

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS

### INTRODUCTION

THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI WAS LOCATED IN THE CHIEF CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF MACEDONIA.

#### ❖ WHAT IS THE THEME OF THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS?

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ENCOURAGING THE BRETHREN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN PHILIPPI NOT TO BECOME DISCOURAGED IN THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST BECAUSE HE BECAME A PRISONER FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. HE ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN TO REJOICE WITH HIM BECAUSE OF HIS SUFFERINGS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST WHICH WAS FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE RELIGIOUS HEADQUARTERS IN ROME, ITALY WHICH WAS THE FOURTH BEAST OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

HE ALSO WARNED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI NOT TO GO BACK TO THE LAW OF CIRCUMCISION UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES AND TO BE AWARE OF THOSE WHO WERE STILL ATTEMPTING TO PROMOTE THIS DOCTRINE AFTER A RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE FLESH.

HE STATED THAT THE TRUE CIRCUMCISION IS IN THE SPIRIT OF THOSE WHO ARE WATER BAPTIZED AND HAVE RECEIVED THE NEW SPIRIT AND THE NEW HEART AND ARE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

HE ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN TO PRESS FORWARD IN JESUS CHRIST AFTER HIS EXAMPLE OF THE SUFFERINGS FOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE FLESH.

#### ❖ WHEN DID THE APOSTLE PAUL ESTABLISHED THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI IN THE PROVINCE OF MACEDONIA?

THE APOSTLE PAUL ESTABLISHED THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI DURING HIS **SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY**. HE ALSO VISITED AND SPENT SOME TIME AT THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI ON HIS **THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY**.

**❖ WHEN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI IN MACEDONIA WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE APOSTLE PAUL DURING HIS SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY.**

Acts 16:9-10 (KJV) 9 And [G2532](#) a vision [G3705](#) appeared [G3700](#) to Paul [G3972](#) in [G1223](#) the night; [G3571](#) THERE STOOD [G2258](#) [G2476](#) A MAN [G5100](#) [G435](#) OF MACEDONIA, [G3110](#) AND PRAYED [G3870](#) HIM, [G846](#) [G2532](#) SAYING, [G3004](#) COME OVER [G1224](#) INTO [G1519](#) MACEDONIA, [G3109](#) AND HELP [G997](#) US. [G2254](#)

Acts 16:10 (KJV) 10 And [G1161](#) after [G5613](#) he had seen [G1492](#) the vision, [G3705](#) IMMEDIATELY [G2112](#) WE ENDEAVOURED [G2212](#) TO GO [G1831](#) INTO [G1519](#) MACEDONIA, [G3109](#) assuredly gathering [G4822](#) that [G3754](#) the Lord [G2962](#) had called [G4341](#) us [G2248](#) for to preach the gospel [G2097](#) unto them. [G846](#)

**THE CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF MACEDONIA:**

1. NEAPOLIS
2. PHILLIPI
3. THESSALONICA
4. AMPHIPOLIS
5. APPOLLONIA
6. BEREIA
7. NICOPOLIS

**❖ WHO WERE THE FIRST CONVERTS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI?**

Acts 16:12-40 (KJV) 12 AND [G5037](#) FROM THENCE [G1564](#) TO [G1519](#) PHILIPPI, [G5375](#) WHICH [G3748](#) IS [G2076](#) THE CHIEF [G4413](#) CITY [G4172](#) OF THAT PART [G3310](#) OF MACEDONIA, [G3109](#) AND A COLONY: [G2862](#) and [G1161](#) we were [G2258](#) in [G1722](#) that [G5026](#) city [G4172](#) abiding [G1304](#) certain [G5100](#) days.

Acts 16:13 (KJV) 13 AND [G5037](#) ON THE SABBATH [G4521](#) [G2250](#) WE WENT [G1831](#) OUT OF [G1854](#) THE CITY [G4172](#) BY [G3844](#) A RIVER SIDE, [G4215](#) WHERE [G3757](#) PRAYER [G4335](#) WAS WONT [G3543](#) TO BE MADE; [G1511](#) and [G2532](#) we sat down, [G2523](#) and spake [G2980](#) unto the women [G1135](#) which resorted [G4905](#) thither.

**LYDIA AND HER HOUSEHOLD WERE THE FIRST CONVERTS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI.**

Acts 16:14 (KJV) 14 And [G2532](#) a certain [G5100](#) woman [G1135](#) named [G3686](#) Lydia, [G3070](#) a seller of purple, [G4211](#) OF THE CITY [G4172](#)

OF THYATIRA, [G2363](#) WHICH WORSHIPPED [G4576](#) GOD, [G2316](#) HEARD [G191](#) US: WHOSE [G3739](#) HEART [G2588](#) THE LORD [G2962](#) OPENED, [G1272](#) that she attended [G4337](#) unto the things which were spoken [G2980](#) of [G5259](#) Paul. [G3972](#)

#### OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

Jer 24:7 (KJV) 7 AND I WILL GIVE [H5414](#) THEM AN HEART [H3820](#) TO KNOW [H3045](#) ME, THAT I AM THE LORD: [H3068](#) and they shall be my people, [H5971](#) and I will be their God: [H430](#) for they shall return [H7725](#) unto me with their whole heart. [H3820](#)

Luke 24:44-45 (KJV) 44 And [G1161](#) he said [G2036](#) unto them, [G846](#) These [G3778](#) are the words [G3056](#) which [G3739](#) I spake [G2980](#) unto [G4314](#) you, [G5209](#) while [G5607](#) I was yet [G2089](#) with [G4862](#) you, [G5213](#) that [G3754](#) all things [G3956](#) must [G1163](#) be fulfilled, [G4137](#) which [G3588](#) were written [G1125](#) in [G1722](#) the law [G3551](#) of Moses, [G3475](#) and [G2532](#) in the prophets, [G4396](#) and [G2532](#) in the psalms, [G5568](#) concerning [G4012](#) me. [G1700](#)  
Luke 24:45 (KJV) 45 THEN [G5119](#) OPENED HE [G1272](#) THEIR [G846](#) UNDERSTANDING, [G3563](#) that they might understand [G4920](#) the scriptures, [G1124](#)

