



# Paul, His Life and Teachings

## Paul's Hebrew Training

### Lesson 4

*Biblical-Literacy.com*

© Copyright 2008 by W. Mark Lanier. Permission hereby granted to reprint this document in its entirety without change, with reference given, and not for financial profit.



Guadalupe

Golfo de California

Carbo San Lucas

Monterray

Puerto Vallarta

Manzanillo

Ixtapa

Acapulco

Gulf  
Of  
Mexico

Yucatan Peninsula

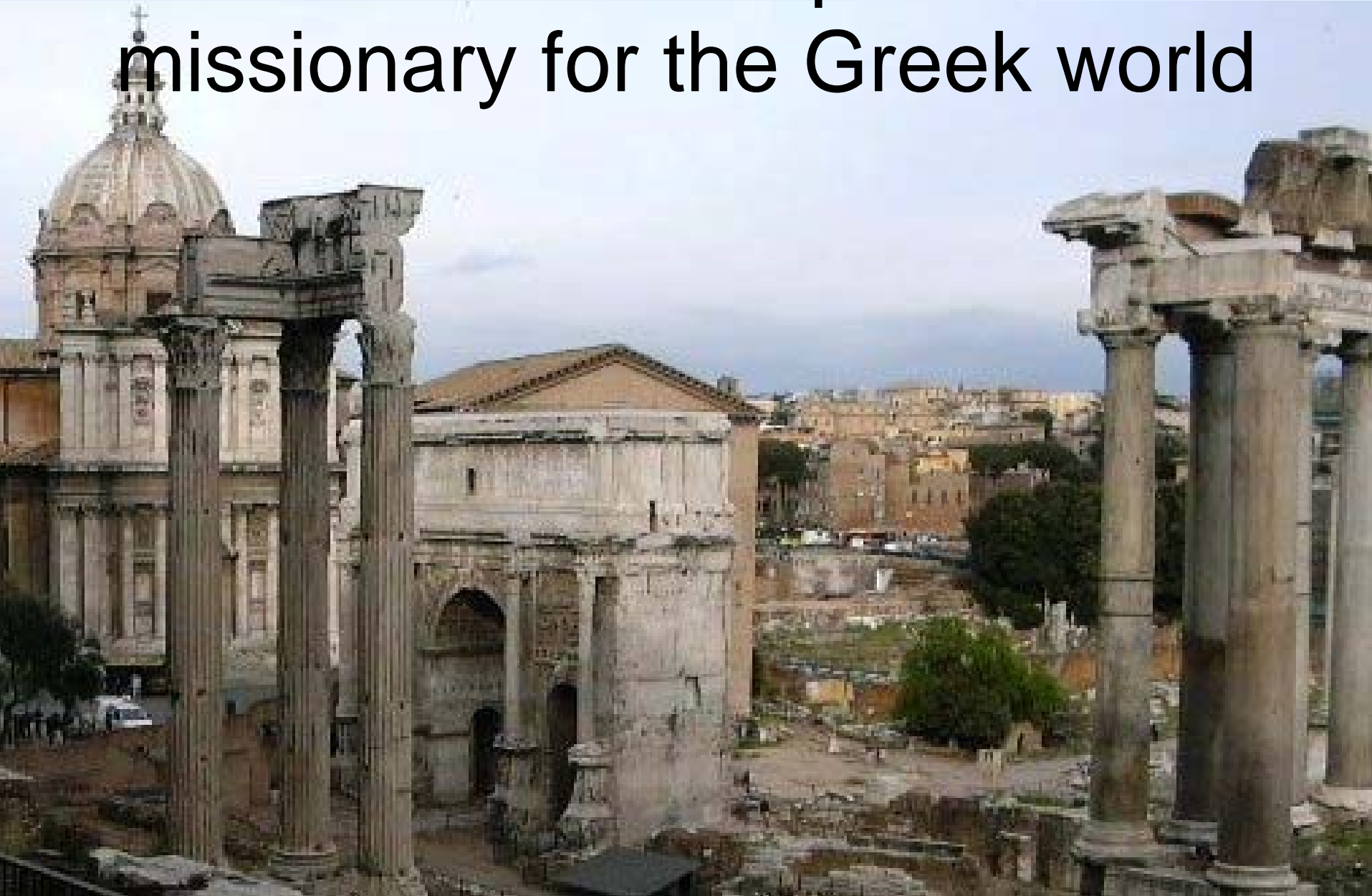
Cancun

Cozumel

