah given at Sinai



Torah
תּוֹרָה

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- 1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3** And there appeared unto them **CLOVEN TONGUES** like as of **FIRE**, and it sat upon each of them.
- 4** ... **ALL** filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to **SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES**, as the Spirit gave them utterance



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unintelligible “*tongue/languages*” requiring a gift of interpretation



Pentecostals are most famous for their use of “gift of tongues”

- Many trace Pentecostal Church to Agnes Ozman in Topeka KS in 1901, who first spoke in tongues & they welcomed the Holy Spirit
- Catholic believe on January 1, 1901—at the SAME TIME—
Pope Leo XIII prayed to the Holy Spirit, singing *Veni Creator Spiritus*
in a window in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

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Most Baptists & Protestants don't use or believe in gift of tongues

- ✓ Acts 10:46 & 19:6 “heard them speak in *tongues* & prophecy” (*no interpretation*)
- ✓ Rom 3:13 *tongues* for *languages* “with their *tongues* they used deceit”
- ✓ After A.D. 100—NOT any use for *tongues* the first 1,800+ years of church

Me—know many honorable Pentecostals—God *Bless* them

I am good friends with John Bunker, Pastor of Pentecostals of Woodville

I have no issue with any using that gift or have any need to challenge them

Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

The Baptist Faith and Message (1963 & 2000):

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Baptist Faith.htm](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Baptist_Faith.htm)



Article II. God. **A. God the Father . . . B. God the Son**

C. God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

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.

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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Church Begins – Acts 2:5-13

5-13 Questions asked – Galileans drunk?

⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven....

⁶ heard them speak in his own *language*.

⁷ And they were all amazed and marveled ... are not all these which speak Galileans?

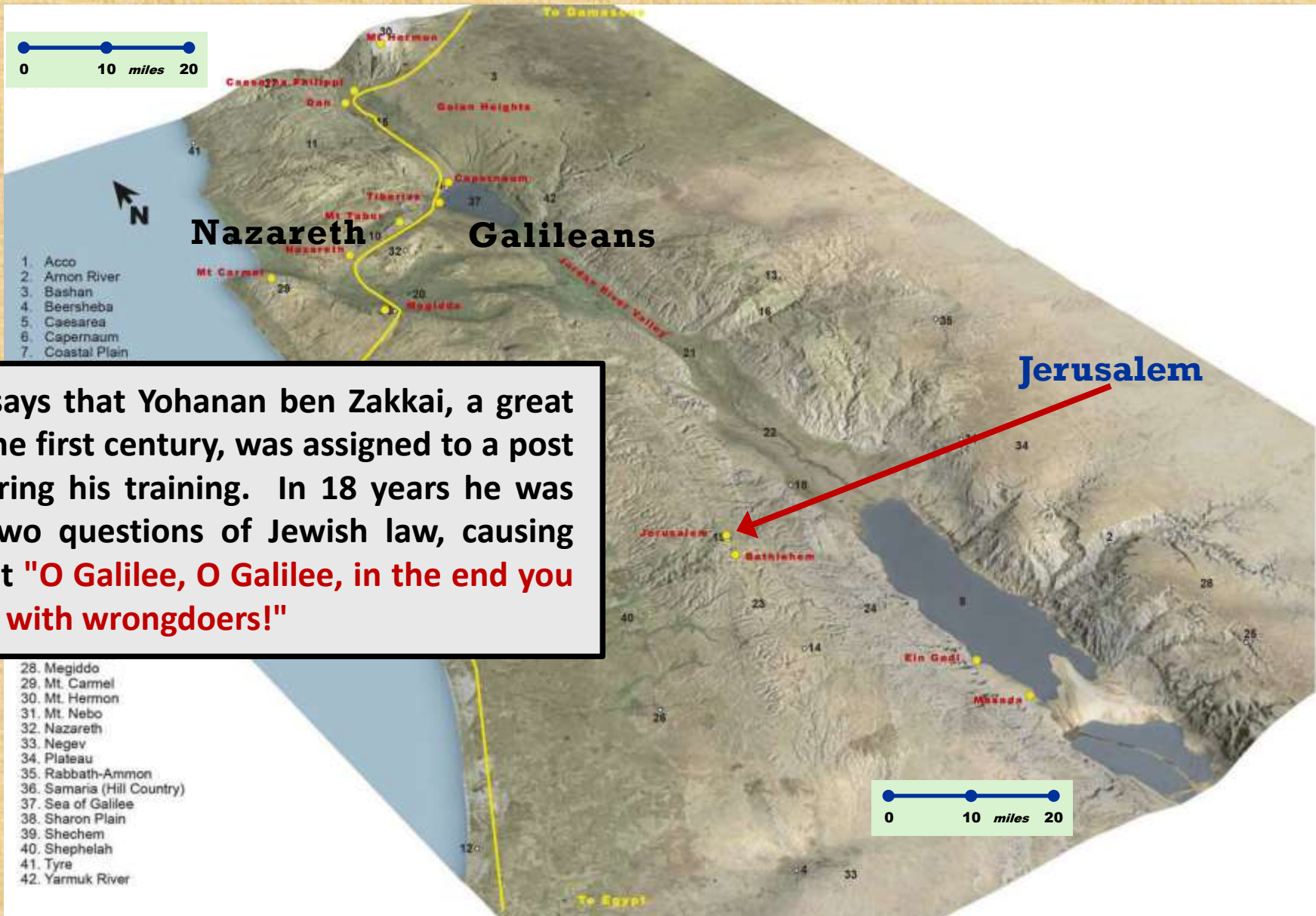
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language *διαλέκτω* – 6x – word “**dialect**” – 42x other uses

KJV often translates *διαλέκτω* as *tongues* – same as *glōssais*

MIRACLE gift of Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit to the Church

Beginning of the Church with Confusion of Babel *suspended*



Nazareth Galileans

Jerusalem

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 18 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!"

- 1. Acco
- 2. Arnon River
- 3. Bashan
- 4. Beersheba
- 5. Caesarea
- 6. Capernaum
- 7. Coastal Plain
- 8. Golan Heights
- 9. Hama
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- 27. Hama
- 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

GALILEE

DECAPOLIS

Caesarea

Nazareth

Cana

Capernaum

Gischala

Ptolemais

Samechonitis (Huleh)

Gaulanitis

Meroth

Sepph

Jamneith

Baca

Bersabe

Acchabare

Seleucia

Saab

Selame

Chorazin

Sogane

Sycaminum

Chabulon

Jotaparta

Sogane

Gennesaret

Bethsaida Julias

Cana

Rumah

Taricheae

Bethmaus

Gergesa ?

Bucalon Polis

Besara

Garis

Tiberias

Hippos (Susithah)

Mt. Carmel

Gabae

Sigoph

Ammathus

Simonias

Japha

Sennabris

Philoteria

Emmatha

Abila

Yarmuk R.

Gadara

Plain of Esdrælon (Megiddo)

Nain

Mt. Tabor
1,929 ft.

Mt. Gilboa
1,629 ft.

Agrippina

Scythopolis

Pella

Crocodilon Polis

Dora (Dar)

Narbata

Gitta

Ginae

Salim

Aenon

Yishub

of Sharon

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⁹⁻¹¹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, dwellers in Mesopotamia, Judaea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, parts of Libya about Cyrene,

and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

At Pentecost—Christian Pentecost—HOPE

There is a divine empowerment . . .

Miracle of Languages – Babel’s Curse temporally **LIFTED**

And you light up my life

You give me hope to carry on

**You light up my days and
fill my nights with song**

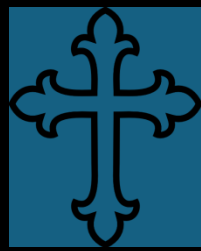


Pentecost ...

