

Matthew 5-7

# NT Wisdom Literature & Jesus



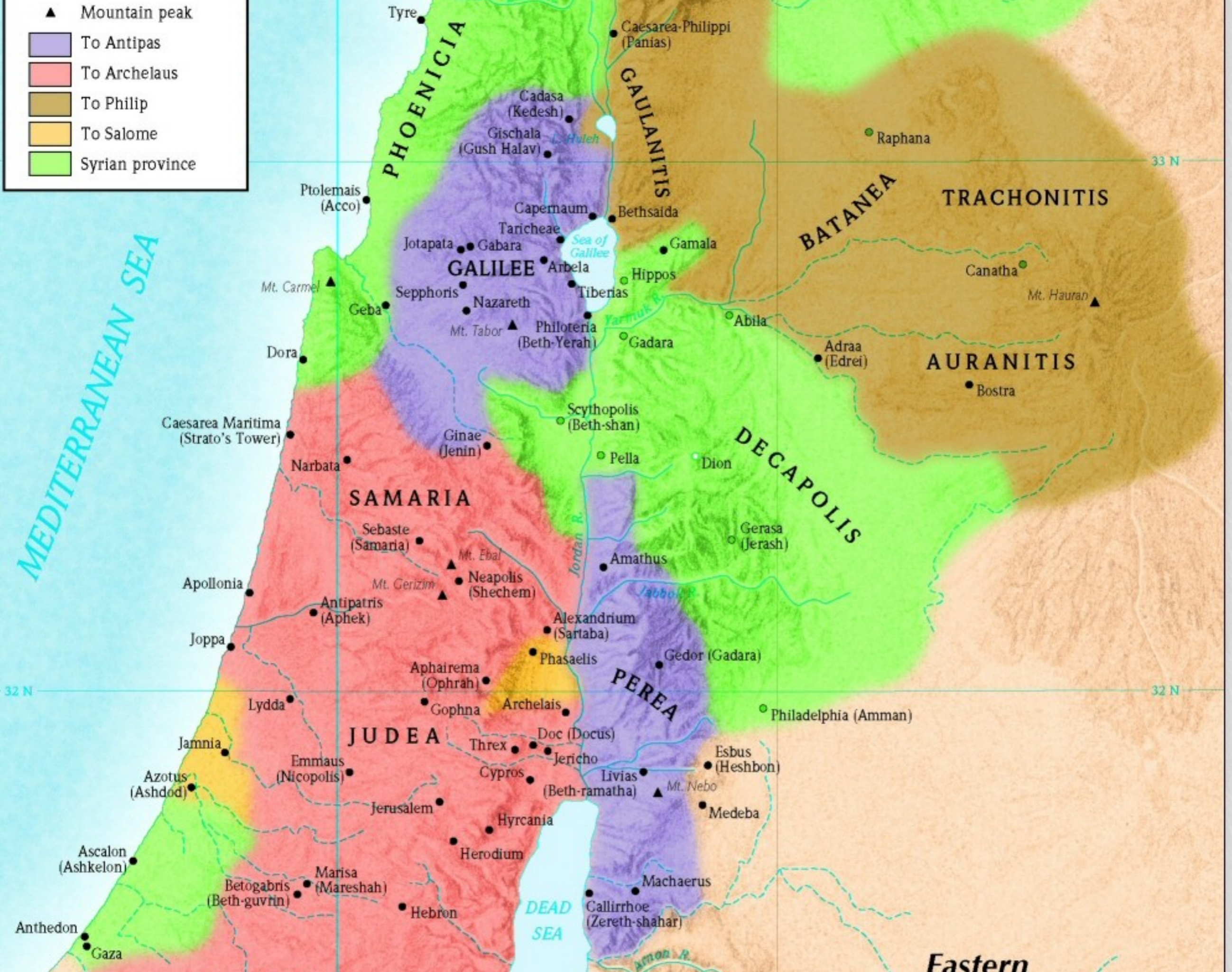


# Matthew 4:23 - 5:1

Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan. When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.



- ▲ Mountain peak
- To Antipas
- To Archelaus
- To Philip
- To Salome
- Syrian province



Eastern



# Things to Consider

- "The fear of the Lord" distinguished Israel from other nations because they viewed wisdom and knowledge as coming from God. Thus knowledge of God had implications for Israel's emotional and spiritual life and for their physical and experiential life. (Hill and Walton, 319)
- The goal of wisdom is a right relationship with YAHWEH.
- Jesus was a Jew.
- Jesus was speaking to Jews.



# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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- ✓ A very intimate, personal relationship with God is called for.
- ✓ Perspective on life shifts in an unexpected way.
- ✓ Choices **MUST** be made.



# Live a Radical Faith

- Beatitudes...COUNTER-CULTURAL (Matthew 5:3-12)
- Consider sin to be extremely bad...COUNTER-CULTURAL (Matthew 5:29-30)
- Produce fruit for God (Matthew 7:15-23)...COUNTER-CULTURAL



# Jesus Calls for a Very Intimate, Personal Relationship with God

- Giving...PRIVATE (Matthew 6:1-4)
- Prayer...PRIVATE (Matthew 6:5-14)
- Fasting...PRIVATE (Matthew 6:16-18)



# Perspective on Life Shifts

- Our daily behaviors...MATTER (Matthew 5:13-16)
- Our relationships...MATTER (Matthew 5:21-28)
- Our vows/promises...MATTER (Matthew 5:31-38)
- Our enemies...MATTER (Matthew 5:39-45)
- We...MATTER (Matthew 7:7-12)



# Choices **MUST** Be Made

- The wisdom of the Sermon on the Mount centers around a trusting relationship with God in many ways.
- Where is your treasure? (Matthew 6:19-23)
- Who is your master? (Matthew 6:24)
- Who is your provider and sustainer? (Matthew 6:25-34)
- Which path are you traveling? (Matthew 7:13-14)
- What is the foundation of your life? (Matthew 7:24-27)





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# Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.



# Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.