# Missions work best with knowledge of language and culture



Paul was the perfect  
missionary for the Greek world

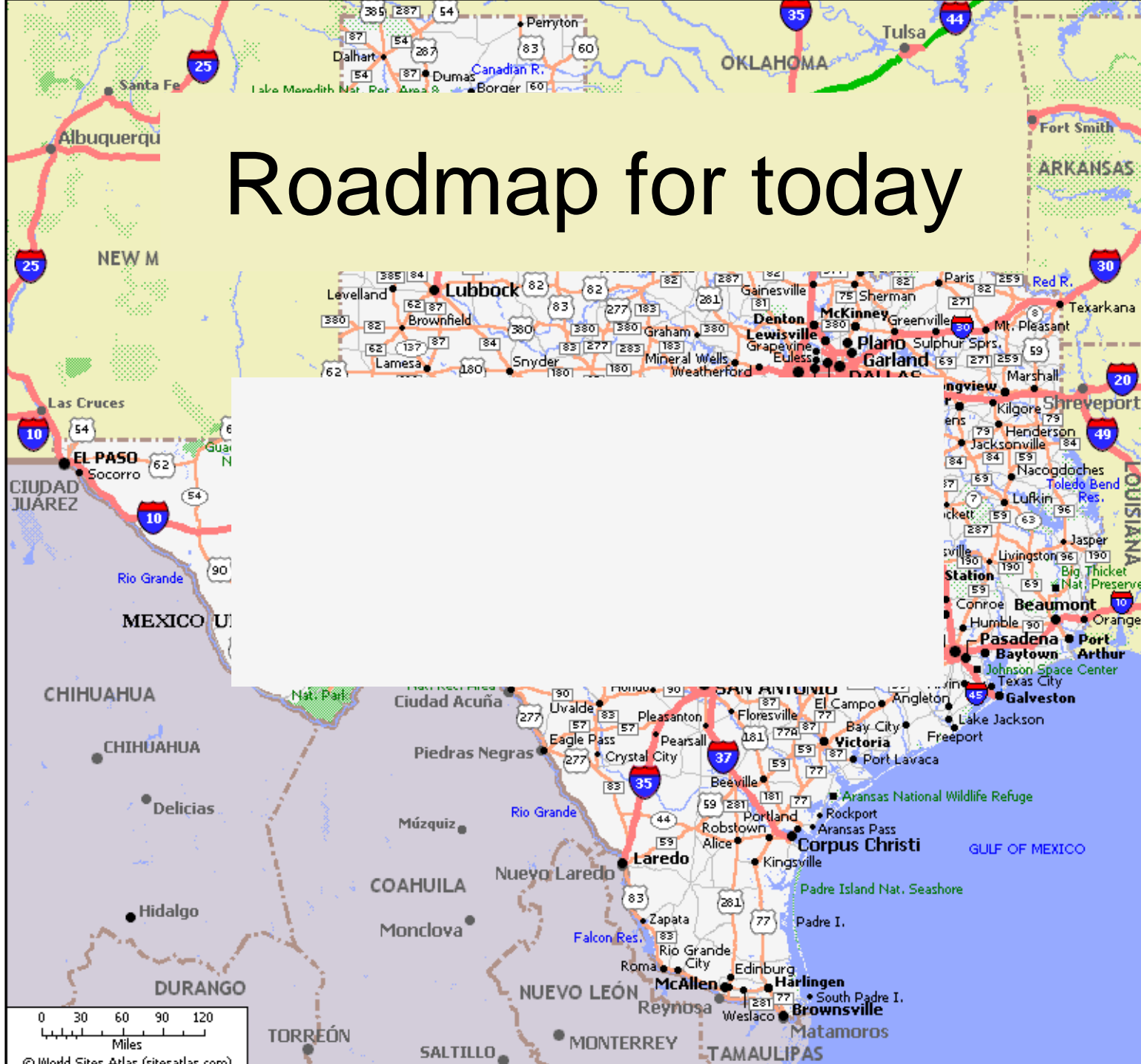


Paul was still fully Hebrew and understood the gospel





# Roadmap for today



# Roadmap for today

- Relevant scriptures



# Roadmap for today

- Relevant scriptures
- Implications





# Roadmap for today

- Relevant scriptures
- Implications
- Points for home



“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city. Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.” (Acts 22:1-3)