#### UNDERSTANDING COMES FROM GOD THE FATHER WHO IS DRAWING PERSONS.

John 12:37-40 (KJV) 37 But [G1161](#) though he [G846](#) had done [G4160](#) so many [G5118](#) miracles [G4592](#) before [G1715](#) them, [G846](#) yet they believed [G4100](#) not [G3756](#) on [G1519](#) him: [G846](#)

John 12:38 (KJV) 38 That [G2443](#) the saying [G3056](#) of Esaias [G2268](#) the prophet [G4396](#) might be fulfilled, [G4137](#) which [G3739](#) he spake, [G2036](#) Lord, [G2962](#) who [G5101](#) hath believed [G4100](#) our [G2257](#) report? [G189](#) and [G2532](#) to whom [G5101](#) hath the arm [G1023](#) of the Lord [G2962](#) been revealed? [G601](#)

John 12:39 (KJV) 39 Therefore [G5124](#) [G1223](#) they could [G1410](#) not [G3756](#) believe, [G4100](#) because [G3754](#) that Esaias [G2268](#) said [G2036](#) again, [G3825](#)

John 12:40 (KJV) 40 He hath blinded [G5186](#) their [G846](#) eyes, [G3788](#) and [G2532](#) HARDENED [G4456](#) THEIR [G846](#) HEART; [G2588](#) that [G3363](#) they should [G1492](#) not [G3363](#) see [G1492](#) with their eyes, [G3788](#) NOR [G2532](#) UNDERSTAND [G3539](#) WITH THEIR HEART, [G2588](#) AND [G2532](#) BE CONVERTED, [G1994](#) and [G2532](#) I should heal [G2390](#) them. [G846](#)

Rom 2:4 (KJV) 4 Or [G2228](#) despisest thou [G2706](#) the riches [G4149](#) of his [G846](#) goodness [G5544](#) and [G2532](#) forbearance [G463](#) and [G2532](#)

longsuffering; [G3115](#) NOT KNOWING [G50](#) THAT [G3754](#) THE  
GOODNESS [G5543](#) OF GOD [G2316](#) LEADETH [G71](#) THEE [G4571](#) TO [G1519](#)  
REPENTANCE? [G3341](#)

❖ ACTS CHAPTER 16 CONTINUED VERSE 15

THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI WOULD HAVE STARTED  
GATHEREING IN THE HOUSE OF LYDIA.

Acts 16:15 (KJV) 15 AND [G1161](#) WHEN [G5613](#) SHE WAS  
BAPTIZED, [G907](#) AND [G2532](#) HER [G846](#) HOUSEHOLD, [G3624](#) she  
besought [G3870](#) us, saying, [G3004](#) IF [G1487](#) YE HAVE JUDGED [G2919](#)  
ME [G3165](#) TO BE [G1511](#) FAITHFUL [G4103](#) TO THE LORD, [G2962](#) COME [G1525](#)  
INTO [G1519](#) MY [G3450](#) HOUSE, [G3624](#) AND ABIDE [G3306](#) THERE. AND [G2532](#)  
SHE CONSTRAINED [G3849](#) US. [G2248](#)

Acts 16:16 (KJV) 16 And [G1161](#) it came to pass, [G1096](#) as we [G2257](#)  
went [G4198](#) to [G1519](#) prayer, [G4335](#) a certain [G5100](#) damsel [G3814](#)  
possessed [G2192](#) with a spirit [G4151](#) of divination [G4436](#) met [G528](#) us, [G2254](#)  
which [G3748](#) brought [G3930](#) her [G846](#) masters [G2962](#) much [G4183](#) gain [G2039](#)  
by soothsaying: [G3132](#)

Acts 16:17 (KJV) 17 The same [G3778](#) followed [G2628](#) Paul [G3972](#) and [G2532](#)  
us, [G2254](#) and cried, [G2896](#) saying, [G3004](#) These [G3778](#) men [G444](#) are [G1526](#) the  
servants [G1401](#) of the most high [G5310](#) God, [G2316](#) which [G3748](#) shew [G2605](#)  
unto us [G2254](#) the way [G3598](#) of salvation. [G4991](#)

Acts 16:18 (KJV) 18 And [G1161](#) this [G5124](#) did she [G4160](#) [G1909](#) many [G4183](#)  
days. [G2250](#) But [G1161](#) Paul, [G3972](#) being grieved, [G1278](#) turned [G1994](#)  
and [G2532](#) said [G2036](#) to the spirit, [G4151](#) I command [G3853](#) thee [G4671](#)  
in [G1722](#) the name [G3686](#) of Jesus [G2424](#) Christ [G5547](#) to come [G1831](#) out  
of [G575](#) her. [G846](#) And [G2532](#) he came out [G1831](#) the same [G846](#) hour. [G5610](#)

Acts 16:19 (KJV) 19 And [G1161](#) when her [G846](#) masters [G2962](#) saw [G1492](#)  
that [G3754](#) the hope [G1680](#) of their [G846](#) gains [G2039](#) was gone, [G1831](#) they  
caught [G1949](#) Paul [G3972](#) and [G2532](#) Silas, [G4609](#) and drew [G1670](#) them  
into [G1519](#) the marketplace [G58](#) unto [G1909](#) the rulers, [G758](#)

Acts 16:20 (KJV) 20 And [G2532](#) brought [G4317](#) them [G846](#) to the  
magistrates, [G4755](#) saying, [G2036](#) These [G3778](#) men, [G444](#) being [G5225](#)  
Jews, [G2453](#) do exceedingly trouble [G1613](#) our [G2257](#) city, [G4172](#)

Acts 16:21 (KJV) 21 And [G2532](#) teach [G2605](#) customs, [G1485](#) which [G3739](#)  
are [G1832](#) not [G3756](#) lawful [G1832](#) for us [G2254](#) to receive, [G3858](#) neither [G3761](#)  
to observe, [G4160](#) being [G5607](#) Romans. [G4514](#)

Acts 16:22 (KJV) 22 And [G2532](#) the multitude [G3793](#) rose up  
together [G4911](#) against [G2596](#) them: [G846](#) and [G2532](#) the magistrates [G4755](#)

rent off [G4048](#) their [G846](#) clothes, [G2440](#) and commanded [G2753](#) to beat [G4463](#) them.

