

Paul's Second Missionary Journey—A Man of Macedonia (Summer 49)

Acts 16:6–12

6 And they traveled through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the message in Asia.

7 And *when they* came to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them.

8 So going through Mysia, they went down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul during the night: a certain Macedonian man was standing there and imploring him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia *and* help us!"

10 And when he had seen the vision, we wanted at once to go away to Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11 So putting out to sea from Troas, we sailed a straight course to Samothrace, and on the following *day* to Neapolis,

12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city *of that* district of Macedonia, a *Roman* colony. And we were staying in this city for some days.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Philippi (late Summer 49)

Acts 16:13–40

Paul and Silas Meet Lydia

13 And on the day of the Sabbath, we went outside the *city* gate beside the river, where we thought there was a place of prayer, and we sat down *and* spoke to the women assembled *there*.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia from the city of Thyatira, a merchant dealing in purple cloth who showed reverence for God, was listening. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was being said by Paul.

15 And after she was baptized, and her household, she urged *us*, saying, "If you consider me to be a believer in the Lord, come to my house *and* stay." And she prevailed upon us.

The Demon Possessed Fortune Teller

16 And it happened that *as* we were going to the place of prayer, a certain female slave who had a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing a large profit to her owners *by* fortune-telling.

17 She followed Paul and *us and* was crying out, saying, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation!"

18 And she was doing this for many days. But Paul, becoming greatly annoyed and turning around, said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out immediately.

Paul and Silas Seized, Beaten and Imprisoned

19 But *when* her owners saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas *and* dragged *them* into the marketplace before the rulers.

20 And *when they* had brought them to the chief magistrates, they said, "These men are throwing our city into confusion, being Jews,

21 and are proclaiming customs that are not permitted for us to accept or to practice, *because we* are Romans!"

22 And the crowd joined in attacking them, and the chief magistrates tore off their clothing *and* gave orders to beat *them* with rods.

23 And *after they* had inflicted many blows on them, they threw *them* into prison, giving orders to the jailer to guard them securely.

24 Having received such an order, he put them in the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

The Great Earthquake

25 Now about midnight, Paul and Silas were praying *and* singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and all the bonds were unfastened.

27 And *after* the jailer was awake and saw the doors of the prison open, he drew *his* sword *and* was about to kill himself, *because he* thought the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying, "Do no harm to yourself, for we are all here!"

29 And demanding lights, he rushed in and, beginning to tremble, fell down at the feet of Paul and Silas.

The Philippian Jailer is Saved

30 And he brought them outside *and* said, "Sirs, what must I do so that I can be saved?"

31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household!"

32 And they spoke the message of the Lord to him, together with all those in his house.

33 And he took them at that *very* hour of the night *and* washed *their* wounds, and he himself was baptized at once, and all those of his *household*.

34 And he brought them up into *his* house *and* set a meal before *them*, and rejoiced greatly that he had believed in God with his whole household.

Paul Demands Justice

35 And *when it* was day, the chief magistrates sent the police officers, saying, “Release those men.”

36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul: “The chief magistrates have sent *an order* that you should be released. So come out now *and* go in peace!”

37 But Paul said to them, “They beat us in public without due process—men who are Roman citizens—*and* threw *us* into prison, and now they are wanting to release us secretly? Certainly not! Rather let them come themselves *and* bring us out!”

38 So the police officers reported these words to the chief magistrates, and they were afraid *when they* heard that they were Roman citizens.

39 And they came *and* apologized to them, and *after they* brought *them* out they asked *them* to depart from the city.

40 And *when they* came out of the prison, they went to Lydia and *when they* saw *them*, they encouraged the brothers and departed.

Paul’s Second Missionary Journey—Thessalonica (Fall 49)

Acts 17:1–9

1 Now *after they* traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

2 And as was his custom, Paul went in to them and on three Sabbath *days* he discussed with them from the scriptures,

3 explaining and demonstrating that it was necessary *for* the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and *saying*, “This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.”

4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, and *also* a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few of the prominent women.

5 But the Jews were filled with jealousy and, taking along some worthless men from the rabble in the marketplace and forming a mob, threw the city into an uproar. And attacking Jason’s house, they were looking for them to bring *them* out to the popular assembly.

6 And *when they* did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers before the city officials, shouting, “These *people* who have stirred up trouble *throughout* the world have come here also,

7 whom Jason has entertained as guests! And these *people are* all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king, Jesus!”

