

Joyful Christian Living

Philippians 1-4

Philippians 1:6 - ⁶For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:21 - ²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 2:5–8 - ⁵Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:12–13 - ¹²So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Philippians 3:14 - ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:20–21 - ²⁰For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

Philippians 4:4 - ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Philippians 4:8 - ⁸Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Philippians 4:13 - ¹³I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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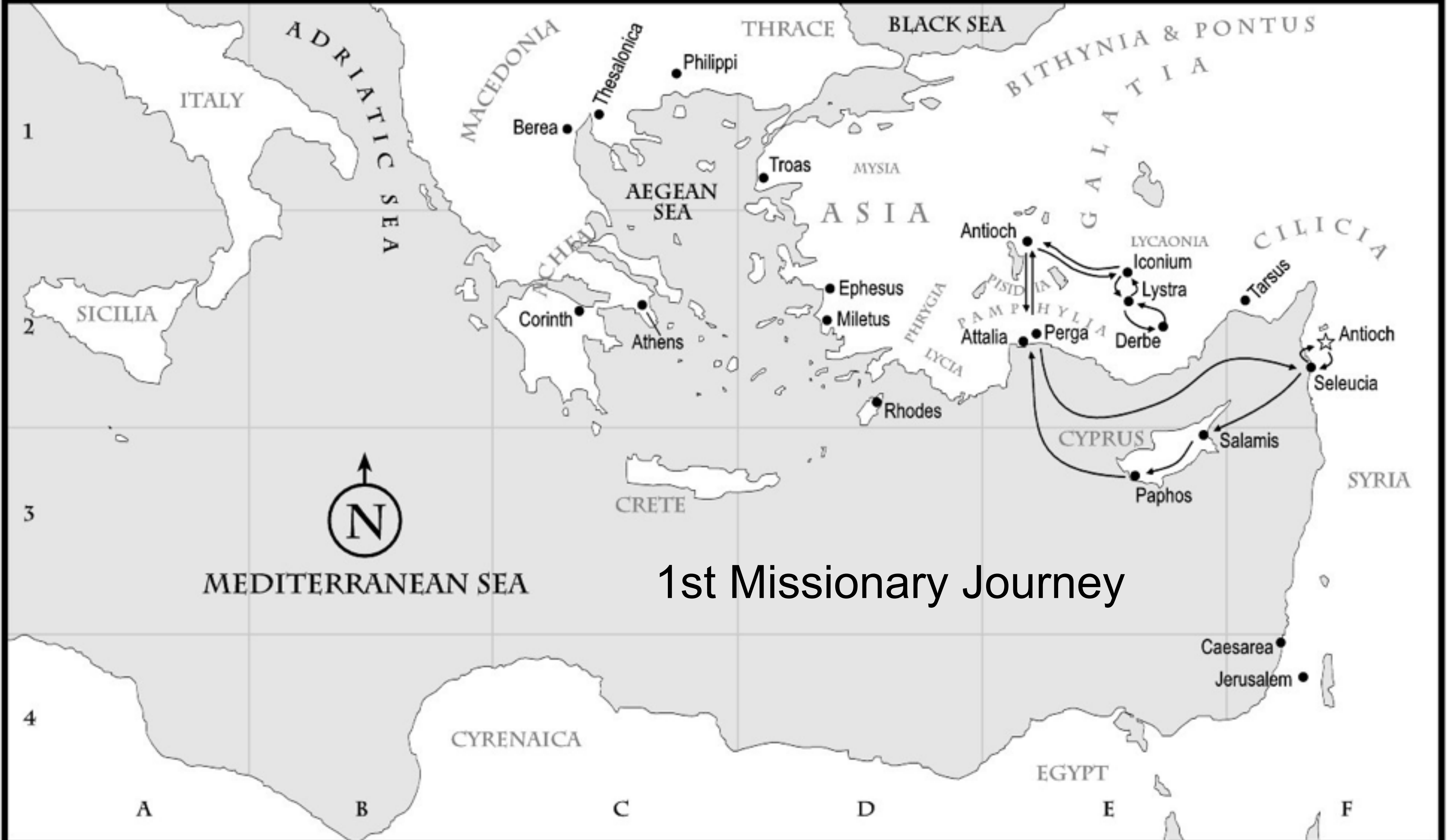
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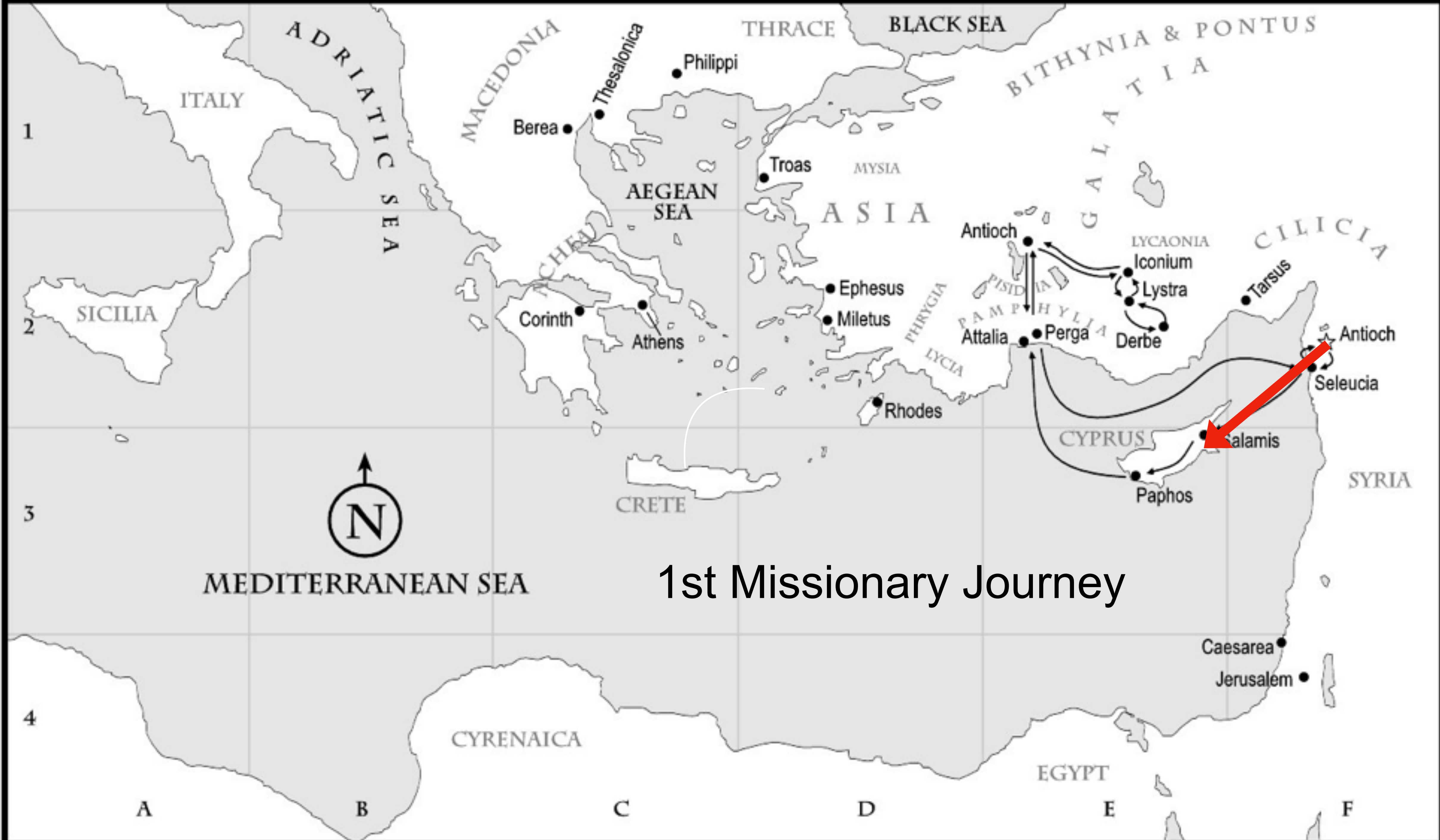