Then Paul, knowing  
that some of them  
were Sadducees and  
the others Pharisees,  
called out in the  
Sanhedrin,



“Brothers, I am a  
Pharisee, the son of a  
Pharisee”

Then Paul, knowing  
that some of them  
were Sadducees and  
the others Pharisees,  
called out in the  
Sanhedrin,





# Acts 26: Paul and King Agrippa



“I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them” (Acts 26:10).



Phil. 3:5-6, I was  
“circumcised on the eighth  
day, of the people of Israel,  
of the tribe of Benjamin, a  
Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the  
law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a  
persecutor of the church; as  
to righteousness under the  
law, blameless.”

# Implications:





# Implications:

- Paul moved to Jerusalem early





# Implications:

- Paul moved to Jerusalem early
- Paul and his family were Pharisees



# Implications:

- Paul moved to Jerusalem early
- Paul and his family were Pharisees
- Paul trained under Gamaliel



# Implications:

- Paul moved to Jerusalem early
- Paul and his family were Pharisees
- Paul trained under Gamaliel
- Paul was zealous in his faith and life



# Implications:

- Paul moved to Jerusalem early
- Paul and his family were Pharisees
- Paul trained under Gamaliel
- Paul was zealous in his faith and life
- Paul cast his vote against the Christian martyrs





What is your reaction:

What is your reaction:

**PHARISEES**

Paul: I *was* a Pharisee and...





Paul: I *was* a Pharisee and...  
I *am* a Pharisee!

