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Jerusalem-Temple Mount and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit



Commission to the Apostles

Prologue

(<u>Luke 1:1–4</u>)

<u>1</u>In my first book, O Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach, <u>2</u>until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit **to the apostles** He had chosen.<u>3</u>After His suffering, He presented Himself **to them** with many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a span of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

<u>4</u>And while they were gathered together, He commanded **them**: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised, which you have heard Me discuss. <u>5</u>For John baptized with water, but in a few days **you** will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."



The Ascension of Jesus

- <u>6</u>So when they came together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
- <u>7</u>Jesus replied, "It is not for **you** to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority.<u>8</u>But **you** will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and **you** will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- **9**After He had said this, **they** watched as He was taken up, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. **10They** were looking intently into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. **11**"**Men of Galilee**," they said, "why do **you** stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from **you** into heaven, will come back in the same way **you** have seen Him go into heaven."



The Apostles in Jerusalem

<u>12</u>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near the city, a Sabbath day's journey away. <u>13</u>When they arrived, they went to the upper room where they were staying: Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <u>14</u>With one accord they all continued in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.



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Choosing of Matthias

<u>21</u>Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <u>**22</u>**beginning from John's baptism until the day Jesus was taken up from **us**. For one of these must become a witness with **us** of His resurrection."</u>

23So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24And they prayed, "Lord, You know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two You have chosen 25 to take up this ministry and apostleship, which Judas abandoned to go to his rightful place." 26Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.



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The Eleven Apostles, the Day of Pentecost and Solomon's Portico (Porch)

<u>1</u>When the day of Pentecost came, **they** were all together in one place. <u>2</u>Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where **they** were sitting. <u>3</u>They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and came to rest on each of **them**. <u>4</u>And **they** were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled **them**.

<u>5</u>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <u>6</u>And when this sound rang out, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking his own language.

<u>7</u>Astounded and amazed, they asked, "Are not all **these men who are speaking** Galileans? <u>8</u>How is it then that each of us hears **them** in his own native

language? <u>9</u>Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <u>c</u> <u>10</u>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome, <u>11</u>both Jews and converts to Judaism; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

12Astounded and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" **13**But *others mocked* them and said, "**They** are drunk on new wine!"



The Eleven Apostles Are Baptized in the Spirit and are Witnesses of the Resurrection

<u>14</u>Then Peter stood up **with the Eleven**, lifted up his voice, and addressed the crowd: "*Men of Judea* and *all who dwell* in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen carefully to my words. <u>**15**</u> These men are not drunk, as you suppose.

<u>32</u>God has raised this Jesus to life, to which we are all witnesses.