### **THE JAILOR AND HIS HOUSEHOLD WERE THE SECOND CONVERTS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI.**

Acts 16:23 (KJV) 23 And [G5037](#) when they had laid [G2007](#) many [G4183](#) stripes [G4127](#) upon them, [G846](#) they cast [G906](#) them into [G1519](#) prison, [G5438](#) charging [G3853](#) **THE JAILOR** [G1200](#) to keep [G5083](#) them [G846](#) safely: [G806](#)

Acts 16:24 (KJV) 24 Who, [G3739](#) having received [G2983](#) such [G5108](#) a charge, [G3852](#) thrust [G906](#) them [G846](#) into [G1519](#) the inner [G2082](#) prison, [G5438](#) and [G2532](#) made [G805](#) their [G846](#) feet [G4228](#) fast [G805](#) in [G1519](#) the stocks. [G3586](#)

Acts 16:25 (KJV) 25 And [G1161](#) at [G2596](#) midnight [G3317](#) Paul [G3972](#) and [G2532](#) Silas [G4609](#) prayed, [G4336](#) and sang praises [G5214](#) unto God: [G2316](#) and [G1161](#) the prisoners [G1198](#) heard [G1874](#) them. [G846](#)

Acts 16:26 (KJV) 26 And [G1161](#) suddenly [G869](#) there was [G1096](#) a great [G3173](#) earthquake, [G4578](#) so that [G5620](#) the foundations [G2310](#) of the prison [G1201](#) were shaken: [G4531](#) and [G5037](#) immediately [G3916](#) all [G3956](#) the doors [G2374](#) were opened, [G455](#) and [G2532](#) every one's [G3956](#) bands [G1199](#) were loosed. [G447](#)

Acts 16:27 (KJV) 27 And [G1161](#) the keeper of the prison [G1200](#) awaking [G1096](#) out of his sleep, [G1853](#) and [G2532](#) seeing [G1492](#) the prison [G5438](#) doors [G2374](#) open, [G455](#) he drew out [G4685](#) his sword, [G3162](#) and would [G3195](#) have killed [G337](#) himself, [G1438](#) supposing [G3543](#) that the prisoners [G1198](#) had been fled. [G1628](#)

Acts 16:28 (KJV) 28 But [G1161](#) Paul [G3972](#) cried [G5455](#) with a loud [G3173](#) voice, [G5456](#) saying, [G3004](#) Do [G4238](#) thyself [G4572](#) no [G3367](#) harm: [G2556](#) for [G1063](#) we are [G2070](#) all [G537](#) here. [G1759](#)

Acts 16:29 (KJV) 29 Then [G1161](#) he called [G154](#) for a light, [G5457](#) and sprang in, [G1530](#) and [G2532](#) came [G1096](#) trembling, [G1790](#) and fell down before [G4363](#) Paul [G3972](#) and [G2532](#) Silas, [G4609](#)

Acts 16:30 (KJV) 30 And [G2532](#) brought [G4254](#) them [G846](#) out, [G1854](#) and said, [G5346](#) **SIRS,** [G2962](#) **WHAT** [G5101](#) **MUST** [G1163](#) **I** [G3165](#) **DO** [G4160](#) **TO** [G2443](#) **BE** **SAVED?** [G4982](#)

Acts 16:31 (KJV) 31 And [G1161](#) they said, [G2036](#) Believe [G4100](#) on [G1909](#) the Lord [G2962](#) Jesus [G2424](#) Christ, [G5547](#) and [G2532](#) thou [G4771](#) shalt be saved, [G4982](#) and [G2532](#) thy [G4675](#) house. [G3624](#)

Acts 16:32 (KJV) 32 And [G2532](#) they spake [G2980](#) unto him [G846](#) the word [G3056](#) of the Lord, [G2962](#) and [G2532](#) to all [G3956](#) that were in [G1722](#) his [G846](#) house. [G3614](#)

Acts 16:33 (KJV) 33 And [G2532](#) he took [G3880](#) them [G846](#) [G1722](#) the same [G1565](#) hour [G5610](#) of the night, [G3571](#) and washed [G3068](#) their stripes; [G575](#) [G4127](#) and [G2532](#) was baptized, [G907](#) he [G846](#) and [G2532](#) all [G3956](#) his, [G846](#) straightway. [G3916](#)

Acts 16:34 (KJV) 34 And [G5037](#) when he had brought [G321](#) them [G846](#) into [G1519](#) his house, [G3624](#) he set [G3908](#) meat [G5132](#) before them, [G3908](#) and [G2532](#) rejoiced, [G21](#) believing [G4100](#) in God [G2316](#) with all [G3832](#) his [G846](#) house. [G3832](#)

Acts 16:35 (KJV) 35 And [G1161](#) when it was [G1096](#) day, [G2250](#) the magistrates [G4755](#) sent [G649](#) the serjeants, [G4465](#) saying, [G3004](#) Let [G630](#) those [G1565](#) men [G444](#) go. [G630](#)

Acts 16:36 (KJV) 36 And [G1161](#) the keeper of the prison [G1200](#) told [G518](#) this [G5128](#) saying [G3056](#) to [G4314](#) Paul, [G3972](#) [G3754](#) The magistrates [G4755](#) have sent [G649](#) to [G2443](#) let you go: [G630](#) now [G3568](#) therefore [G3767](#) depart, [G1831](#) and go [G4198](#) in [G1722](#) peace. [G1515](#)

Acts 16:37 (KJV) 37 But [G1161](#) Paul [G3972](#) said [G5346](#) unto [G4314](#) them, [G846](#) They have beaten [G1194](#) us [G2248](#) openly [G1219](#) uncondemned, [G178](#) being [G5225](#) Romans, [G4514](#) [G444](#) and have cast [G906](#) us into [G1519](#) prison; [G5438](#) and [G2532](#) now [G3568](#) do they thrust [G1544](#) us [G2248](#) out [G1544](#) privily? [G2977](#) nay [G3756](#) verily; [G1063](#) but [G235](#) let them come [G2064](#) themselves [G846](#) and fetch [G1806](#) us [G2248](#) out.

Acts 16:38 (KJV) 38 And [G1161](#) the serjeants [G4465](#) told [G312](#) these [G5023](#) words [G4487](#) unto the magistrates: [G4755](#) and [G2532](#) they feared, [G5399](#) when they heard [G191](#) that [G3754](#) they were [G1526](#) Romans.

Acts 16:39 (KJV) 39 And [G2532](#) they came [G2064](#) and besought [G3870](#) them, [G846](#) and [G2532](#) brought them out, [G1806](#) and desired [G2065](#) them to depart out [G1831](#) of the city.

