

SPIRITUAL WARFARE
THE SWORD
OF THE SPIRIT—Part 2
THE WORD OF GOD

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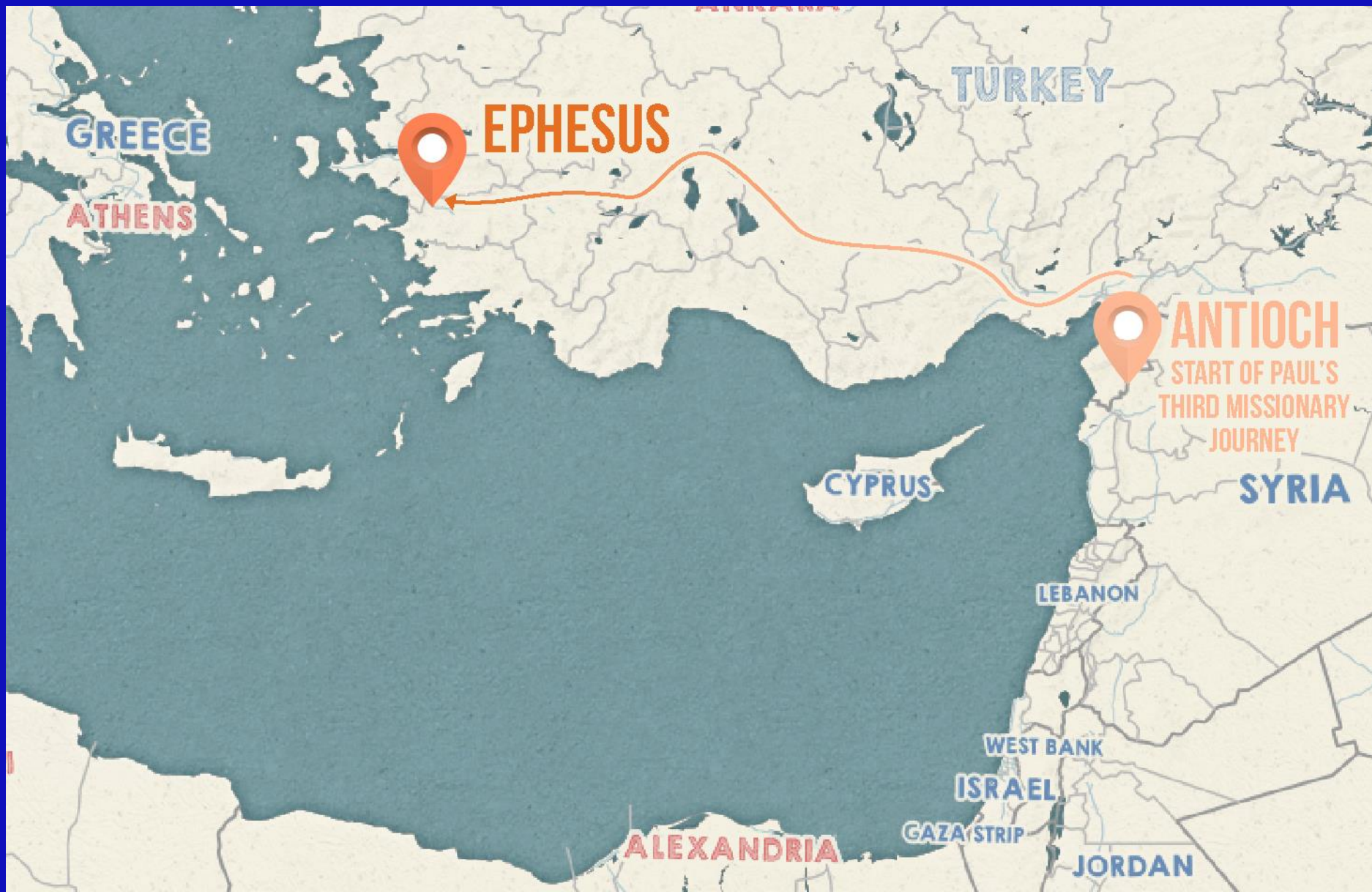
- **Avg US Adult over 18 years of age consumes media for *12 hours, 7 minutes each day***

Age 17, Avg American will consume nearly *65K hours of media*

- ***6 x more hours than time in School (11K hours)**

- ***32x more hours than time with parents (2K hours)**

- ***81x more hours with media than time in church if attending church every week (800 hours)**



