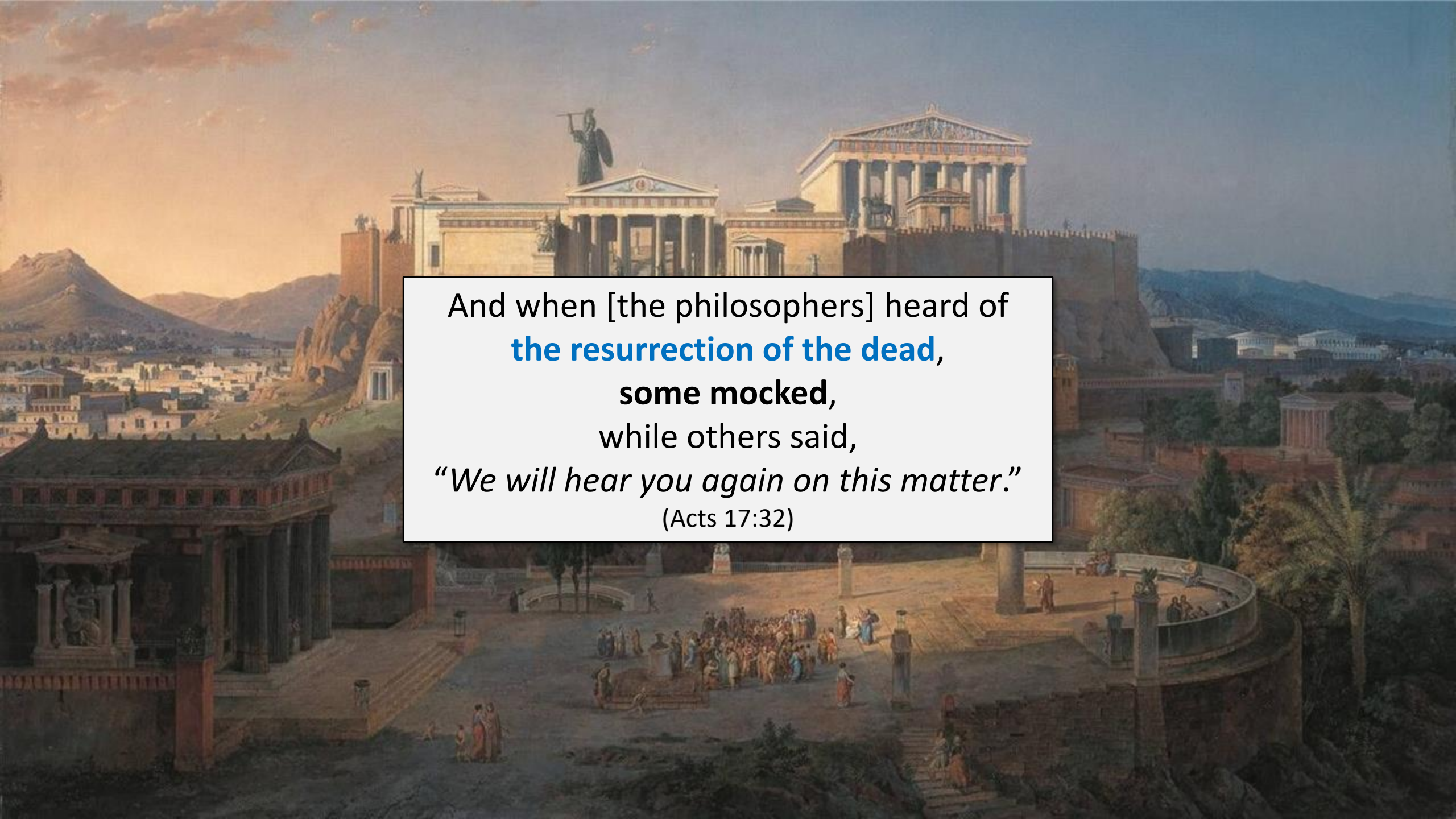


18. Corinth and return... (Acts 18:5 to 18:22)





And when [the philosophers] heard of
the resurrection of the dead,
some mocked,
while others said,
“We will hear you again on this matter.”
(Acts 17:32)

CORINTH

After these things **Paul departed from Athens** and went to **Corinth**.

And he found a certain Jew named **Aquila**, who had recently come from Italy with his wife **Priscilla** ...

So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were **tentmakers**.

And he reasoned in the synagogue **every Sabbath**, seeking to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

(Acts 18:1-4)



Ancient Corinth



But now that **Timothy** has
come to us from you, and
brought us **good news**
of your faith and love...
(1 Thessalonians 3:6)



When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia,
Paul was occupied with the word,
testifying to the Jews that the **Jesus was the Christ.**
(Acts 18:5)

Paul worked less and
preached more...

And you Philippians yourselves know that **in the beginning of the gospel,**
when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me
in **giving** and receiving, **except you only.**
(Philippians 4:15)

Whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning...

his blood shall be on his own head.

(Ezekiel 33:4)



And when [the Jews] **opposed** and **reviled** him, he shook out his garments and said to them,

“Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

And he left there and went to the house of a man named **Titius Justus**, a worshiper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue.

