

# CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

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A Letter to the

Corinthian Church (95 A.D.)

### Lesson 2

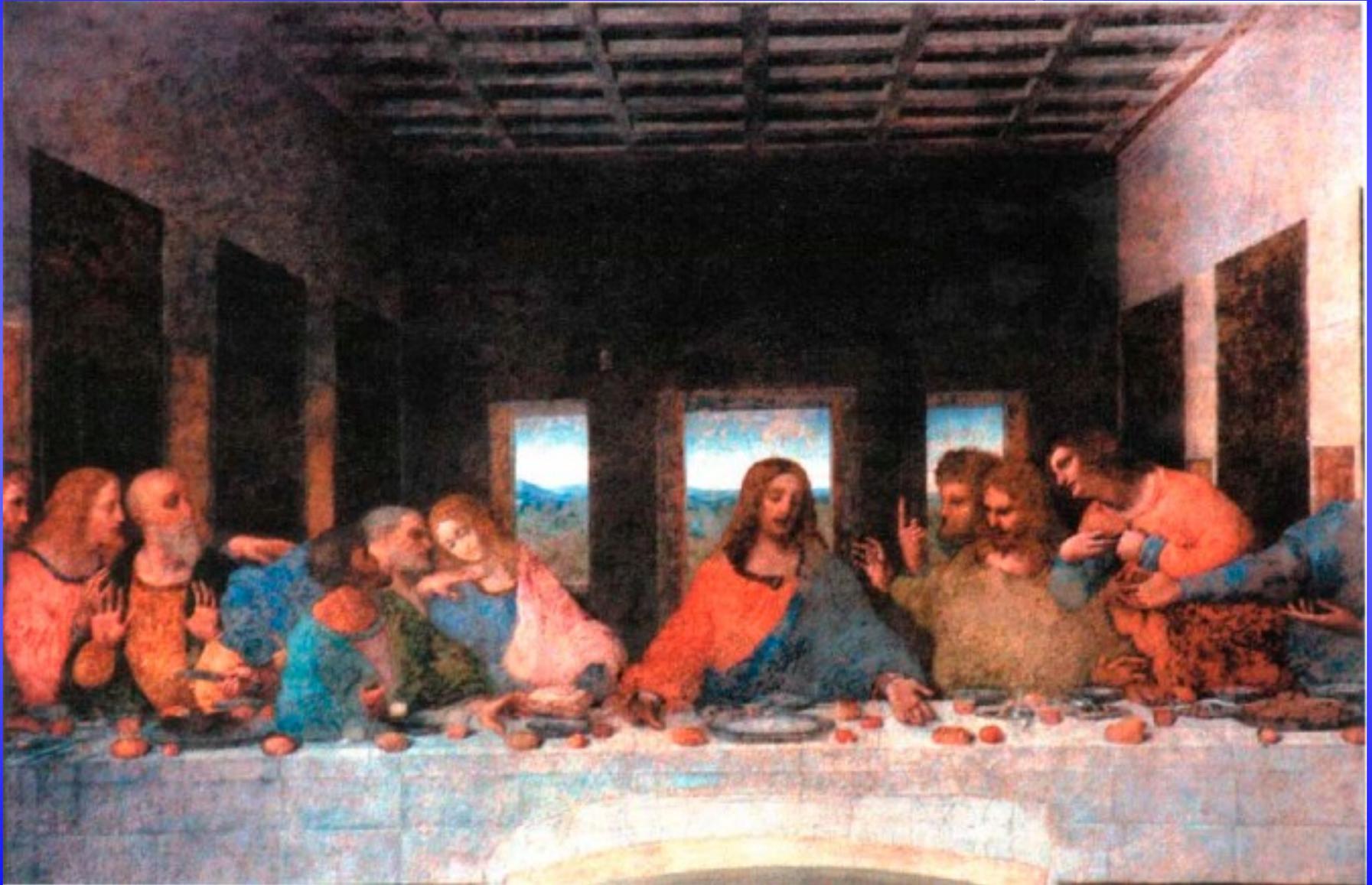
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Pivot points  
in the early  
church

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Who is in Charge?



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What do we do now?



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Who decides doctrine?



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Who decides right and wrong?



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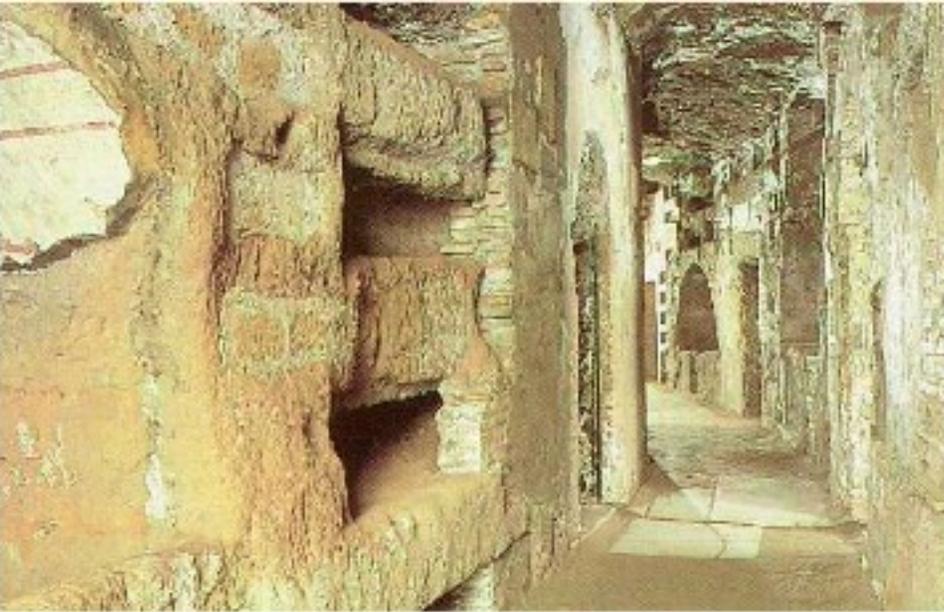