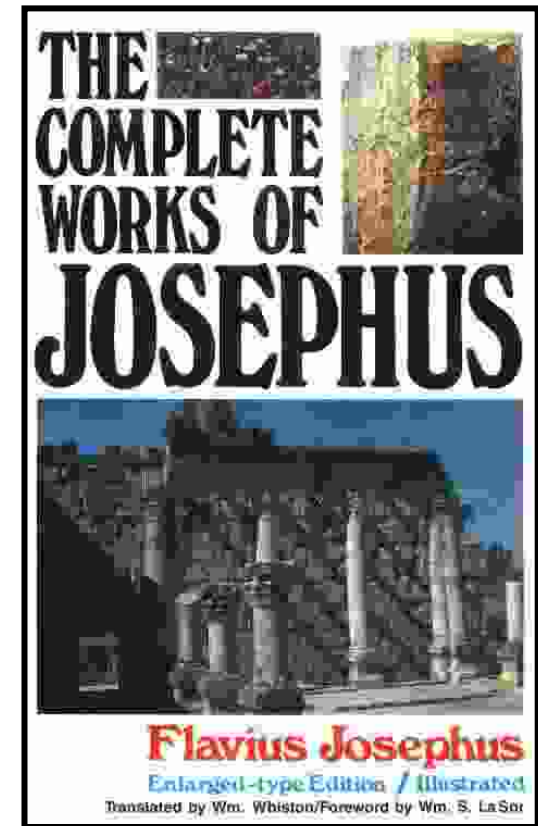


We know about Pharisees  
from a number of places

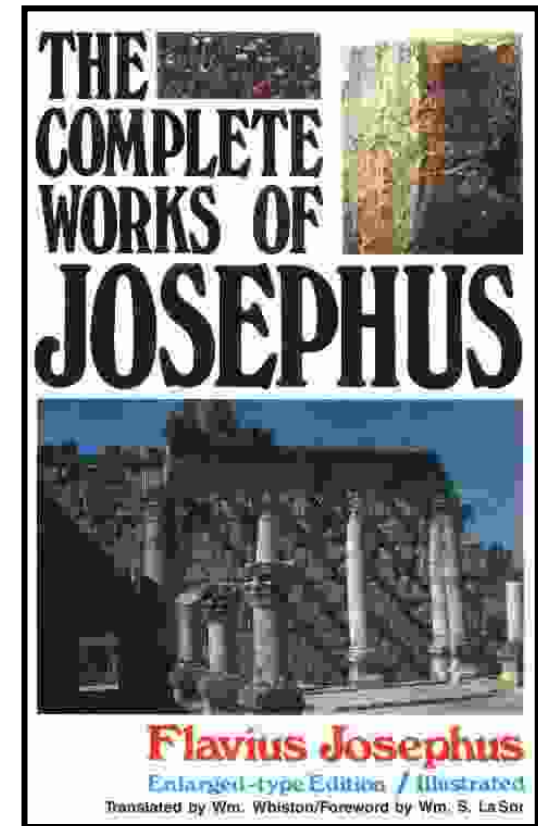
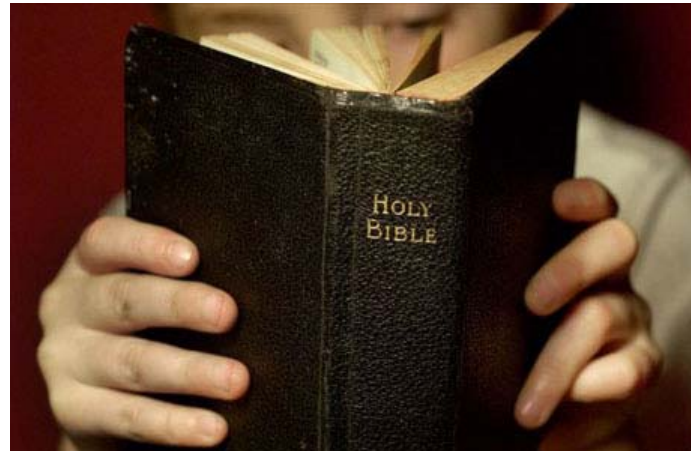
We know about Pharisees  
from a number of places



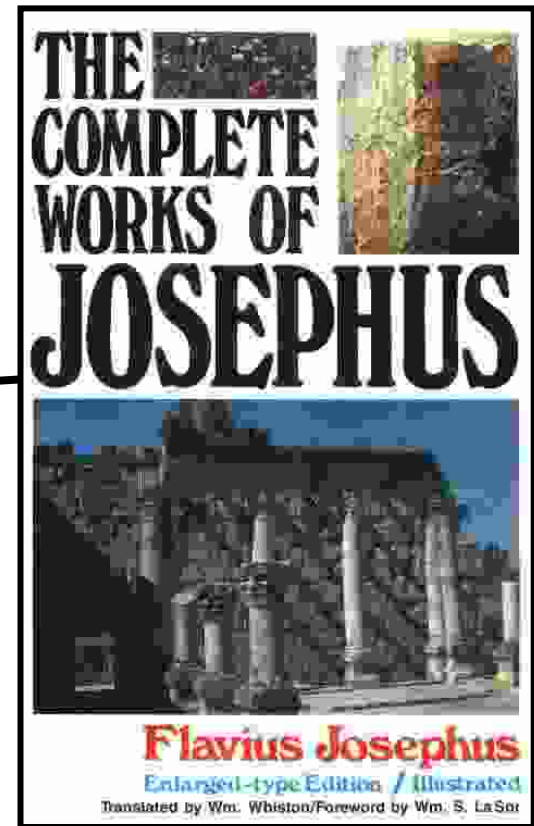
# We know about Pharisees from a number of places



# We know about Pharisees from a number of places



“There was also a group of Jews priding itself on its *adherence to ancestral custom* and *claiming to observe the laws* of which the Deity approves, and by these men, called **Pharisees**, the women were ruled.”





In the New Testament,  
Pharisees...

