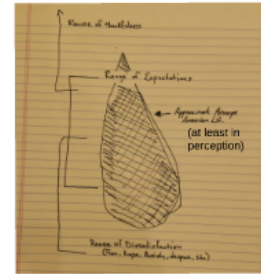


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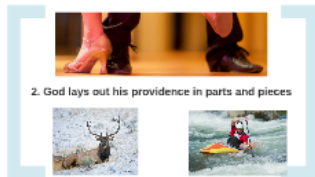


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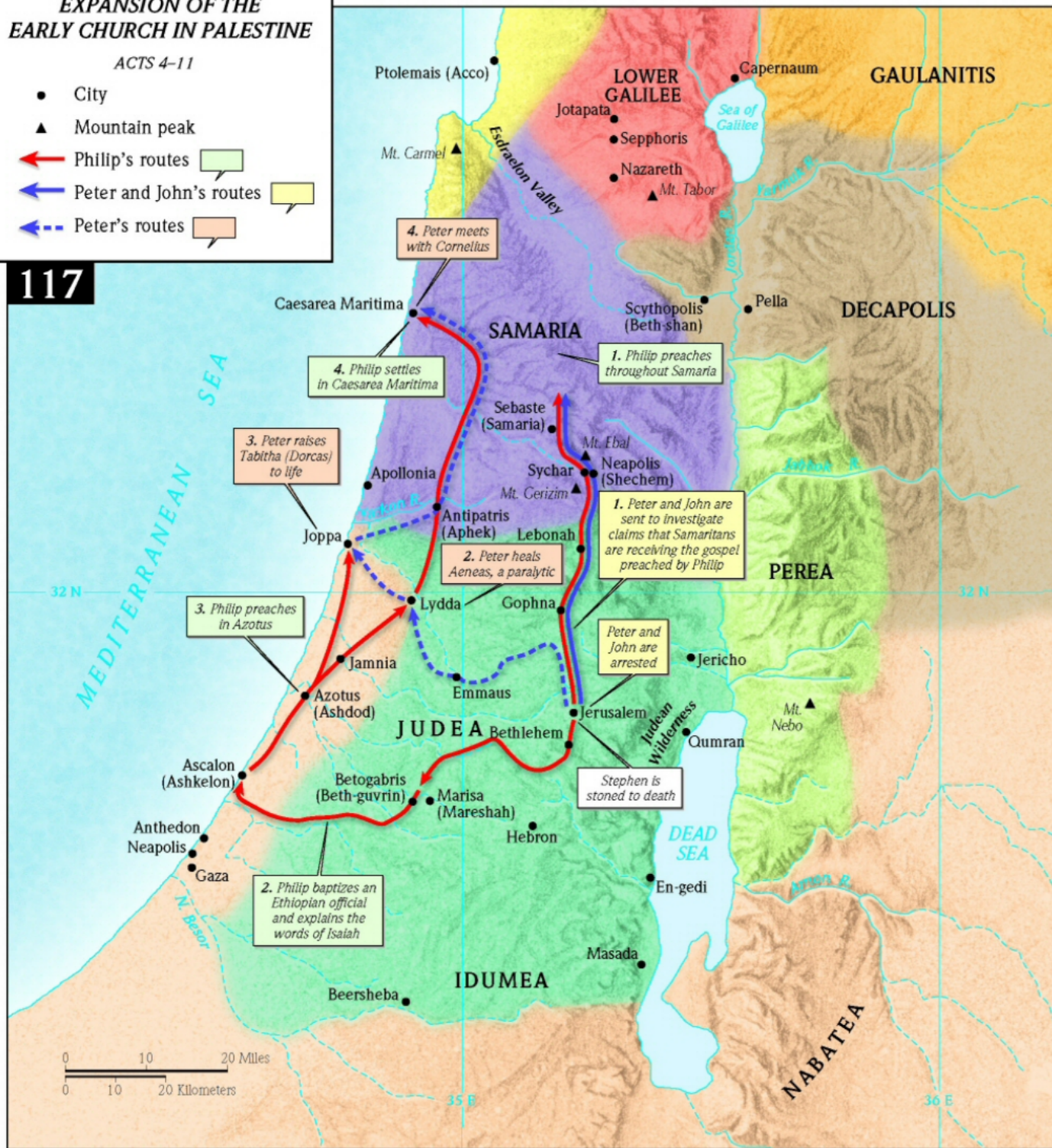
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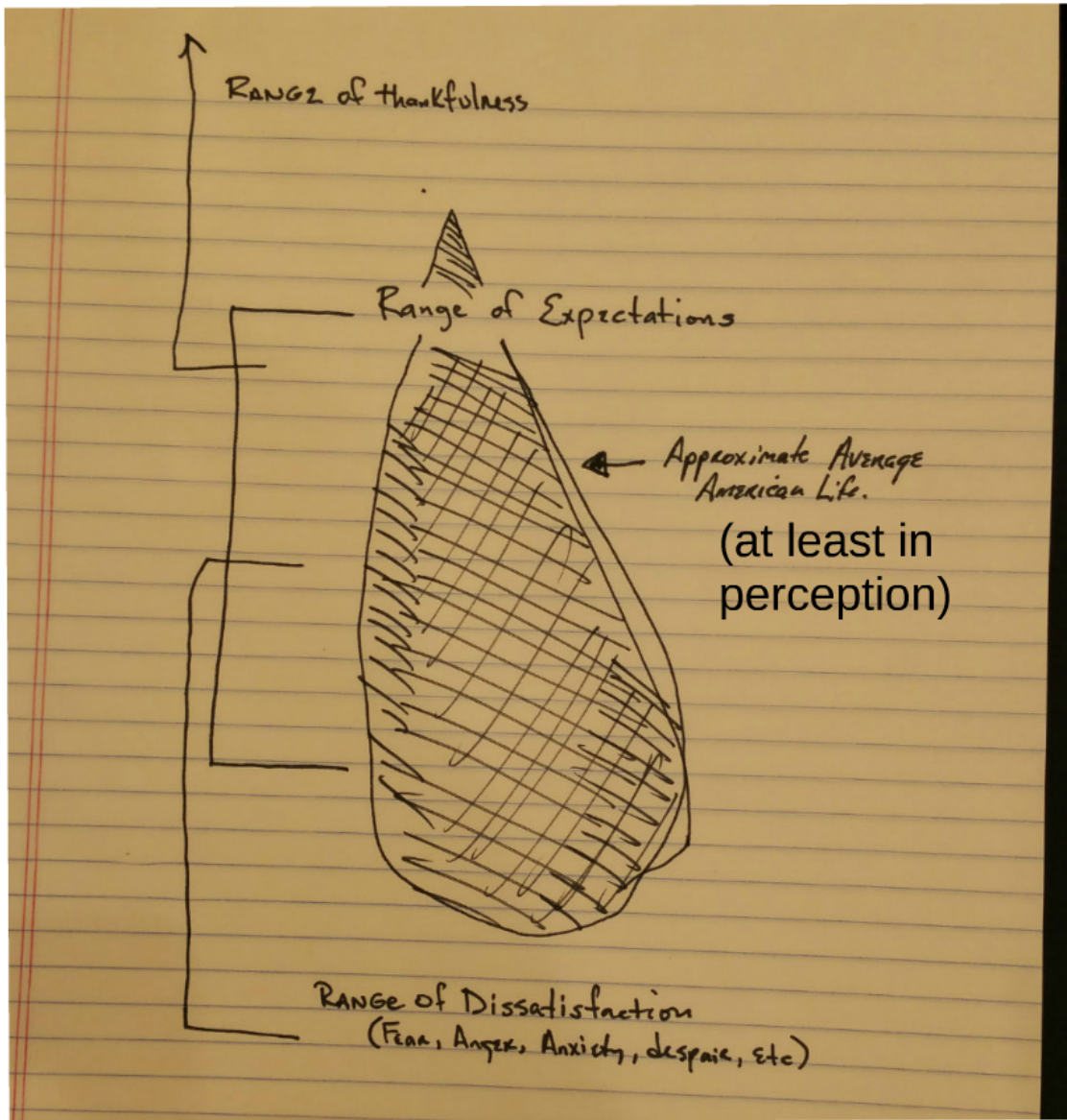
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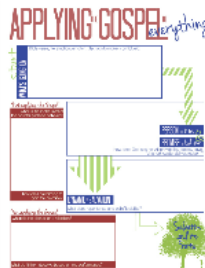


Lazy and neurotic approaches

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APPLYING THE GOSPEL TO everything

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Bible verse, life situation, emotion, decision to make, conflict, etc.

Not applying the Gospel
what is the idol trusted or the counter promise believed?

Blank space for notes.

how am I preforming to gain the promise?

PERSON to trust &
PROMISE to believe

how does God say he will provide for, protect, save, change, guide, deliver, redeem?

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