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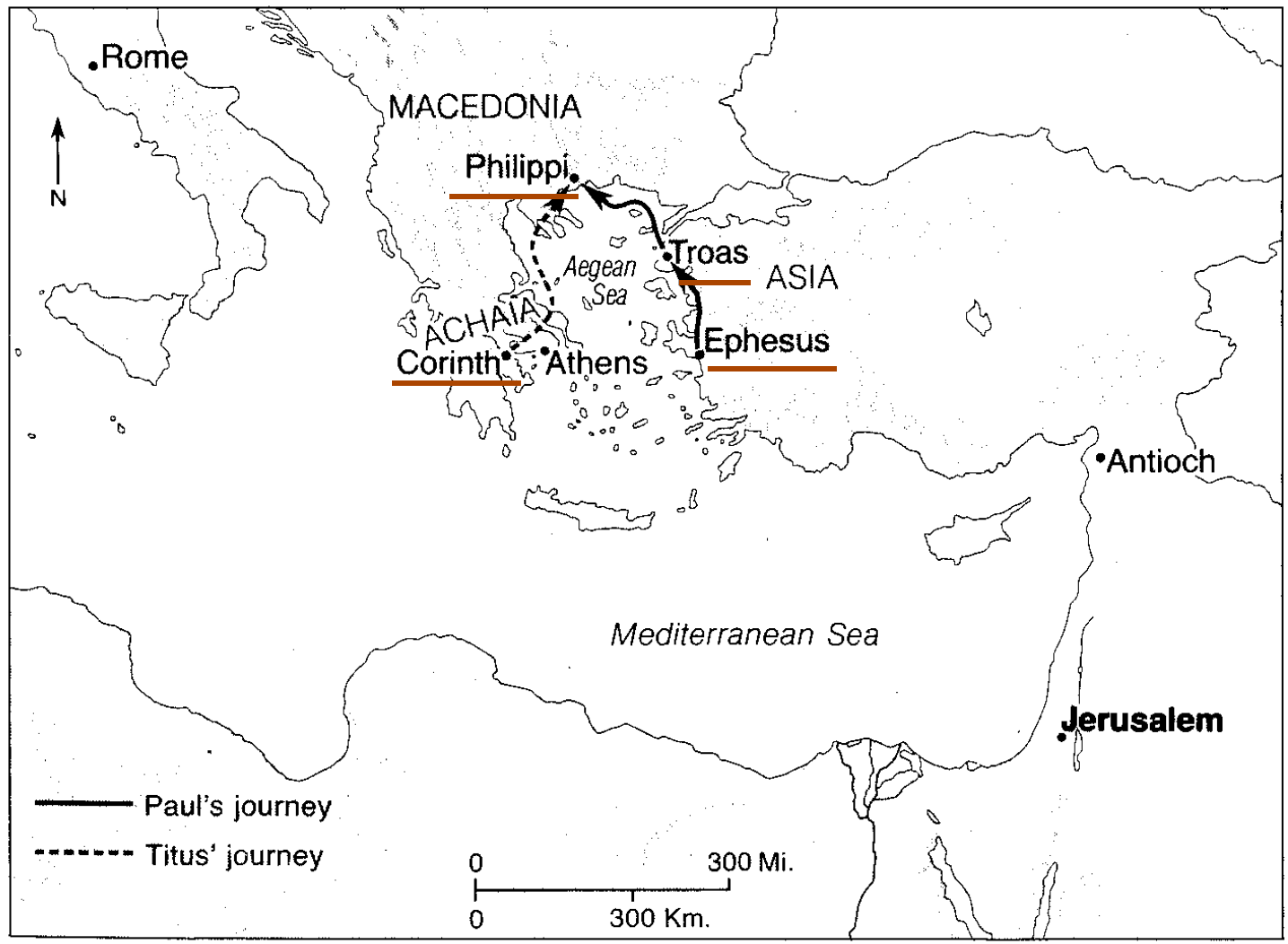
Paul the Troubled (vs. 12-13)

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- Visits Corinth – experiences great opposition and conflict
- Write a stern and tearful letter from Ephesus
- Writes II Corinthians after meeting up with Titus in Philippi
- Returns to Corinth



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- Paul and the troubles in Corinth
- External blessing and internal turmoil in Troas
 - A divinely ‘open door’ (vs. 12) – See I Cor 16:9; Acts 14:27; Acts 19:8-10
 - Yet within himself: restless, anxious, deeply distraught (vs. 13) – See II Cor 11:28;
Anguished in body and soul, he (abruptly) departed and went on to Philippi to wait.
See his physical and spiritual state II Cor 7:5-6.

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Christ the Victorious (vs. 14-16b)

- An emotional outburst of joyous thanksgiving to God! (vs. 14a)
- A Roman triumphal procession (vs. 14b-16b)
 - A vivid image of a spectacular victory celebration
 - Christ leads us in the Triumphal Procession
 - Through us the aroma/fragrance of the knowledge of God is spread

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- **A rhetorical question: in light of this how are we to see ourselves?**
- **We are but servants sent by God who open our mouths and thus spread the fragrance of God**

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