8 And they threw the crowd into confusion, and the city officials who heard these *things*.

9 And *after* taking money as security from Jason and the rest, they released them.

Paul’s Second Missionary Journey—Berea (Fall 49)

Acts 17:10–15

10 Now the brothers sent away both Paul and Silas at once, during the night, to Berea. They went into the synagogue of the Jews *when they* arrived.

11 Now these were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica. They accepted the message with all eagerness, examining the scriptures every day *to see* if these *things* were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed, and not a few of the prominent Greek women and men.

13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica found out that the message of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, they came there too, inciting and stirring up the crowds.

14 So then the brothers sent Paul away at once to go to the sea, and both Silas and Timothy remained there.

15 And those who conducted Paul brought *him* as far as Athens, and *after* receiving an order for Silas and Timothy that they should come to him as soon as possible, they went away.

Paul’s Second Missionary Journey—Athens (Fall 49)

Acts 17:16–34

Paul in the Synagogue at Athens

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was provoked within him *when he* observed the city was full of idols.

17 So he was discussing in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing *Gentiles*, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

18 And even some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him, and some were saying, “What does this babbler want to say?” But *others said*, “He appears to be a proclaimer of foreign deities,” because he was proclaiming the good news *about* Jesus and the resurrection.

Paul's Speech at the Areopagus

19 And they took hold of him *and* brought *him* to the Areopagus, saying, “May we learn what *is* this new teaching being proclaimed by you?
 20 For you are bringing some astonishing things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean.”
 21 (Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who stayed there used to spend *their* time in nothing else than telling something or listening to something new.)
 22 So Paul stood there in the middle of the Areopagus *and* said, “Men of Athens, I see you *are* very religious in every respect.
 23 For *as I* was passing through and observing carefully your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which was inscribed, ‘To an unknown God.’ Therefore what you worship without knowing *it*, this I proclaim to you—
 24 the God who made the world and all the things in it. This one, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by human hands,
 25 nor is he served by human hands *as if he* needed anything, *because* he himself gives to everyone life and breath and everything.
 26 And he made from one *man* every nation of humanity to live on all the face of the earth, determining *their* fixed times and the fixed boundaries of their habitation,
 27 to search for God, if perhaps indeed they might feel around for him and find *him*. And indeed he is not far away from each one of us,
 28 for in him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said: ‘For we also are his offspring.’
 29 Therefore, *because we* are offspring of God, we ought not to think the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and thought.
 30 Therefore *although* God has overlooked the times of ignorance, he now commands all people everywhere to repent,
 31 because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man who he has appointed, having provided proof to everyone *by* raising him from the dead.”
 32 Now *when they* heard about the resurrection of the dead, *some* scoffed, but *others* said, “We will hear you about this again also.”
 33 So Paul went out from the midst of them.
 34 But some people joined him *and* believed, among whom also *were* Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Extended Stay in Corinth (late 49–Summer 51)

Acts 18:1–11

Aquila and Priscilla—Refugees from Rome

1 After these *things* he departed from Athens *and* went to Corinth.
 2 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus who had arrived recently from Italy along with Priscilla his wife, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to depart from Rome, *and* he went to them.
 3 And because *he* was practicing the same trade, he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.

Paul Once Again Rejected by the Jews

4 And he argued in the synagogue every Sabbath, attempting to persuade both Jews and Greeks.
 5 Now when both Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began to be occupied with the message, solemnly testifying to the Jews *that* the Christ was Jesus.
 6 And *when they* resisted and reviled *him*, he shook out *his* clothes *and* said to them, “Your blood *be* on your *own* heads! I am guiltless! From now on I will go to the Gentiles!” [cf. [Ezek 33:1–9](#); [Neh 5:13](#)]

God Encourages Paul

7 And leaving there, he entered into the house of someone named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God whose house was next door to the synagogue.
 8 And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord together with his whole household. And many of the Corinthians, *when they* heard about *it*, believed and were baptized.
 9 And the Lord said to Paul by a vision in the night, “Do not be afraid, but speak and do not keep silent,
 10 because I am with you and no one will attack you to harm you, because many people are mine in this city.” [cf. [1 Cor 2:1–4](#)]
 11 So he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. [cf. [1 Cor 3:10–11](#)]

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