

1 PETER

What does God say
to a Persecuted
Church?



Map 8

PAUL'S THIRD AND FOURTH JOURNEYS (Acts 18:23–21:16; 27–28:16)

- Third missionary journey (c. A.D. 53–57)
- Fourth missionary journey (c. A.D. 59–62)

SHEPHERD THE FLOCK

- 1 Peter 5:1-3
- The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; (Matt. 17:1-8, 2 Peter 1:16-18)

SHEPHERD THE FLOCK

- 1 Peter 5:3-4
- nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the **Chief Shepherd** appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.
- **Lords- Leadership by manipulation and intimidation.**
- **The Elders' Standard – 1 Tim. 4:12**

THE POWER OF SUBMISSION

- 1 Peter 5:5
- Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for
- "God resists the proud,
- But gives grace to the humble."

THE POWER OF SUBMISSION

- 1 Peter 5:6-7
- 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

SUBMIT TO GOD-RESIST THE DEVIL

- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

THE GOAL OF SUFFERING

- 1 Peter 5:10-11
- 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.