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The Temple Mount

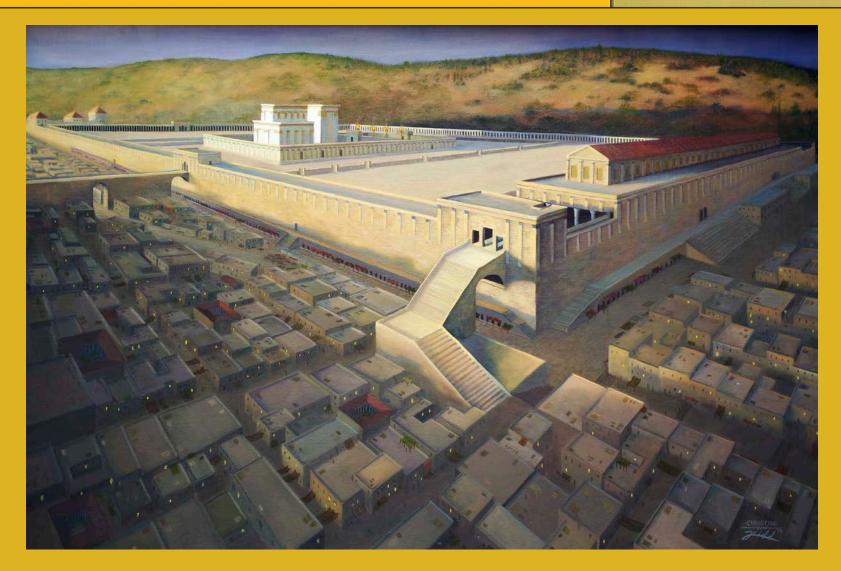








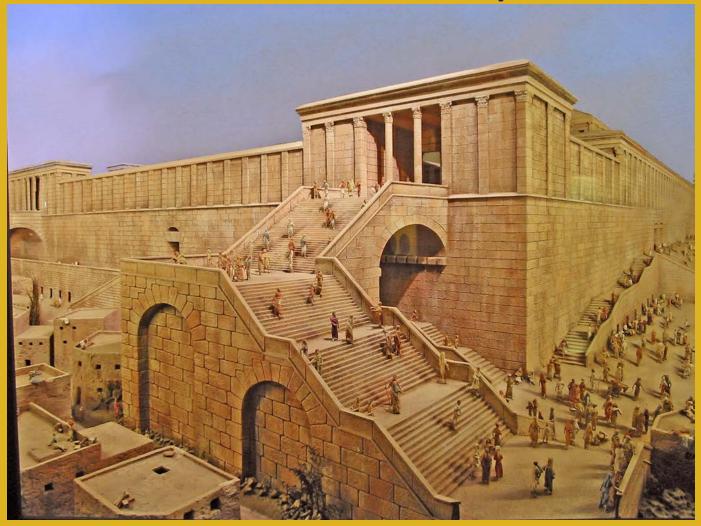




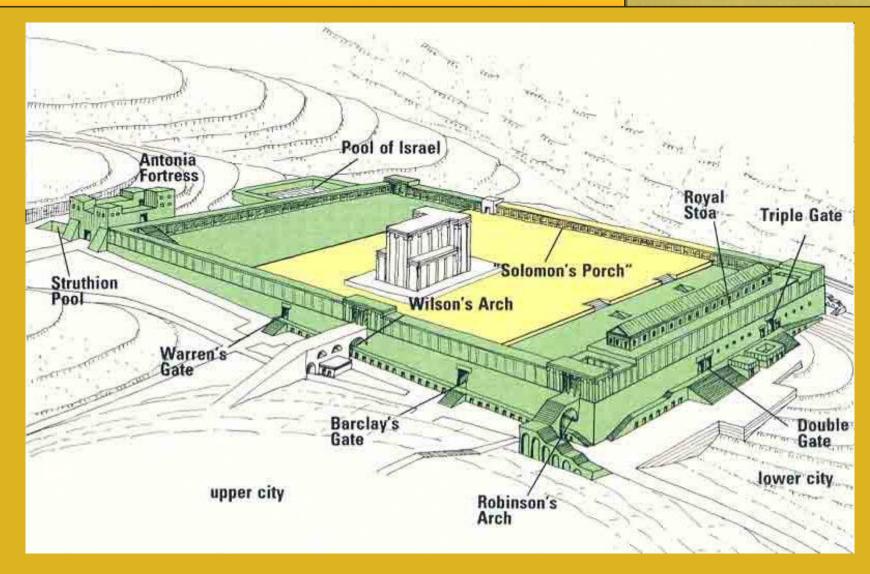


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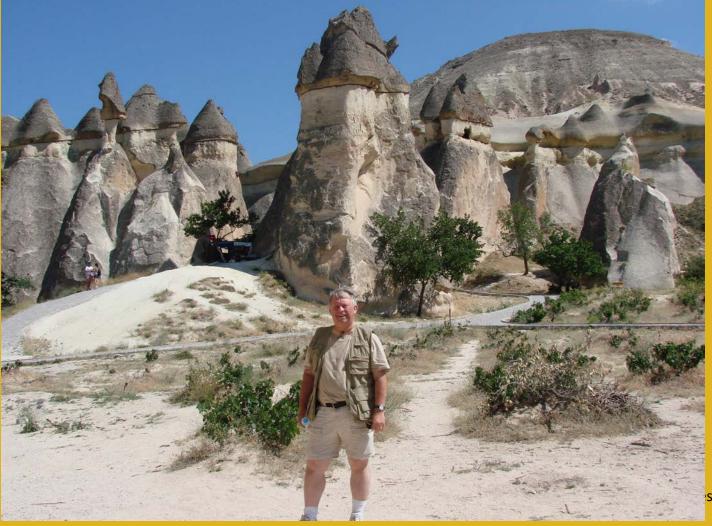






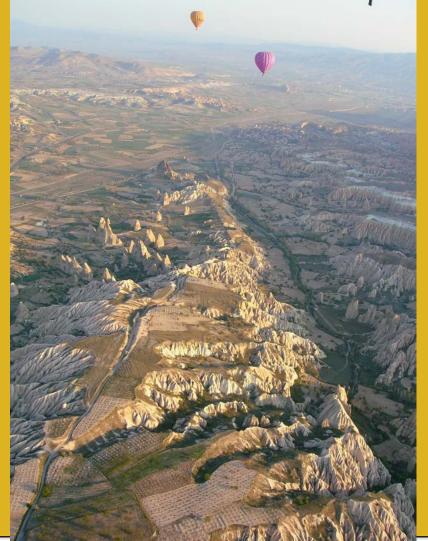