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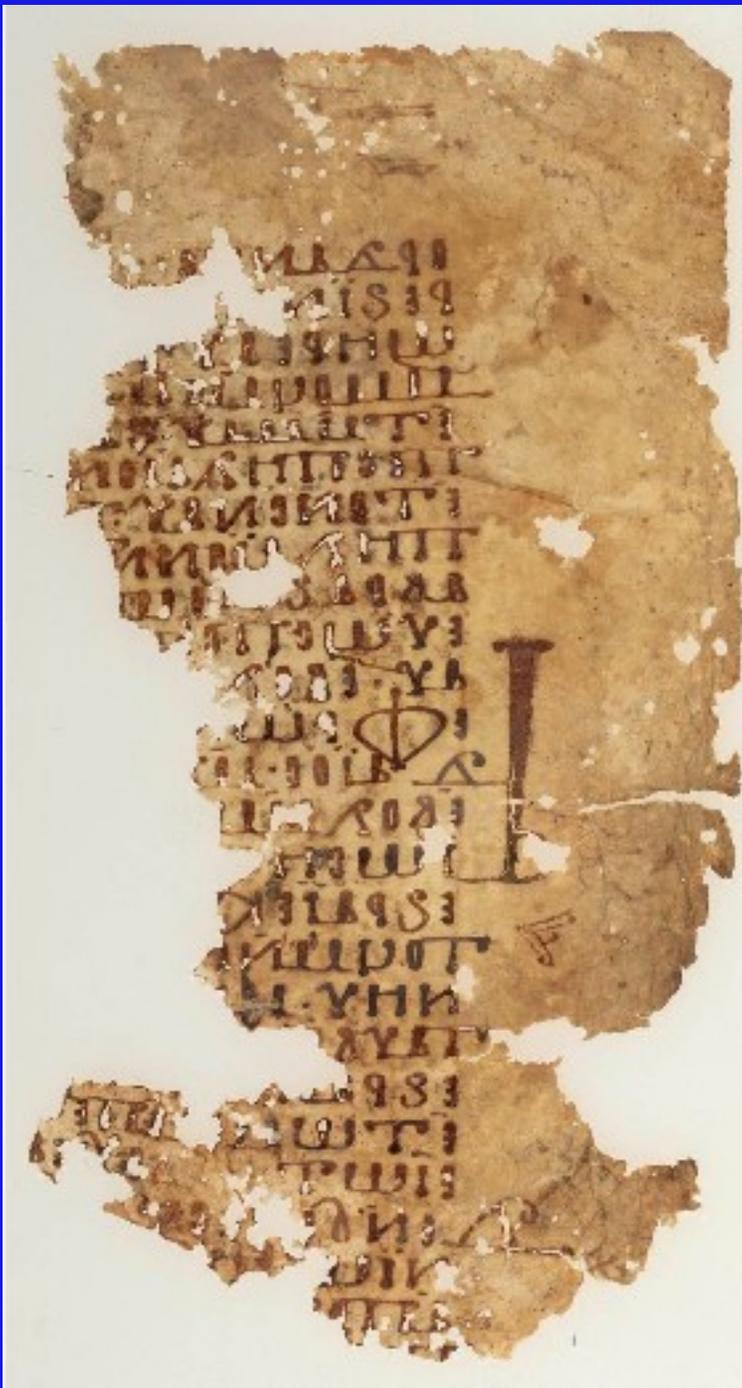
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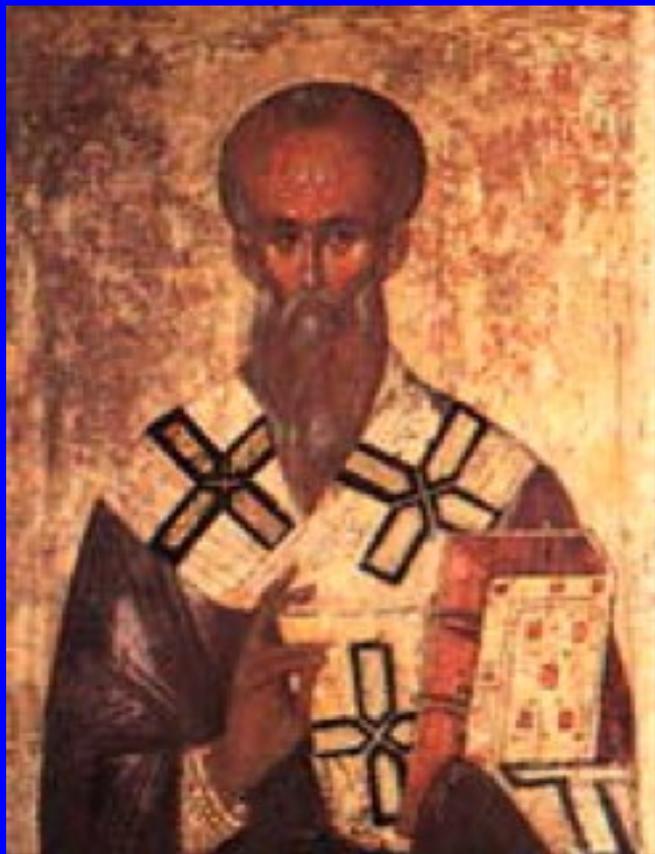
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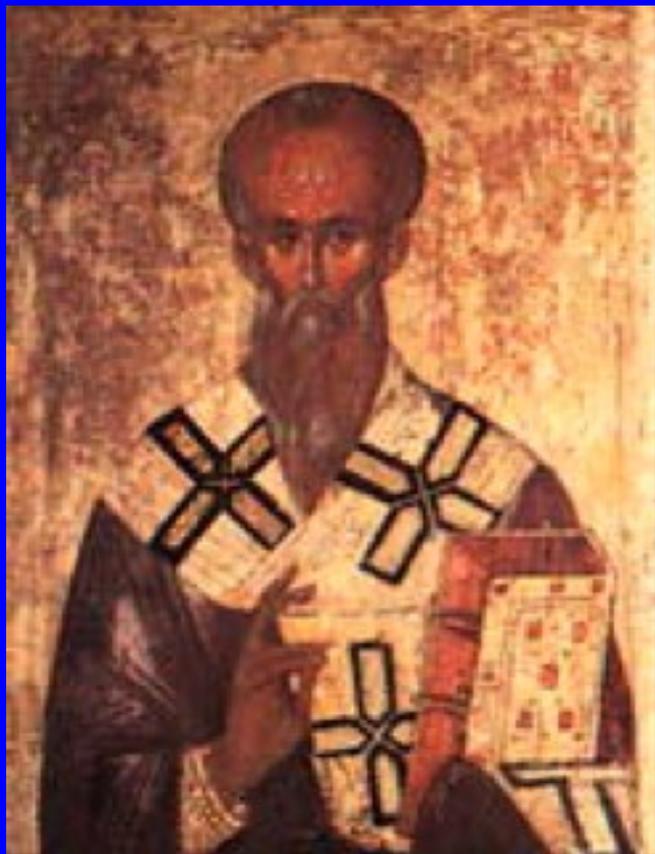
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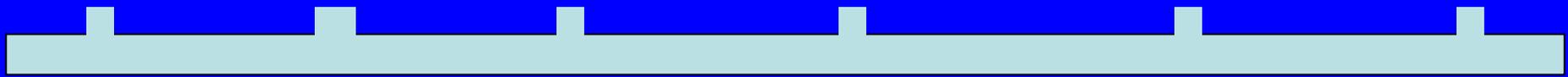




