

# Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey

Acts 15:36 – 18:23

- ➡ **BIBLICAL RECORD: ACTS 15:36 – 18:23**
- ➡ **DURATION: 3 YEARS**
- ➡ **WORKERS: PAUL & SILAS**
- ➡ **TOTAL DISTANCE TRAVELED: 2,410 MILES (1,270 KILOMETERS)**
  - BY SEA: 1,410 MILES (2,270 KILOMETERS)
  - BY LAND: 1,290 MILES (2,076 KILOMETERS)
- ➡ **2 LETTERS WRITTEN**
  - 1 THESSALONIANS – FROM CORINTH DURING AN 18 MONTH STAY THERE AFTER A VISIT TO ATHENS . . . 52 A.D.**
  - 2 THESSALONIANS – FROM CORINTH DURING THE SAME 19 MONTH STAY . . . 53 A.D.**

## **ANTIOCH IN SYRIA** Acts 15:40

- City of origin

## **ANTIOCH TO CILICIAN GATES** Acts 15:40:1

- 140 miles . . . 225 km from Antioch
- Strengthened the churches

## **CILICIAN GATES TO DERBE** Acts 16:1-5

- 100 miles . . . 151 km from Cilician Gates
- 30 miles . . . 38 km from Derbe to Lystra
- At Lystra, Timothy was circumcised and became a fellow worker with Paul
- 30 miles . . . 38 km from Lystra to Iconium

## **PHRYGIAN & GALATIAN REGION** Acts 16:1-6

- 200 miles+ . . . 322+ km from Iconium

## **MYSIA** Acts 16:7-8

- They were forbidden by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in Asia.
- They tried to go into Bithynia, but the Holy Spirit would not permit them to.

## **TROAS** Acts 16:8-11

- 200 miles+ . . . 322+ km from Iconium
- Paul saw the vision in the night of the Macedonian call: "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

## **SAMOTHRACE** Acts 16:11

- 70 miles . . . 112 km from Troas
- Samothrace & Neapolis were cities on the way to Macedonia

## **NEAPOLIS** Acts 16:11

- 70 miles . . . 112 km from Samothrace

## **PHILIPPI** Acts 16:12-40

- 10 miles+ . . . 16 km from Neapolis
- Baptized Lydia & her household . . . First named converts on the continent of Asia
- Cast the divining spirit out of a slave girl
- Paul & Silas arrested and beaten . . . Singing hymns at midnight
- Earthquake . . . Chains dropped off
- Conversion of the Philippian Jailor & his family
- Paul asserted his Roman citizenship . . . Officials begged them to leave the city. He went and encouraged the brethren also

#### **AMPHIPOLIS** Acts 17:1

- 30 miles . . . 48 km from Troas
- Passed through this city on the way to Thessalonica

#### **APOLLONIA** Acts 17:1

- 30 miles . . . 48 km from Troas
- Passed through this city on the way to Thessalonica

#### **THESSALONICA** Acts 17:1-10

- 40 miles . . . 64 km from Apollonia
- Taught in the synagogue for three Sabbaths (three week period)
- Persuaded some Jews and many Greeks
- Jealous Jews came to Jason's house to bring them out. Not finding Paul and Silas, they dragged Jason and others before the authorities.
- "These who have turned the world upside down have come here to." **17:6**
- The brethren, by night, sent Paul and Silas away to Berea.

#### **BEREA** Acts 17:10-15

- 50 miles . . . 81 km from Troas
- Taught in the synagogue . . . Many of them received the word of God
- **17:11** – "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."
- Upon hearing that Paul and Silas were in Berea, Jews from Thessalonica came and stirred up the Jews.
- The brethren sent Paul away by sea while Silas and Timothy remained in Berea for a while, planning to join Paul in Athens, but would join him in Corinth instead.

#### **BEREA TO THE COAST** Acts 17:15

- 20 miles . . . 32 km from Troas

#### **ATHENS** Acts 17:15 – 18:1

- 150 miles . . . 301 km from coast near Berea
- Reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews
- Walked through the city and viewed the items of religious observance.
- Taught and reasoned in the market place.

- Was invited by the philosophers to speak at the Areopagus where Paul preach his famous sermons at Mars Hill and talked about the “unknown God” and repentance.
- When Paul preached about the resurrection from the dead, some mocked while others desired to hear more about the resurrection
- Come were converted

### **CORINTH** Acts 18:1-18

- 35 miles . . . 81 km from Athens
- Loaded with fellow tentmakers, Aquila & Priscila
- Reasoned in the Synagogue each Sabbath.
- Silas and Timothy arrived from Berea.
- Jews rejected him and he turned to the Gentiles. 18:6
- Crispus, ruler of the synagogue, and his household became Christians. 18:8
- Many Corinthians were converted to Christ.
- Paul continued there 18 months.
- Jesus spoke to Paul at night in a vision and told him: 18:9-10
  - Do not be afraid
  - Speak out
  - Do not keep silent
  - I am with you
  - No one will attack or hurt you
  - I have many people in this city
- Paul was brought before Gallio, proconsul of Achaia, at the judgment seat
- Greeks beat Sosthenes, ruler of the synagogue
- When Paul left Corinth, Aquila and Priscila went with him as far as Ephesus

### **CENCHREA** Acts 18:18

- 8 miles . . . 13 km from Corinth
- Paul was on his way to Syria
- Had his hair cut off here to keep a vow

### **EPHESUS** Acts 18:1-19-21

- 250 miles . . . 403 km from Cenchrea
- Paul left Aquila & Priscila in Ephesus when he went on to Syria
- Jews wanted Paul to stay longer. He promised to return to them if God willed it so

### **CAESAREA** Acts 18:22

- 650+ miles . . . 1047+ km from Athens
- Landed here then went up and greeted the church

### **ANTIOCH** Acts 18:22

- He spent some time there.