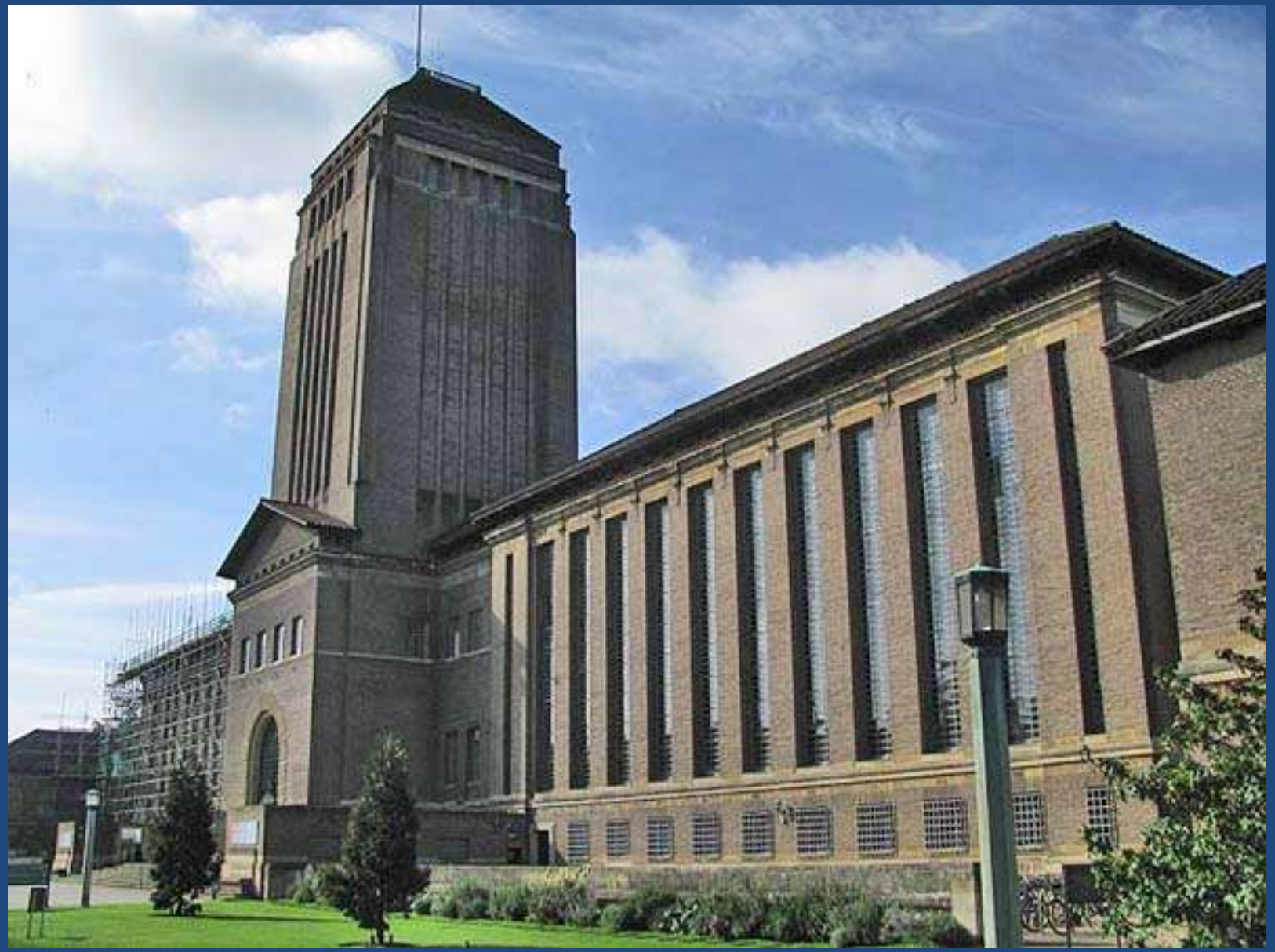
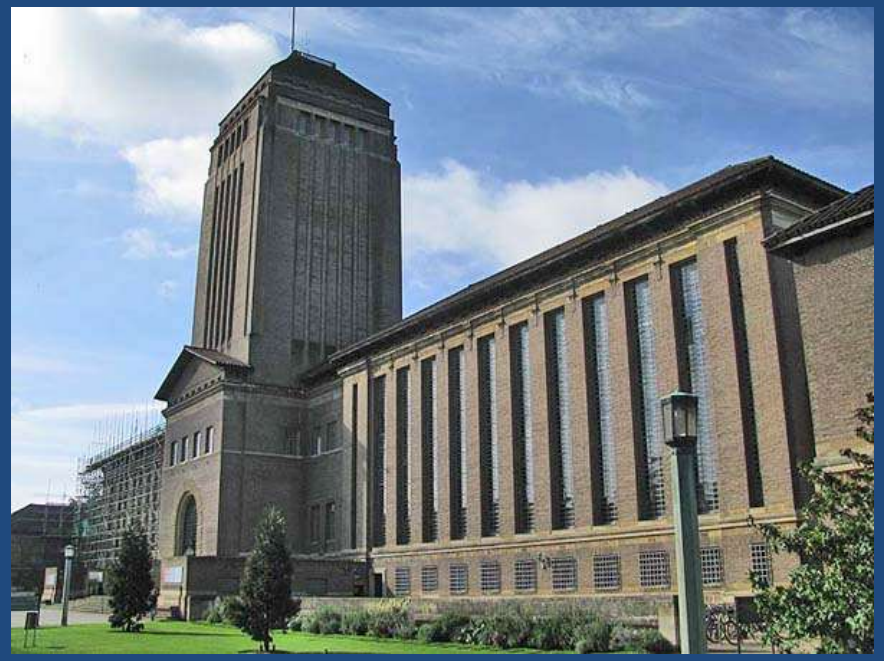


