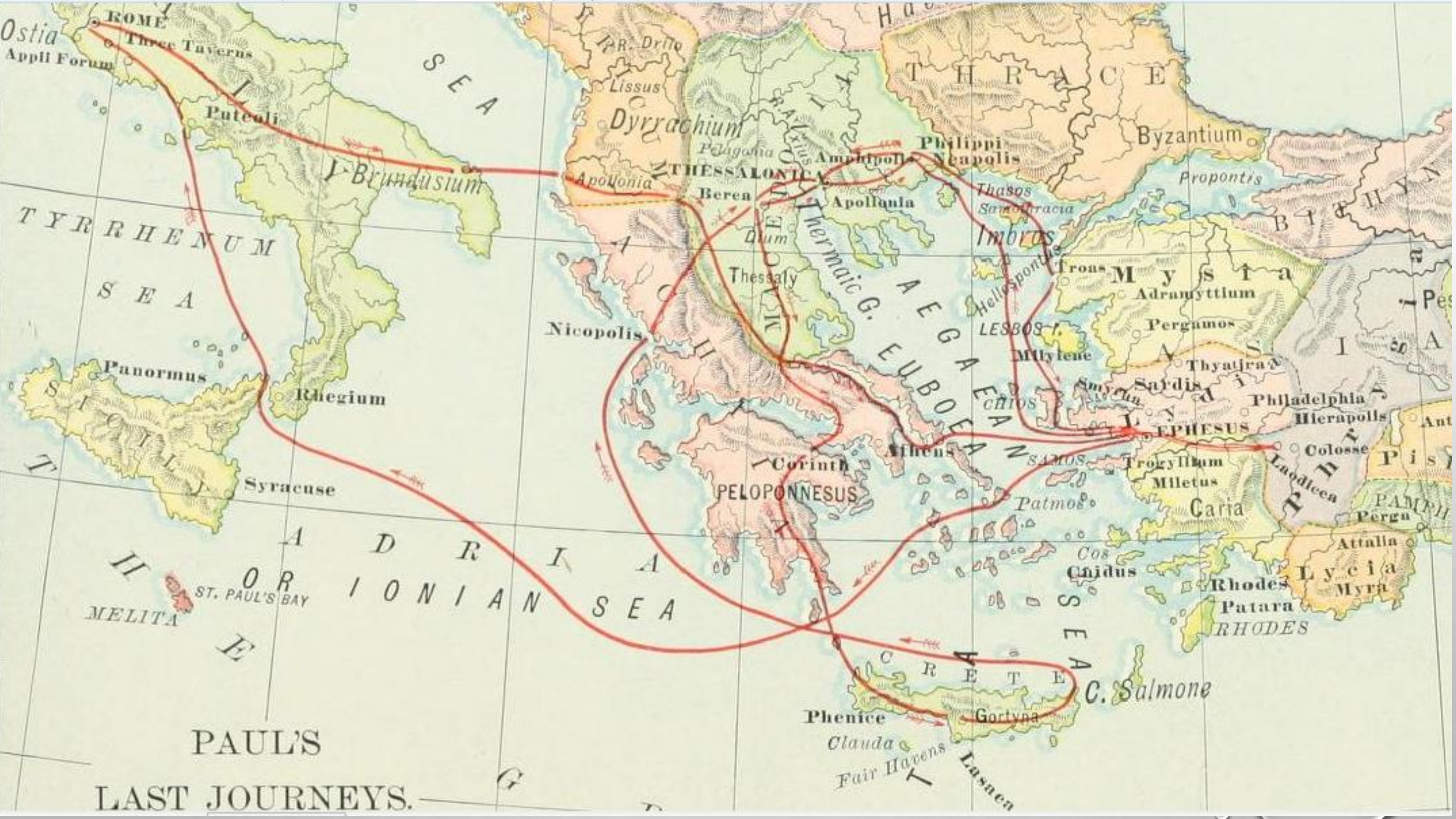


The background features a dark teal color with numerous water droplets of various sizes scattered across the surface. A large, out-of-focus green object, possibly a glass or a bowl, is visible in the upper center. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD VS THE WORSHIP OF ARTEMIS

ACTS 19:24-41 (EPHESUS)



PAUL'S
LAST JOURNEYS.

