

Treasure Hunt

- Why does the Lord withdraw to the coasts of Tyre and Sidon?
- What is remarkable about Matthew's description of the woman as a Canaanite?
- On what basis does she ask the Lord's help?
- What characteristics of her faith make it "great"?
- What are some other examples of people who argue with the Lord?
- What should we learn from these examples?

15:1-28 as an Echo of 12:1-38 (“folded chiasm”)

12:1-38

1-8 Picking grain on the Sabbath
2 But when the **Pharisees** saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

9-14 Healing on the Sabbath
14 Then the **Pharisees** went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15-21 Healing great multitudes
18 he shall shew judgment to the **Gentiles**.
21 And in his name shall the **Gentiles** trust.

22-37 Casting out a Demon
24 But when the **Pharisees** heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

38-45 Seeking a Sign
38 Then certain of the scribes and of the **Pharisees** answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

15:1-28

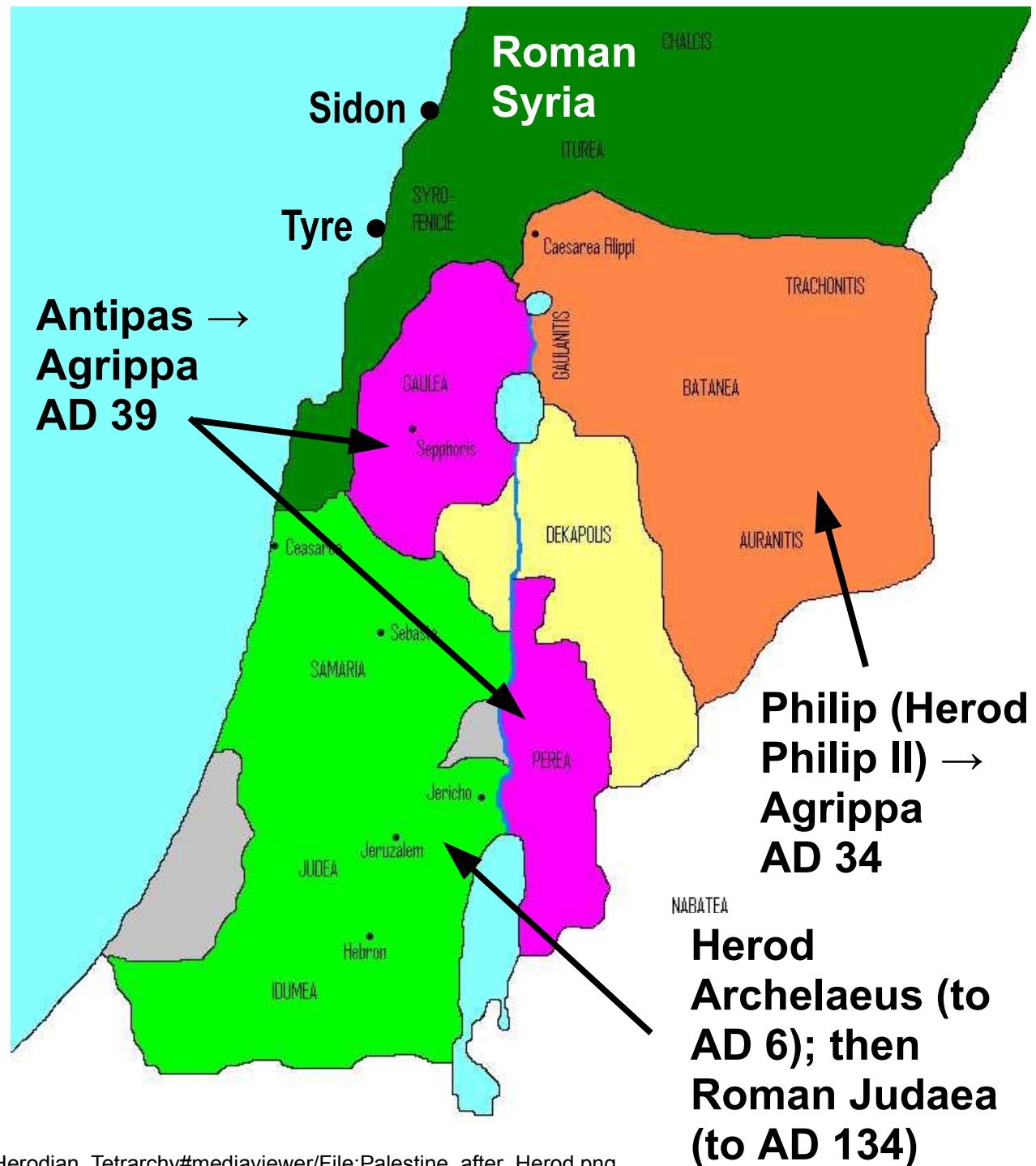
1-20 Discussion on Uncleanness

1 Then came to Jesus scribes and **Pharisees**, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.
12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the **Pharisees** were offended, after they heard this saying?

21-28 The Canaanite Woman
22 And, behold, a **woman of Canaan** came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

The Coasts (Region) of Tyre and Sidon

Act 12:20 And Herod [Agrippa] was highly displeased with them of **Tyre and Sidon**: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because **their country** was nourished by the king's *country*.



Map: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herodian_Tetrarchy#mediaviewer/File:Palestine_after_Herod.png

Canaan in the Bible

Gen 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, Cursed be **Canaan**; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

Gen 10:15 **Canaan** begat Sidon his firstborn, and **Heth**, 16 And the **Jebusite**, and the **Amorite**, and the Girgasite, 17 And the **Hivite**, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, 18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the **Canaanites** spread abroad. (Also 1 Chr 1:13)

Deu 20:17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the **Hittites**, and the **Amorites**, the **Canaanites**, and the Perizzites, the **Hivites**, and the **Jebusites**; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: 18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

Ezr 9:1 Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the **Canaanites**, the **Hittites**, the Perizzites, the **Jebusites**, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the **Amorites**. 2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

15:24 ...the lost sheep of the house of Israel...

Mat 10:5 **Go not into the way of the Gentiles**, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to **the lost sheep of the house of Israel**.

Mat 28:18 All **power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach **all nations**

Dan 7:14 And there was given him **dominion**, and glory, and a kingdom, that **all people, nations, and languages**, should serve him:

Wrestling with God in Prayer

Jacob at the Jabbok, Gen 32:24-30

Moses at Sinai, Exod 32:9-14; 33:2-3, 12-17; 34:5-7

Paul and Epaphras in Rome

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always **labouring fervently αγωνιζομαι** for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: 29 Whereunto I also labour, **striving αγωνιζομαι** according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. 2:1 For I would that ye knew what great **conflict αγων** I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;