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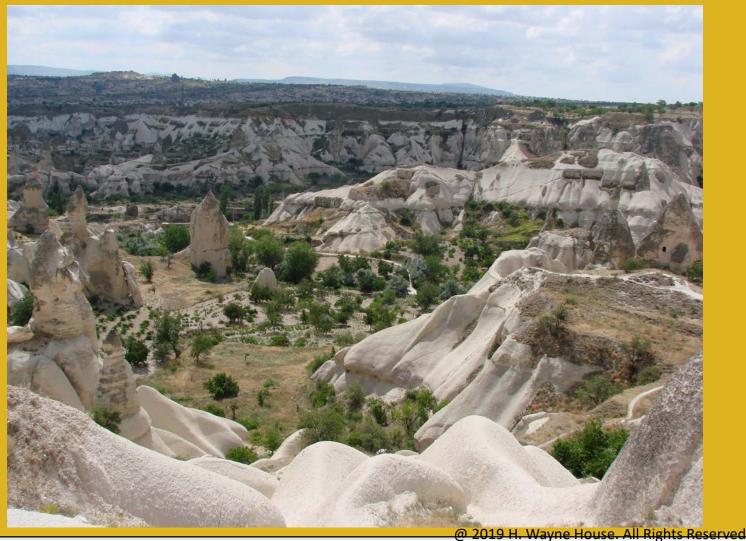
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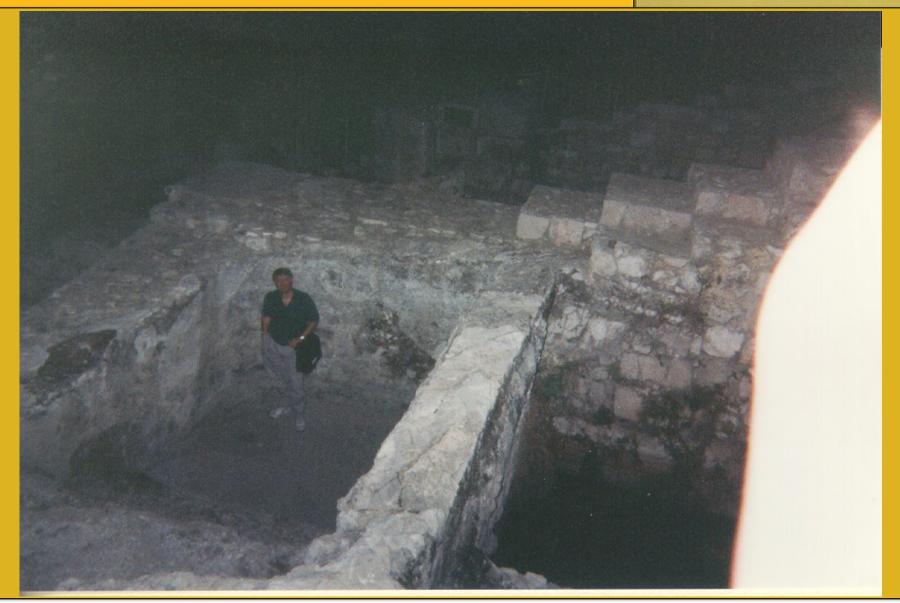
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Southern Wall of Temple Mount Steps and 31 Mikveh



















