



Logos Class

2 Corinthians Ch 2

May 19, 2024

Module 5, Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *April 21, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Nahum Ch 1/ Intro*
- ✓ *April 28, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Nahum Ch 2*
- ✓ *May 5, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Nahum Ch 3 and wrap*
 - ✓ *Manor Lake – May 7, 2024*
- ✓ *May 12, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 1 – Mother's Day*
- ✓ *May 19, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 2*
 - *Manor Lake – May 21, 2024 – 2 John*
- *May 26, 2024 – Carroll Springer*
- *June 2, 2024. - Carroll Springer*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

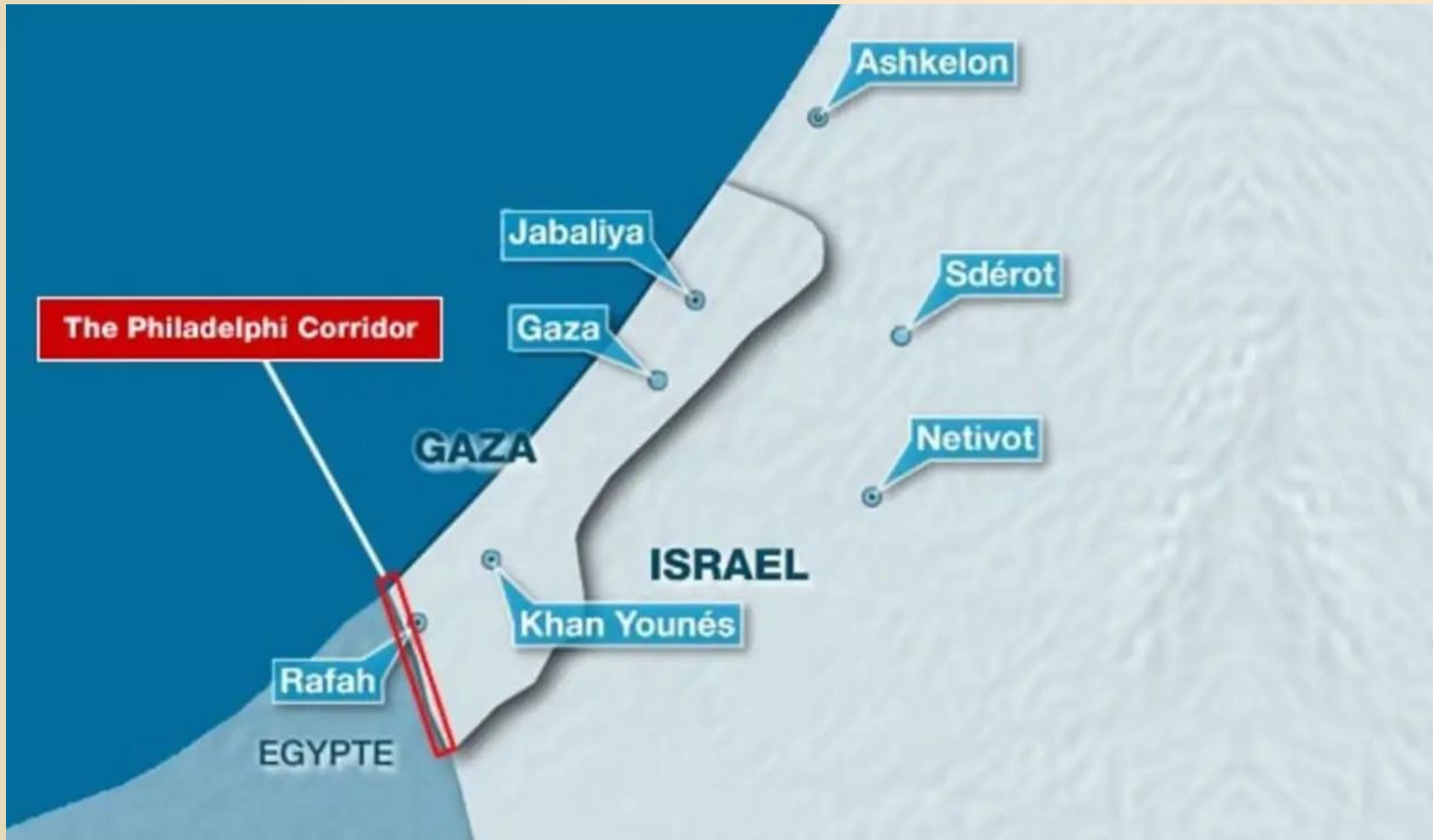
- *Hezbollah is increasing its attacks on Israel, striking deeper into the North Galilee*
- *Israel is targeting and killing terrorist leaders in Gaza, Judea and Samaria, Lebanon and Syria*
- *No movement on Israeli and American hostages*
- *Israel is having to fight regrouping in northern Gaza of Hamas, but they are effectively*
- *Israel is continuing to move civilians out of Rafah into safer areas, Over 500,000 last I heard*