# In the New Testament, Pharisees...

- Were concerned that Jesus ate with the unholy

# In the New Testament, Pharisees...

- Were concerned that Jesus ate with the unholy
- Were consistent with fasting

# In the New Testament, Pharisees...

- Were concerned that Jesus ate with the unholy
- Were consistent with fasting
- Took offense at indications they were less than appropriately holy

# In the New Testament, Pharisees...

- Were concerned that Jesus ate with the unholy
- Were consistent with fasting
- Took offense at indications they were less than appropriately holy
- Sought to challenge Jesus on issues of the law and custom



# In the New Testament, Pharisees...

- Were concerned that Jesus ate with the unholy
- Were consistent with fasting
- Took offense at indications they were less than appropriately holy
- Sought to challenge Jesus on issues of the law and custom
- Tithed down to the very herbs they harvested

# In the New Testament, Pharisees...

- Were concerned that Jesus ate with the unholy
- Were consistent with fasting
- Took offense at indications they were less than appropriately holy
- Sought to challenge Jesus on issues of the law and custom
- Tithed down to the very herbs they harvested
- Seemed pure and holy by all appearances

# In the New Testament, Pharisees...

- Were concerned that Jesus ate with the unholy
- Were consistent with fasting
- Took offense at indications they were less than appropriately holy
- Sought to challenge Jesus on issues of the law and custom
- Tithed down to the very herbs they harvested
- Seemed pure and holy by all appearances
- Would always wash their hands before eating



Jesus concerned:  
some Pharisees put  
law over people



Jesus' concern:  
Whitewashed tombs,  
pretty outside, but  
dead inside





Jesus' concern:  
Some thought  
themselves moral  
police, when they  
should be  
teachers and  
exemplars