Clement Time



**Clement  
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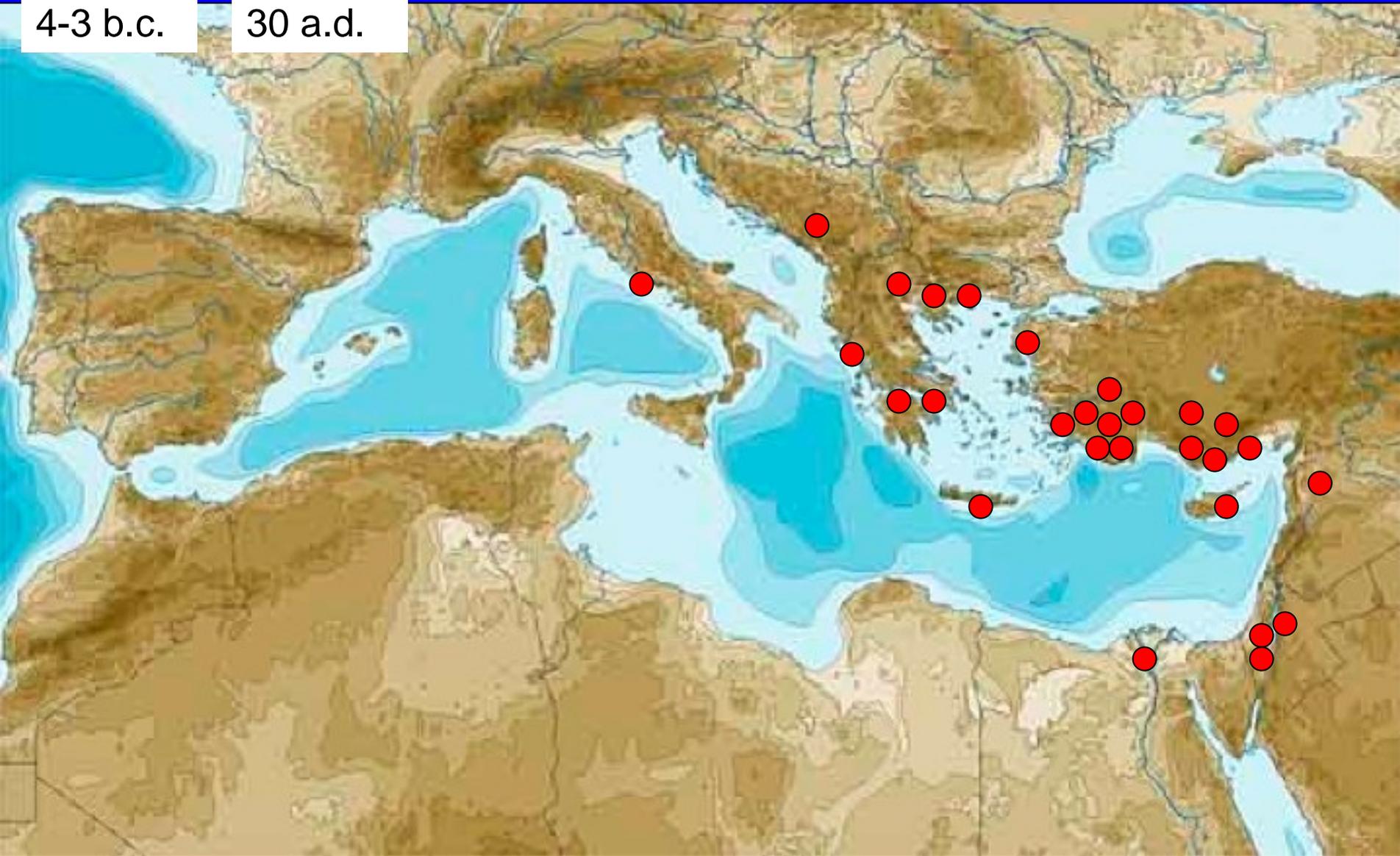


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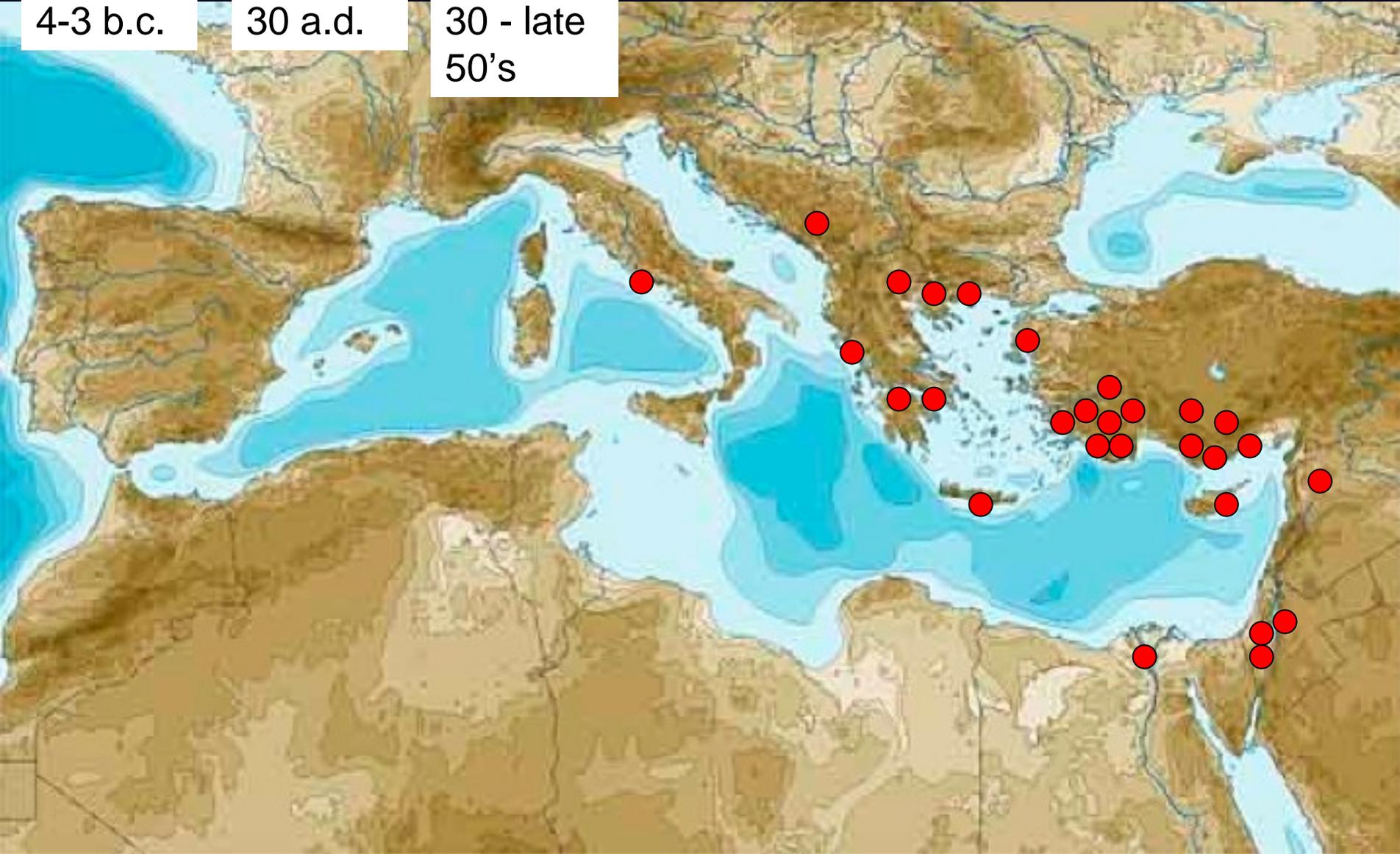
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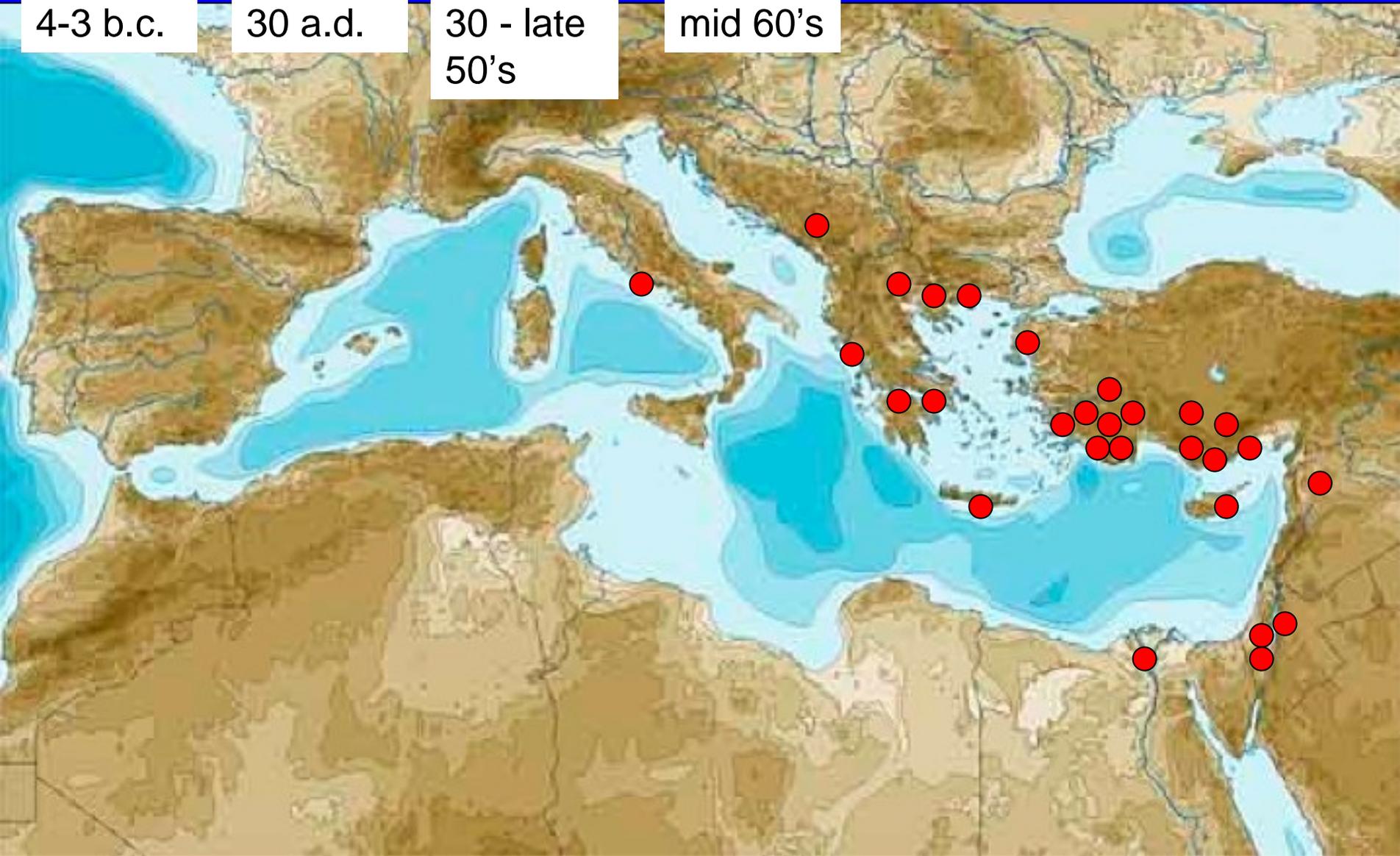
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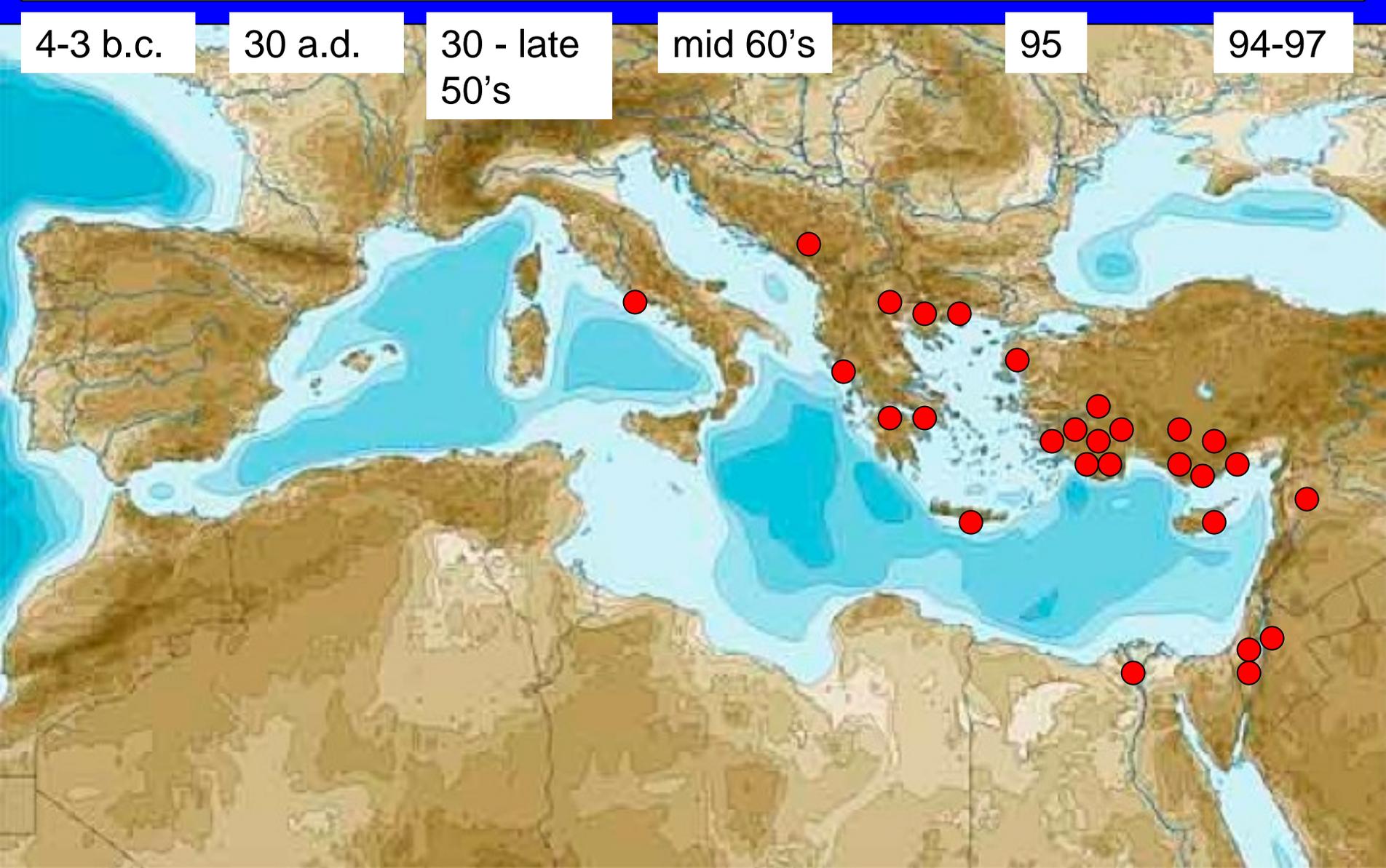
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95