- ✓ **Coming of God’s Spirit**
- ✓ **Everyone Saw & Heard**
- ✓ **Doubters *DOUBT***
- ✓ **Believers *BELIEVE***
- ✓ **Peter Explains**



Jerusalem



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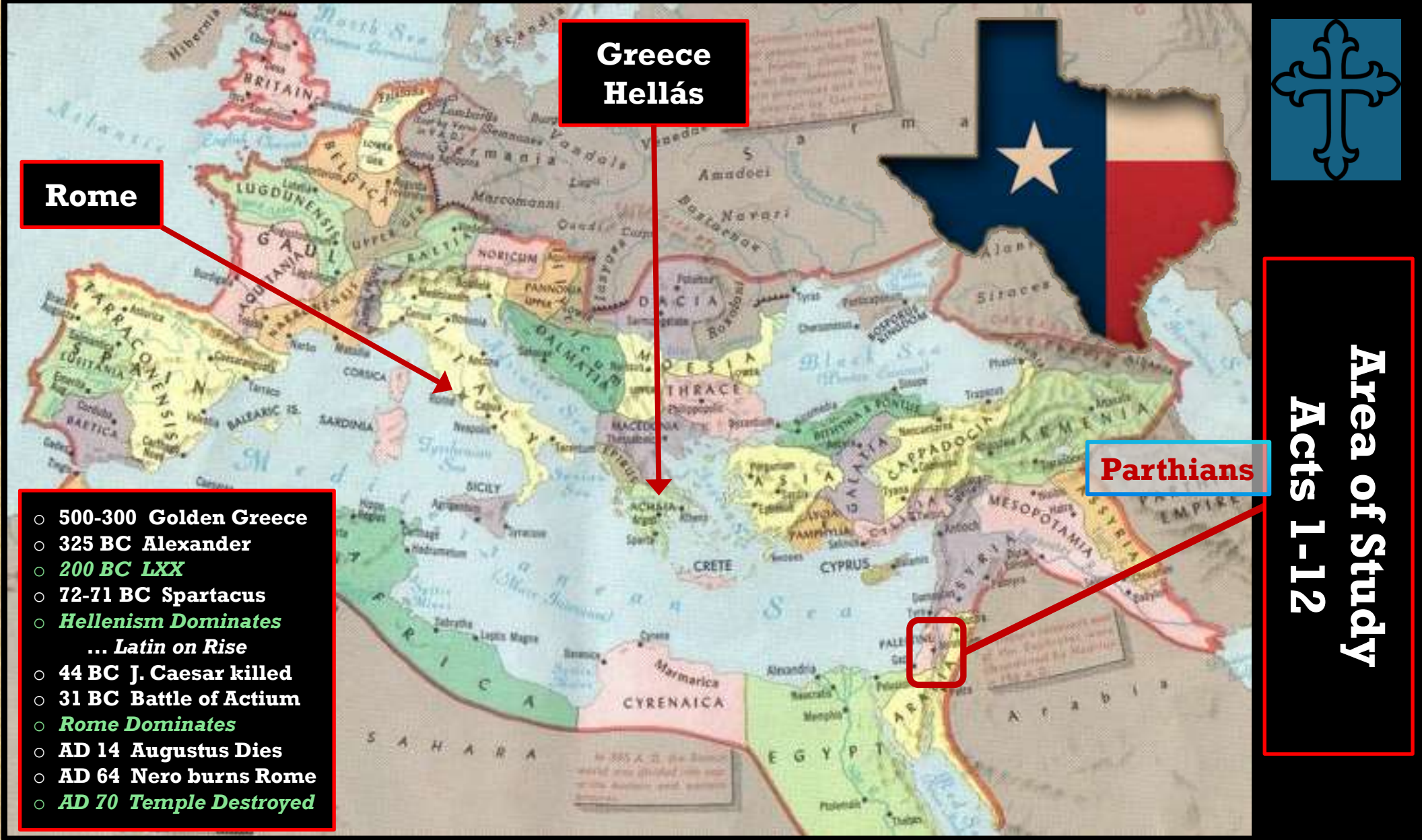


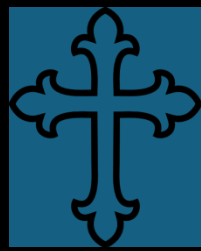
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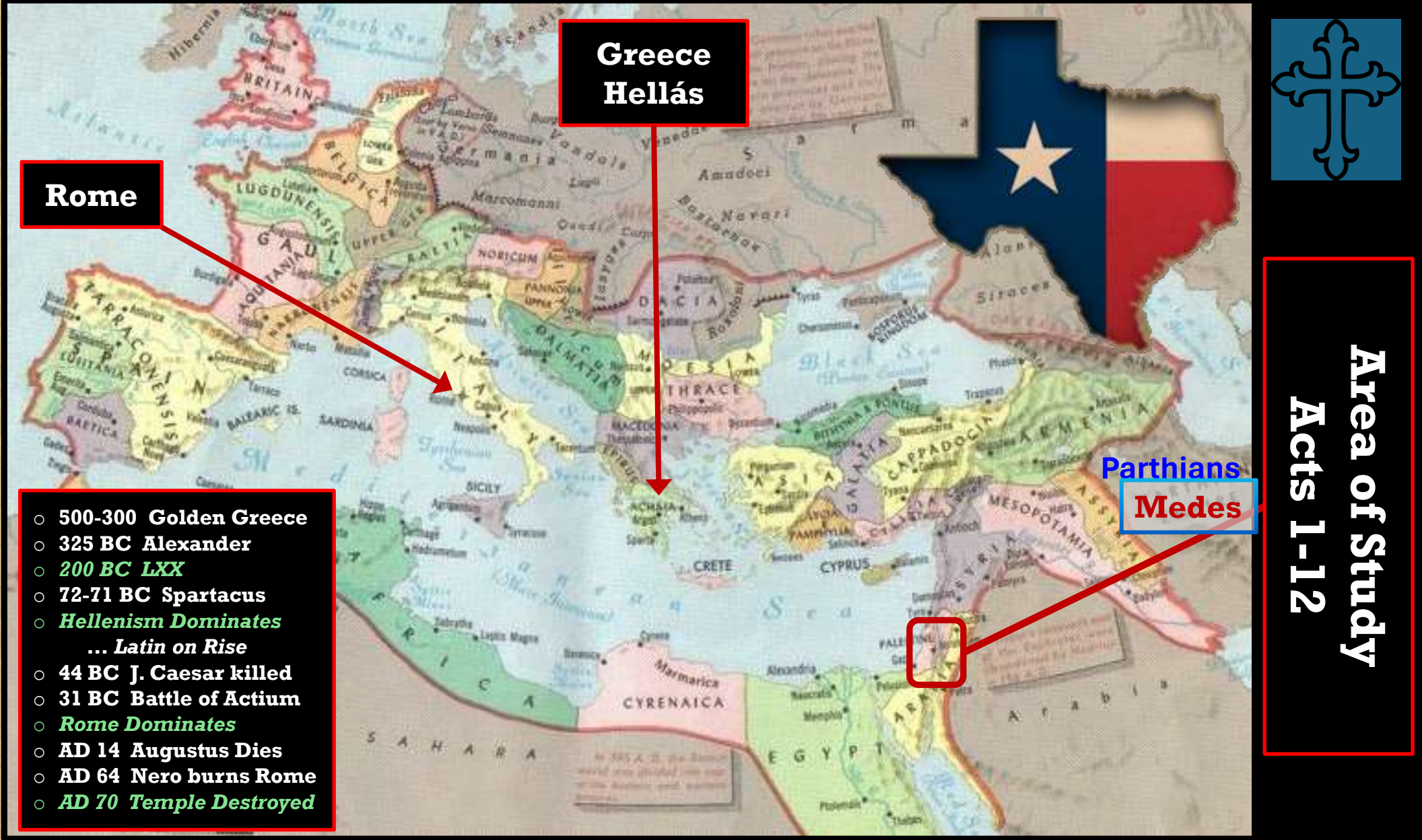
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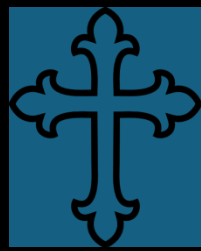
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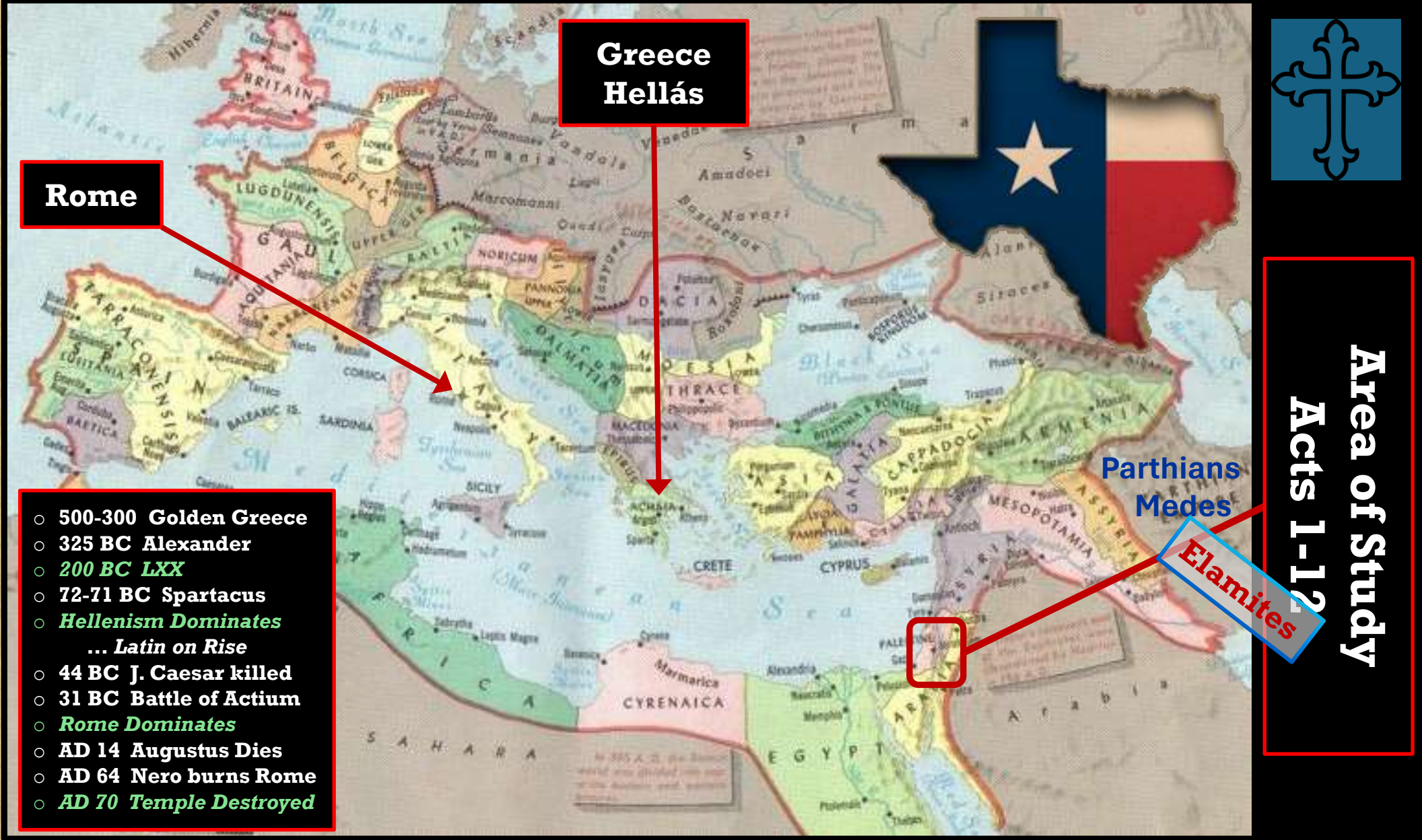
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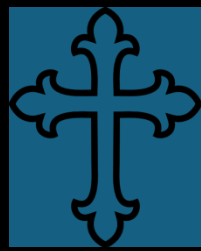


