



# 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