94-97





95 A.D.  
Reign of  
Domitian



Of the family of the Lord there were still living the grandchildren of Jude, who is said to have been the Lord's brother according to the flesh... They were brought to the Emperor Domitian...



And he asked them how much property they had. And both of them answered that they had a piece of land which contained only 39 acres, and from which they raised their taxes and supported themselves by their own labor.

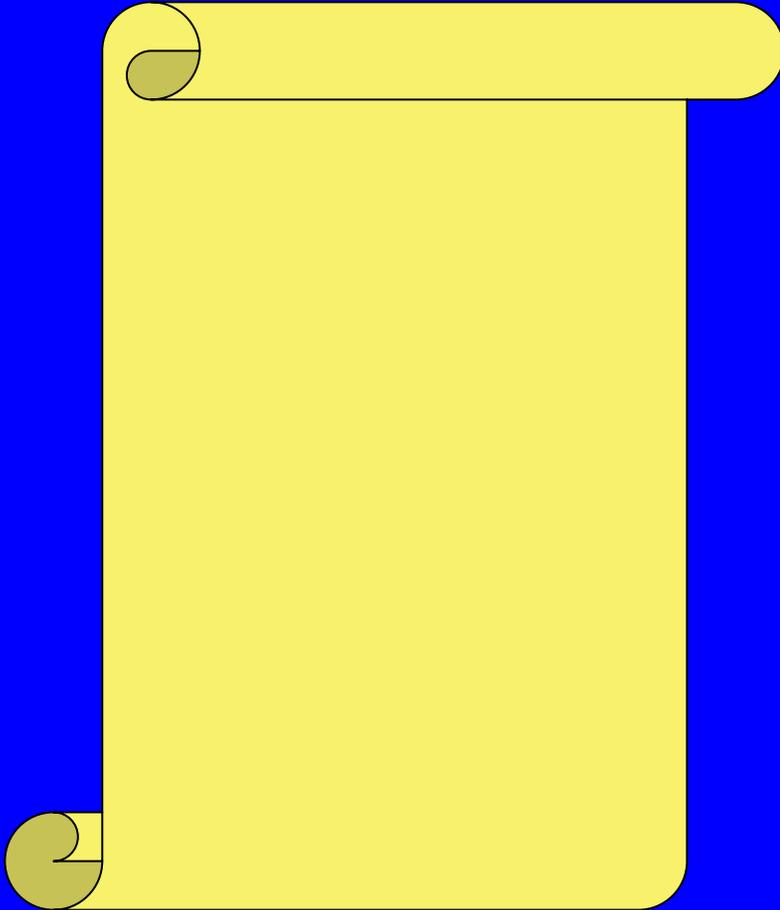


And when they were asked concerning Christ and his kingdom, of what sort it was and where and when it was to appear, they answered that it was not a temporal nor an earthly kingdom, but a heavenly and angelic one,



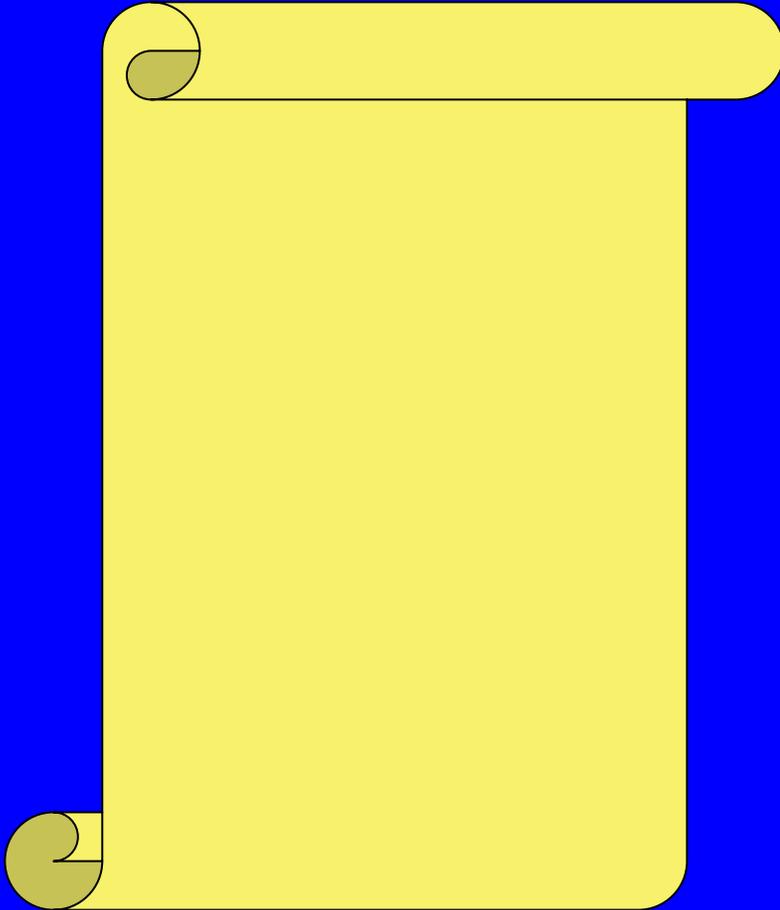
Which would appear at the end of the world, when he should come in glory to judge the quick and the dead, and to give unto everyone according to his works. Upon hearing this, Domitian did not pass judgment against them....

