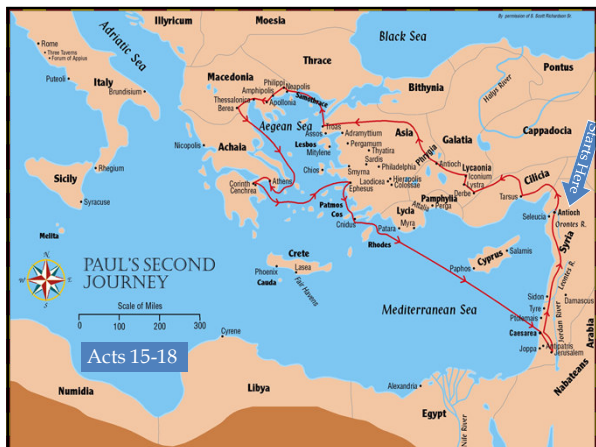


Troas: Where The Message Was Received

"Come Over Into Macedonia And Help Us"

- Troas was a city on the northwestern coast of Mysia in Asia Minor.
- Troas was the place where Paul received the vision in the night, with a request to come over into Macedonia.



Troas: Where The Message Was Received

- Troas was also the place where Paul had "a door opened unto me in the Lord." (Third preaching journey)... 2 Cor. 2:12-13; cf. 2 Cor. 11:28
- Troas was also the place where Paul left his cloak, some books, and parchments. 2 Tim. 4:13
- Troas was also the place where he met with the disciples to break bread upon the first day of the week. Acts 20:5-7



Philippi: A City Of Macedonia, In Need Of The Gospel

- Philippi, was as Troas, a Roman colony, in the province of Macedonia.
- It was on the main road, Via Ignatia, from Thessalonica to Constantinople.
- There was no Jewish synagogue in Philippi.
 - So, seemingly, prayer meetings were held by the riverside and in other places around the city. Acts 16:13,16
- It was at one of these meetings that the gospel was preach, believed, and obeyed. Acts 16:13-15

Philippi: A City Of Conversions

Conversion of Lydia.

- Who was Lydia?
- The sermon presented to her. cf. Acts 13

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Conversion of Lydia.

The effect of the sermon.

- a. **She heard. Verse 14.** Importance of hearing.
James 1:19
- b. **Lord opened her heart. Verse 14**

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How Did The Lord Open Her Heart?

- a. What is the heart? Thinks, Prov. 23:7; Mt. 9:4;
Reasons, Mk. 2:8; Understands, Mt. 13:15;
Believes, Rom. 10:10; Condemns, 1 John 3:20
- b. How was her heart opened? Not by direct operation of H.S. cf. Rom. 10:17; Acts 15:7-9

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- b. **Lord opened her heart. Vs. 14**
- c. **She believed. Vs. 15.** cf. Heb. 11:6
- d. **She was baptized. Vs. 15.** cf. Mk. 16:16

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Conversion of Lydia

Does "her household" include infant baptism?
Assumes too much!

- a. That Lydia was married.
- b. That she had children.
- c. That she had them with her.
- d. That they were too young to believe.
- e. That they were also baptized.

Philippi: A City Of Conversions

Conversion of the Jailor.

- ▣ Who was the Jailor?

 - a. An unbeliever solemnly charged at the peril of his life to keep Paul and Silas securely. Vs. 23
 - b. Attempts suicide supposing the prisoners had escaped. Vs. 27-28
 - c. Fell trembling before Paul and Silas. Vs. 29

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Conversion of the Jailer.

His question: "What must I do to be saved."

- a. Not saved from terrors of earthquake... passed.
- b. Not saved from Roman penalty... prisoners all there.
- c. But saved from divine condemnation.
- d. *What must I do? Not what must **God** or **H.S.** do.*

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Conversion of the Jailer.

The answer: vs. 31

- a. Took him where they found him. A pagan. cf. Pentecostians & Saul.
- b. Not faith only. Knew nothing of Christ or how to believe. cf. John 3:36; Rom. 10:17
- c. Word of the Lord preached. Vs. 32. What did it include? cf. Acts 13.
- d. Clearly implied that he repented. Vs. 33

Philippi: A City Of Conversions

Conversion of the Jailer.

His baptism. Vs. 33

- a. It's importance, same hour of the night.
- b. How performed, Not in jail, vs. 30; not in house, vs. 33-34
- c. Rejoiced afterwards. Vs. 34

Philippi: Church Was A Center For The Spread Of The Gospel And Help For The Needy Saints.

A. Spreading the gospel. Phil. 1:5; 4:15; cf. 2 Cor. 11:8-9

B. Relieving the needs of the saints.
1. They first gave themselves. 2 Cor. 8:1-5; Rom. 15:26

C. Obedient in Paul's presence as well as in his absence. Phil. 2:12-13

The Pleading Cry: "Come Over And Help Us" Still Sounded.

A. The need of spreading the gospel today is just as important as it was when Paul received the appeal in a night vision long ago.

B. Just as the civil, social, economical, and religious conditions had their effect upon the preaching of the gospel in Paul's day, so it does today as well.

Conclusion: The expansion of the gospel depends upon all of us....!