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Acts 21:17-26



MACEDONIA

THRACE

BLACK SEA

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

GALATIA

MARMARA SEA

CAPPADOCIA

ASIA

COMMAGENE

AEGEAN SEA

ACHAIA

CARIA

PAMPHYLIA

CILICIA

LYCIA

SYRIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

PHOENICIA

ABILENE

NABATEA

JUDEA

DEAD SEA

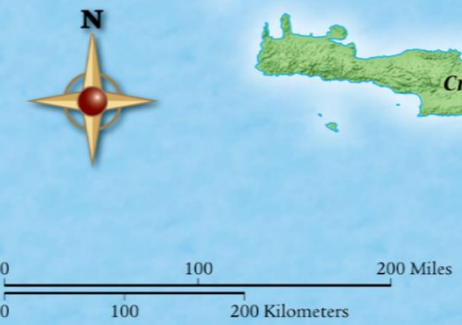
Philippi
Neapolis
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Berea
Apollonia
Thasos
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Lemnos
Troas
Assos
Lesbos
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Athens
Corinth
Sparta

Troas
Assos
Lesbos
Mitylene
Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Smyrna
Ephesus
Hierapolis
Laodicea
Colossae
Miletus
Samos
Patmos
Cos
Rhodes
Patara

Ankara (Angora)
Antioch in Pisidia
Iconium
Lystra
Derbe
Tarsus
Issus
Seleucia Pieria
Antioch
Aleppo

Caesarea
Lake Tuz
Halys River
Euphrates River

Tyre
Sidon
Ptolemais (Acco)
Caesarea Maritima
Jerusalem
Damascus



PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (*Rev. 2-3*)
- ← Paul's route

²⁴I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. ²⁵At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. ²⁶For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. ²⁷For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.

²⁸When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you... ³⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, ³¹that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³²so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.

Romans 15

Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings.

Acts 24:17

¹³ Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Acts 21:13

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Romans 15:30-31

Paul's Missionary Report.

¹⁷ When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. ¹⁸ On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.

Acts 21:17-18

Paul's Missionary Report.

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Acts 21:19-20

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²⁰ And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law,

Acts 21:20

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²¹ and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs.

Acts 21:21

What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. ²³ Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; ²⁴ take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law.

Acts 21:22-24

Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

Acts 21:26

The reason Paul did it.

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1–2

The reason Paul did it.

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3–4

The reason Paul did it.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

The reason Paul did it.

²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:19–23

‘a truly emancipated spirit such as Paul’s is not in bondage to its own emancipation’.

F. F. Bruce



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