Acts 16:40 (KJV) 40 And [G1161](#) they went [G1831](#) out of [G1537](#) the prison, [G5438](#) and entered [G1525](#) into [G1519](#) THE HOUSE OF LYDIA: [G3070](#) AND [G2532](#) WHEN THEY HAD SEEN [G1492](#) THE BRETHREN, [G80](#) THEY COMFORTED [G3870](#) THEM, [G846](#) AND [G2532](#) DEPARTED.

OTHER RELATED REFERENCE SCRIPTURES

THE APOSTLE JOURNEYED THROUGH THE OTHER CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF MACEDONIA AFTER LEAVING THE CITY OF PHILIPPI.

▪ AMPHIPOLIS



- APOLLONIA
- THESSALONICA

Acts 17:1-3 (KJV) 1 Now [G1161](#) when they had passed through [G1353](#) AMPHIPOLIS [G295](#) AND [G2532](#) APOLLONIA, [G624](#) they came [G2064](#) to [G1519](#) THESSALONICA, [G2332](#) where [G3699](#) was [G2258](#) a synagogue [G4864](#) of the Jews: [G2453](#)

Acts 17:2 (KJV) 2 And [G1161](#) Paul, [G3972](#) as [G2596](#) his manner was, [G1486](#) went in [G1525](#) unto [G4314](#) them, [G846](#) and [G2532](#) [G1909](#) three [G5140](#) sabbath [G4521](#) days reasoned [G1256](#) with them [G846](#) out of [G575](#) the scriptures, [G1124](#)

Acts 17:3 (KJV) 3 Opening [G1272](#) and [G2532](#) alleging, [G3908](#) that [G3754](#) Christ [G5547](#) must needs [G1163](#) have suffered, [G3958](#) and [G2532](#) risen again [G450](#) from [G1537](#) the dead; [G3498](#) and [G2532](#) that [G3754](#) this [G3778](#) Jesus, [G2424](#) whom [G3739](#) I [G1473](#) preach [G2605](#) unto you, [G5213](#) is [G2076](#) Christ. [G5547](#)

IN THE EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS, THE APOSTLE PAUL REFERRED TO THE TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED WHEN THEY FIRST VISITED THE CITY OF PHILIPPI.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS REFERRING TO THE EVENTS IN ACTS CHAPTER 16 WHEN THEY FIRST VISITED THE CITY OF PHILIPPI DURING HIS **SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY**.

1 Thess 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 For [G1063](#) yourselves, [G846](#) brethren, [G80](#) know [G1492](#) our [G2257](#) entrance in [G1529](#) unto [G4314](#) you, [G5209](#) that [G3754](#) it was [G1096](#) not [G3756](#) in vain: [G2756](#)

1 Thess 2:2 (KJV) 2 BUT [G235](#) EVEN [G2532](#) AFTER THAT WE HAD SUFFERED BEFORE, [G4310](#) AND [G2532](#) WERE SHAMEFULLY ENTREATED, [G5195](#) AS [G2531](#) YE KNOW, [G1492](#) AT [G1722](#) PHILIPPI, [G5375](#) we were bold [G3955](#) in [G1722](#) our [G2257](#) God [G2316](#) to speak [G2980](#) unto [G4314](#) you [G5209](#) the gospel [G2098](#) of God [G2316](#) with [G1722](#) much [G4183](#) contention. [G73](#)

**❖ THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI IN MACEDONIA WAS AGAIN VISITED BY THE APOSTLE PAUL DURING HIS **THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY**.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL VISITED THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI ONCE AGAIN ON HIS **THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY** AND SPENT **THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER AND DAYS OF**

UNLEAVENED BREAD AT PHILIPPI BEFORE JOURNEYING TO JERUSALEM TO KEEP PENTECOST.

THE APOSTLE PAUL VISITED THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI THE SECOND TIME.

Acts 20:1-6 (KJV) 1 And [G1161](#) after [G3326](#) the uproar [G2351](#) was ceased, [G3973](#) Paul [G3972](#) called [G4341](#) unto him the disciples, [G3101](#) and [G2532](#) embraced [G782](#) them, AND DEPARTED [G1831](#) FOR TO GO [G4198](#) INTO [G1519](#) MACEDONIA.

Acts 20:2 (KJV) 2 AND [G1161](#) WHEN HE HAD GONE OVER [G1330](#) THOSE [G1565](#) PARTS, [G3313](#) AND [G2532](#) HAD GIVEN [G4183](#) THEM [G846](#) MUCH [G4183](#) EXHORTATION, [G3870](#) [G3056](#) he came [G2064](#) into [G1519](#) Greece,

THE APOSTLE PAUL VISITED THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI THE THIRD TIME.

Acts 20:3 (KJV) 3 And [G5037](#) there abode [G4160](#) three [G5140](#) months. [G3376](#) And when the Jews [G5259](#) [G2453](#) laid [G1096](#) wait [G1917](#) for him, [G846](#) as he was about [G3195](#) to sail [G321](#) into [G1519](#) Syria, [G4947](#) HE PURPOSED [G1096](#) [G1106](#) TO RETURN [G5290](#) THROUGH [G1223](#) MACEDONIA.

Acts 20:4 (KJV) 4 And [G1161](#) there accompanied [G4902](#) him [G846](#) into [G891](#) Asia [G773](#) Sopater [G4986](#) of Berea; [G961](#) and [G1161](#) of the Thessalonians, [G2331](#) Aristarchus [G708](#) and [G2532](#) Secundus; [G4580](#) and [G2532](#) Gaius [G1050](#) of Derbe, [G1190](#) and [G2532](#) Timotheus; [G5095](#) and [G1161](#) of Asia, [G774](#) Tychicus [G5190](#) and [G2532](#) Trophimus.

Acts 20:5 (KJV) 5 These [G3778](#) going before [G4281](#) tarried [G3306](#) for us [G2248](#) at [G1722](#) Troas.

Acts 20:6 (KJV) 6 AND [G1161](#) WE [G2249](#) SAILED AWAY [G1602](#) FROM [G575](#) PHILIPPI [G5375](#) AFTER [G3326](#) THE DAYS [G2250](#) OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, [G106](#) and [G2532](#) came [G2064](#) unto [G4314](#) them [G846](#) to [G1519](#) Troas [G5174](#) in [G891](#) five [G4002](#) days; [G2250](#) where [G3757](#) we abode [G1304](#) seven [G2033](#) days.

