



The Missionary  
Church  
Philadelphia  
Revelation 3:7-13

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# *The Communication*

## *Revelation 3:7*

<sup>7</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,  
‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”:

- ❖ He Who is Holy
- ❖ He Who is True
- ❖ Holds the key of David

# The Communication Continued

*Isaiah*  
**22:20-23**



- 20** 'Then it shall be in that day,  
That I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah;
- 21** I will clothe him with your robe  
And strengthen him with your belt;  
I will commit your responsibility into his hand.  
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
And to the house of Judah.
- 22** The key of the house of David  
I will lay on his shoulder;  
So he shall open, and no one shall shut;  
And he shall shut, and no one shall open.
- 23** I will fasten him *as* a peg in a secure place,  
And he will become a glorious throne to his father's  
house.



BLACK SEA

SEA of MARMARA

PONTIC MOUNTAINS

Istanbul

Sakarya River

Kızılırmak River

Pazarlı

Hattuša/Boğazköy

Kerkenes Dağ

Ankara

Gordion

Midas City

PHRYGIA

Lake Tuz

AEGEAN SEA

LYDIA

Ephesos

SAMOS

Miletos

Sardis

Kyme

Daskyleion

Troy

IDA MOUNTAINS

LESBOS

CHIOS

TAURUS

LYCIA

Bayındır

Gulf of Antalya

TABAL MOUNTAINS

Göksü River

Seyhan River

Ceyhan River

Gulf of Iskenderun



# *Philadelphia*

## *Love of a Brother*

- Loyalty of two brothers, Eumenes and Attalus, perhaps founders
- To export Hellenism to the East.

### **Romans 1:14**

I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

# *Philadelphia*

## *Love of a Brother Continued*

- AD 17 Earthquake – Few lived in the City

- Strabo's Quote:

The city of Philadelphia, ever subject to earthquakes. Incessantly the walls of the houses are cracked, different parts of the city being thus affected at different times. For this reason but few people live in the city, and most of them spent their lives as farmers in the country, since they have a fertile soil. Yet one may be surprised at the few, that they are so fond of the place when their dwellings are so insecure; one might marvel still more at those who founded the city.

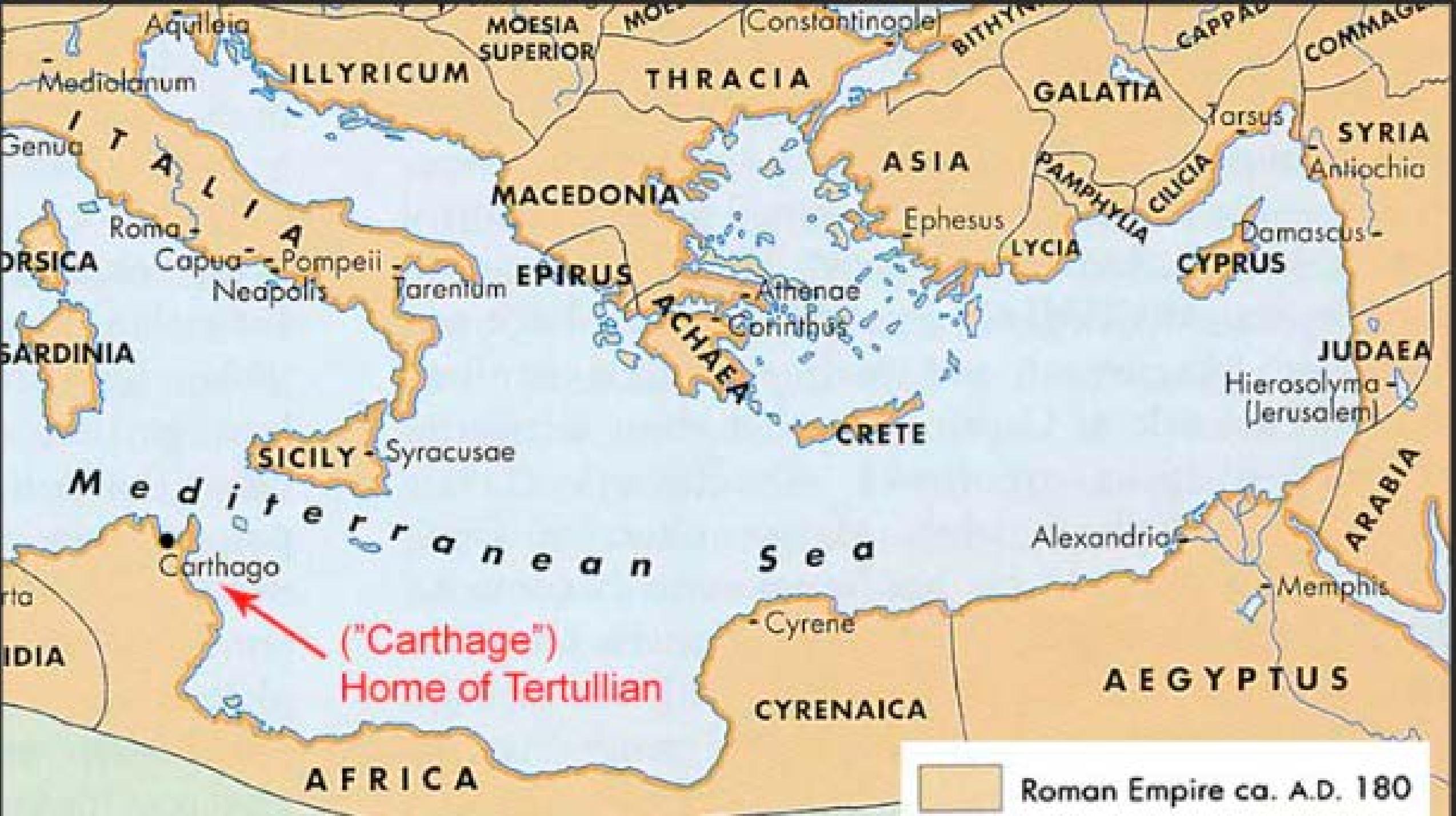
- Famous for Viticulture-Dionysus; chief god
- Edict of Domitian in AD 92