(Acts 18:6-7)

A Gentile believer

I baptised ... **Crispus** and **Gaius** ... the household of **Stephanas**. (1 Corinthians 1:14-16)
The household of **Stephanas** ... the firstfruits of Achaia... (1 Corinthians 16:15)
Gaius, my host and of the whole church, greets you. (Romans 16:23)



Is it **Gaius**
Titius Justus?

Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue,
believed in the Lord,
together with his entire household.

And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul
believed and were **baptised**.

(Acts 18:8)

And such were
some of you!

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

**BUT NOW YOU
ARE WASHED!**

(See 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)



We preach **Christ crucified**,
to the Jews a stumbling block
and to the Greeks **foolishness...**

(1 Corinthians 1:23)



And I, brethren, **when I came to you**,
did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom
declaring to you **the testimony of God.**

For I determined not to know anything among you
except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

(1 Corinthians 2:1-2)

Question:
How was
Paul feeling?



I was with you in **weakness,**
in **fear,** and in much **trembling.**
(1 Corinthians 2:3)



And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision,

***“Do not be afraid, but go on speaking
and do not be silent, for I am with you,
and no one will attack you to harm you,
for I have many people in this city.”***

*I am with
you always...*

And he stayed **a year and six months,**
teaching the word of God among them.

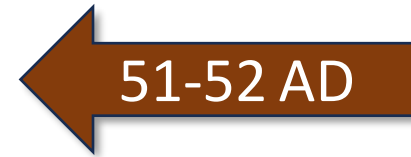
(Acts 18:9-11)



Lucius Junius Gallio Annaeanus (c. 5 BC – c. 65 AD),
a Roman senator and brother of the famous writer Seneca.



But when **Gallio** was proconsul of Achaia,
the Jews made a united attack on Paul
and brought him before the tribunal, saying,



**“This man is persuading people
to worship God contrary to the law.”**

(Acts 18:12-13)

Not Jewish – another
(illegal) religion!



But when **Paul** was about to open his mouth,
Gallio said to the Jews,

“If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews,
I would have reason to accept your complaint.
But since it is a matter of questions about **words and names**
and **your own law**, see to it yourselves.

I refuse to be a judge of these things.”

And he drove them from the tribunal.

And they all seized **Sosthenes**, the ruler of the synagogue,
and beat him in front of the tribunal.

But **Gallio** paid no attention to any of this.



(Acts 18:14-17)

The Greeks
or the Jews?

*Sosthenes
our brother...*
(1 Corinthians 1:1)



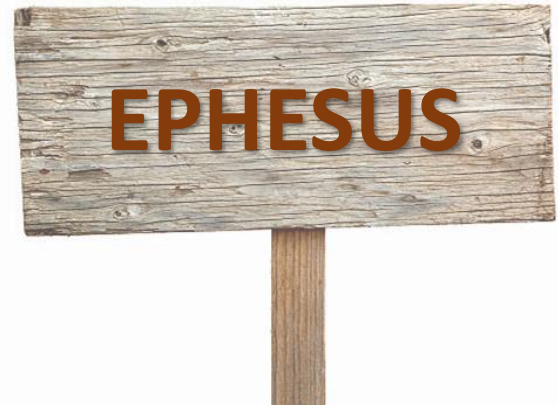
After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brethren and set sail for Syria, and with him **Priscilla** and **Aquila**.

At **Cenchreae** he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. (Acts 18:18-21)

*I commend to you **Phoebe** our sister, who is a servant of the church in **Cenchreae**...*
(Romans 16:1)

...the vow of a Nazirite,
to separate himself to the LORD
(Numbers 6:2)