**❖ WHERE WAS THE APOSTLE PAUL WHEN HE WROTE THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI?**

THERE IS SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE THAT THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS IN PRISON IN ROME, ITALY IN A.D. 59-62 DURING HIS TWO (2) YEARS UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN HIS OWN HIRED HOUSE, WHEN HE WROTE THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT



PHILIPPI WHICH WAS THE MAIN CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF MACEDONIA.

Acts 28:30-31 (KJV) 30 AND <sup>G1161</sup> PAUL <sup>G3972</sup> DWELT <sup>G3306</sup> TWO <sup>G1333</sup> WHOLE <sup>G3650</sup> YEARS <sup>G1333</sup> IN <sup>G1722</sup> HIS OWN <sup>G2398</sup> HIRED HOUSE, <sup>G3410</sup> and <sup>G2532</sup> received <sup>G588</sup> all <sup>G3956</sup> that came in <sup>G1531</sup> unto <sup>G4314</sup> him, <sup>G846</sup> Acts 28:31 (KJV) 31 PREACHING <sup>G2784</sup> THE KINGDOM <sup>G932</sup> OF GOD, <sup>G2316</sup> AND <sup>G2532</sup> TEACHING <sup>G1321</sup> THOSE THINGS WHICH CONCERN <sup>G4012</sup> THE LORD <sup>G2962</sup> JESUS <sup>G2424</sup> CHRIST, <sup>G5547</sup> WITH <sup>G3326</sup> ALL <sup>G3956</sup> CONFIDENCE, <sup>G3954</sup> NO MAN FORBIDDING HIM. <sup>G209</sup>

THE APOSTLE PAUL MENTIONED THAT HE WAS IN BONDS.

Phil 1:12-16 (KJV) 12 But <sup>G1161</sup> I would <sup>G1014</sup> ye <sup>G5209</sup> should understand, <sup>G1097</sup> brethren, <sup>G80</sup> that <sup>G3754</sup> the things which happened unto <sup>G2596</sup> me <sup>G1691</sup> have fallen out <sup>G2064</sup> rather <sup>G3123</sup> unto <sup>G1519</sup> the furtherance <sup>G4297</sup> of the gospel; <sup>G2098</sup>

Phil 1:13 (KJV) 13 SO THAT <sup>G5620</sup> MY <sup>G3450</sup> BONDS <sup>G1199</sup> IN <sup>G1722</sup> CHRIST <sup>G5547</sup> ARE <sup>G1096</sup> MANIFEST <sup>G5318</sup> IN <sup>G1722</sup> ALL <sup>G3650</sup> THE PALACE, <sup>G4232</sup> and <sup>G2532</sup> in all <sup>G3956</sup> other <sup>G3062</sup> places;

GREEK-palace-praitōrion-4232

- Judgement hall of the roman empire.

Phil 1:14 (KJV) 14 And <sup>G2532</sup> many <sup>G4119</sup> of the brethren <sup>G80</sup> in <sup>G1722</sup> the Lord, <sup>G2962</sup> waxing confident <sup>G3982</sup> BY MY <sup>G3450</sup> BONDS, <sup>G1199</sup> are much more <sup>G4056</sup> bold <sup>G5111</sup> to speak <sup>G2980</sup> the word <sup>G3056</sup> without fear. <sup>G870</sup>

Phil 1:15 (KJV) 15 Some <sup>G5100</sup> indeed <sup>G3303</sup> preach <sup>G2784</sup> Christ <sup>G5547</sup> even <sup>G2532</sup> of <sup>G1223</sup> envy <sup>G5355</sup> and <sup>G2532</sup> strife; <sup>G2054</sup> and <sup>G1161</sup> some <sup>G5100</sup> also <sup>G2532</sup> of <sup>G1223</sup> good will: <sup>G2107</sup>

Phil 1:16 (KJV) 16 The one <sup>G3303</sup> preach <sup>G2605</sup> Christ <sup>G5547</sup> of <sup>G1537</sup> contention, <sup>G2052</sup> not <sup>G3756</sup> sincerely, <sup>G55</sup> supposing <sup>G3633</sup> TO ADD <sup>G2018</sup> AFFLICTION <sup>G2347</sup> TO MY <sup>G3450</sup> BONDS: <sup>G1199</sup>

THE APOSTLE PAUL APPEALED TO CAESAR AND WOULD HAVE MADE DISCIPLES IN CAESAR'S HOUSEHOLD WHILE HE WAS IN PRISON IN ROME, ITALY.

Phil 4:22 (KJV) 22 All <sup>G3956</sup> the saints <sup>G40</sup> salute <sup>G782</sup> you, <sup>G5209</sup> <sup>G1161</sup> chiefly <sup>G3122</sup> they that are of <sup>G1537</sup> CAESAR'S <sup>G2541</sup> HOUSEHOLD. <sup>G3614</sup>

**❖ WHAT SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE THAT TIMOTHY WAS WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL IN PRISON WHEN HE WROTE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI?**

DURING THE WRITING OF THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS, TIMOTHY WAS ALSO IN PRISON WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL.

Phil 1:1 (KJV) 1 PAUL AND TIMOTHEUS, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Phil 2:19 (KJV) 19 BUT I TRUST IN THE LORD JESUS TO SEND TIMOTHEUS SHORTLY UNTO YOU, THAT I ALSO MAY BE OF GOOD COMFORT, WHEN I KNOW YOUR STATE.

TIMOTHY WAS EVENTUALLY RELEASED FROM PRISON BY THE TIME THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

Heb 13:23-24 (KJV) 23 KNOW YE THAT OUR BROTHER TIMOTHY IS SET AT LIBERTY; WITH WHOM, IF HE COME SHORTLY, I WILL SEE YOU.