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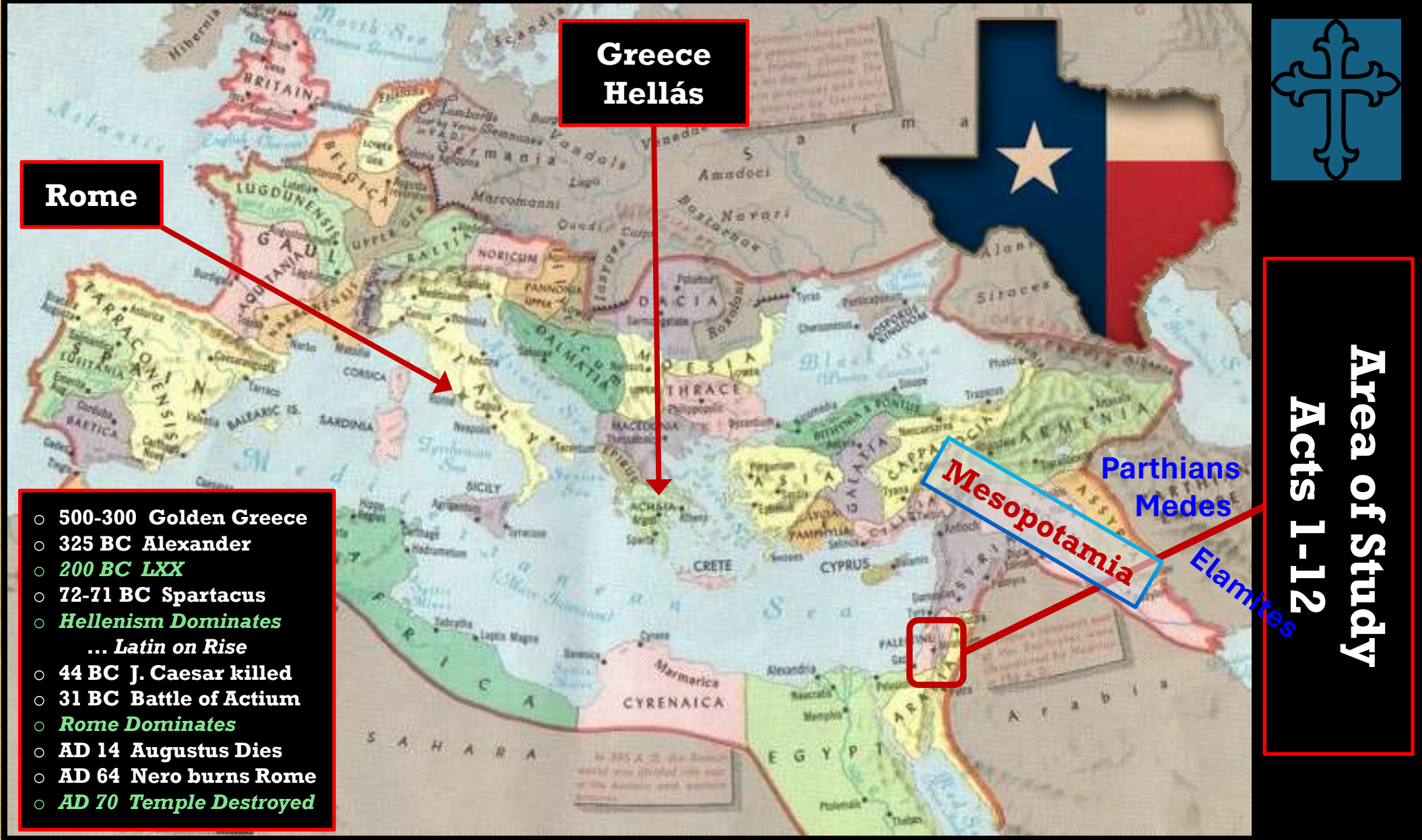
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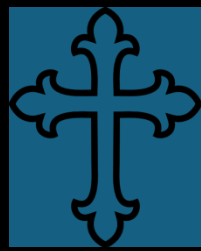
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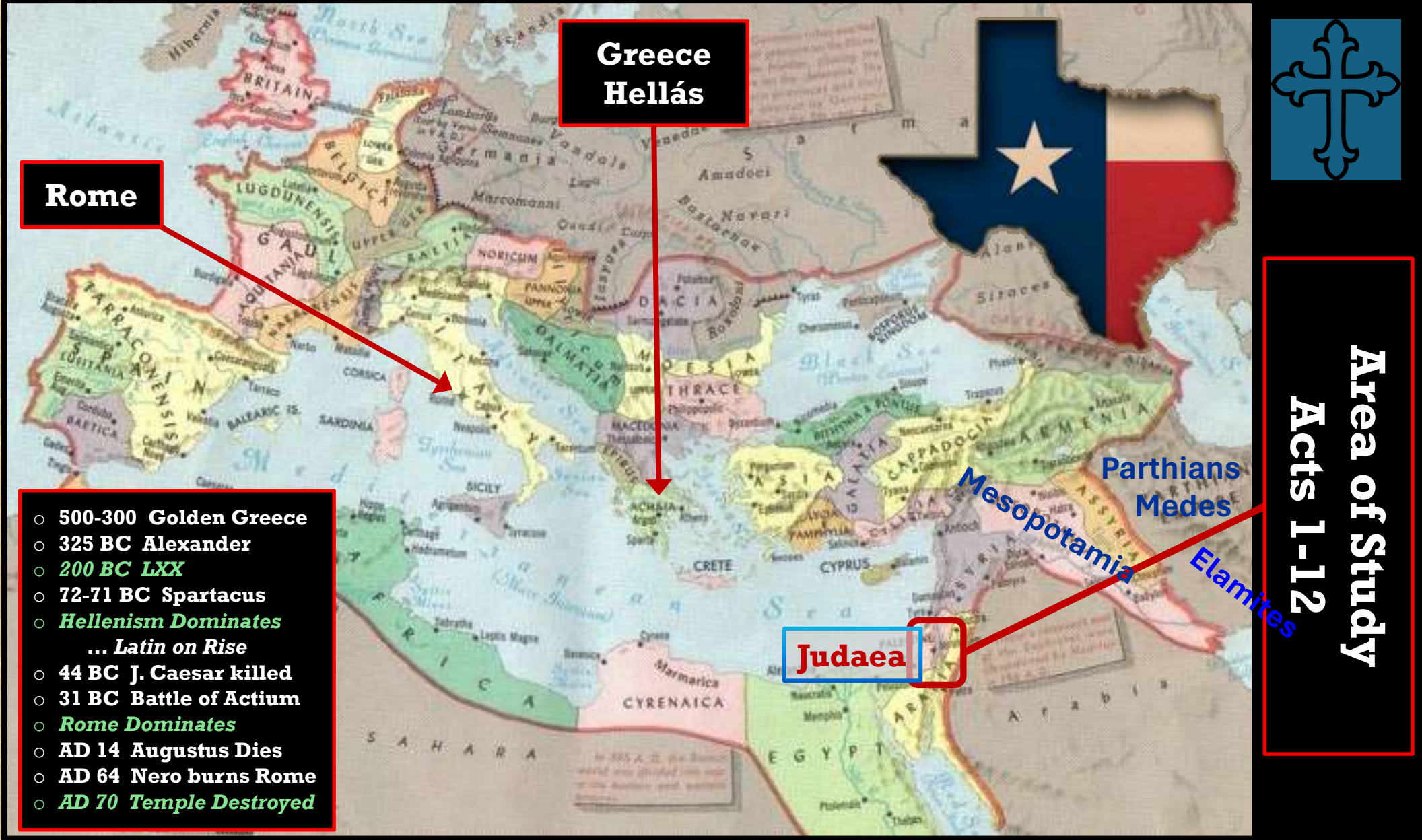
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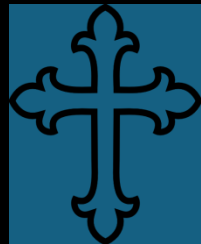
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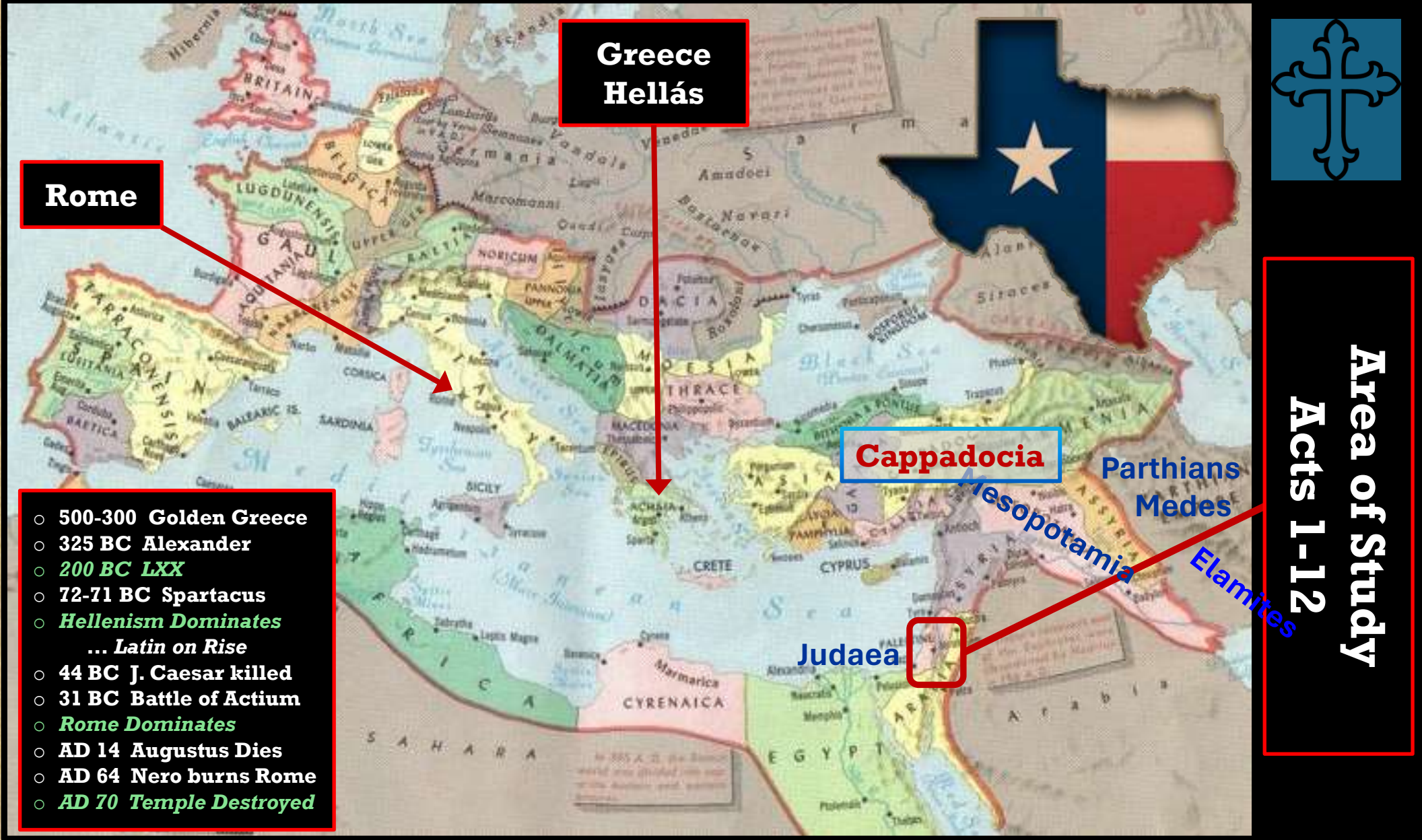