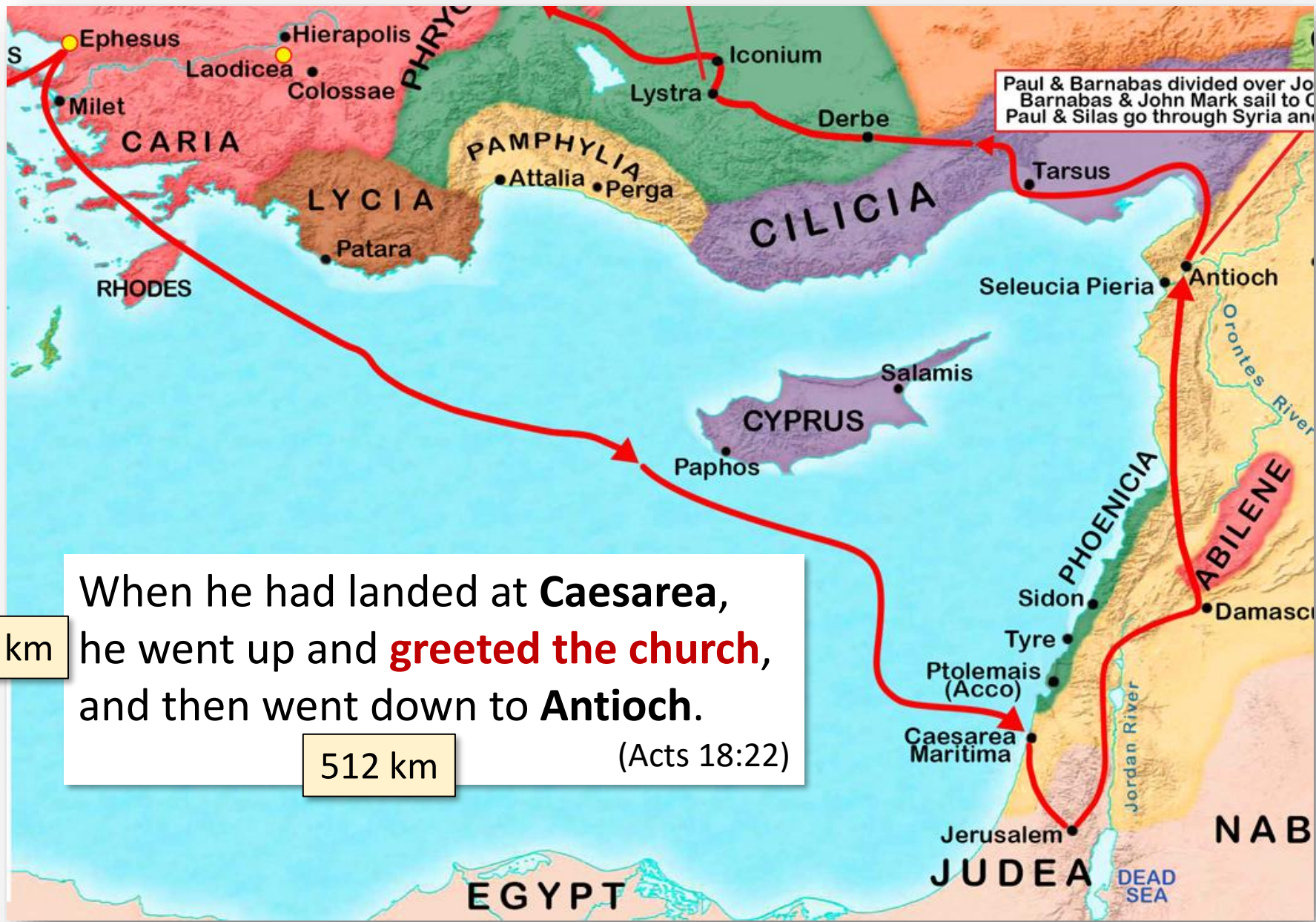


And they came to **Ephesus**, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined.

But on taking leave of them he said, "***I will return to you if God wills,***" and he set sail from **Ephesus**. (Acts 18:18-21)





Paul & Barnabas divided over John Mark
 Barnabas & John Mark sail to Cyprus
 Paul & Silas go through Syria and Cilicia

ANTIOCH

When he had landed at **Caesarea**,
 he went up and **greeted the church**,
 and then went down to **Antioch**.
 (Acts 18:22)

104 km

512 km

EGYPT

JUDEA

DEAD SEA

NAB

CILICIA

CYPRUS

PHOENICIA

ABILENE

CARIA

LYCIA

PAMPHYLIA

PHRYGIA

RHODES

Ephesus

Hierapolis

Laodicea

Colossae

Milet

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Tarsus

Attalia

Perga

Patara

Salamis

Paphos

Seleucia Pieria

Antioch

Sidon

Tyre

Ptolemais (Acco)

Caesarea Maritima

Jerusalem

Damascus

Jordan River

Orontes River



Some Jews cause uproar & attack Jason's House seeking for Paul & Silas

Paul called to preach in Macedonia

Paul forbidden by the Spirit to preach in Asia & Bithynia

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

Paul & Barnabas divided over John Mark
Barnabas & John Mark sail to Cyprus
Paul & Silas go through Syria and Cilicia

Bereans receive the Word

Paul speaks at the Areopagus

Paul meets Aquila & Priscilla
Paul brought before Gallio

Lydia & her household believe
Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail
Jailer and his household believe

More than 4200 km

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY
Acts 15:36 - 18:22

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route

Paul's **THIRD** journey begins...

After he had spent some time there, **he departed** and went over the region of **Galatia** and **Phrygia** in order, **strengthening all the disciples.**

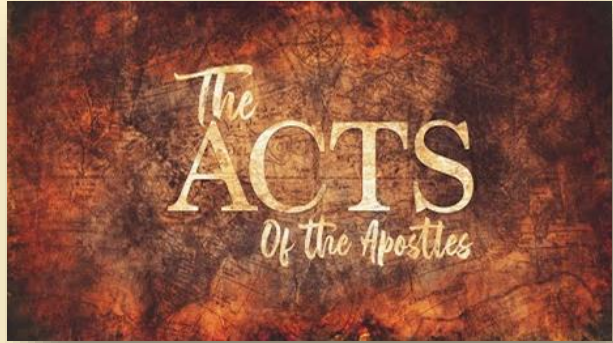
(Acts 18:23)

The region around **Laodicea** and **Colossae**.









Next: **The third journey: To Ephesus...**