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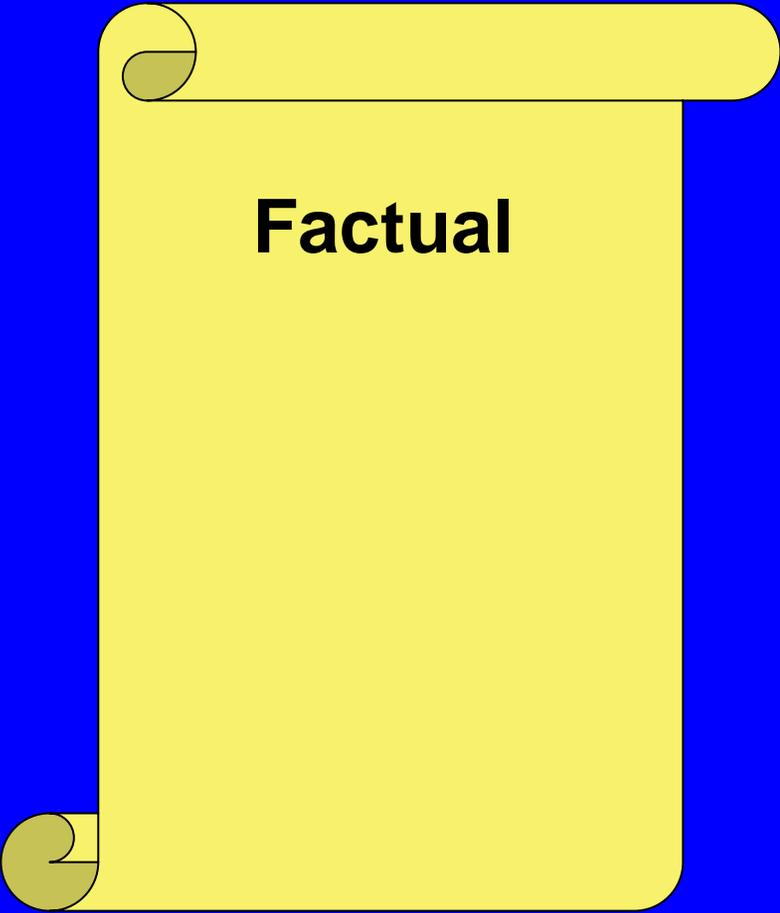
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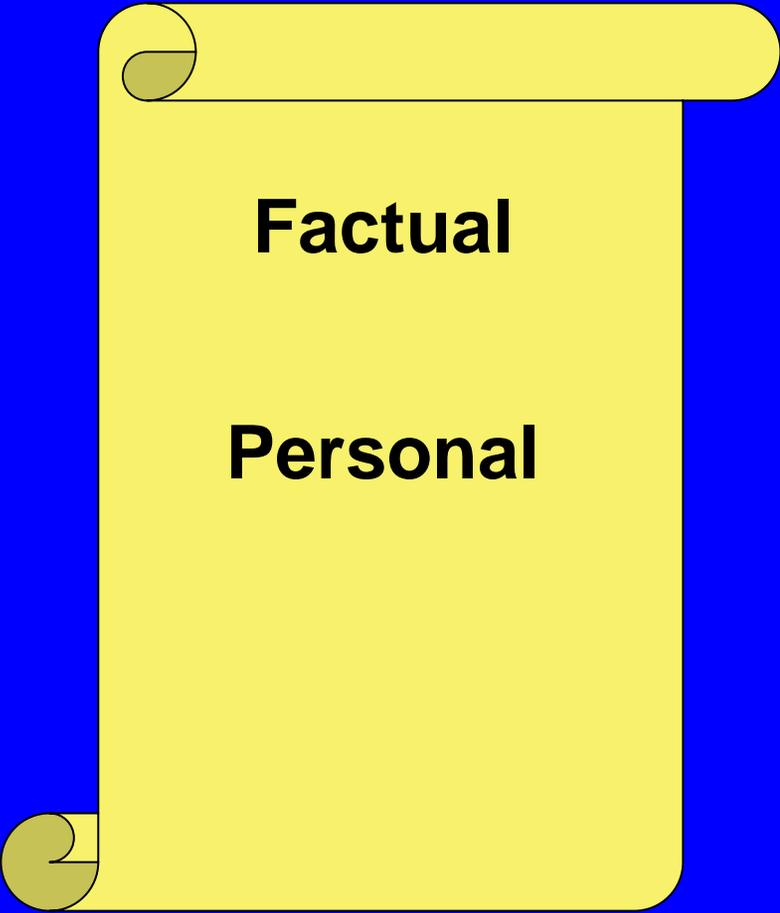
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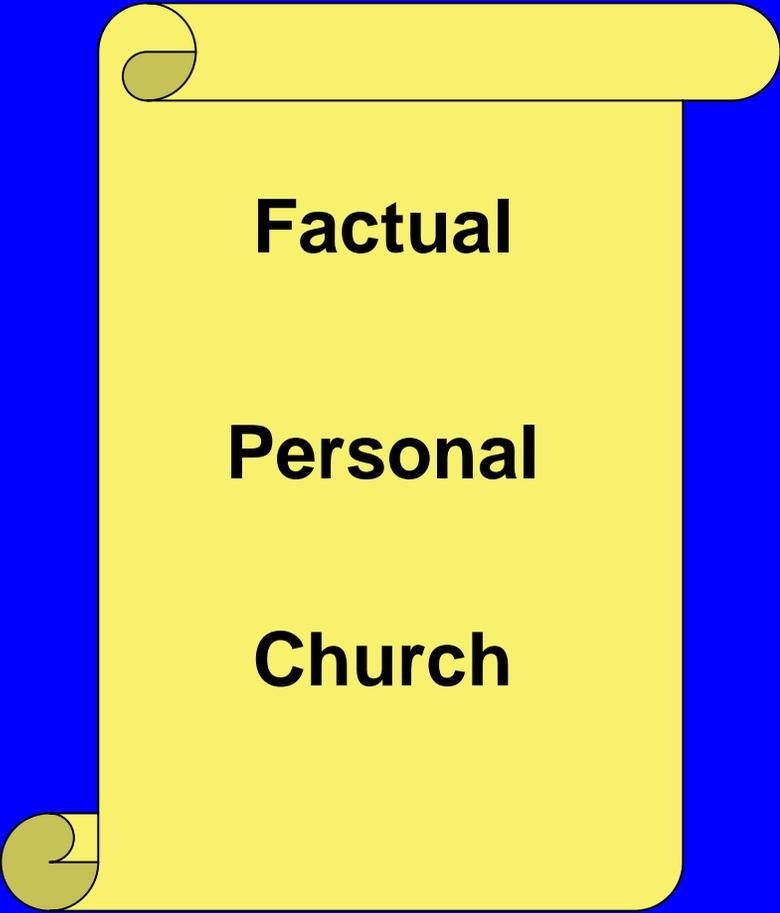


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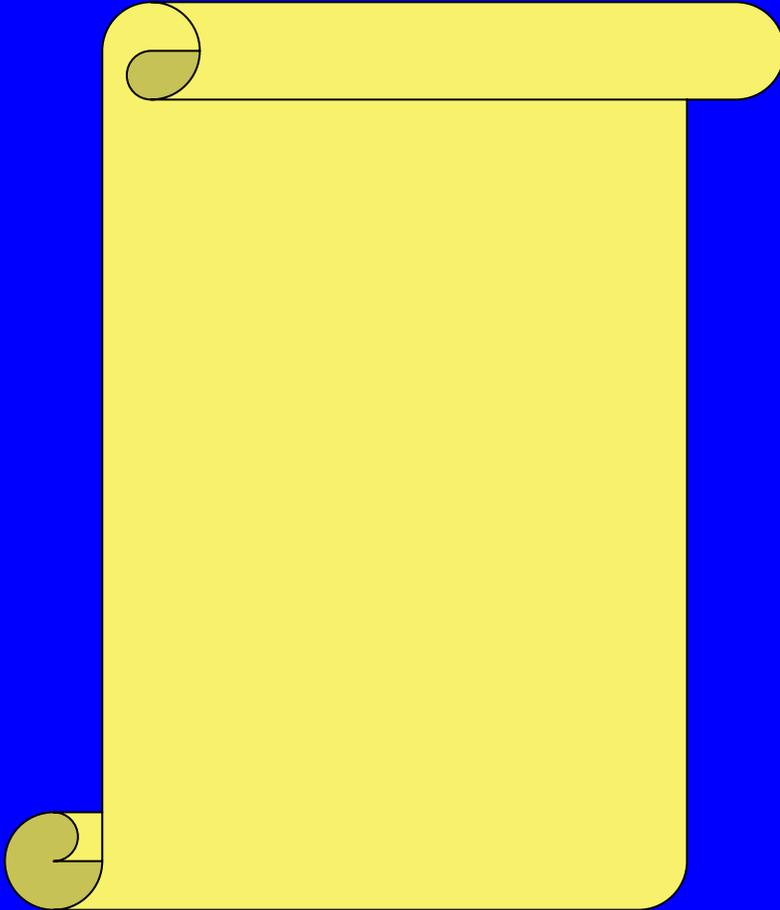