US

- *Antisemitism rages on US campuses and around elections upcoming. Support for Hamas visible*
- *Drama in Congress over Israel funding pause, and support of Hamas and terrorists*
 - *FYI- Congress Impeached Trump for halting approved US Aid to Ukraine...**watch this space***
- ***States dealing with protestors in a mixed way...some coddling and some enforcing***
- ***Courtroom drama in New York case against Trump, and weakness in other cases like Atlanta and the Documents cases***

The Stakes in the upcoming Election could not be higher or more clear

Latest News...backstabbing continues...



- At least 30 tunnels found from Rafah into Egypt. >50 tunnels found so far.
- Egypt is embarrassed
- 4 hostages' bodies were found in tunnels. Were killed Oct 7 and bodies kept
- US Pressure increasing on Israel to stop Rafah advance
 - Gantz situation
- It looks like the US and Egypt do not want things found there.

Quick Review of Last Week

- *We reviewed the situation in Corinth. It was a very pagan, very wealthy, very powerful self-governing state within the Roman Empire*
- *It was a huge trade center with traders, and businesspeople from all over the world in the city... a polyglot of culture, languages, traditions, moral differences, and pagan religions.*
- *Paul wrote several letters to them that are either lost or embedded in the letters we call 1 & 2 Corinthians. These letters were Paul's responses to huge moral issues that appeared after Paul had moved on to Ephesus.*
 - *Comforted to Comfort (1:1-7)*
 - *Driven Back to God (1:8-11)*
 - *Our Only Boast (1:12-14)*
 - *God's YES in Jesus Christ (1:15-22)*

2 Cor Ch 2:1-4 When a rebuke is necessary

¹ So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you.

² For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved?

³ I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy.

⁴ For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.

Thoughts from Paul and for us...

- The more frequently you rebuke another, the less effective it becomes
- Paul rebuked them **with love**, because he loved them deeply
- Paul never wanted to hurt someone. Words can be devastating if done to wound another. This makes the relationship very hard to restore. **Don't make it personal**
- Paul never wanted to make them robots of his way of thinking but **wanted them to open their hearts and minds to the Spirit of the Lord and His Word to direct them**. It should be the same with us.
- Paul did not want to rebuke the Corinthians, but here **is a time to speak and a time to be silent**.
- **Correcting behavior early will prevent later serious problems**. We see this is today's young people who have never been told "NO"
- **Paul sought to Forgive them, not seek revenge or drive them away.**

2 Cor Ch 2:5-8 Forgiveness and Comfort

⁵ If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely.

⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient.

⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

⁸ I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

2 Cor Ch 2:9-11

⁹ Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything.

¹⁰ Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,

¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes

Never leave an opening for Satan to drive a wedge between you and another

2 Cor Ch 2:12-14. Ministers of a new Covenant

¹² Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me,

¹³ I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So, I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

2 Cor Ch 2:15-16 Smell of Life itself

¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life.

And who is equal to such a task?

Do we feel unqualified sometimes for the work?

Witnessing, sharing, encouraging, ministering, teaching?

2 Cor Ch 2:17

Why do we do it?

17 Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit.

*On the contrary, in Christ, we speak **before God** with **sincerity**, as **those sent from God**.*

This is such a powerful verse for me.

Next Week

- *Read 2 Cor Ch 3, and come back to discuss*
- *Pray for God to move in the US, Israel, and the leaders*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and your friends both inside and outside of the church.*
- *Pray that Israel stays in God's will and does His Will*
- *Pray for families to be strengthened not divided as the world spins toward judgment*
- *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*
- *Stay focused on Him and His desires in Faithfulness*