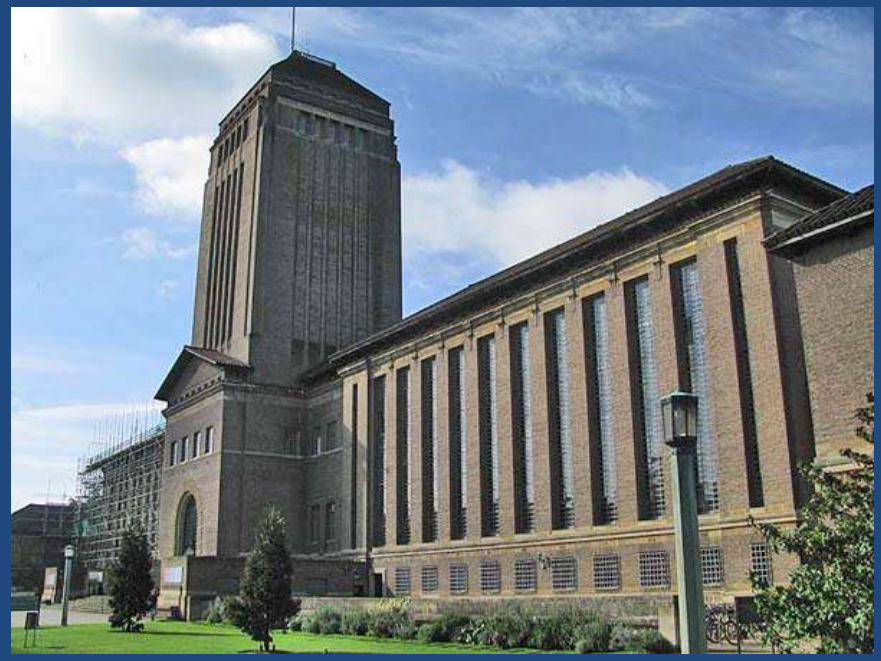
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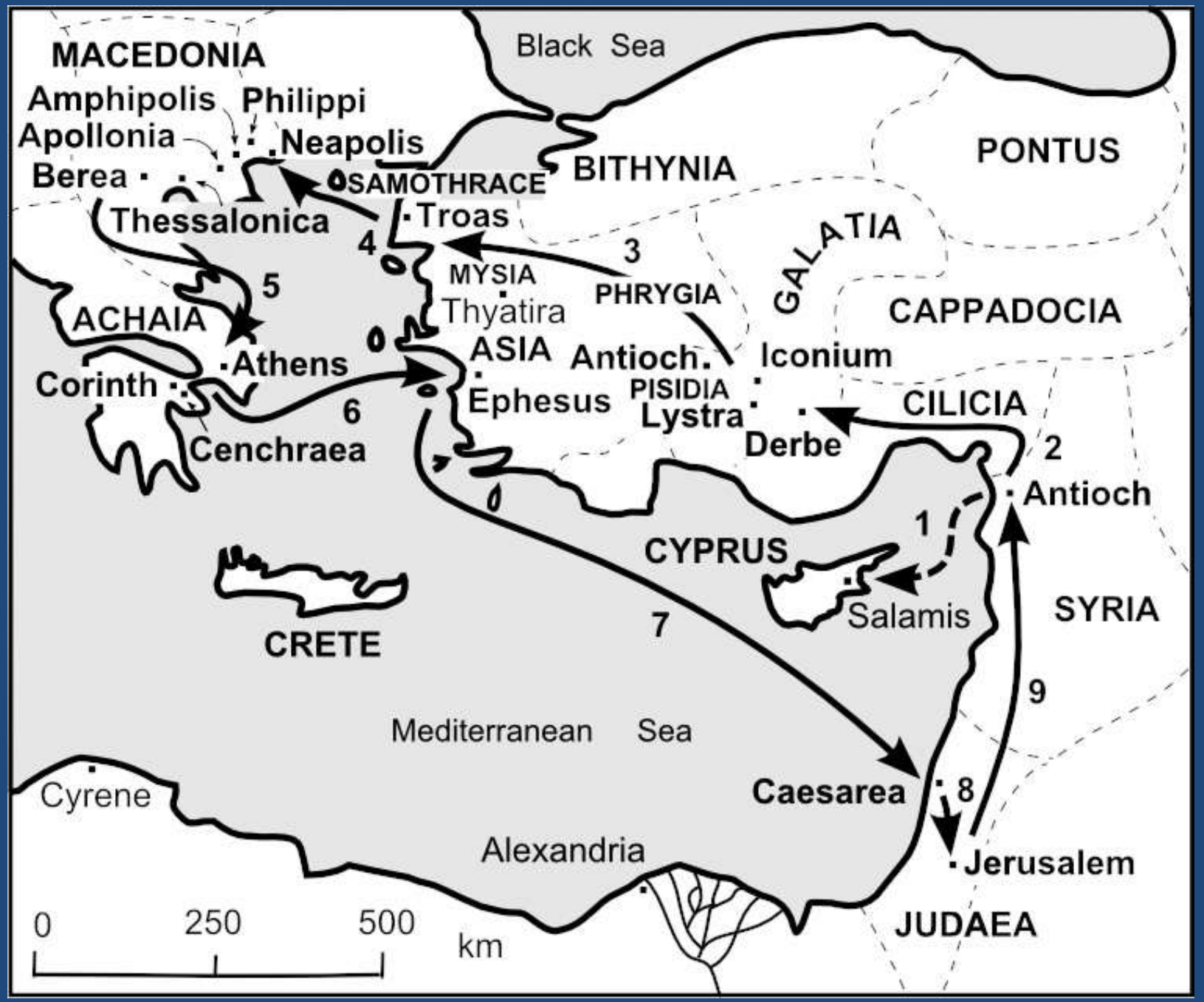
- Has around 10 million books
- Oldest printed book is from 1100
- Around 800 visitors a day