Some Pharisees are positively  
portrayed

Some Pharisees are positively  
portrayed



Some invite  
Jesus to supper

# Some Pharisees are positively portrayed

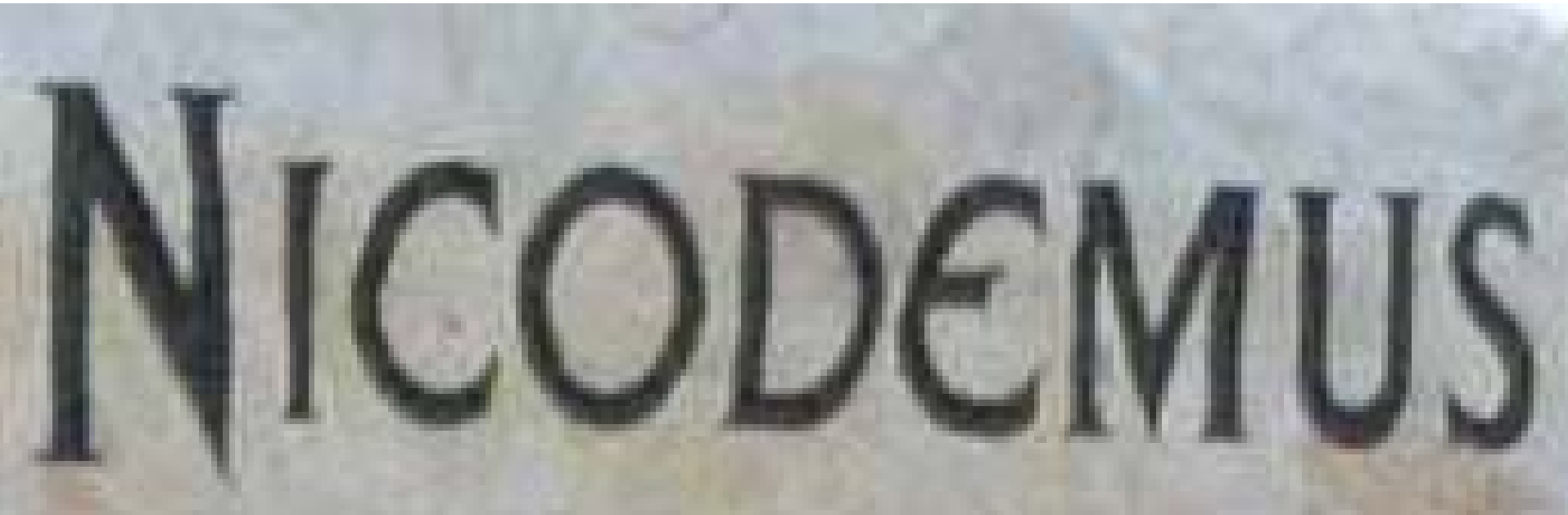


Some invite  
Jesus to supper



Some warn  
Jesus of danger

Some Pharisees are positively portrayed

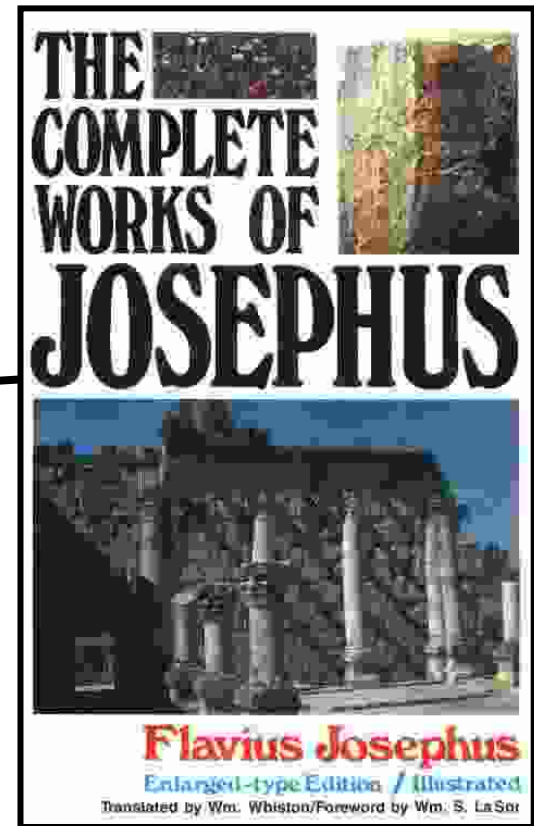




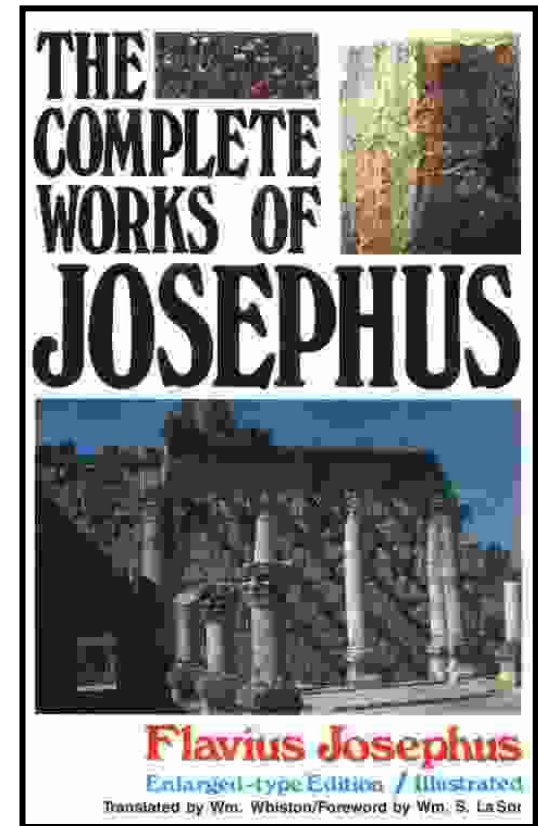
# Josephus on Pharisee beliefs: Afterlife