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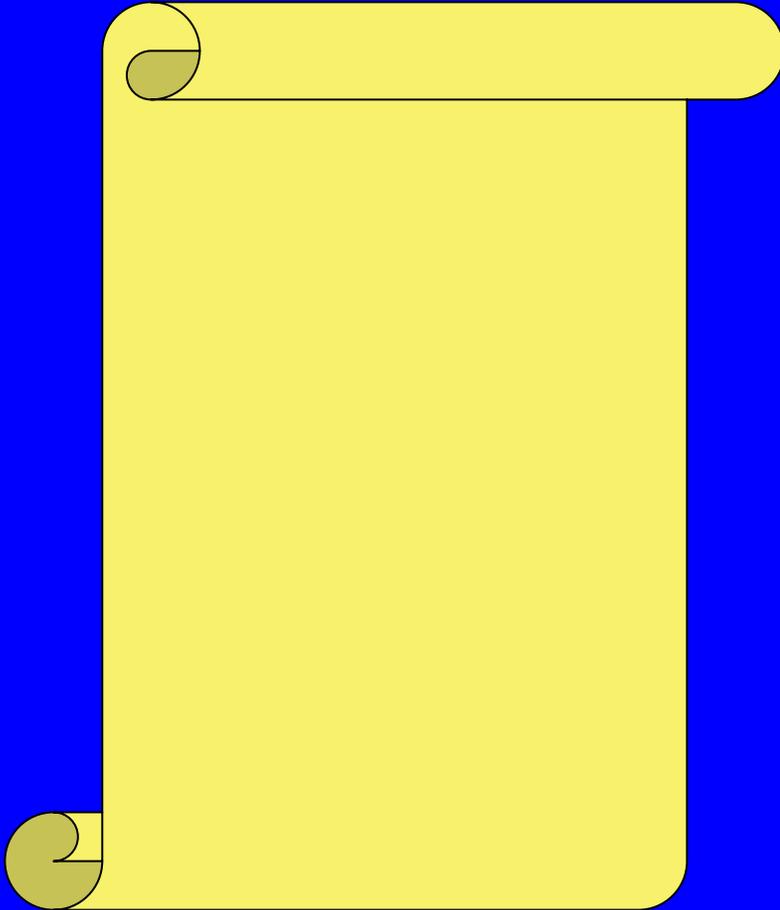
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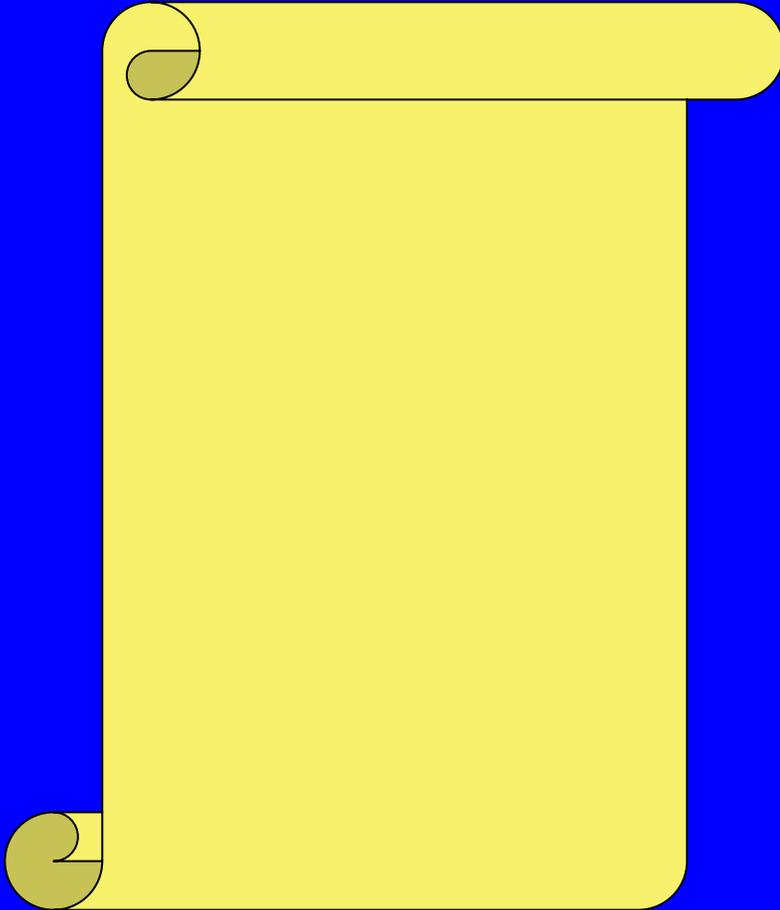
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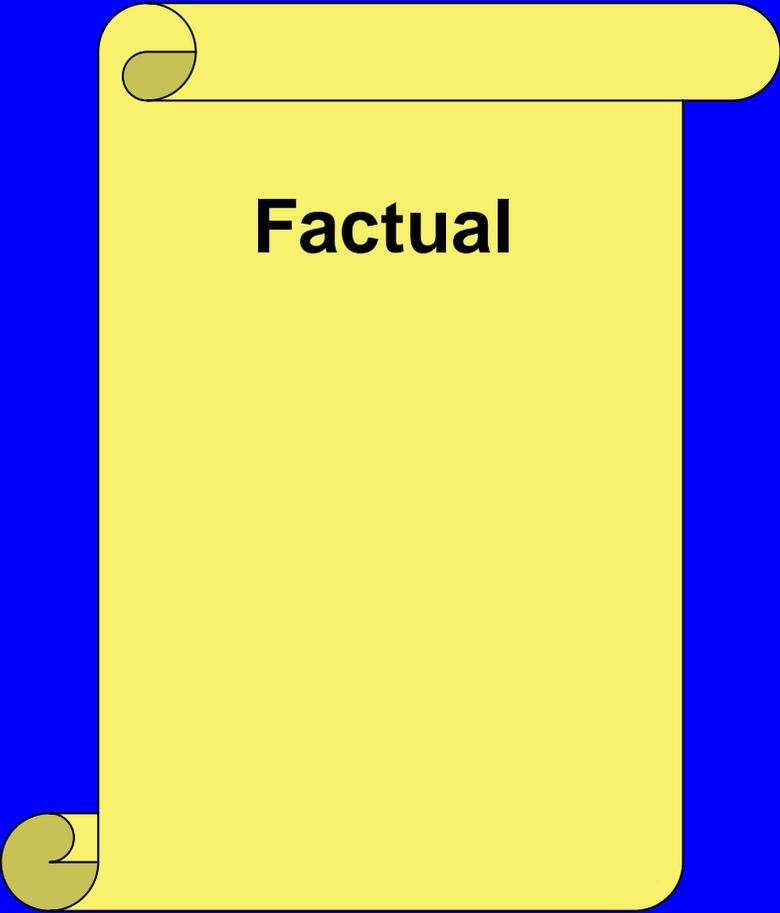
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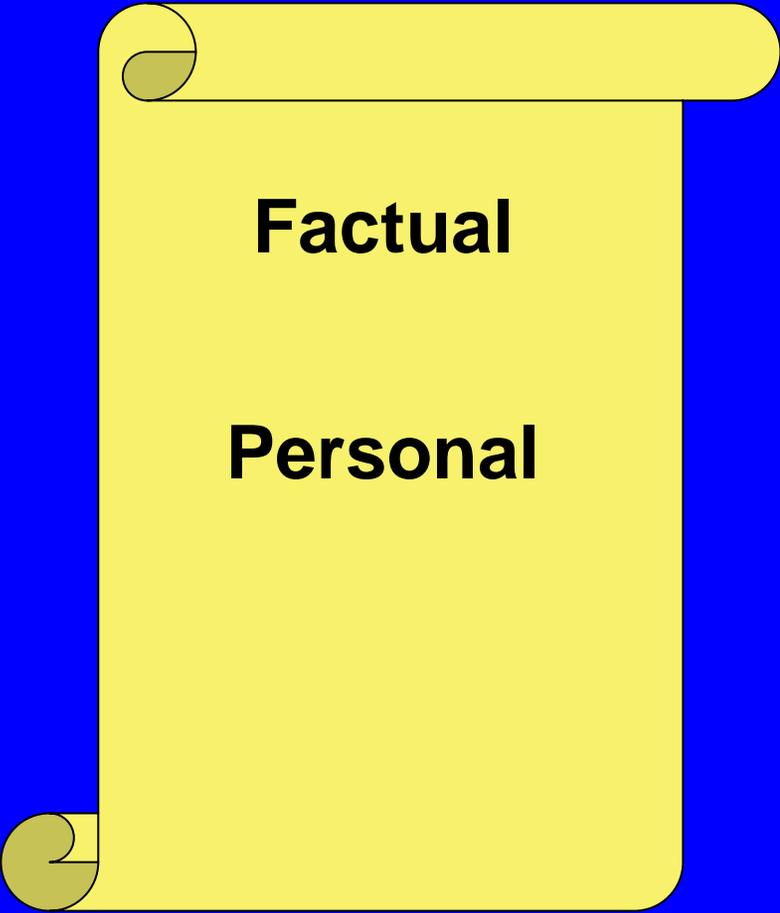


