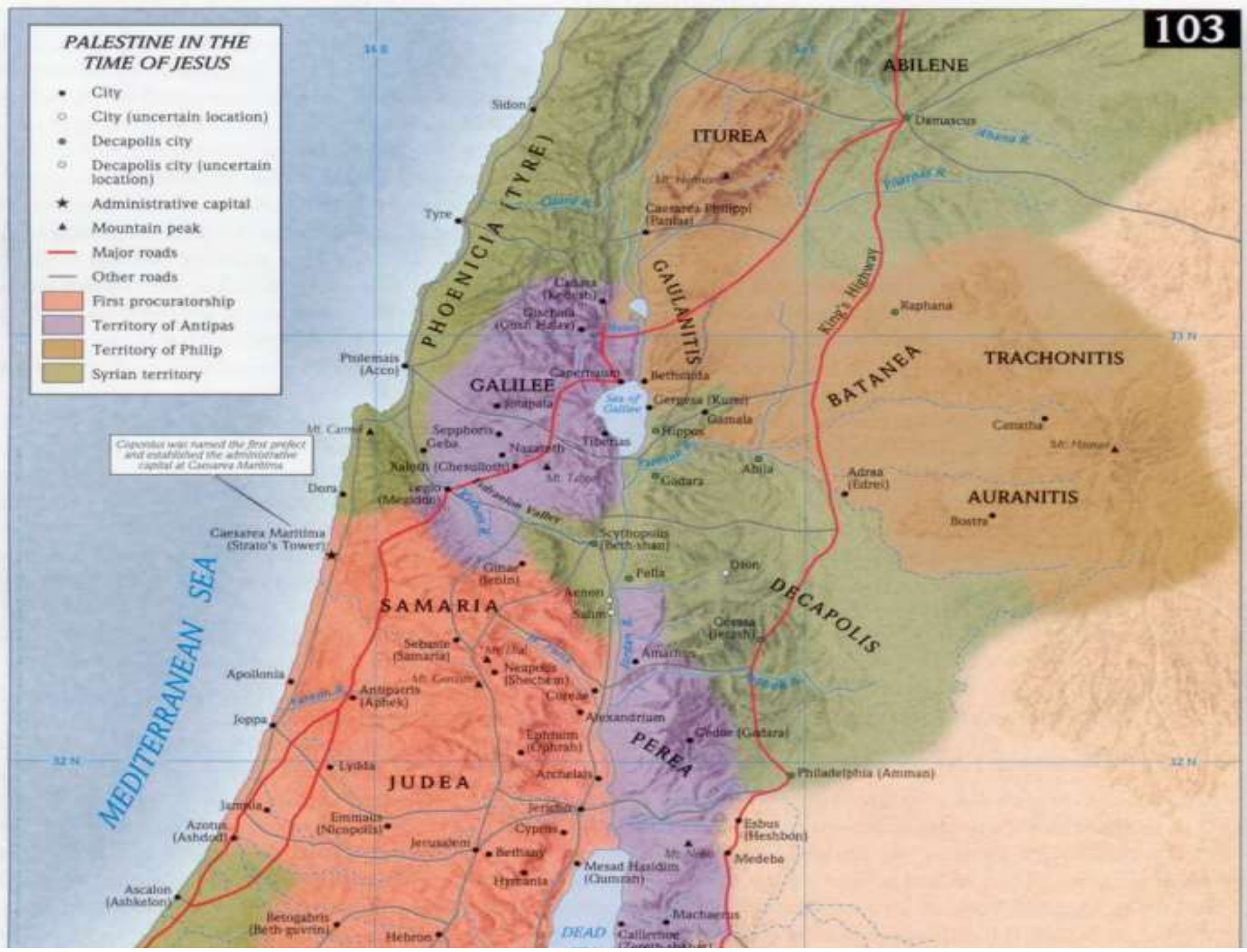


PALESTINE IN THE TIME OF JESUS

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- Decapolis city
- Decapolis city (uncertain location)
- ★ Administrative capital
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Major roads
- Other roads
- First procuratorship
- Territory of Antipas
- Territory of Philip
- Syrian territory

Caesarea was named the first prefect and established the administrative capital of Caesarea Maritima



Acts 10 – Significant to You and to Me

- ▶ “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:19
- ▶ “For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:39
- ▶ “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ.” Ephesians 2:13
- ▶ “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” Ephesians 2:19
- ▶ “...how that by revelation he made known to me the mystery...that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel” Ephesians 3:6
- ▶ “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life” Acts 11:18



Acts 10 – Setting


- ▶ Caesarea
 - About 30 miles north of Joppa
 - Official residence for the Roman procurators
- ▶ Italian Regiment or “cohort”
 - Cohort – a tenth part of a Roman legion
 - A detached cohort – usually a thousand men
 - Such a force would be divided into hundreds, each commanded by a centurion



What kind of man was Cornelius?

- ▶ Devout – godly, reverent
- ▶ Feared God
- ▶ Not a proselyte, for he was uncircumcised (11:3)
- ▶ Gave alms generously – charitable gifts to the poor and needy
- ▶ Prayed to God always – regularly, freely
- ▶ “Family man” – “...with all his household”
- ▶ Had a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews (10:22)

Cornelius was a sincere, religious man, but he was not saved. Just like the Ethiopian and Saul. He still needed to hear the gospel, believe the gospel, repent of his sins, confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and be baptized for the remission of his sins.



Cornelius' Attitude

- ▶ “and when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants...he sent them to Joppa”
 - “...so I sent to you immediately”
- ▶ “Now Cornelius was waiting for them...”
 - Eager
- ▶ “...and had called together his relatives and close friends”
- ▶ “Now therefore, we are all present before God...”
- ▶ “...to hear all the things commanded you by God”
- ▶ “And he [Peter] commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.”



Acts 10:34–35

Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.”



Acts 10:34–35

- ▶ God shows no partiality
 - “in every nation”
 - “whoever”
- ▶ Who is accepted by Him? Those who...
- ▶ Fear Him

and

- ▶ Work righteousness
- ▶ **What about:**
 - Unconditional Election?
 - Saved by grace alone?
 - Saved by faith alone?