# *Possible Origin of Montanism*

- ❖ New Jerusalem to come to Pepuza
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> century Charismatic Movement

- ❖ Tertullian succumbed
  - Born: AD 160 in Carthage
  - Died: AD 240 – Athens or Jerusalem?

- ❖ Montanus (AD 157-172)
  - Village of Ardabau with Prisca and Maximilla
  - 1- Age of prosperity with new Jerusalem
  - 2- Spiritual gifts
  - 3- Martyrdom encouraged
  - 4- Prophets could forgive sins
  - 5- Apostates never readmitted



Aquileia  
Mediolanum  
Genua  
Roma  
Capua  
Pompeii  
Neapolis  
Tarentum  
Syracusae  
Carthago  
Cyrene  
Memphis  
Alexandria  
Hierosolyma (Jerusalem)  
Damascus  
Antiochia  
Ephesus  
Constantinople  
Tarsus

ILLYRICUM  
MACEDONIA  
THRACIA  
ASIA  
GALATIA  
PAMPHYLIA  
CILICIA  
LYCIA  
CYPRUS  
SYRIA  
JUDAEA  
ARABIA  
ACHAEA  
EPIRUS  
CRETE  
CYRENAICA  
AEGYPTUS  
AFRICA

MOESIA SUPERIOR  
MOESIA  
BITHYNIA  
CAPPADOCIA  
COMMAGENE

Mediterranean Sea

["Carthage"]  
Home of Tertullian

Roman Empire ca. A.D. 180

# ***Victory over Synagogue of Satan***

***Revelation  
3:8-10***

<sup>8</sup> “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

<sup>9</sup> Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

<sup>10</sup> Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

***Victory over  
Synagogue  
of Satan***

***Revelation  
3:8-10***

- **An Open Door**
- **Synagogue of Satan**

***Victory over  
Synagogue  
of Satan***

***Revelation  
3:8-10***

***Curse of the Minim***

***AD 90***

**For the Apostates let there be no hope  
And may the Kingdom of the Arrogant be  
quickly uprooted in our days**

**And may the Nazarim and Minim instantly  
perish**

**May they be blotted from the book of the  
living**

**And not be written with the righteous**

**Blessed are you Lord**

**Humbler of the Arrogant**

## *Kept from the Hour of Trial*

*Tribulation unavoidable*

### **John 16:33**

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

### **John 15:18**

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you."

*Kept from the Hour of  
Trial*

### **Matthew 24:21-22**

<sup>21</sup> For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

<sup>22</sup> And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

# Promises

## Revelation 3:11-13

**11** Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

**12** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him My new name.*

**13** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

# *Promises*

## *Revelation 3:11-13*

➤ Coming soon

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### *Romans 16:20*

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

➤ Hold Fast

➤ Pillar in the temple

➤ No more exits

➤ The name of my God and of New Jerusalem