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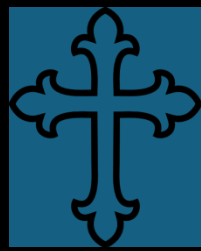
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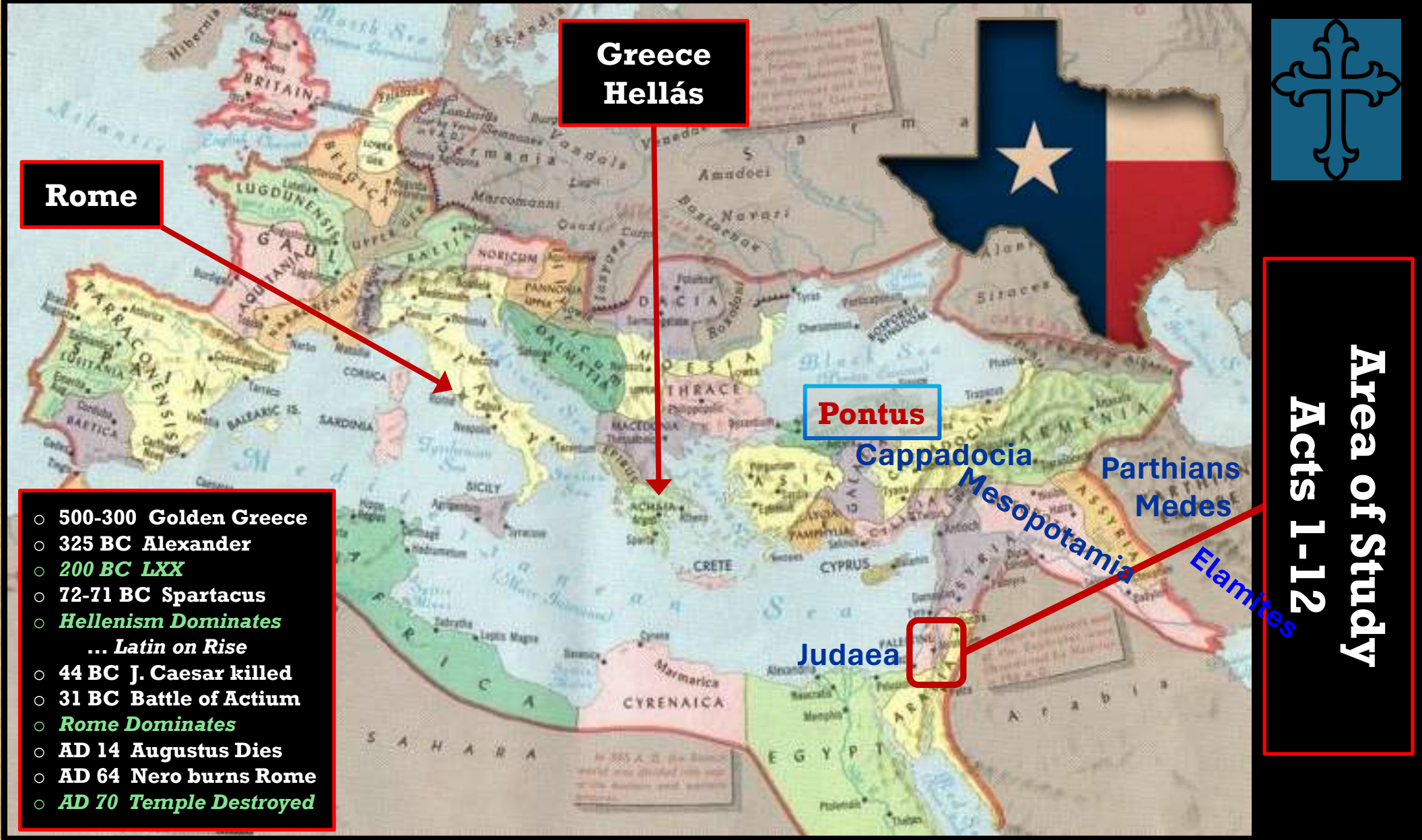
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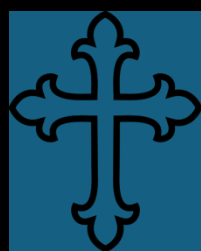
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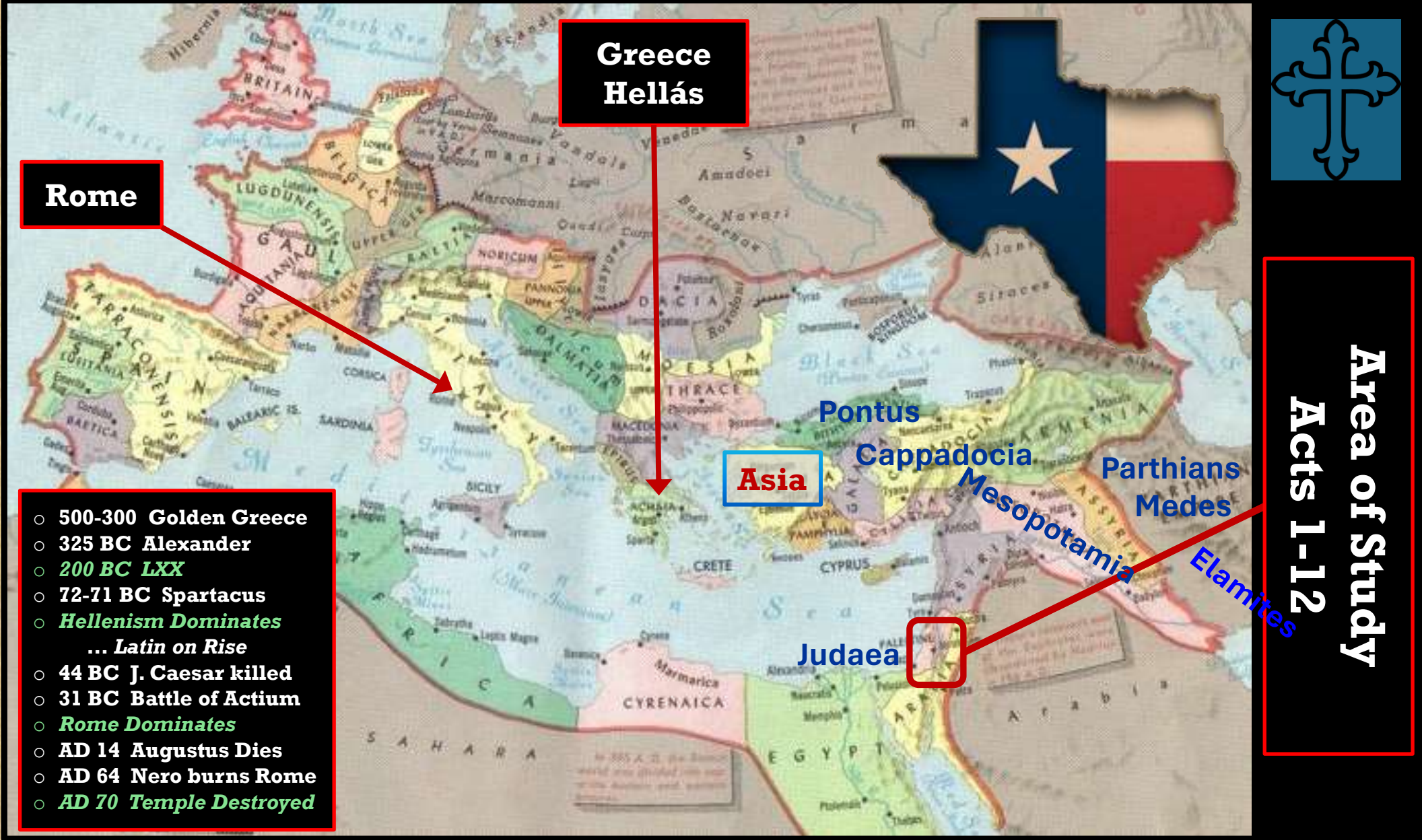


