



THE DIASPORA AND THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY

From Hebrews, Hellenists and Non-Jews to “Christians”

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First-Century Fields of Evangelism

MINISTRY TO THE CIRCUMCISION

APOSTLES

Peter, James, John and the other apostles

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Jews

- Hebrews (Aramaic-speaking Jews)
- Hellenists (Greek-speaking Jews)

HISTORIC JEWISH DISPERSALS FROM JERUSALEM

- Eastern Dispersion ("The Land" promised to Abraham)
- Western Dispersion (Eastern Mediterranean westward)

EASTWARD SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY

Following the path of the Eastern Dispersion

- Antioch -> Edessa -> Babylon -> eastward

MINISTRY TO THE UNCIRCUMCISION

APOSTLES

Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Timothy

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Non-Jews

- Syrians (Aramaic-speaking Gentiles)
- Greeks (Greek-speaking Gentiles)

MISSIONARY TRAVEL TO THE GENTILES FROM ANTIOCH

- Towards Asia (Asia Minor)
- Towards Europe

WESTWARD SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY

Following the path of the Western Dispersion

- Antioch -> Ephesus -> Rome -> westward



Rome

Western
Dispersion

Eastern
Dispersion

DIRECTION OF THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY