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mission of the text, and answer the question 'Why should we study the New Testament?' Another volume—*The New Testament Illustrated*—will contain maps, diagrams and photographs.

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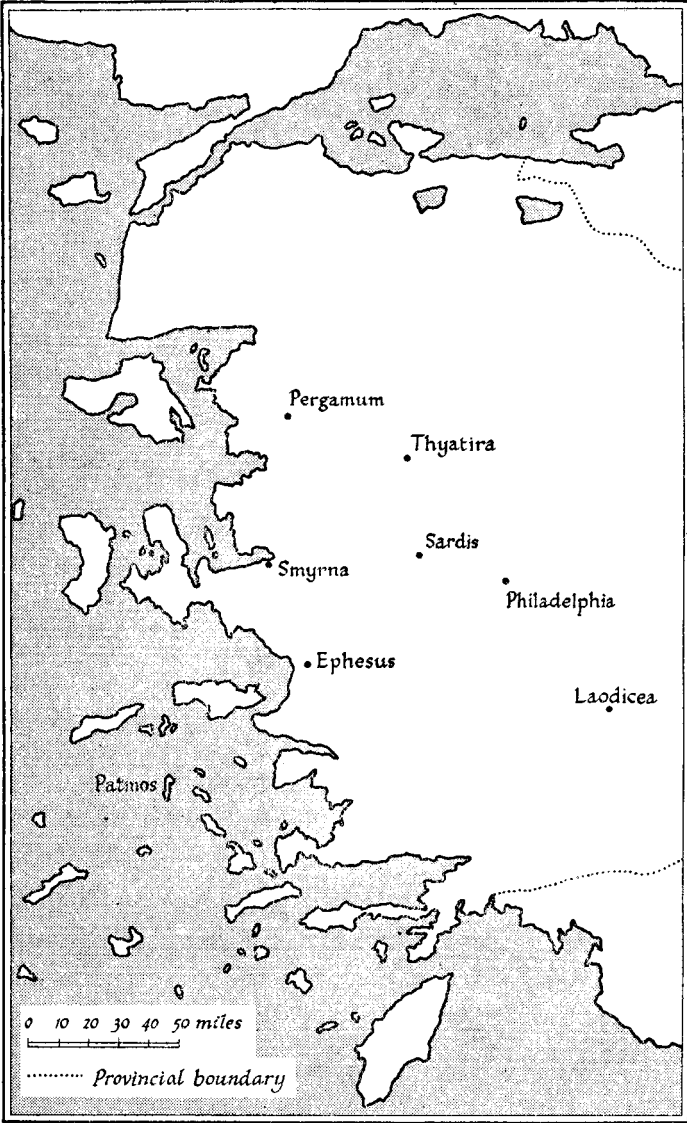
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Tiberius	A.D. 14 to 37
Caligula	A.D. 37 to 41
Claudius	A.D. 41 to 54
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