ROME
Ostia
Three Taverns
Appii Forum
Puteoli
Brundisium
Tyrrenum Sea
Panormus
Syracuse
Sicily
ST. PAUL'S BAY
MELITA
Adriatic Sea
Thrace
Dyrrachium
Lissus
Pelagonia
Amphipolis
Philippi
Neapolis
Byzantium
Propontis
Thessalonica
Apollonia
Berea
Thessaly
Thermaic G.
Apollonia
Imbros
Thasos
Santorracia
Frons
Mystia
Adramyttium
Pergamos
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Hierapolis
Colosse
Pisidia
Laudicea
Pamphlygia
Perga
Attalla
Lycia
Myra
Patara
Rhodes
Rhodes
Cnidus
Cos
Patmos
Miletus
Trogyllum
Ephesus
Samos
Athens
Corinth
Peloponnesus
Crete
C. Salmone
Gortyna
Phenice
Clauda
Fair Havens
Lasaea



ACTS 19:24-27

FOR A MAN NAMED DEMETRIUS, A SILVERSMITH, WHO MADE SILVER SHRINES OF ARTEMIS, BROUGHT NO LITTLE BUSINESS TO THE CRAFTSMEN. THESE HE GATHERED TOGETHER, WITH THE WORKMEN IN SIMILAR TRADES, AND SAID, “MEN, YOU KNOW THAT FROM THIS BUSINESS WE HAVE OUR WEALTH. AND YOU SEE AND HEAR THAT NOT ONLY IN EPHESUS BUT IN ALMOST ALL OF ASIA THIS PAUL HAS PERSUADED AND TURNED AWAY A GREAT MANY PEOPLE, SAYING THAT GODS MADE WITH HANDS ARE NOT GODS. AND THERE IS DANGER NOT ONLY THAT THIS TRADE OF OURS MAY COME INTO DISREPUTE BUT ALSO THAT THE TEMPLE OF THE GREAT GODDESS ARTEMIS MAY BE COUNTED AS NOTHING, AND THAT SHE MAY EVEN BE DEPOSED FROM HER MAGNIFICENCE, SHE WHOM ALL ASIA AND THE WORLD WORSHIP.”



ACTS 19:28-32

WHEN THEY HEARD THIS THEY WERE ENRAGED AND WERE CRYING OUT, “GREAT IS ARTEMIS OF THE EPHESIANS!” SO THE CITY WAS FILLED WITH THE CONFUSION, AND THEY RUSHED TOGETHER INTO THE THEATER, DRAGGING WITH THEM GAIUS AND ARISTARCHUS, MACEDONIANS WHO WERE PAUL'S COMPANIONS IN TRAVEL. BUT WHEN PAUL WISHED TO GO IN AMONG THE CROWD, THE DISCIPLES WOULD NOT LET HIM. AND EVEN SOME OF THE ASIARCHS, WHO WERE FRIENDS OF HIS, SENT TO HIM AND WERE URGING HIM NOT TO VENTURE INTO THE THEATER. NOW SOME CRIED OUT ONE THING, SOME ANOTHER, FOR THE ASSEMBLY WAS IN CONFUSION, AND MOST OF THEM DID NOT KNOW WHY THEY HAD COME TOGETHER.



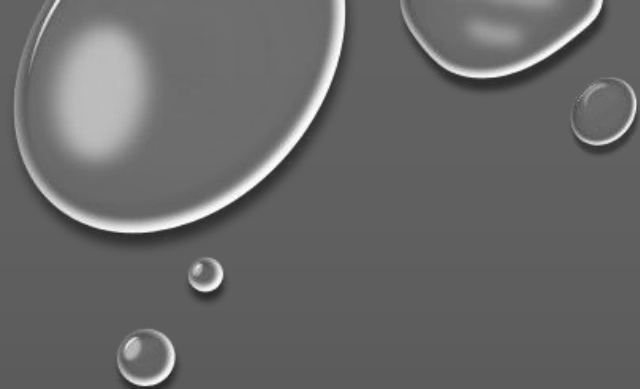
ACTS 20:33-36

SOME OF THE CROWD PROMPTED ALEXANDER, WHOM THE JEWS HAD PUT FORWARD. AND ALEXANDER, MOTIONING WITH HIS HAND, WANTED TO MAKE A DEFENSE TO THE CROWD. BUT WHEN THEY RECOGNIZED THAT HE WAS A JEW, FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS THEY ALL CRIED OUT WITH ONE VOICE, “GREAT IS ARTEMIS OF THE EPHESIANS!” AND WHEN THE TOWN CLERK HAD QUIETED THE CROWD, HE SAID, “MEN OF EPHEBUS, WHO IS THERE WHO DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE CITY OF THE EPHESIANS IS TEMPLE KEEPER OF THE GREAT ARTEMIS, AND OF THE SACRED STONE THAT FELL FROM THE SKY? SEEING THEN THAT THESE THINGS CANNOT BE DENIED, YOU OUGHT TO BE QUIET AND DO NOTHING RASH.