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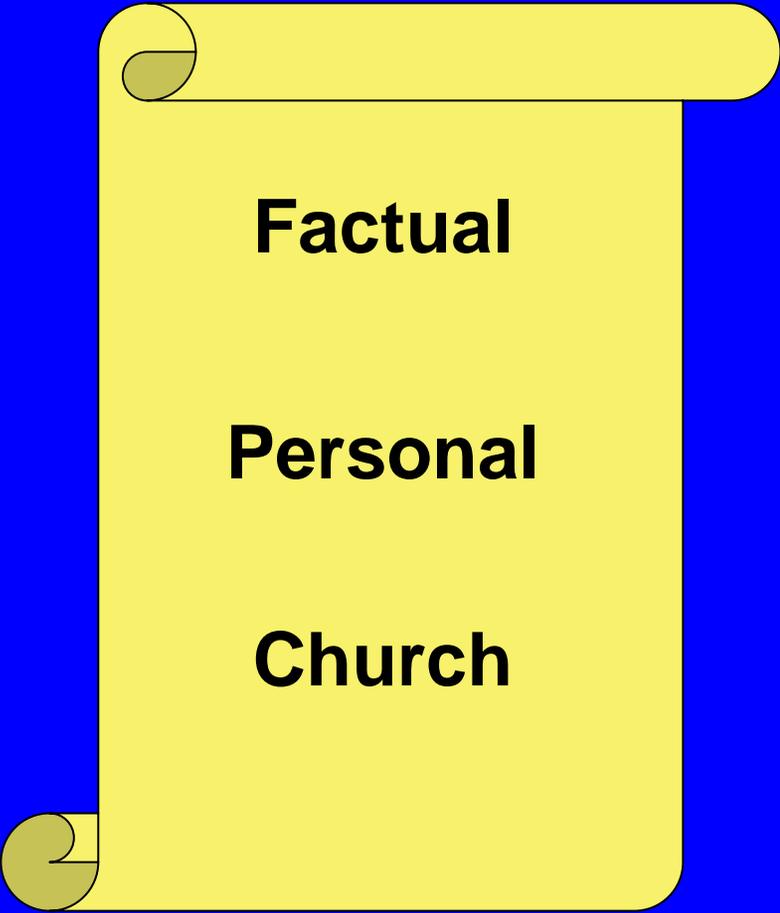
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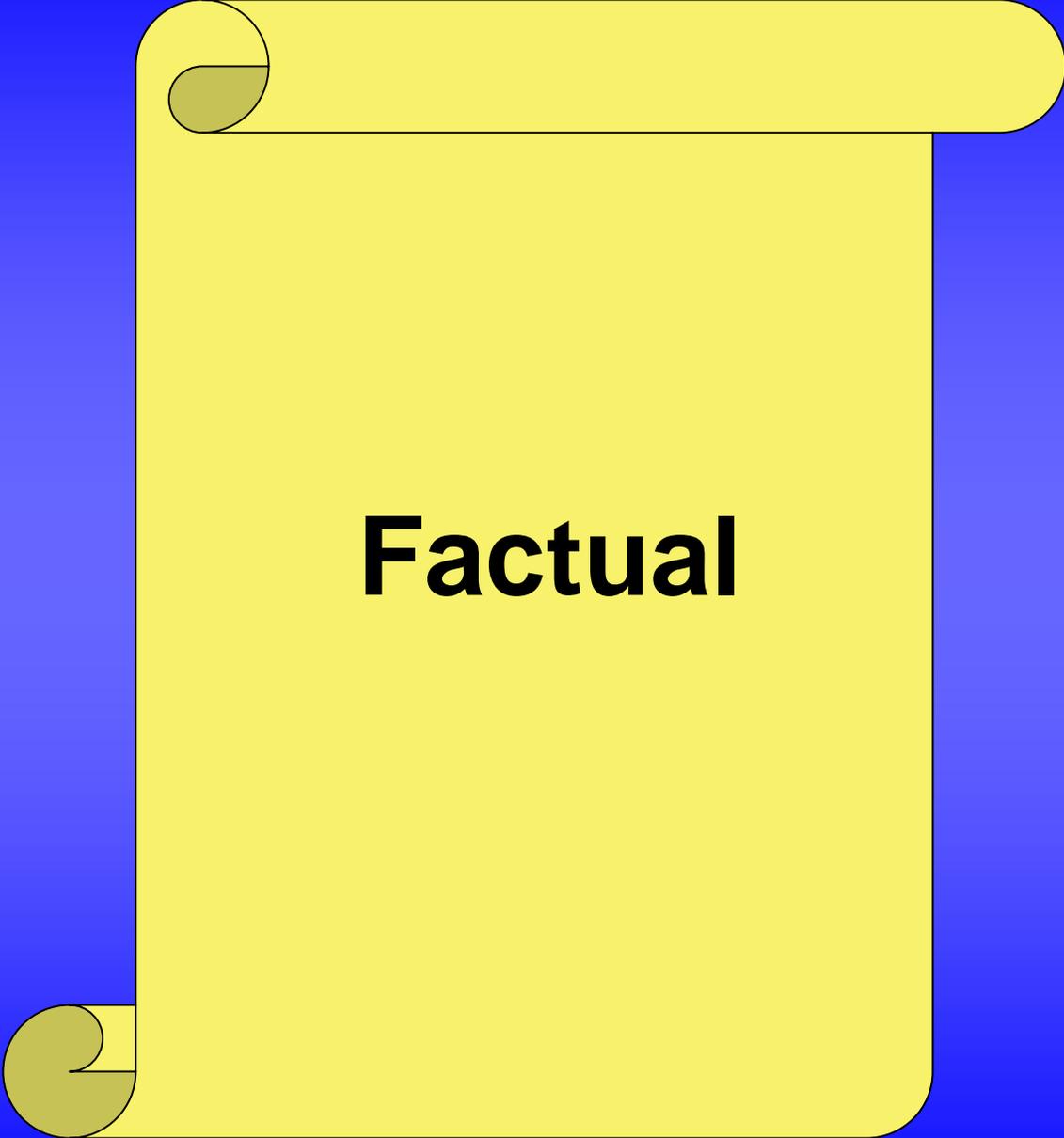
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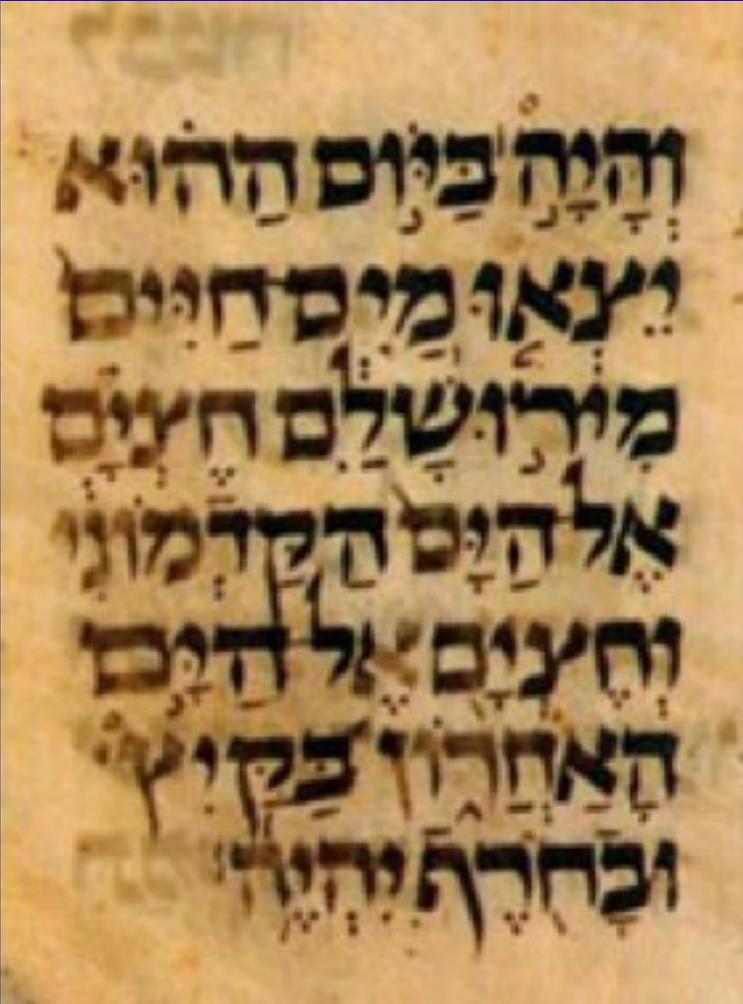
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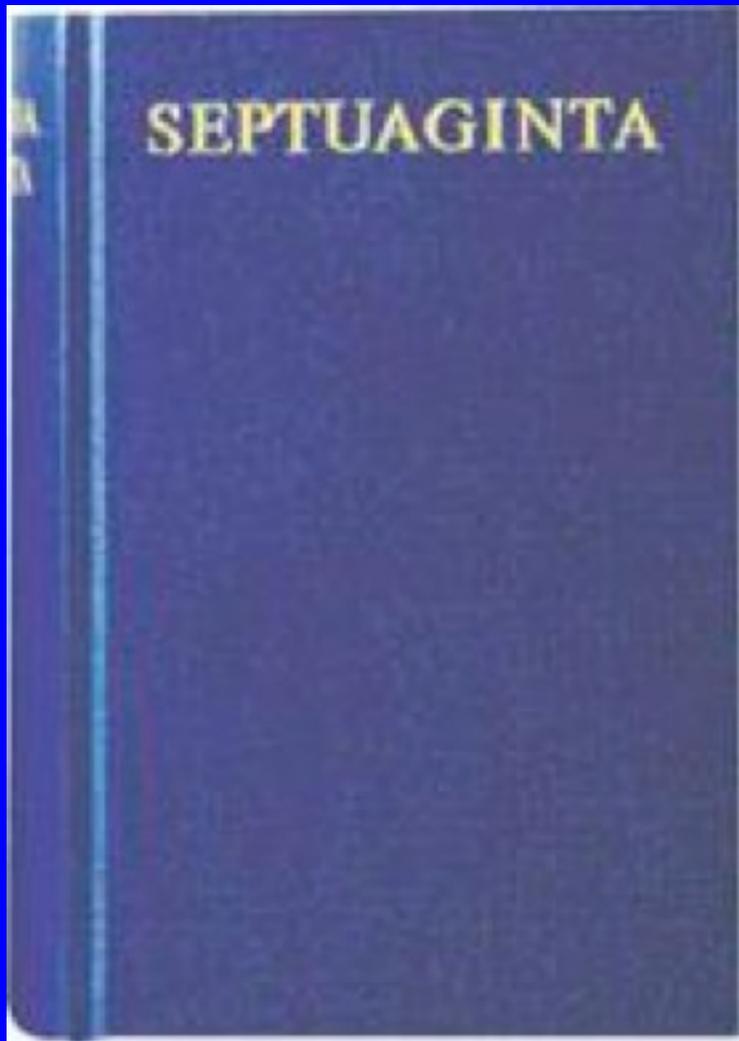
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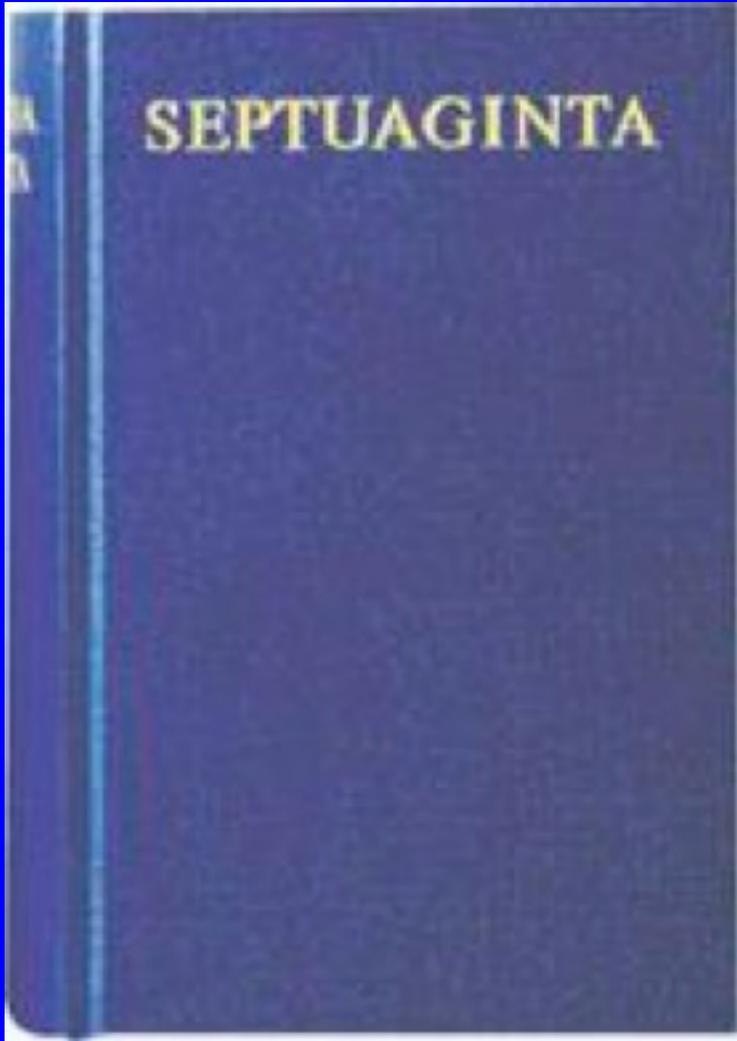