# Josephus on Pharisee beliefs: Afterlife

**Pharisees** believe in an after life with *rewards for the good* and *punishment for the evil*

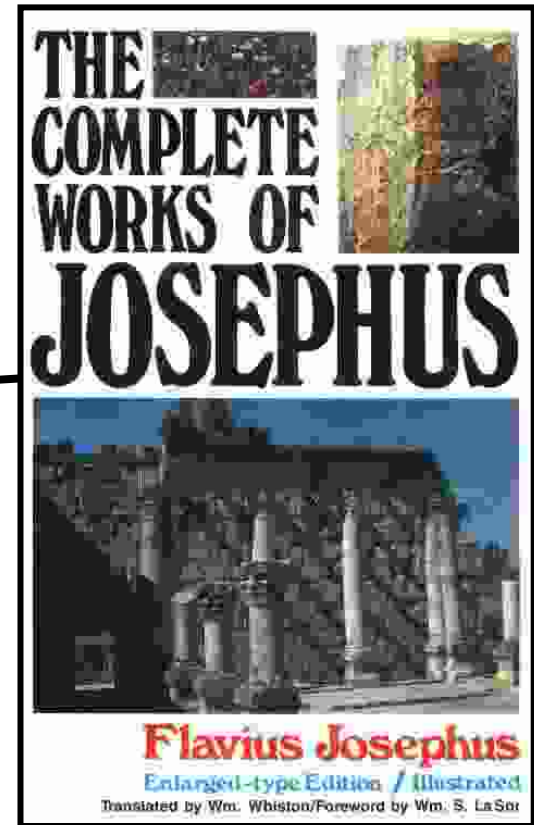


# Josephus on Pharisee beliefs: Demons

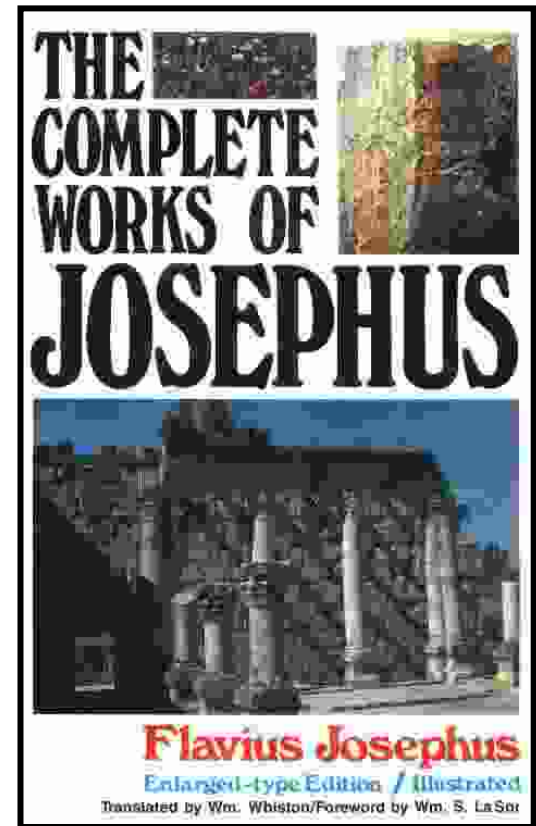


# Josephus on Pharisee beliefs: Demons

*Pharisees* believed in  
*demons* and *angels*

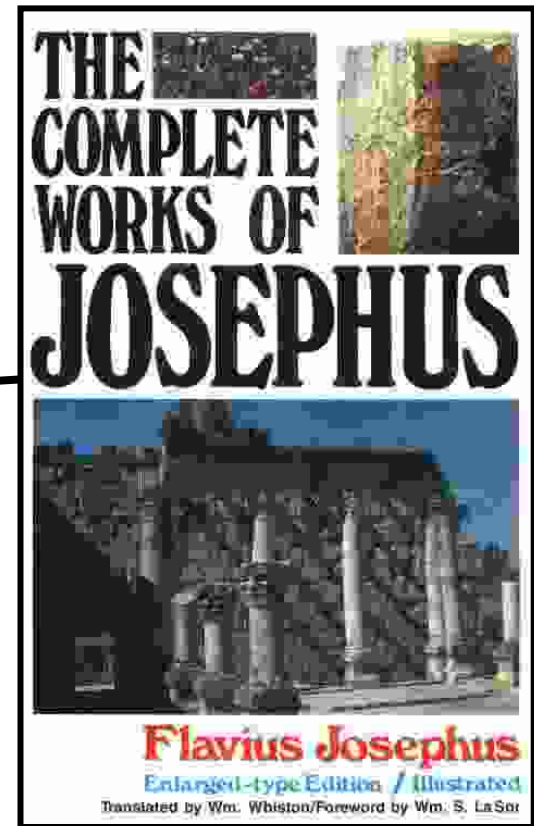


# Josephus on Pharisee belief: Predestination and free will



# Josephus on Pharisee belief: Predestination and free will

**Pharisees** believed in  
*predestination* and *free*  
*will*





# 7 different kinds of Pharisees

# 7 different kinds of Pharisees

1. Those who do right for wrong reasons

# 7 different kinds of Pharisees

1. Those who do right for wrong reasons
2. Those who do right with fake humility

# 7 different kinds of Pharisees

1. Those who do right for wrong reasons
2. Those who do right with fake humility
3. Those who hurt themselves to do right