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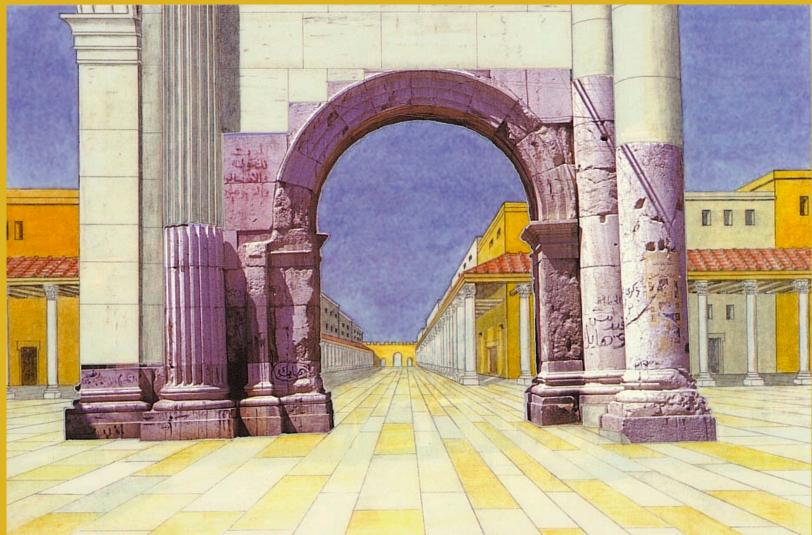
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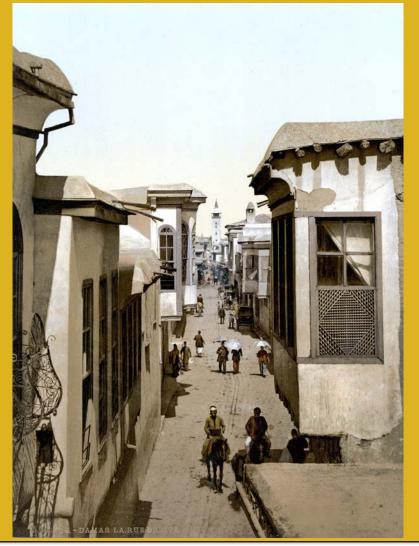
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THE TRAVELS OF PAUL



CYPRUS AND SERGIUS PAULUS

Now when they had gone through <u>[a]</u>the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name *was* Bar-Jesus, <u>7</u>who was with the proconsul, **Sergius Paulus**, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. <u>8</u>But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. <u>9</u>Then **Saul**, who also *is called* **Paul**, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him <u>10</u>and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, *you* son of the devil, *you* enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? <u>11</u>And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord *is* upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time."

And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. <u>12</u>Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.