Ecclesiastes 12v12

“Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body.”




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Black Sea
Amphipolis
Philippi
Apollonia
Neapolis
Berea
SAMOTHRACE
BITHYNIA
PONTUS
Thessalonica
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GALATIA
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MYSIA
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Thyatira
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Antioch
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CYPRUS
CRETE
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Salamis
SYRIA
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Mediterranean Sea
Caesarea
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Cyrene
Alexandria
Jerusalem
JUDAEA
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250
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km

Two cities:

- Thessalonica (v1-9)
- Berea (v10-15)

A lot in common… but one big difference!

The danger of rejecting God's Word (v1-9)

The Thessalonians:

- Good teaching does not guarantee a good response

Paul's teaching:

- Reasoning – v2
- Explaining – v3
- Proving – v3
- Proclaiming – v3
- Persuading – v4

"We try to persuade people" (1 Corinthians 5v11)

The danger of rejecting God's Word (v1-9)

The Thessalonians:

- Good teaching does not guarantee a good response
- Prejudice

“For myself, as, no doubt, for most of my contemporaries, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation. The liberation we desired was simultaneously liberation from a certain political and economic system and liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom; we objected to the political and economic system because it was unjust.”

Aldous Huxley

The danger of rejecting God's Word (v1-9)

The Thessalonians:

- Good teaching does not guarantee a good response
- Prejudice
- Blindness

The danger of rejecting God's Word (v1-9)

The joy of receiving God's Word (v10-15)

- V11 – "Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."

The danger of rejecting God's Word (v1-9)

The joy of receiving God's Word (v10-15)

The Bereans:

- Eagerness
- Examination

The danger of rejecting God's Word (v1-9)

The joy of receiving God's Word (v10-15)

The Bereans:

- They regarded the Scriptures as their final authority
- They were open minded
- They were passionate

The danger of rejecting God's Word (v1-9)

The joy of receiving God's Word (v10-15)

- Check what you hear against the Bible
  - The Bible is our final authority
    - The Bible is God's Word
      - God's authority is good

1 Thessalonians 2v13

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.