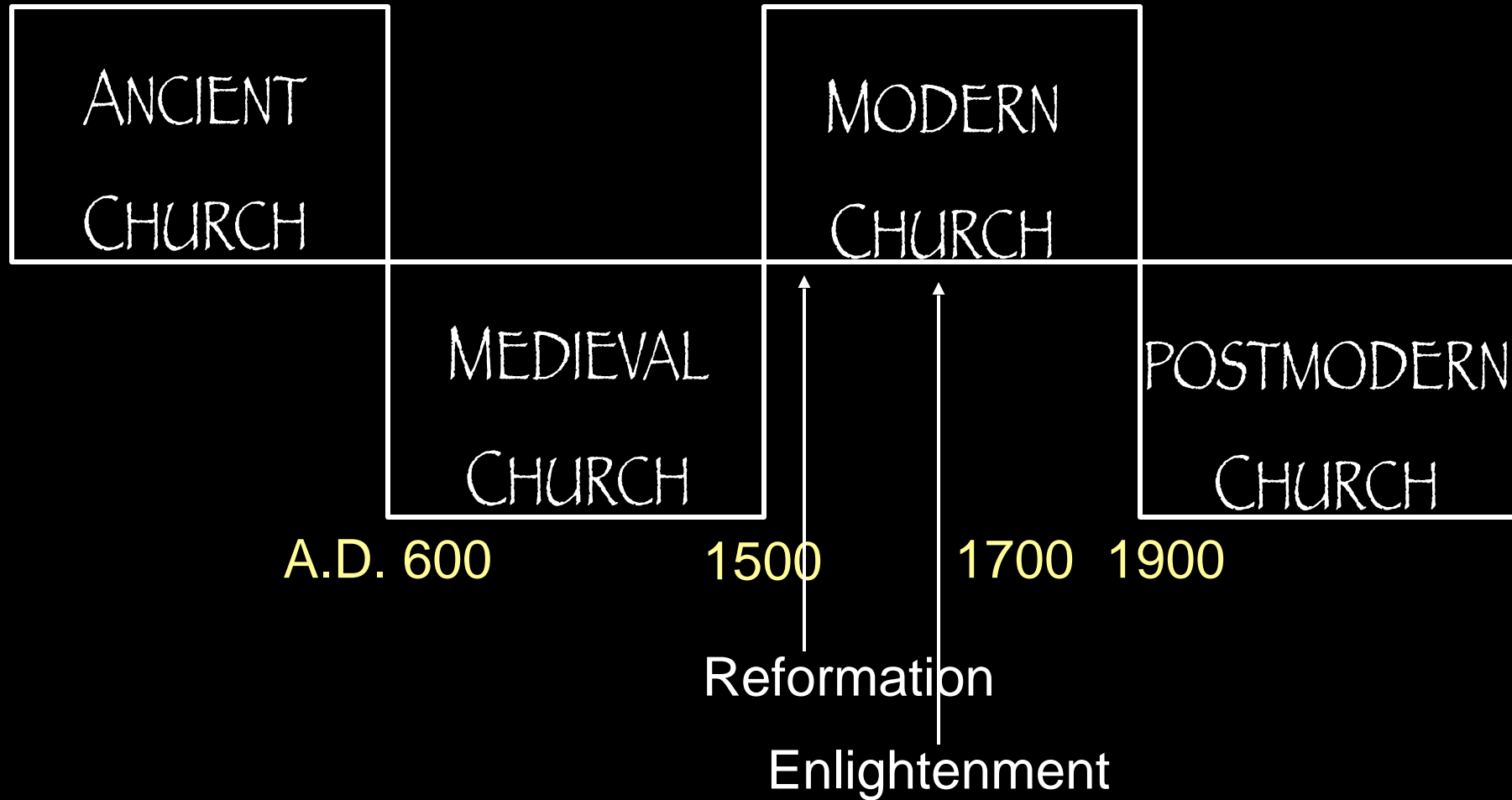


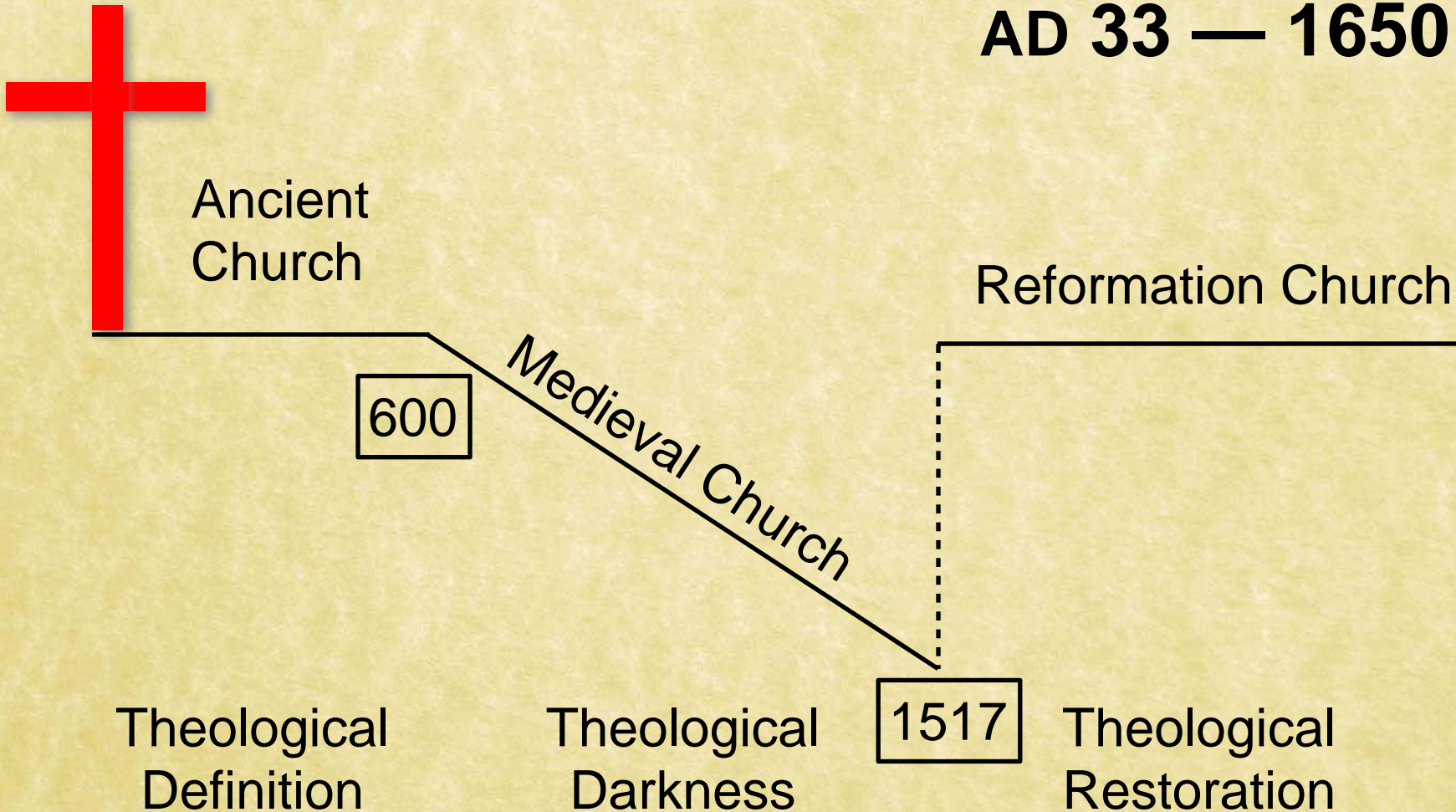
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Class 2; Lecture 1
The Beginning of the Church
1 BC - AD 100



DIVISIONS OF CHURCH HISTORY



The History of The Church AD 33 — 1650



THE ANCIENT CHURCH

A.D. 100-600

AGE
OF THE
APOSTOLIC
FATHERS

AGE
OF THE
APOLOGISTS

AGE
OF THE
THEOLOGIAN

A.D.
100

A.D.
150

A.D.
300

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600

2. Christ: The foundation of the church.

Matt. 16:18, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

Eph. 2:20, “having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,”

