Who is in Control?





Live – Rejoice – in the assurance that

the Hidden Hand of God

is always at work

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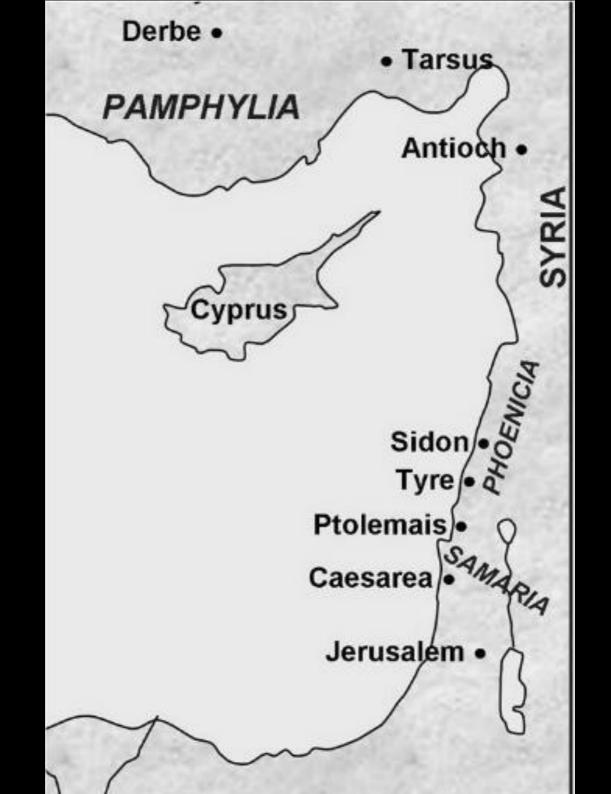
11v27 During this time some <u>prophets</u> came down <u>from Jerusalem</u> to Antioch.

13v1-3

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers:... the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'

MASSIVE SHIFT

Understand how Jewish Christianity is!



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Be REASSURED God's purposes cannot be thwarted –

the Hidden Hand of God is at work in the affairs of the world

Acts 4:29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness

RELAX in serving the Lord – the *Hidden Hand of God* is at work in your life and in mine

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Praying

in confidence God IS at work seen or unseen # not for comfort in this life but what is of eternal value Progress of the Word, in world and individuals