

The word "ACTS" is rendered in a large, 3D, blocky font. The letters are primarily blue with orange sides, giving them a wooden or metallic appearance. The word is held between two hands, one on the left and one on the right, which are rendered in a light, semi-transparent grey. The background is a textured, light beige color.

ACTS

Y O U W I L L B E M Y W I T N E S S E S

PART 28 Saul: What made him Tick



HITTITE EMPIRE

ANATOLIA

Tarsus

Carchemish

Haran

Nineveh

Calah

Padan-Aram

Ebla

Hamath

Assur

ASSYRIA

PERSIA

IRAN

CYPRUS

Ugarit

Byblos

Sidon

Tyre

ARAM

Mari

Damascus

Hasor

AMMON

Jerusalem

MOAB

Babylon

Susa

SUMER

BABYLONIA

Ur

Mediterranean Sea

Tanis

Raamses

ARABIA

Memphis

LOWER EGYPT

SINAI

EGYPT

El Amama

ANCIENT
NEAR EAST

The Zeal of Phinehas

¹⁰ The LORD said to Moses, ¹¹ “Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned my anger away from the Israelites. Since he was as zealous for my honor among them as I am, I did not put an end to them in my zeal. ¹² Therefore tell him I am making my covenant of peace with him. ¹³ He and his descendants will have a covenant of a lasting priesthood, because he was zealous for the honor of his God and made atonement for the Israelites.”

(Numbers 25:10-13)

The Zeal of Phinehas

- 28 They yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor and ate sacrifices offered to lifeless gods;
- 29 they aroused the LORD's anger by their wicked deeds, and a plague broke out among them.
- 30 But Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was checked.
- 31 This was credited to him as righteousness for endless generations to come.

(Psalm 106:28-31)

The Zeal of Elijah

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

39 When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD - He is God! The LORD - He is God!”

40 Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there.

(1 Kings 18:38-40)

Elijah in Arabia

¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

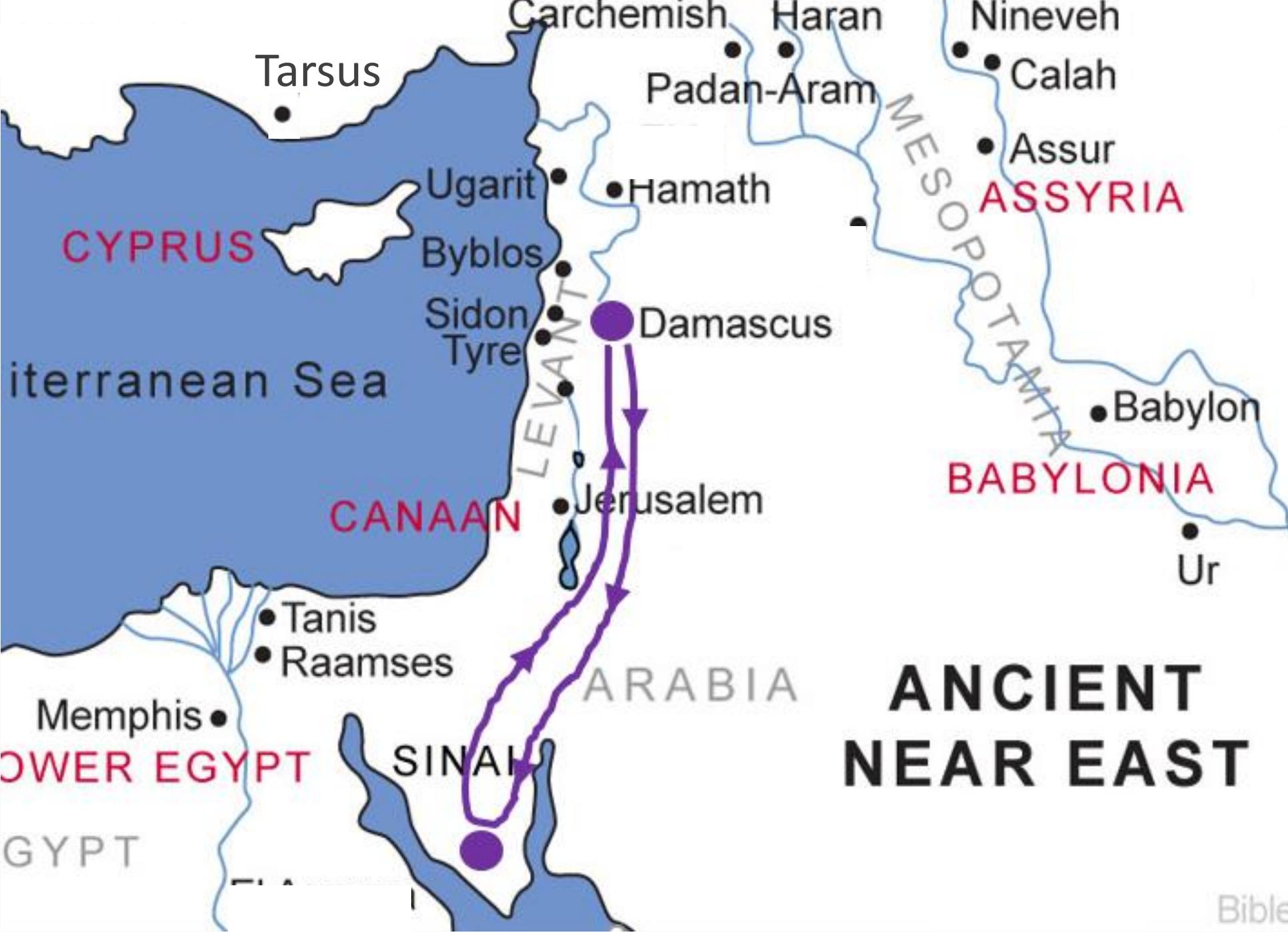
¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

(1 Kings 19:13-16)

Saul in Arabia

¹¹ I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. ¹⁷ I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

(Gal 1:11-17)



Jesus our Rescuer

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,⁴ who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,⁵ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Gal 1:3-5)