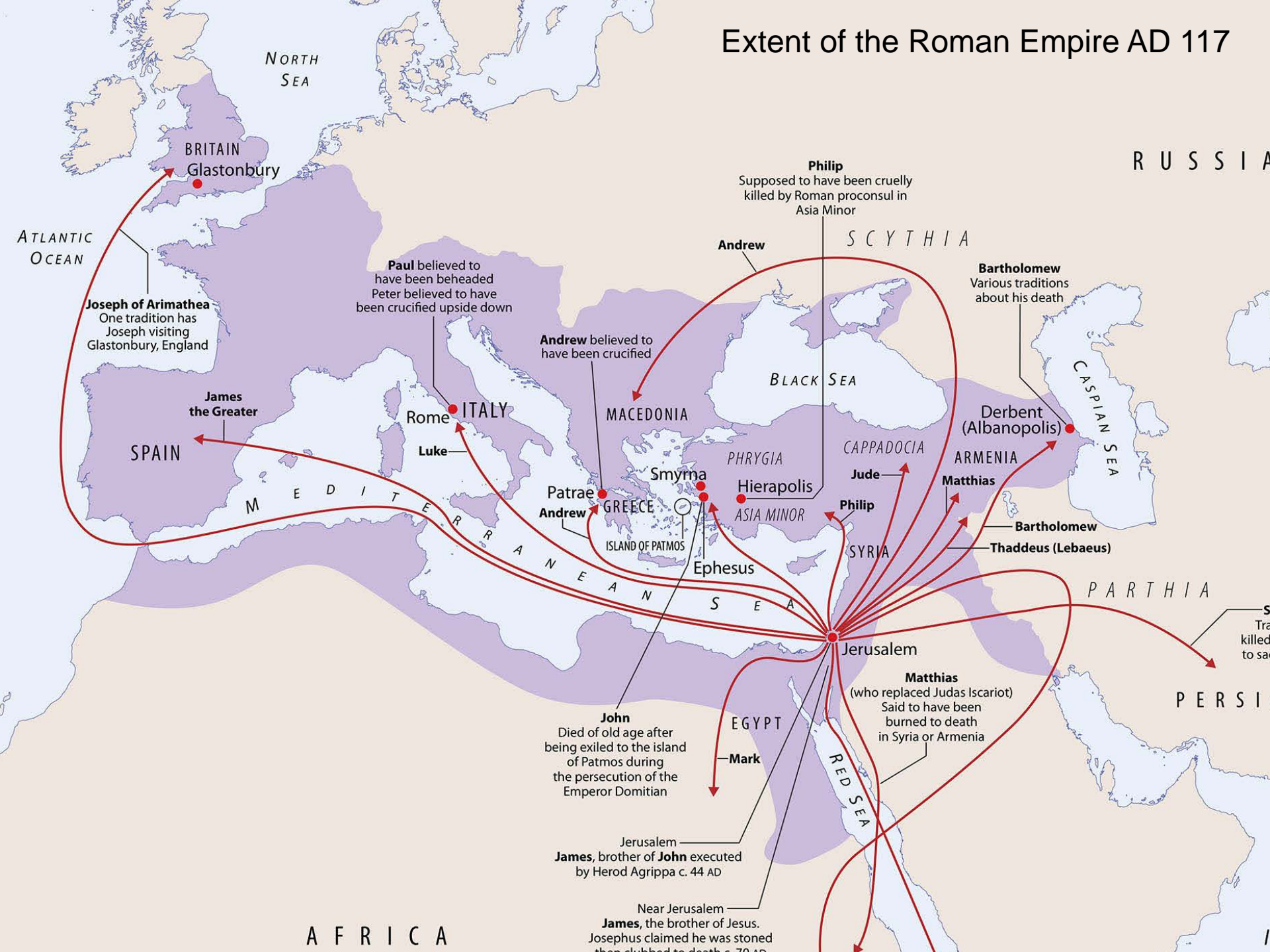
3. Setting for the Birth of the Messiah, Gal. 4:4

Gal. 4:4, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,”

The Intersection of Three Cultures:

- 1. Rome: political influence**
- 2. Greece: intellectual and language influence**
- 3. Judaism: religious influence**

Extent of the Roman Empire AD 117



Rome: Political

1. A sense of a unity and community of man under universal law.
2. A measure of political peace. *Pax Romana*
3. An elite empire-wide road system, many roads of which survive to this day. The roads went to every part of the Empire.
4. An army that brought both repression and the gospel.