Heb 13:24 (KJV) 24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

**❖ WHAT IS THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL WRITING THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS?**

THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS WAS WRITTEN BY THE APOSTLE TO KEEP THE BRETHREN FROM BECOMING DISCOURAGED BY THE APOSTLE PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILLIPI BY DECLARING REJOICEFULLY THAT HIS IMPRISONMENT WAS FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL AND TO EMBOLDENED THEM TO STAND FOR THE SUFFERINGS OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Phil 1:12-14 (KJV) 12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened

unto [G2596](#) me [G1691](#) have fallen out [G2064](#) rather [G3123](#) unto [G1519](#) the furtherance [G4297](#) of the gospel; [G2098](#)  
Phil 1:13 (KJV) 13 So that [G5620](#) my [G3450](#) bonds [G1199](#) in [G1722](#) Christ [G5547](#) are [G1096](#) manifest [G5318](#) in [G1722](#) all [G3650](#) the palace, [G4232](#) and [G2532](#) in all [G3956](#) other [G3062](#) places;  
Phil 1:14 (KJV) 14 And [G2532](#) many [G4119](#) of the brethren [G80](#) in [G1722](#) the Lord, [G2962](#) waxing confident [G3982](#) by my [G3450](#) bonds, [G1199](#) are much more [G4056](#) bold [G5111](#) to speak [G2980](#) the word [G3056](#) without fear. [G870](#)

#### OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE

Rom 8:28 (KJV) 28 AND [G1161](#) WE KNOW [G1492](#) THAT ALL THINGS [G3956](#) WORK TOGETHER [G4903](#) FOR [G1519](#) GOOD [G18](#) TO THEM THAT [G3754](#) LOVE [G25](#) GOD, [G2316](#) TO THEM WHO ARE [G5607](#) THE CALLED [G2822](#) ACCORDING [G2596](#) TO HIS PURPOSE. [G4286](#)

#### ❖ WHO CARRIED THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI?

EPAPHRODITUS WHO WAS AN APOSTLE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI AND WHO WOULD HAVE WILLINGLY SPENT TIME IN HIRED HOUSE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL IN ROME, ITALY (WHO WAS A PRISONER) CARRIED THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI.

Phil 2:25-30 (KJV) 25 YET [G1161](#) I SUPPOSED [G2233](#) IT NECESSARY [G316](#) TO SEND [G3992](#) TO [G4314](#) YOU [G5209](#) EPAPHRODITUS, [G1891](#) MY [G3450](#) BROTHER, [G80](#) AND [G2532](#) COMPANION IN LABOUR, [G4904](#) AND [G2532](#) FELLOWSOLDIER, [G4961](#) BUT [G1161](#) YOUR [G5216](#) MESSENGER, [G652](#) AND [G2532](#) HE THAT MINISTERED [G3011](#) TO MY [G3450](#) WANTS.

Phil 2:26 (KJV) 26 For [G1894](#) he [G2258](#) longed after [G1971](#) you [G5209](#) all, [G3956](#) and [G2532](#) was full of heaviness, [G85](#) because [G1360](#) that ye had heard [G191](#) that [G3754](#) he had been sick.

Phil 2:27 (KJV) 27 For [G1063](#) indeed [G2532](#) he was sick [G770](#) nigh [G3897](#) unto death: [G2288](#) but [G235](#) God [G2316](#) had mercy [G1653](#) on him; [G846](#) and [G1161](#) not [G3756](#) on him [G846](#) only, [G3440](#) but [G235](#) on me [G1691](#) also, [G2532](#) lest [G3363](#) I should have [G2192](#) sorrow [G3077](#) upon [G1909](#) sorrow.

Phil 2:28 (KJV) 28 I SENT [G3992](#) HIM [G846](#) THEREFORE [G3767](#) THE MORE CAREFULLY, [G4708](#) THAT, [G2443](#) WHEN YE SEE [G1492](#) HIM [G846](#) AGAIN, [G3825](#) YE MAY REJOICE, [G5463](#) AND THAT I [G2504](#) MAY BE [G5600](#) THE LESS SORROWFUL.

Phil 2:29 (KJV) 29 Receive [G4327](#) him [G846](#) therefore [G3767](#) in [G1722](#) the Lord [G2962](#) with [G3326](#) all [G3956](#) gladness; [G5479](#) and [G2532](#) hold [G2192](#) such [G5108](#) in reputation:

Phil 2:30 (KJV) 30 Because [G3754](#) for [G1223](#) the work [G2041](#) of Christ [G5547](#) he was nigh [G1448](#) unto [G3360](#) death, [G2288](#) not regarding [G3851](#) his life, [G5590](#) to [G2443](#) supply [G378](#) your [G5216](#) lack [G5303](#) of service [G3009](#) toward [G4314](#) me.

❖ **WAS THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI MATERIALLY RICH?**  
THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI WAS NOT RICH MATERIALLY (WAS IN POVERTY) BUT RICH **SPIRITUALLY**.

THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN MACEDONIA SUPPLIED THE NEEDS OF THE MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL DURING HIS **SECOND AND THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY** IN THOSE REGION DESPITE THEIR POVERTY.

2 Cor 8:1-5 (KJV) 1 Moreover, [G1161](#) brethren, [G80](#) we do [G1107](#) you [G5213](#) to wit [G1107](#) of the grace [G5485](#) of God [G2316](#) bestowed [G1325](#) on [G1722](#) THE CHURCHES [G1577](#) OF MACEDONIA; [G3109](#)

2 Cor 8:2 (KJV) 2 HOW THAT [G3754](#) IN [G1722](#) A GREAT [G4183](#) TRIAL [G1382](#) OF AFFLICTION [G2347](#) THE ABUNDANCE [G4050](#) OF THEIR [G846](#) JOY [G5479](#) AND [G2532](#) THEIR [G846](#) DEEP [G899](#) POVERTY [G2596](#) [G4432](#) ABOUNDED [G4052](#) UNTO [G1519](#) THE RICHES [G4149](#) OF THEIR [G846](#) LIBERALITY. [G572](#)

2 Cor 8:3 (KJV) 3 For [G3754](#) to [G2596](#) their power, [G1411](#) I bear record, [G3140](#) yea, and [G2532](#) beyond [G5228](#) their power [G1411](#) they were willing of themselves; [G830](#)

2 Cor 8:4 (KJV) 4 Praying [G1189](#) us [G2257](#) with [G3326](#) much [G4183](#) intreaty [G3874](#) that we [G2248](#) would receive [G1209](#) the gift, [G5485](#) and [G2532](#) take upon us the fellowship [G2842](#) of the ministering [G1248](#) to [G1519](#) the saints. [G40](#)

