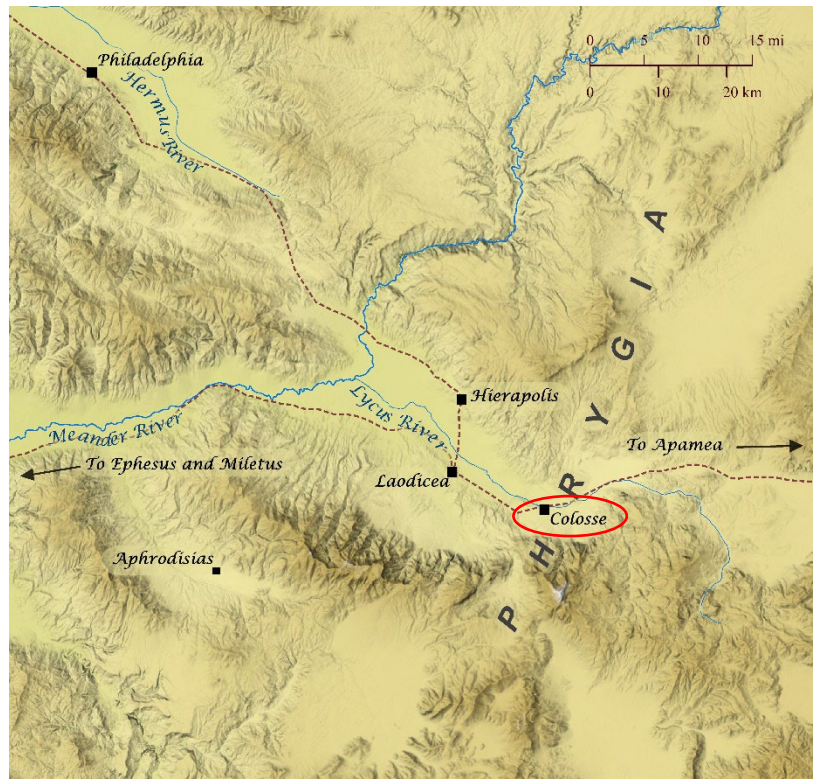


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The Epistle to the Colossians

Author: Paul

Recipients: The saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae

Date: Around AD 60-62

Location of writing: Rome, during Paul's imprisonment

Purpose: To warn the Colossian church against heresy and false teachers, including elements of Gnosticism and Legalism, and to counter those false teachings with a focus on the glorious person and work of Jesus Christ

Basic Outline:

1. Personal Matters (1:1–14)
 - a. Paul's Greeting (1:1, 2)
 - b. Paul's Thankfulness (1:3–8)
 - c. Paul's Prayer (1:9–14)
2. Doctrinal Instruction (1:15–2:23)
 - a. About Christ's Deity (1:15–23)
 - b. About Paul's Ministry (1:24–2:7)
 - c. About False Philosophy (2:8–23)
3. Practical Exhortations (3:1–4:18)
 - a. Christian Conduct (3:1–17)
 - b. Christian Households (3:18–4:1)
 - c. Christian Speech (4:2–6)
 - d. Christian Friends (4:7–18)