Greece: Intellectual, Language, Culture

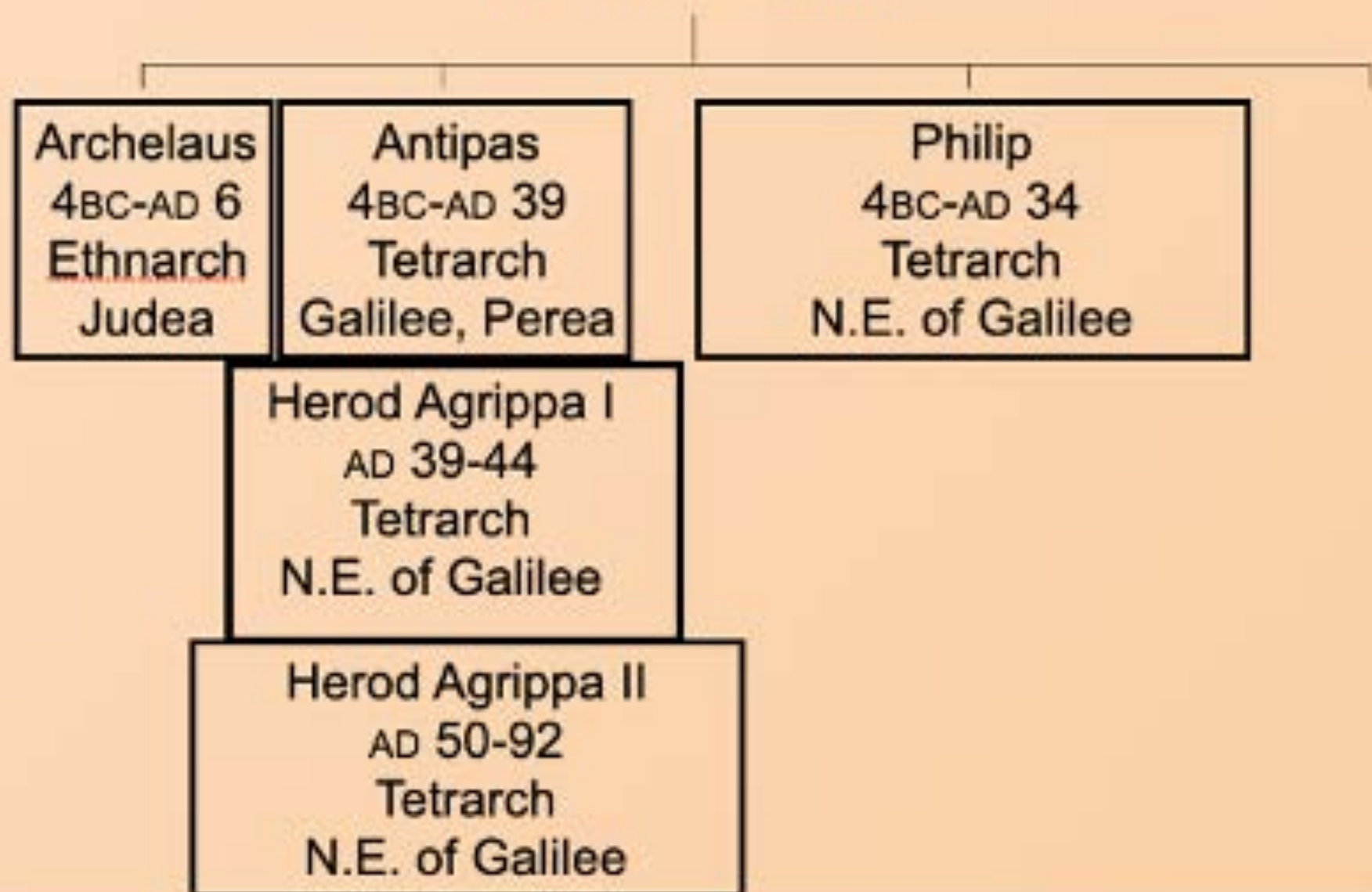
- (1) The almost universal use of Koine Greek in both the East and West.**
- (2) The decline of the potency of religion leading to emperor worship.**
- (3) Influence of Greek philosophy; by this time it was showing its bankruptcy;**
- (4) The Mystery religions.**

Judaism: Religious

- (1) Messianic expectations**
- (2) Jewish *Diaspora***
- (3) Synagogue system**
- (4) Septuagint (LXX)**

Herodian Genealogy

Herod the Great



KINGDOM OF HEROD THE GREAT

- City
- Site of Herodian fortress
- ⦿ Decapolis city
- ⦿ Cities Salome gave to his sister
- ▭ Boundary of Herod the Great's Kingdom
- ▭ Boundary of domain given to Archelaus, son of Herod, by Augustus Caesar in (4 BC), when Herod died
- ▭ Boundary of domain given to Herod Antipas, son of Herod, by Augustus Caesar in (4 BC), when Herod died
- ▭ Boundary of domain given to Herod Philip, son of Herod, by Augustus Caesar in (4 BC), when Herod died
- ▭ Semi-independent municipality
- ▭ Syrian Province

0 15 30 Miles
0 15 30 Kilometers