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Absolute authority  
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# Information about Peter and Paul



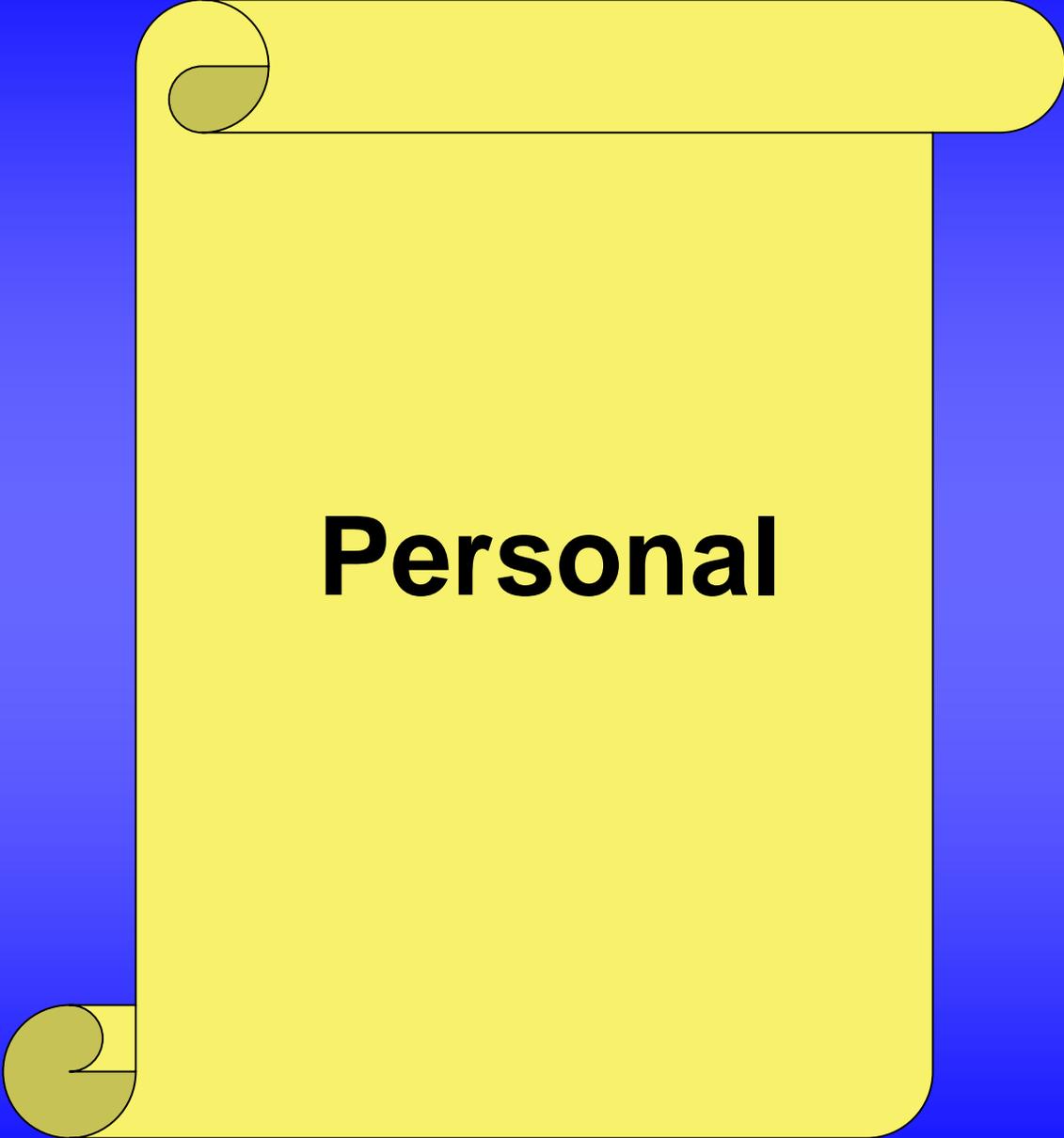
Peter endured not one or two, but numerous labors and when he had at length suffered martyrdom, departed to the place of glory due him.



Paul also obtained the reward... after being 7 times thrown into captivity, compelled to flee, and stoned. After ... having taught righteousness to the whole world, and come to the extreme limit of the west, and suffered martyrdom.



In Arabia there is a certain bird called a phoenix... When the time of its death draws near, it builds a nest and dies. But as the flesh decays, a worm is produced which brings forth feathers...

A yellow scroll with a black outline, featuring a rolled-up top edge and a rolled-up bottom edge. The word "Personal" is written in the center in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The scroll is set against a solid blue background.

**Personal**

# Repentance



Repentance

Obedience  
and  
Hospitality





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“Blessed are the **peacemakers** [not “peacetalkers”] for they will be called sons of God” Matt. 5:9



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“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” 1 Pet. 5:5



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Wives: show “the purity and reverence of your lives” “the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit” 1 Pet. 3:1-3



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“The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it!” 1 Thes. 5:24



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“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves ... not by works” Eph. 2:8-10



**Church  
Instruction**



One: Person  
and Work of  
Christ



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So What of  
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