# 7 different kinds of Pharisees

1. Those who do right for wrong reasons
2. Those who do right with fake humility
3. Those who hurt themselves to do right
4. Those who hurt others to do right

# 7 different kinds of Pharisees

1. Those who do right for wrong reasons
2. Those who do right with fake humility
3. Those who hurt themselves to do right
4. Those who hurt others to do right
5. Those who do right because they should

# 7 different kinds of Pharisees

1. Those who do right for wrong reasons
2. Those who do right with fake humility
3. Those who hurt themselves to do right
4. Those who hurt others to do right
5. Those who do right because they should
6. Those who do right out of love



# 7 different kinds of Pharisees

1. Those who do right for wrong reasons
2. Those who do right with fake humility
3. Those who hurt themselves to do right
4. Those who hurt others to do right
5. Those who do right because they should
6. Those who do right out of love
7. Those who do right out of fear



Most important  
Pharisee belief  
Paul kept was the  
resurrection



Paul studied at the feet of Gamaliel, a Pharisee who was head of the school of Hillel

# Shammai vs. Hillel on Gentile conversion



# Hillel “lax” or pragmatic?



# Gamaliel takes a Hillel approach



# Gamaliel takes a Hillel approach



Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do. Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."



# Paul sounds like Gamaliel/Hillel writing on marriage



# Paul sounds like Gamaliel/Hillel writing on marriage



“To the rest I say, not  
the Lord...”

(1 Cor. 7:12).

# The significance of Paul's vote

OTE



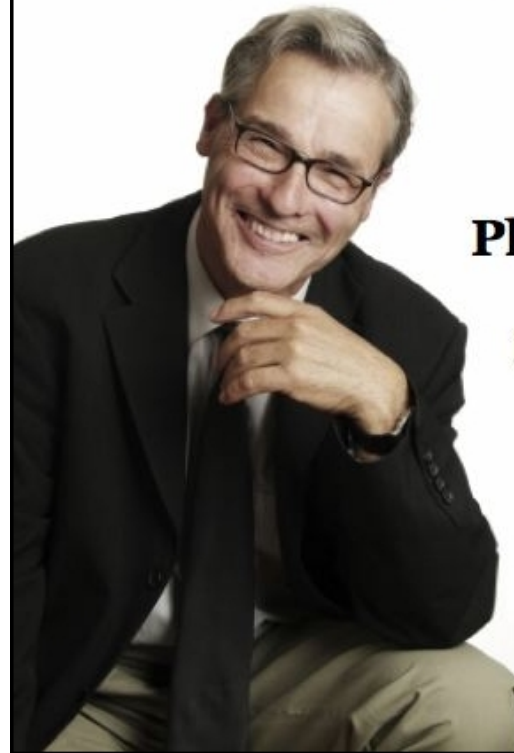
Next week assignment:  
Pages 69-82  
Paul the persecutor and  
Paul's conversion

# Points for Home

What a resume  
Paul had!

## **Resumes They Can't Put Down**

**How to Write Resumes and Career  
Marketing Letters That Get  
Interviews and Win Job Offers**



**Phillip B. Wilson**

**HireExposure.com**  
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Points for  
Home

What a resume  
Paul had!

What a resume  
You have!

# **Resumes They Can't Put Down**

**How to Write Resumes and Career  
Marketing Letters That Get  
Interviews and Win Job Offers**



**Phillip B. Wilson**

**HireExposure.com**  
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

# Points for Homes

Holiness is a good thing ... in actions and  
heart!





# Points for Home

Measure what we hear by what God has  
said



“Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true” (Acts 17:11).