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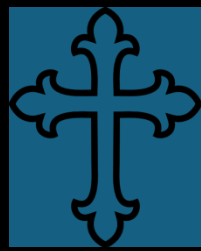
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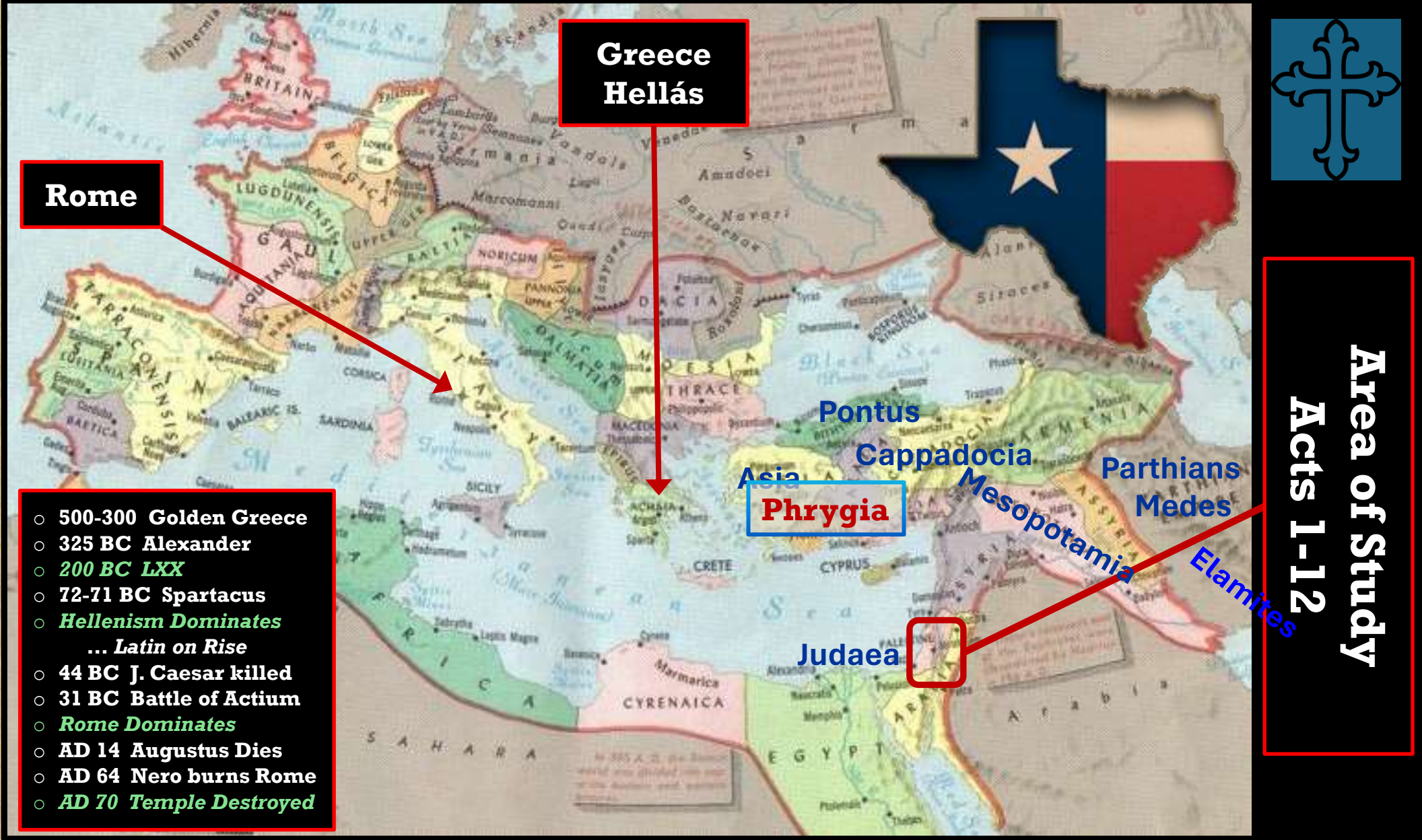
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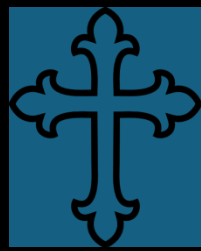
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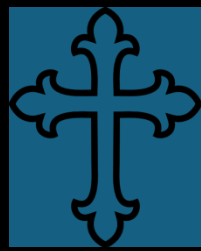
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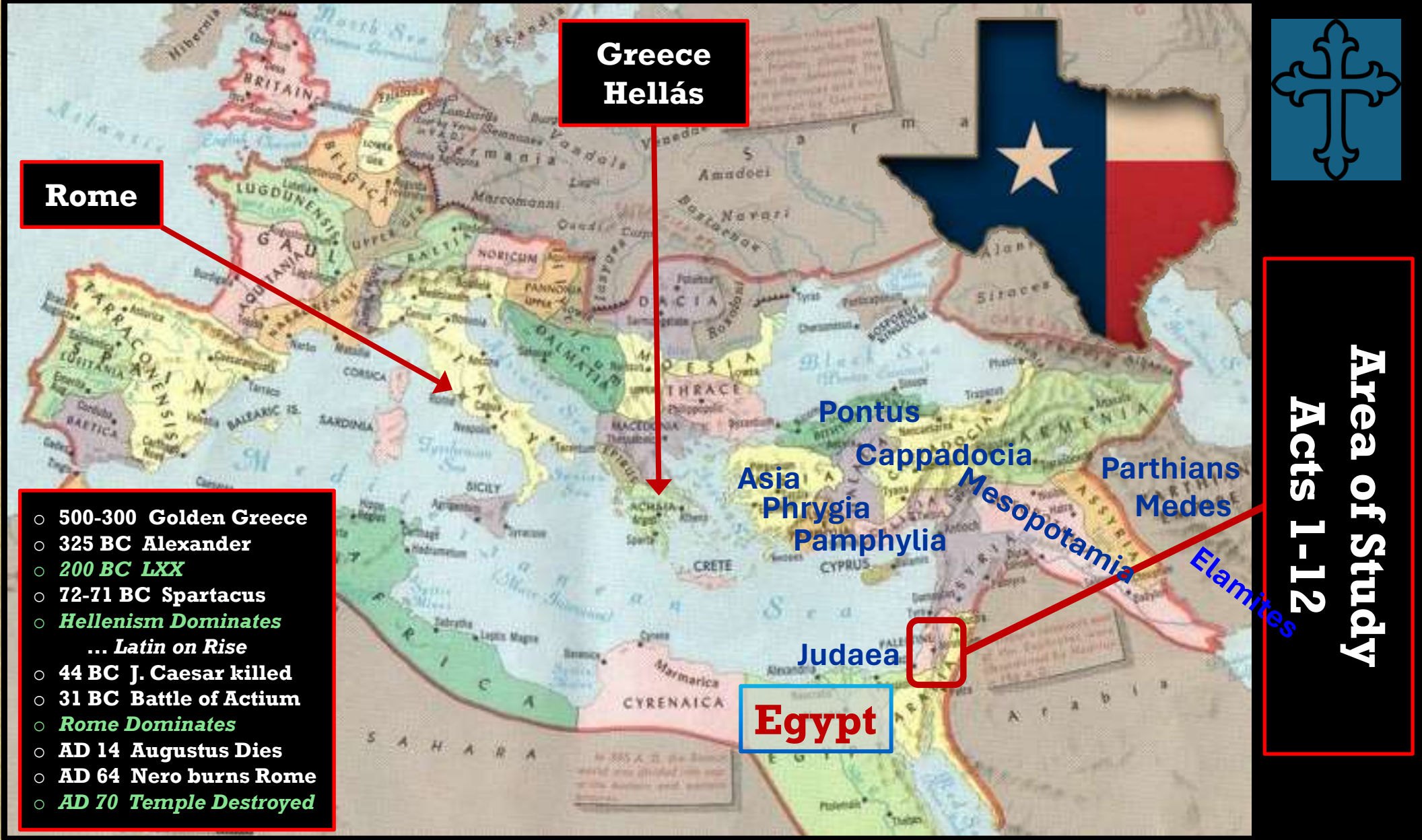
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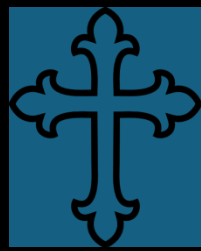