2 Cor 8:5 (KJV) 5 AND [G2532](#) THIS THEY DID, NOT [G3756](#) AS [G2531](#) WE HOPED, [G1679](#) BUT [G235](#) FIRST [G4412](#) GAVE [G1325](#) THEIR OWN SELVES [G1438](#) TO THE LORD, [G2962](#) AND [G2532](#) UNTO US [G2254](#) BY [G1223](#) THE WILL [G2307](#) OF GOD. [G2316](#)

2 Cor 8:9 (KJV) 9 For [G1063](#) ye know [G1097](#) the grace [G5485](#) of our [G2257](#) Lord [G2962](#) Jesus [G2424](#) Christ, [G5547](#) that, [G3754](#) though he was [G5607](#) rich, [G4145](#) yet for [G1223](#) your [G5209](#) sakes [G1223](#) he became poor, [G4433](#) that [G2443](#) ye [G5210](#) through his [G1565](#) poverty [G4432](#) might be rich. [G4147](#)

2 Cor 11:7-9 (KJV) 7 [G2228](#) Have I committed [G4160](#) an offence [G266](#) in abasing [G5013](#) myself [G1683](#) that [G2443](#) ye [G5210](#) might be exalted, [G5312](#) because [G3754](#) I have preached [G2097](#) to you [G5213](#) the gospel [G2098](#) of God [G2316](#) freely? [G1432](#)

2 Cor 11:8 (KJV) 7 robbed [G4813](#) other [G243](#) churches, [G1577](#) taking [G2983](#) wages [G3800](#) of them, to [G4314](#) do [G1248](#) you [G5216](#) service. [G1248](#)

2 Cor 11:9 (KJV) 9 And [G2532](#) when I was present [G3918](#) with [G4314](#) you, [G5209](#) and [G2532](#) wanted, [G5302](#) I was [G3756](#) chargeable [G2655](#) to no man: [G3762](#) **FOR [G1063](#) THAT WHICH WAS LACKING [G5303](#) TO ME [G3450](#) THE BRETHREN [G80](#) WHICH CAME [G2064](#) FROM [G575](#) MACEDONIA [G3109](#) SUPPLIED: [G4322](#) and [G2532](#) in [G1722](#) all [G3956](#) things I have kept [G5083](#) myself [G1683](#) from being burdensome [G4](#) unto you, [G5213](#) and [G2532](#) so will I keep [G5083](#) myself.**

Phil 4:10-16 (KJV) 10 But [G1161](#) I rejoiced [G5463](#) in [G1722](#) the Lord [G2962](#) greatly, [G3171](#) that [G3754](#) now [G2235](#) at the last [G4218](#) your care [G5426](#) of [G5228](#) me [G1700](#) hath flourished again; [G330](#) wherein [G1909](#) [G3739](#) ye were [G5426](#) also [G2532](#) careful, [G5426](#) but [G1161](#) ye lacked opportunity. [G170](#)

Phil 4:11 (KJV) 11 **NOT [G3756](#) THAT I SPEAK [G3004](#) IN RESPECT [G3754](#) [G2596](#) OF WANT: [G5304](#) FOR [G1063](#) I [G1473](#) HAVE LEARNED, [G3129](#) IN [G1722](#) WHATSOEVER STATE [G3739](#) I AM, [G1510](#) THEREWITH TO BE [G1511](#) CONTENT. [G842](#)**

Phil 4:12 (KJV) 12 [G1161](#) I know [G1492](#) both how to be abased, [G5013](#) and [G2532](#) I know [G1492](#) how to abound: [G4052](#) everywhere [G1722](#) [G3956](#) and [G2532](#) in [G1722](#) all things [G3956](#) I am instructed [G3453](#) both [G2532](#) to be full [G5526](#) and [G2532](#) to be hungry, [G3983](#) both [G2532](#) to abound [G4052](#) and [G2532](#) to suffer need. [G5302](#)

Phil 4:13 (KJV) 13 **I CAN DO [G2480](#) ALL THINGS [G3956](#) THROUGH [G1722](#) CHRIST [G5547](#) WHICH [G3588](#) STRENGTHENETH [G1743](#) ME. [G3165](#)**

Phil 4:14 (KJV) 14 Notwithstanding [G4133](#) ye have well [G2573](#) done, [G4160](#) that ye did communicate with [G4790](#) my [G3450](#) affliction. [G2347](#)

Phil 4:15 (KJV) 15 Now [G1161](#) ye [G5210](#) Philippians [G5374](#) know [G1492](#) also, [G2532](#) that [G3754](#) in [G1722](#) the beginning [G746](#) of the gospel, [G2098](#) **WHEN [G3753](#) I DEPARTED [G1831](#) FROM [G575](#) MACEDONIA, [G3109](#) NO [G3762](#) CHURCH [G1577](#) COMMUNICATED WITH [G2841](#) ME [G3427](#) AS [G1519](#) CONCERNING [G3056](#) **GIVING [G1394](#) AND [G2532](#) RECEIVING, [G3028](#) BUT [G1508](#) YE [G5210](#) ONLY. [G3441](#)****

Phil 4:16 (KJV) 16 FOR [G3754](#) EVEN [G2532](#) IN [G1722](#)  
THESSALONICA [G2332](#) YE SENT [G3992](#) ONCE [G2532](#) [G530](#) AND [G2532](#)  
AGAIN [G1364](#) UNTO [G1519](#) MY [G3427](#) NECESSITY. [G5532](#)

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES THAT THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI WAS SIMILAR IN THE SPIRIT TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT SMYRNA, HAVING THE SAME SPIRIT OF OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST WITH LITTLE CORRECTION, BECAUSE THEY WERE POOR IN THE WORLD.