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CYPRUS AND SERGIUS PAULUS





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ROMAN ROAD TO TARSUS





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INSCRIPTION IN TARSUS





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – DIOCLETIAN RUINS





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – ROAD INTO EPHESUS





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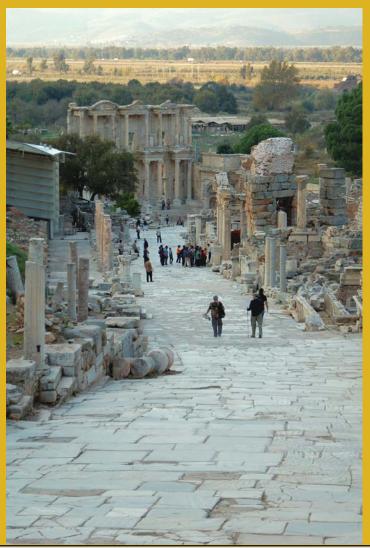
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PAUL IN EPHESUS – OUTSIDE EPHESUS





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – TYCHE





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – MENORAH ON THE STREET





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – STATUTE OF ARTEMIS (DIANA)





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – ROAD TO THE BAY





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – TEMPLE OF TRAJAN





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – THEATER





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – PUBLIC LATRINE (BUCEES IS MUCH BETTER)





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – PUBLIC GAMES





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – EARLIEST PAINTING OF PAUL, WITH THECLA AND MARY





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – LOOKING AT CITY CENTER FROM THEATER





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PAUL IN EPHESUS – ENTRANCE INTO EPHESUS





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PAUL IN CORINTH – LOOKING ON SITE FROM ACROCORINTH





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PAUL IN CORINTH – ACROCORINTH





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PAUL IN CORINTH – AGORA, ON VIA EGNATIA (EGNATIAN WAY)





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PAUL IN CORINTH – PUBLIC BATH





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PAUL IN CORINTH – MENTION OF SENECA THE YOUNGER





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PAUL IN CORINTH – VOTIVE OFFERINGS





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Ομοιώματα μελών του ανθρώπινου σώματος, αφιερώματα στον Ασκληπιό. 4ου π.Χ. Από το Ασκληπιέιο. Dedications of Body Parts, offerings to Asklepios, 4th c. B.C. From the Asklepielon.



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PAUL IN CORINTH – TEMPLE OF APOLLO WITH ACROCORINTH BEHIND





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PAUL IN CORINTH – CORINTHIAN CAPITAL





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PAUL IN CORINTH – ENGRAVINGS FROM JEWISH SYNAGOGUE





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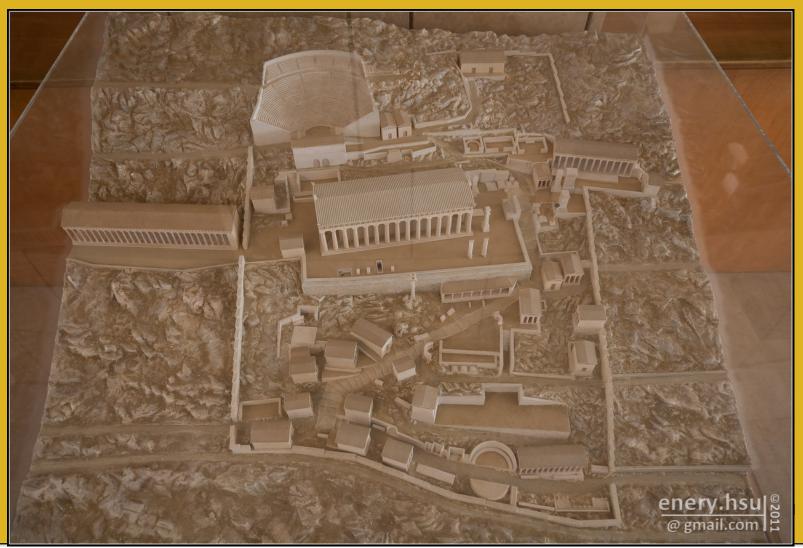
PAUL IN CORINTH – ISTHMUS (CORINTHIAN) CANAL