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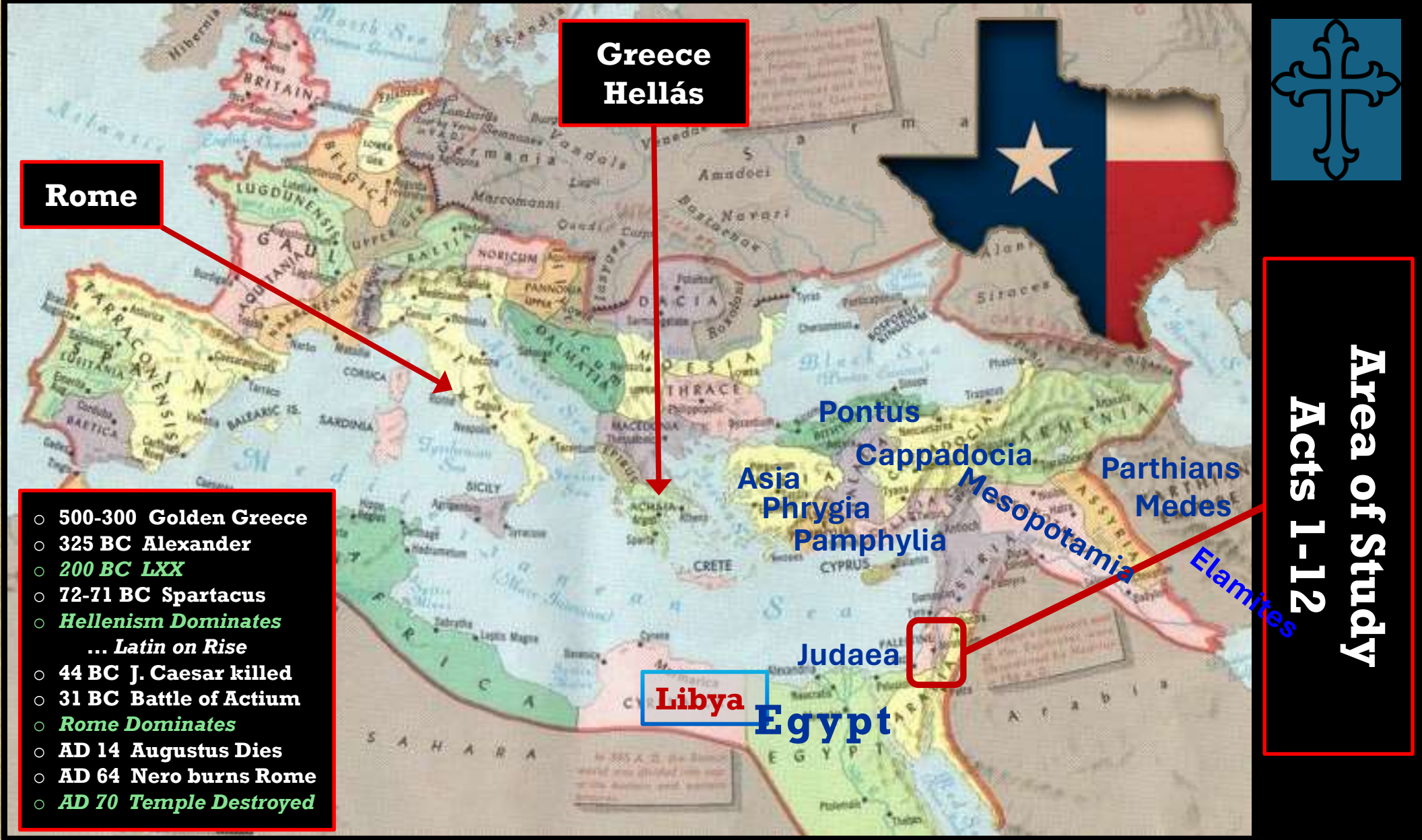
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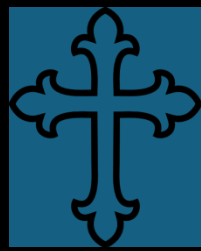
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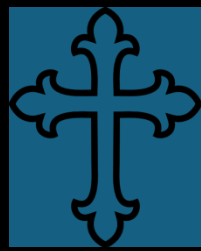
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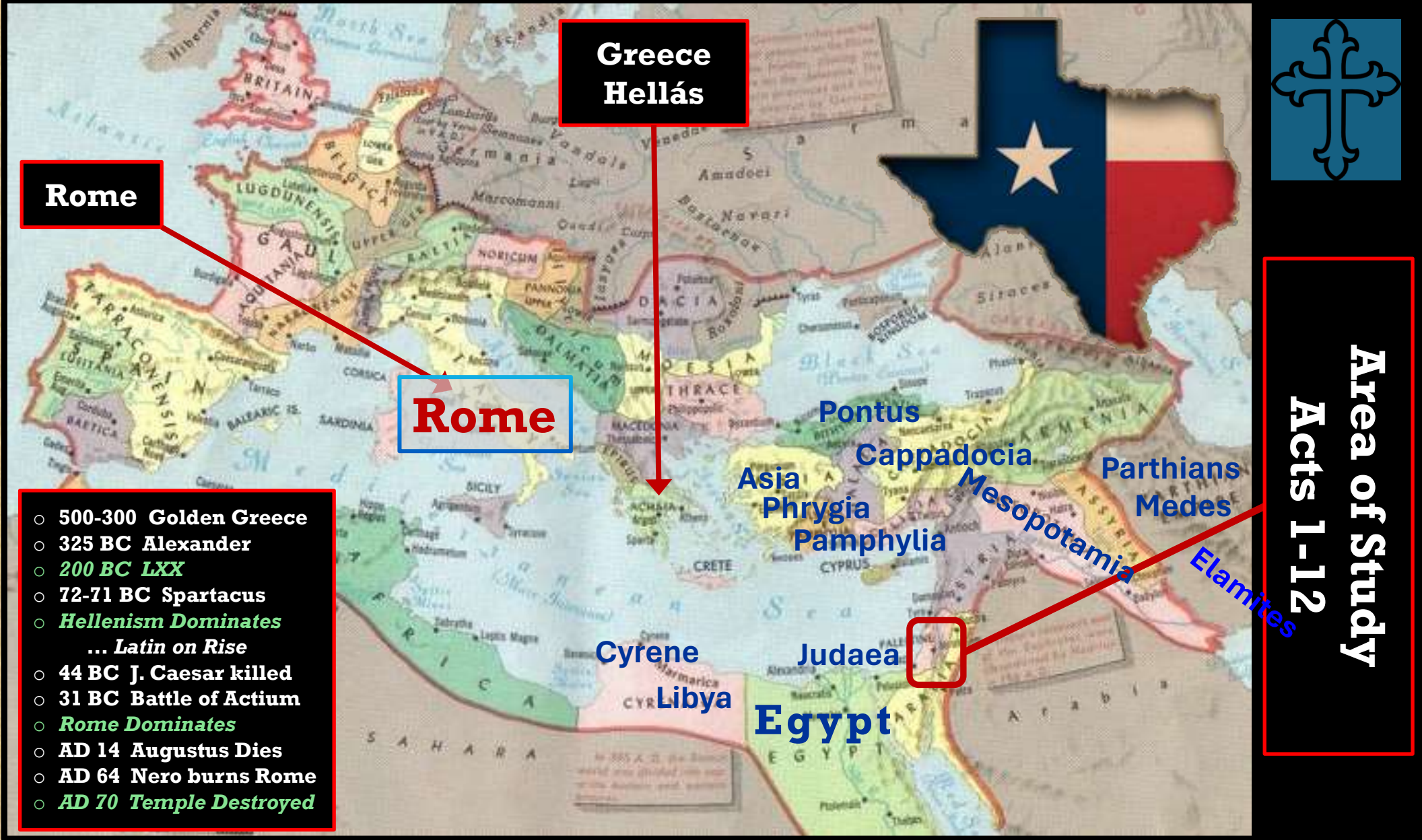
