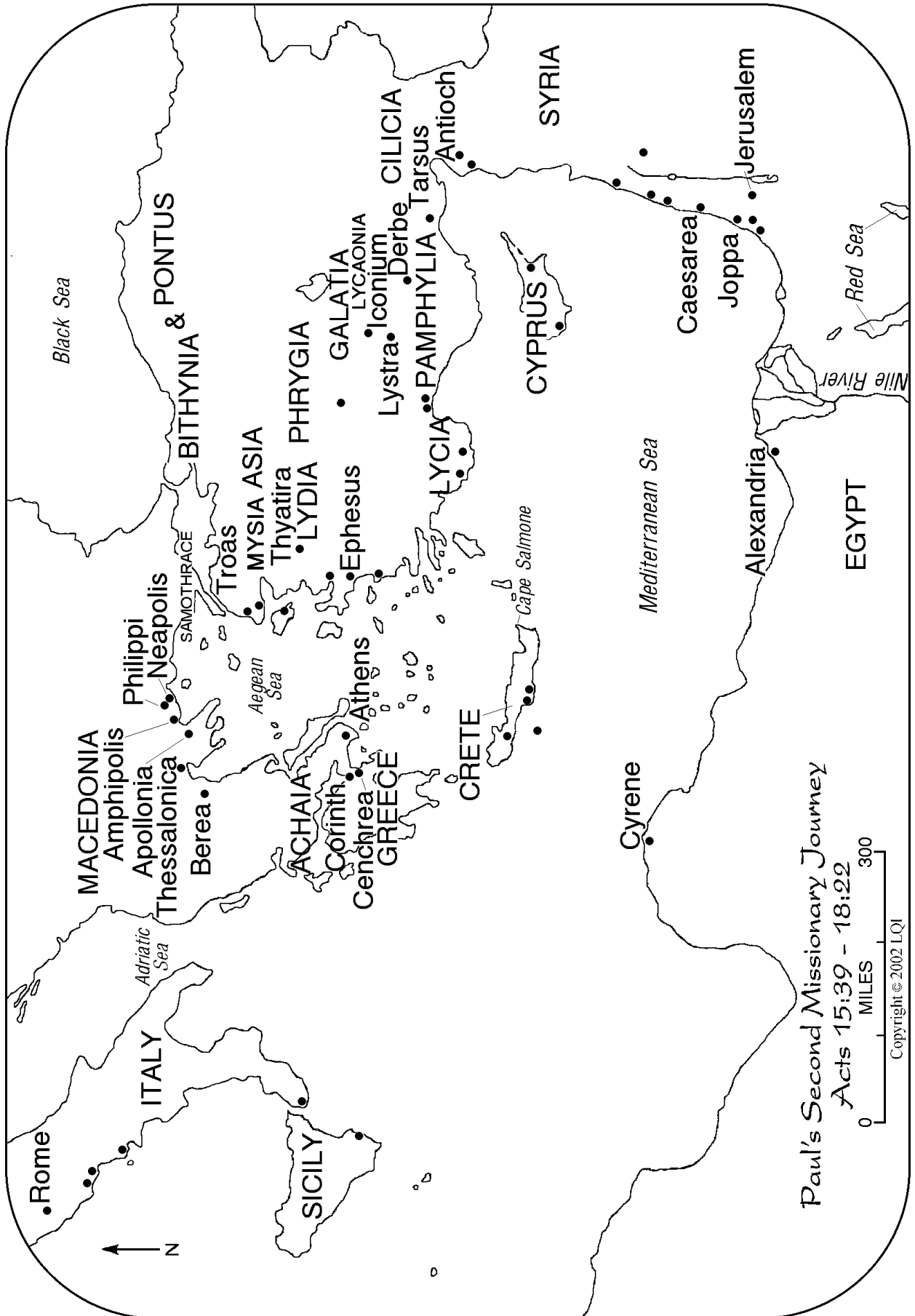


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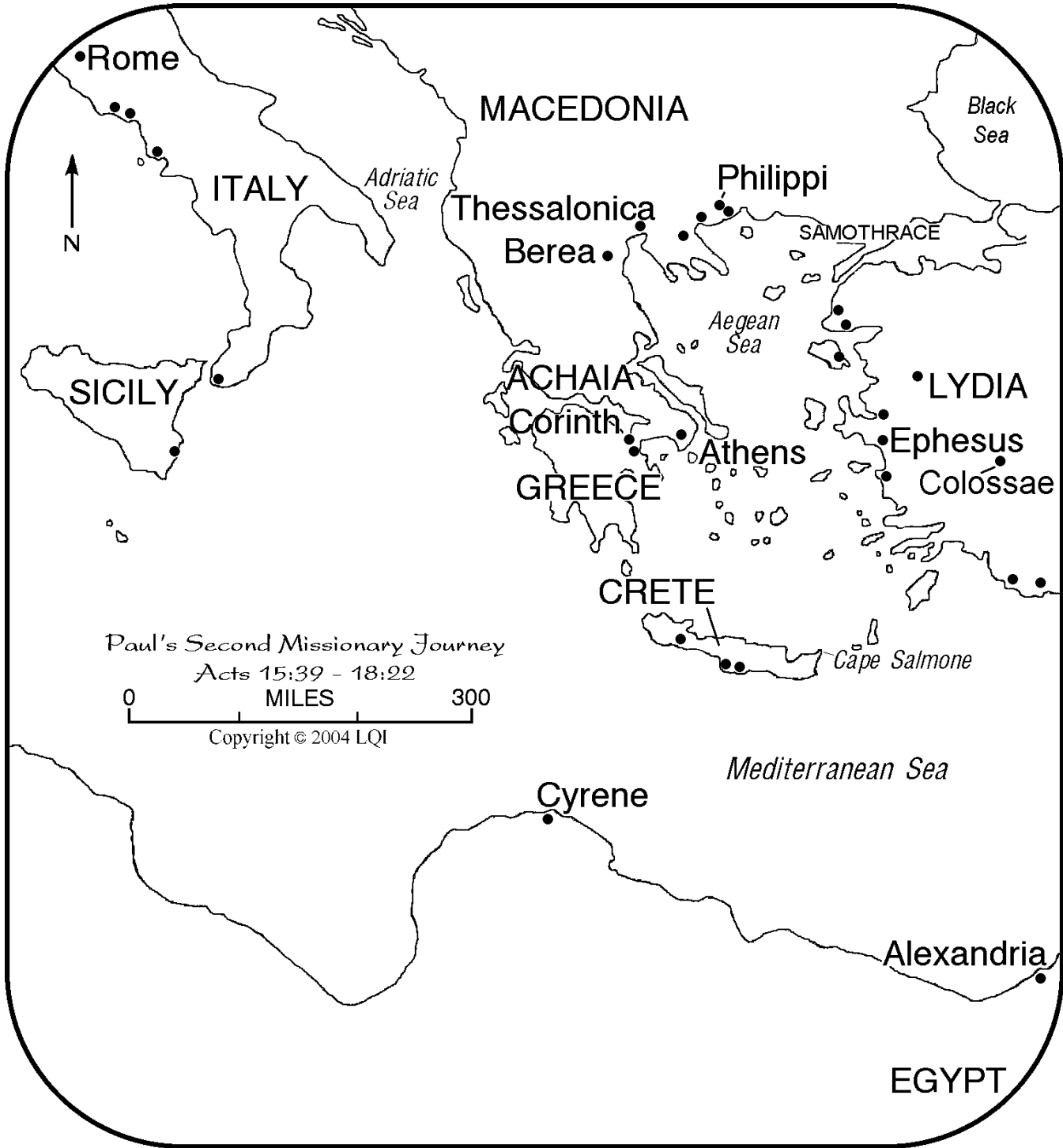


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Paul asked them to pray that he would have the words to say and would open his mouth boldly to make the mystery of the gospel known. Paul was in chains because he was an ambassador of the gospel. He wanted to be bold as he should be.

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