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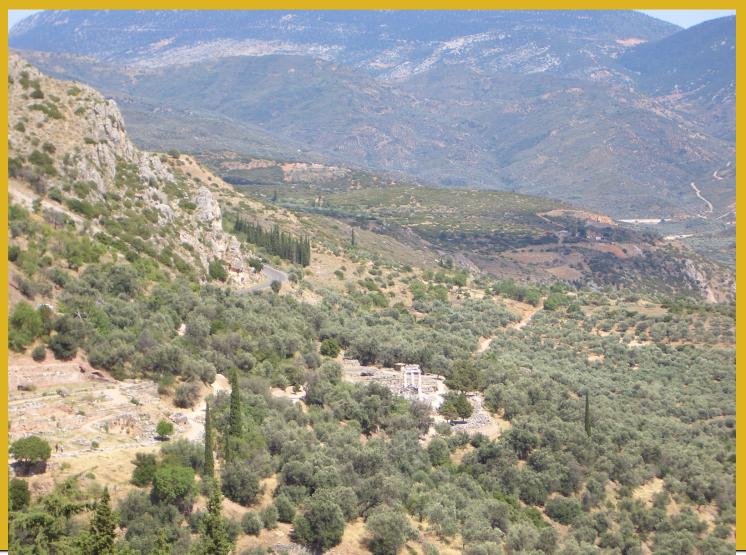
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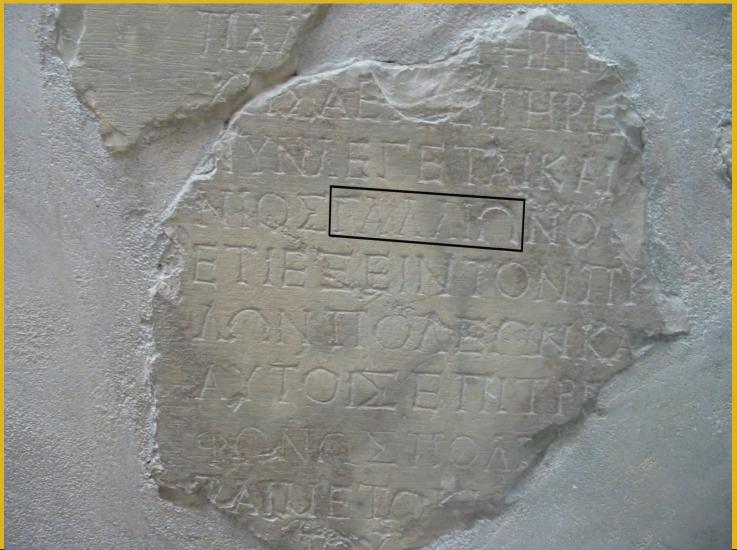
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PAUL IN GREECE – DELPHI, INSCRIPTION WITH GALLIO





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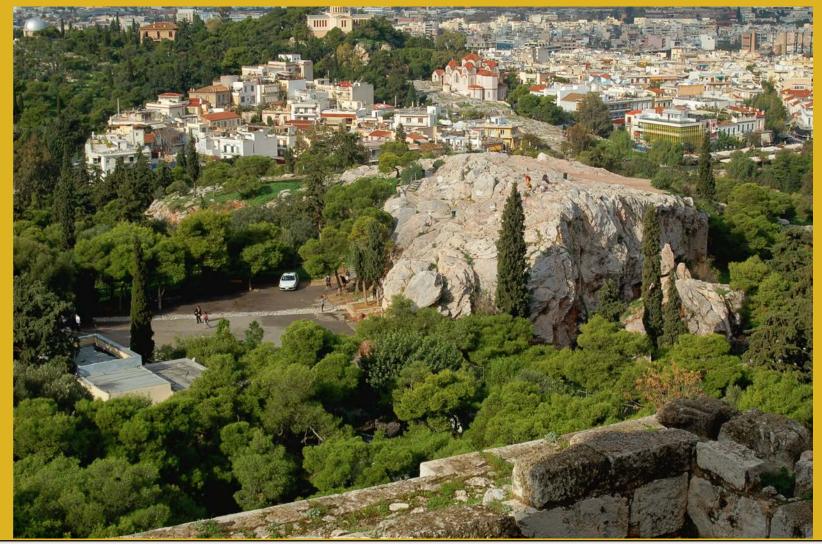


