

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

Acts 16:6–12

6 They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the message in the province of Asia.

7 When they came to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to do this,

8 so they passed through Mysia and went down to Troas.

9 A vision appeared to Paul during the night: A Macedonian man was standing there urging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!"

10 After Paul saw the vision, we attempted immediately to go over to Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11 We put out to sea from Troas and sailed a straight course to Samothrace, the next day to Neapolis,

12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of that district of Macedonia, a Roman colony. We stayed 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 On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate to the side of the river, where we thought there would be a place of prayer, and we sat down and began to speak to the women who had assembled there.

14 A woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, a God-fearing woman, listened to us. The Lord opened her heart to respond to what Paul was saying.

15 After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, "If you consider me to be a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

The Demon Possessed Fortune Teller

16 Now as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave girl met us who had a spirit that enabled her to foretell the future by supernatural means. She brought her owners a great profit by fortune-telling.

17 She followed behind Paul and us and kept crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation."

18 She continued to do this for many days. But Paul became greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out of her at once.

Paul and Silas Seized, Beaten and Imprisoned

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

20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are throwing our city into confusion. They are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us to accept or practice, since we are Romans."

22 The crowd joined the attack against them, and the magistrates tore the clothes off Paul and Silas and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

23 After they had beaten them severely, they threw them into prison and commanded the jailer to guard them securely.

24 Receiving such orders, he threw them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

The Great Earthquake

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the rest of the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly a great earthquake occurred, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Immediately all the doors flew open, and the bonds of all the prisoners came loose.

27 When the jailer woke up and saw the doors of the prison standing open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, because he assumed the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul called out loudly, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!"

29 Calling for lights, the jailer rushed in and fell down trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas.

The Philippian Jailer is Saved

30 Then he brought them outside and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household."

32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him, along with all those who were in his house.

33 At that hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and all his family were baptized right away.

34 The jailer brought them into his house and set food before them, and he rejoiced greatly that he had come to believe in God,

together with his entire household.

Paul Demands Justice

35 At daybreak the magistrates sent their police officers, saying, “Release those men.”

36 The jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent orders to release you. So come out now and go in peace.”

37 But Paul said to the police officers, “They had us beaten in public without a proper trial—even though we are Roman citizens—and they threw us in prison. And now they want to send us away secretly? Absolutely not! They themselves must come and escort us out!”

38 The police officers reported these words to the magistrates. They were frightened when they heard Paul and Silas were Roman citizens

39 and came and apologized to them. After they brought them out, they asked them repeatedly to leave the city.

40 When they came out of the prison, they entered Lydia’s house, and when they saw the brothers, they encouraged them and then departed.

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

Acts 17:1–9

1 After they traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.

2 Paul went to the Jews in the synagogue, as he customarily did, and on three Sabbath days he addressed them from the scriptures, 3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead, saying, “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.”

4 Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large group of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

5 But the Jews became jealous, and gathering together some worthless men from the rabble in the marketplace, they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. They attacked Jason’s house, trying to find Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly.

6 When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city officials, screaming, “These people who have stirred up trouble throughout the world have come here too,

7 and Jason has welcomed them as guests! They are all acting against Caesar’s decrees, saying there is another king named Jesus!”

8 They caused confusion among the crowd and the city officials who heard these things.

9 After the city officials had received bail from Jason and the others, they released them.

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

Acts 17:10–15

10 The brothers sent Paul and Silas off to Berea at once, during the night. When they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue.

11 These Jews were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they eagerly received the message, examining the scriptures carefully every day to see if these things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed, along with quite a few prominent Greek women and men.

13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica heard that Paul had also proclaimed the word of God in Berea, they came there too, inciting and disturbing the crowds.

14 Then the brothers sent Paul away to the coast at once, but Silas and Timothy remained in Berea.

15 Those who accompanied Paul escorted him as far as Athens, and after receiving an order for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they left.

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

Acts 17:16–34

Paul in the Synagogue at Athens

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was greatly upset because he saw the city was full of idols.

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

18 Also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him, and some were asking, “What does this foolish babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods.” (They said this because he was proclaiming the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.)

Paul's Speech at the Areopagus

19 So they took Paul and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are proclaiming?
 20 For you are bringing some surprising things to our ears, so we want to know what they mean."
 21 (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there used to spend their time in nothing else than telling or listening to something new.)
 22 So Paul stood before the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in all respects.
 23 For as I went around and observed closely your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: 'To an unknown god.' Therefore what you worship without knowing it, this I proclaim to you.
 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, who is 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 life and breath and everything to everyone.
 26 From one man he made every nation of the human race to inhabit the entire earth, determining their set times and the fixed limits of the places where they would live,
 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope around for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.
 28 For in him we live and move about and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'
 29 So since we are God's offspring, we should not think the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image made by human skill and imagination.
 30 Therefore, although God has overlooked such 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 a man whom he designated, having provided proof to everyone by raising him from the dead."
 32 Now when they heard about the resurrection from the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, "We will hear you again about this."
 33 So Paul left the Areopagus.
 34 But some people joined him and believed. Among them were Dionysius, who was a member of the Areopagus, 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 this Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth.
 2 There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to depart from Rome. Paul approached them,
 3 and because he worked at the same trade, he stayed with them and worked with them (for they were tentmakers by trade).

Paul Once Again Rejected by the Jews

4 He addressed both Jews and Greeks in the synagogue every Sabbath, attempting to persuade them.
 5 Now when Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul became wholly absorbed with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.
 6 When they opposed him and reviled him, he protested by shaking 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 Then Paul left the synagogue and went to the house of a person named Titius Justus, a Gentile who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue.
 8 Crispus, the president of the synagogue, believed in the Lord together with his entire household, and many of the Corinthians who heard about it believed and were baptized.
 9 The Lord said to Paul by a vision in the night, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent,
 10 because I am with you, and no one will assault you to harm you, because I have many people in this city." [cf. [1 Cor 2:1–4](#)]
 11 So he stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. [cf. [1 Cor 3:10–11](#)]

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