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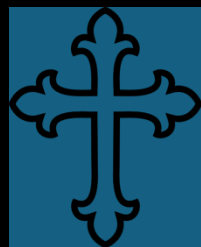
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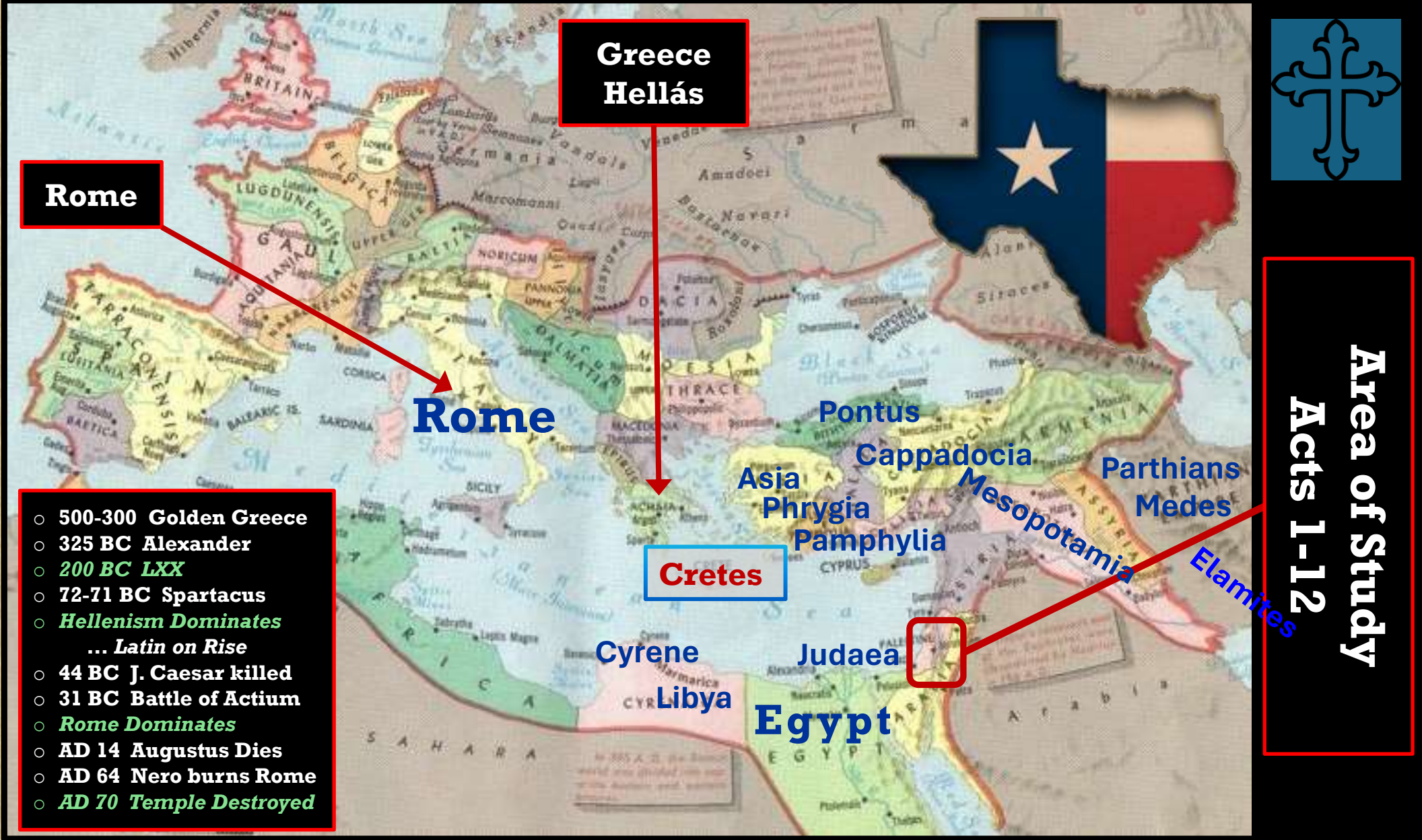
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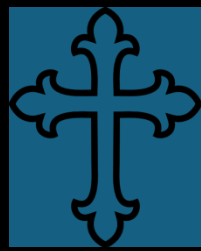
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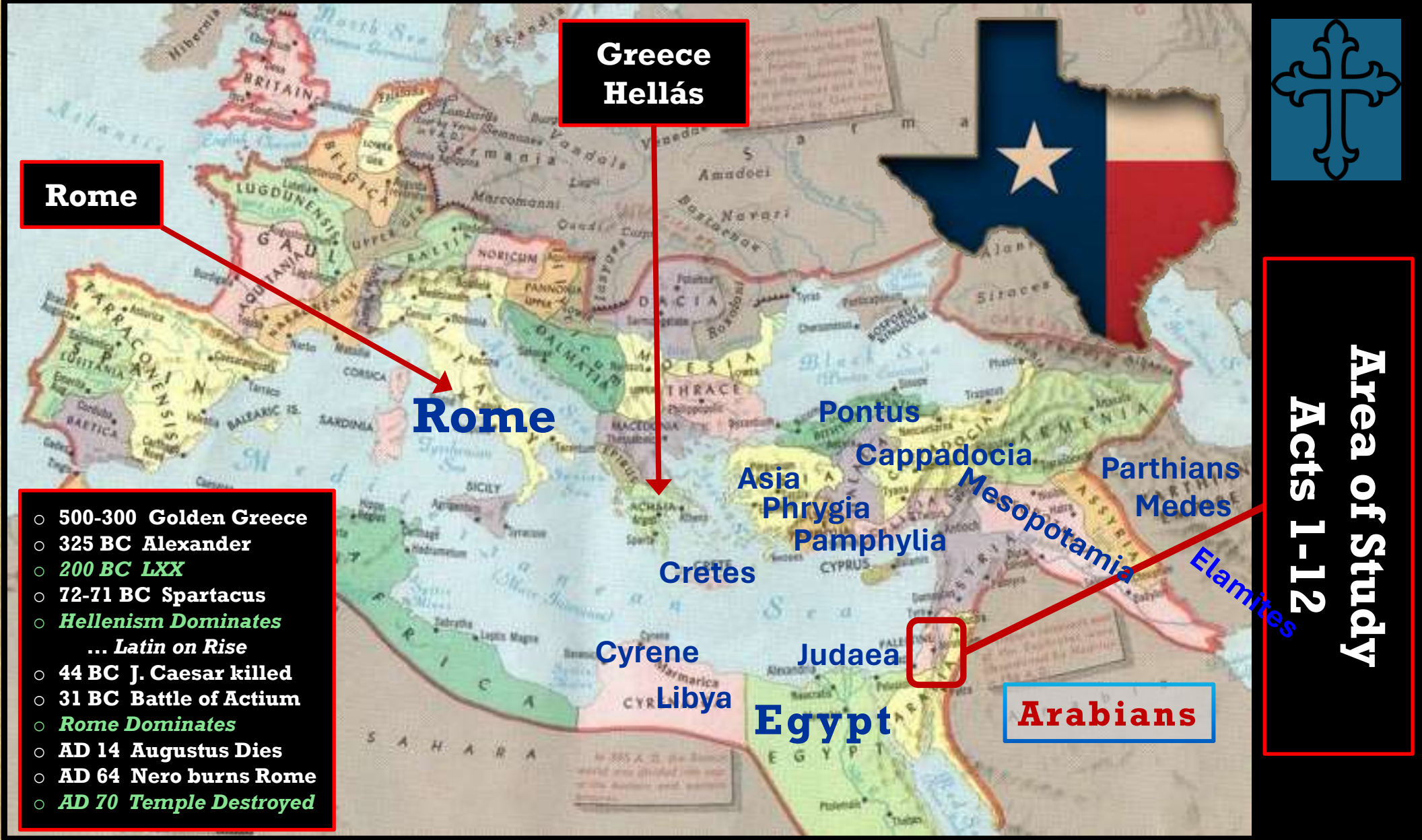