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PAUL IN GREECE – ATHENS, AREOPAGUS (MARS HILL)





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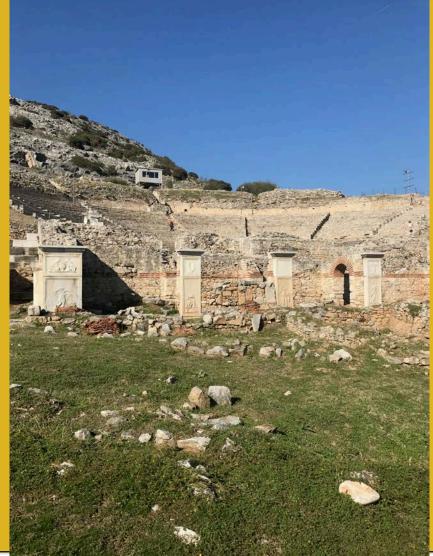


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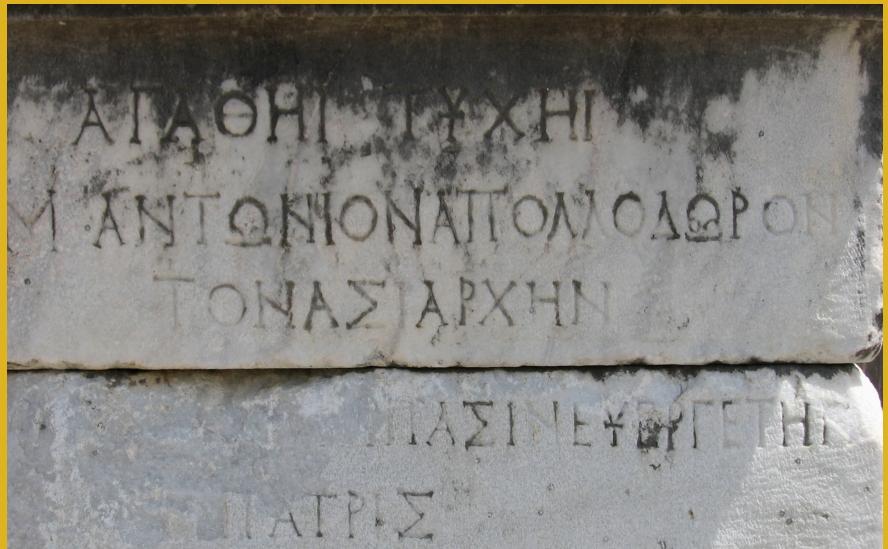


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PAUL IN THESSALONICA- RULERS OF THE CITY (ACTS 17:6, 8)



But when they failed to find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here too; <u>7</u> and Jason has welcomed them [into his house and protected them]! And they all are saying things contrary to the decrees of Caesar, [actually] claiming that there is another king, Jesus." <u>8</u>They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. <u>9</u>And when they had taken security (bail) from Jason and the others, they let them go.

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JEWS IN BEREA- RECEIVED GOSPEL WITH EAGERNESS (ACTS 17:6, 8)



Now these people were more noble *and* open-minded than those in Thessalonica, so they received the message [of salvation through faith in the Christ] with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. <u>12</u>As a result many of them became believers, together with a number of prominent Greek women and men.



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CAESAREA MARITIMA-JUDGMENT HALL





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CAESAREA MARITIMA-THEATER





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CAESAREA MARITIMA-POSSIBLE PRISON AREA





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CAESAREA MARITIMA-PALACE BATH





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CAESAREA MARITIMA-HIPPODROME





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CAESAREA MARITIMA-HIPPODROME AND BEACH





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CAESAREA-HEROD'S PALACE





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Jerusalem and the Destruction of the Temple Mount