GREECE

ATHENS

EPHESUS

TURKEY

CYPRUS

ANTIOCH

START OF PAUL'S
THIRD MISSIONARY
JOURNEY

SYRIA

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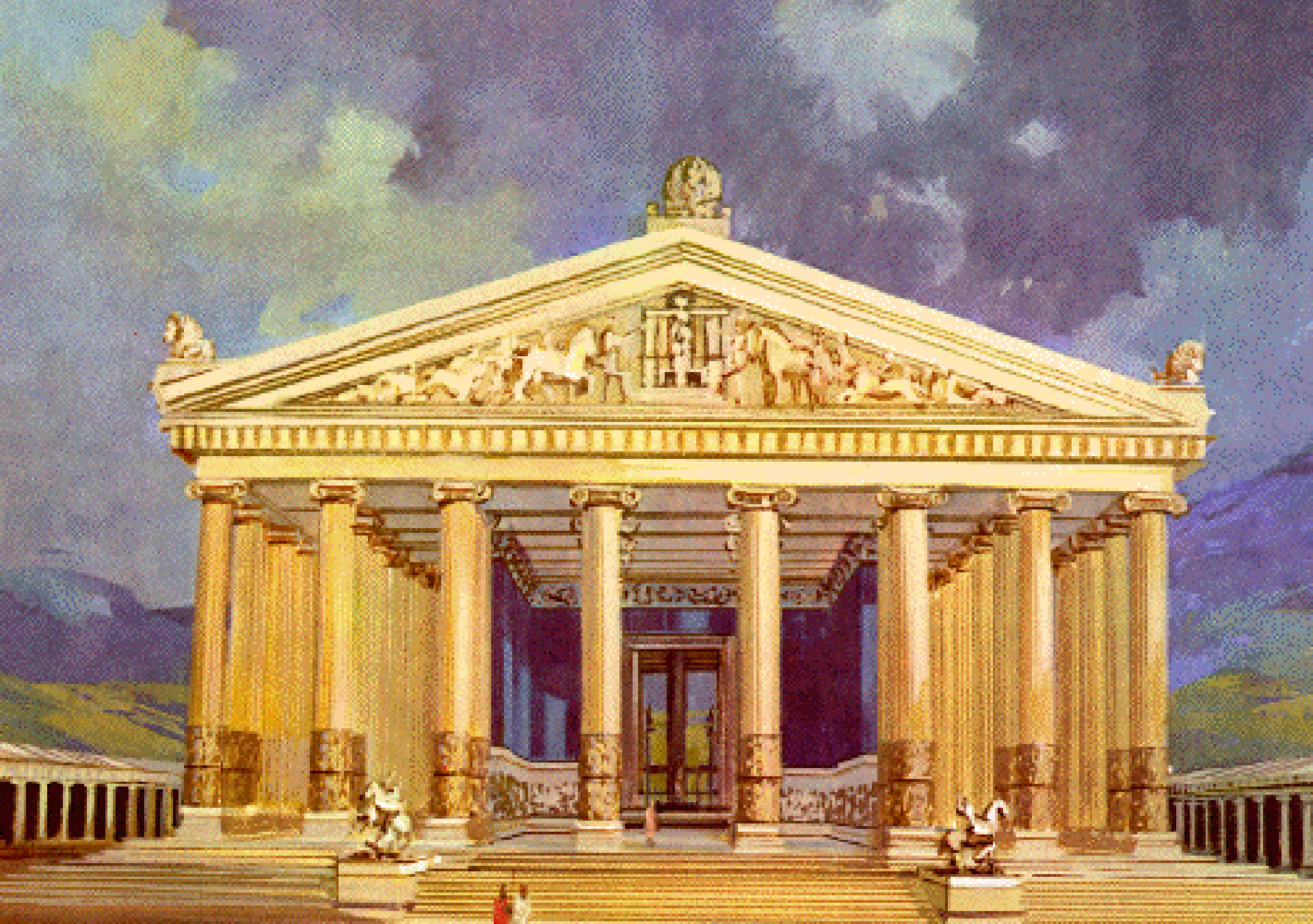
WEST BANK

ISRAEL

GAZA STRIP

ALEXANDRIA

JORDAN



Temple of Diana at Ephesus



I. SPIRITUAL VICTORY COMES **THROUGH GOD'S WORD**

Jesus ***PROVIDED*** your
victorious ***POSITION.***

Now make His ***PROVISION***
your ***PRACTICE.***

Ephesians 6:10-14a, 17-18

(NKJV)

- .¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil**



II. HIS WORD IS YOUR SWORD



With the Word of God in your heart you are on the Spiritual OFFENSE, filled with HIS STRENGTH, you have victory over any attack of the devil!

**Love Jesus and your BIBLE
and you stand strong—you
are an incredible threat to
the devil's kingdom.**

Revelation 11:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ ...

And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

Hosea 4:6 NKJV, MSG

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

6 My people are ruined because they don't know what's right or true. Because you've turned your back on knowledge, I've turned my back on you priests. Because you refuse to recognize the revelation of God, I'm no longer recognizing your children.

Proverbs 29:19

(NKJV) ¹⁸ Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

(TPT) When there is no clear prophetic vision, people quickly wander astray. But when you follow the revelation of the word, heaven's bliss fills your soul.

III. IT IS WRITTEN

Jesus faced temptations like we do.

Jesus declared the Word of God like a sword against the devil and had VICTORY.

Matthew 4: 4,7,10

Matthew 4

4: stones be made bread

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*' "

Matthew 4: 4,7,10

**7 : cast yourself down, it is written
He will give His angels charge over
you...**

Matthew 4:7 (NKJV)

**7 Jesus said to him, "It is written
again, '*You shall not tempt the LORD
your God.*' "**

Matthew 4: 4,7,10

10: fall down and worship me

Matthew 4:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, '*You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.*' "

We have victory
because of HIS victory.

We wage warfare **FROM**
victory **FOR** victory.

**IV. IS THE SWORD OF THE
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Psalm 119:9 NKJV

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to YOUR WORD.

NASB

NIV

NLT

MSG

IV. IS THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT YOURS?

Psalm 119:9 PASSION

How can a young man (person) stay pure? Only by living in the Word of God and walking in its truth

Philippians 1:10 KJV

**That ye may approve things
that are excellent; that ye may
be sincere and without
offence till the day of Christ**

SINCERE

EILIKRINES:
judged by sunlight,
tested as genuine

Latin: Without Wax