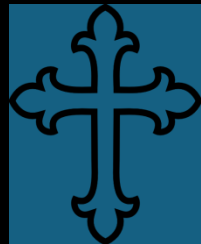
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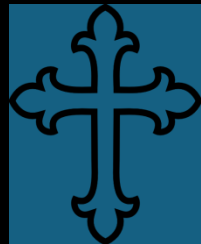
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Jews were everywhere

AD 30 – No Christians anywhere *but* Israel!

25 more years before Christians in Rome!

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Church Begins – Acts 2:5-13

¹¹ ... we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another,

“What meaneth this?”



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12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt,
saying one to another, “What meaneth this?”

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



At Pentecost—Church Triumphant is Born

CHRISTIANS – have God WITHIN them & WITH them
especially when “two or three are gathered in His Name”



Rollin' at sea, adrift on the water

Could it be finally I'm turnin' for home?

Finally a chance to say, “Hey, I love you”

Never again to be all alone

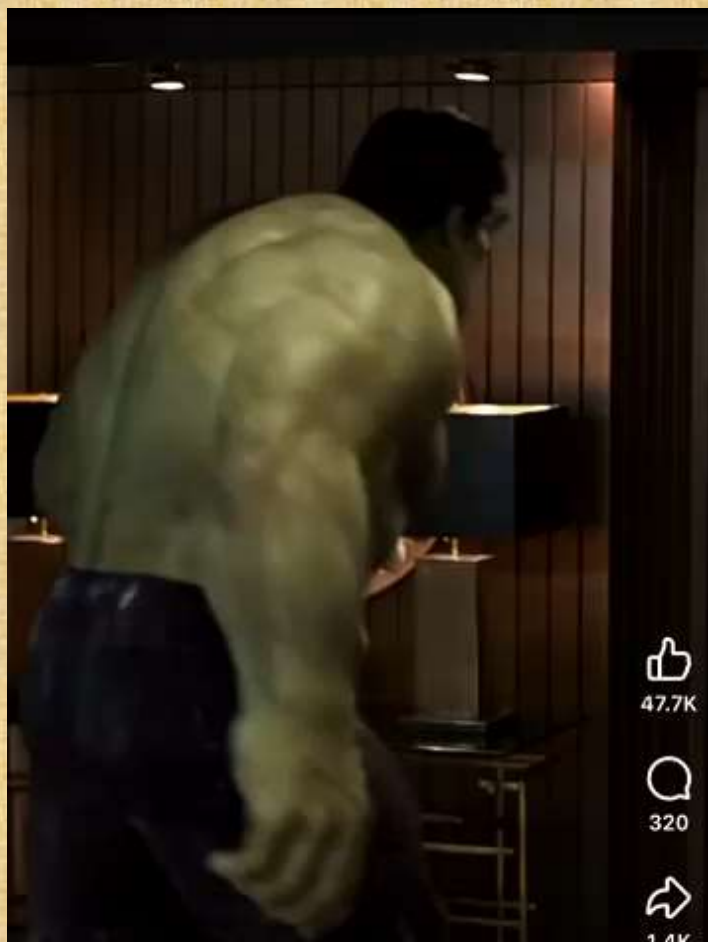
Church = *ekklesia* = Called Out

- ✓ Church in the Hearts
- ✓ Church – *called out* ones
- ✓ Church – God’s *Loved* People
- ✓ Church – *Salt* of the Earth
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Jerusalem

2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven,
LIFTED UP HIS VOICE, and said unto them,
Peter is *frustrated* ... possibly angry



**14 But 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, hearken to my words:
15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose,
seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.**

2:16-36 Peter from Joel & David showed Jesus is Lord & 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 took place between Peter and Jesus.

HARD TIMES COMING for the CHURCH

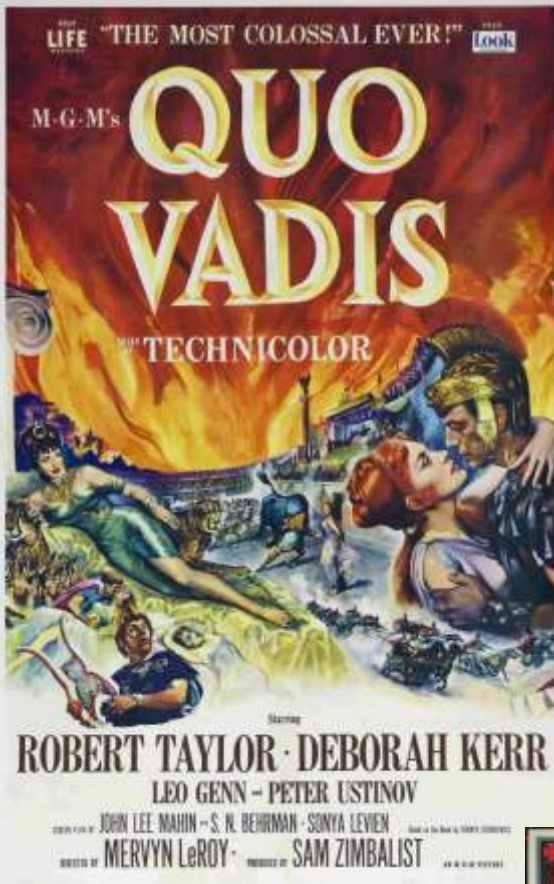
cover of 1896 novel,
Quo Vadis

by Henryk Seinkiewicz

["Quo Vadis." - Google Books](#)



Poster for 1924 Italian
silent movie, *Quo Vadis*





**Church Triumphant – born at Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus' Death
Thru HIS Spirit, we are NEVER ALONE . . .**

Thru HIS Spirit . . . we have Christ within us to the **Last Day**

**Cause you light up my life
You give me hope to carry on**



**You light up my days and
fill my nights with song**