Rev 2:8-11 (KJV) 8 And [G2532](#) unto the angel [G32](#) of the church [G1577](#) in Smyrna [G4668](#) write; [G1125](#) These things [G3592](#) saith [G3004](#) the first [G4413](#) and [G2532](#) the last, [G2078](#) which [G3739](#) was [G1096](#) dead, [G3498](#) and [G2532](#) is alive; [G2198](#)

Rev 2:9 (KJV) 9 I KNOW [G1492](#) THY [G4675](#) WORKS, [G2041](#) AND [G2532](#) TRIBULATION, [G2347](#) AND [G2532](#) POVERTY, [G4432](#) (**BUT** [G1161](#) **THOU ART** [G1488](#) **RICH**) [G4145](#) and [G2532](#) I know the blasphemy [G988](#) of them which [G3588](#) say [G3004](#) they [G1438](#) are [G1511](#) Jews, [G2453](#) and [G2532](#) are [G1526](#) not, [G3756](#) but [G235](#) are the synagogue [G4864](#) of Satan. [G4567](#)

Rev 2:10 (KJV) 10 Fear [G5399](#) none [G3367](#) of those things which [G3739](#) thou shalt [G3195](#) suffer: [G3958](#) behold, [G2400](#) the devil [G1228](#) shall [G3195](#) cast [G906](#) some of [G1537](#) you [G5216](#) into [G1519](#) prison, [G5438](#) that [G2443](#) ye may be tried; [G3985](#) and [G2532](#) ye shall have [G2192](#) tribulation [G2347](#) ten [G1176](#) days: [G2250](#) be thou [G1096](#) faithful [G4103](#) unto [G891](#) death, [G2288](#) and [G2532](#) I will give [G1325](#) thee [G4671](#) a crown [G4735](#) of life. [G2222](#)

Rev 2:11 (KJV) 11 He that hath [G2192](#) an ear, [G3775](#) let him hear [G191](#) what [G5101](#) the Spirit [G4151](#) saith [G3004](#) unto the churches; [G1577](#) He that overcometh [G3528](#) shall [G91](#) not [G3364](#) be hurt [G91](#) of [G1537](#) the second [G1208](#) death. [G2288](#)



**THE APOSTLE PAUL'S JOURNEYS AFTER HIS CONVERSION  
AND BEFORE HIS THREE (3) MISSIONARY JOURNEYS.**



## THE APOSTLE PAUL **FIRST** MISSIONARY JOURNEY



THE APOSTLE PAUL ON **HIS SECOND** MISSIONARY JOURNEY WENT FROM BEREIA TO **NICOPOLIS** NOT SEEN ON THIS MAP.



**THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE THE EPISTLE TO TITUS FROM CITY OF **NICOPOLIS** BY THE SEAS (ACTS 17:14) IN MACEDONIA ON HIS **SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY**.**





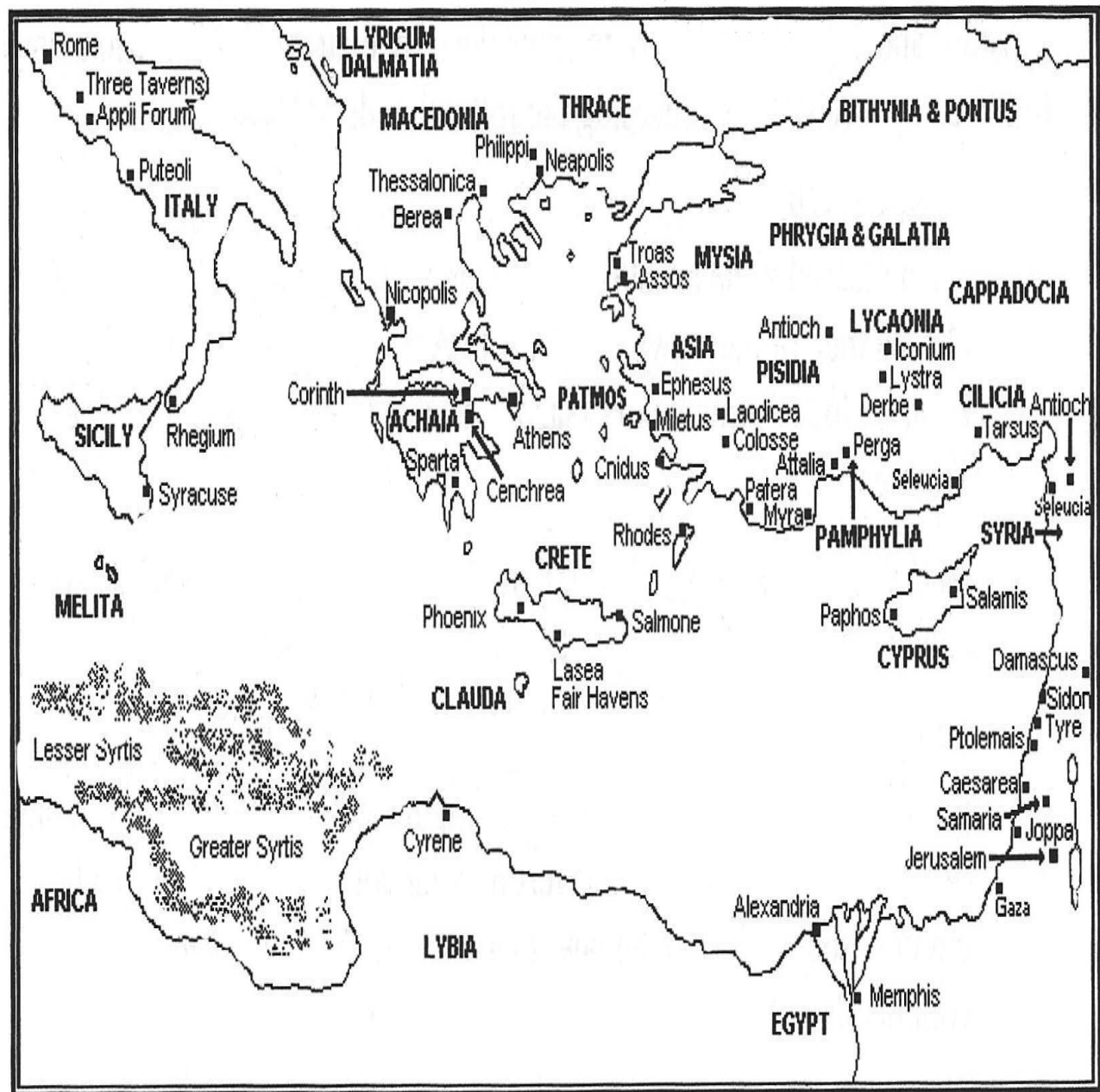
## THE APOSTLE PAUL THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY



## THE APOSTLE PAUL FINAL JOURNEY AS A PRISONER TO ROME, ITALY.







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**THE MAP OF CRETE WHERE THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE STOPPED AND MET BRETHREN ON HIS FINAL JOURNEY AS A PRISONER TO ROME.**