ACTS 19:37-41

FOR YOU HAVE BROUGHT THESE MEN HERE WHO ARE NEITHER SACRILEGIOUS NOR BLASPHEMERS OF OUR GODDESS. IF THEREFORE DEMETRIUS AND THE CRAFTSMEN WITH HIM HAVE A COMPLAINT AGAINST ANYONE, THE COURTS ARE OPEN, AND THERE ARE PROCONSULS. LET THEM BRING CHARGES AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. BUT IF YOU SEEK ANYTHING FURTHER, IT SHALL BE SETTLED IN THE REGULAR ASSEMBLY. FOR WE REALLY ARE IN DANGER OF BEING CHARGED WITH RIOTING TODAY, SINCE THERE IS NO CAUSE THAT WE CAN GIVE TO JUSTIFY THIS COMMOTION.” AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THESE THINGS, HE DISMISSED THE ASSEMBLY.



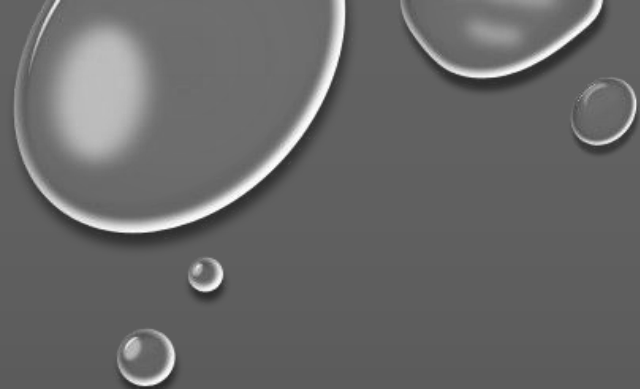
LUKE 9:1-2

AND HE CALLED THE TWELVE TOGETHER AND GAVE THEM POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER ALL DEMONS AND TO CURE DISEASES, AND HE SENT THEM OUT TO PROCLAIM THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND TO HEAL.



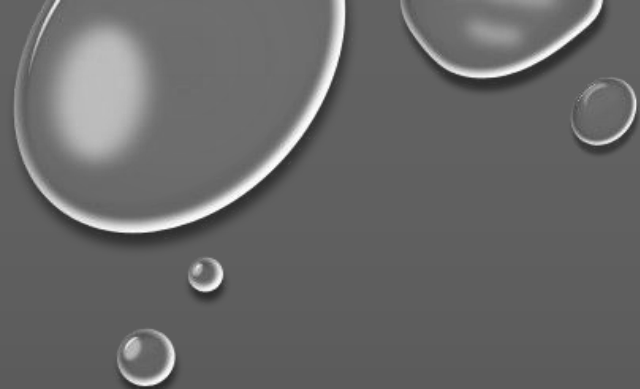
EXO 20:2-6

“I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF SLAVERY. “YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME. “YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF A CARVED IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANYTHING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH. YOU SHALL NOT BOW DOWN TO THEM OR SERVE THEM, FOR I THE LORD YOUR GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS ON THE CHILDREN TO THE THIRD AND THE FOURTH GENERATION OF THOSE WHO HATE ME, BUT SHOWING STEADFAST LOVE TO THOUSANDS OF THOSE WHO LOVE ME AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.



THEIR IDOLS ARE SILVER AND GOLD, THE WORK OF HUMAN HANDS. THEY HAVE MOUTHS, BUT DO NOT SPEAK; EYES, BUT DO NOT SEE. THEY HAVE EARS, BUT DO NOT HEAR; NOSES, BUT DO NOT SMELL. THEY HAVE HANDS, BUT DO NOT FEEL; FEET, BUT DO NOT WALK; AND THEY DO NOT MAKE A SOUND IN THEIR THROAT. THOSE WHO MAKE THEM BECOME LIKE THEM; SO DO ALL WHO TRUST IN THEM.

PSA 115:4-8



DAN 2:44-45

AND IN THE DAYS OF THOSE KINGS THE GOD OF HEAVEN WILL SET UP A KINGDOM THAT SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED, NOR SHALL THE KINGDOM BE LEFT TO ANOTHER PEOPLE. IT SHALL BREAK IN PIECES ALL THESE KINGDOMS AND BRING THEM TO AN END, AND IT SHALL STAND FOREVER, JUST AS YOU SAW THAT A STONE WAS CUT FROM A MOUNTAIN BY NO HUMAN HAND, AND THAT IT BROKE IN PIECES THE IRON, THE BRONZE, THE CLAY, THE SILVER, AND THE GOLD. A GREAT GOD HAS MADE KNOWN TO THE KING WHAT SHALL BE AFTER THIS. THE DREAM IS CERTAIN, AND ITS INTERPRETATION SURE.”