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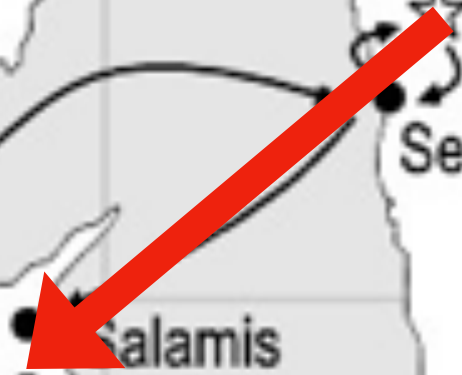
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1 Timothy 1:2 - ²To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:5 - ⁵For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.

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6. At night, a vision appeared to Paul of a man of Macedonia appealing to Paul to "Come over to Macedonia and help us" - Acts 16:9



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Philip II of Macedon (reigned 359–336 BC) was the father of Alexander the Great. He was a brilliant military strategist who transformed Macedonia from a weak kingdom into the dominant power in Greece by creating the Macedonian phalanx and a professional army. He laid the foundation for his son's conquests before being assassinated in 336 BC. He had changed the name of the city Crenides to Philippi in 356 BC.

II. THE MINISTRY IN PHILIPPI

Acts 16:13-40

1. Ministry at the Riverside - Salvation of Lydia - v. 13-15

Down by the river where a shrine was built on the spot where they believe Paul met Lydia.



Gary & Barb Dunlap
“Philippi yesterday was very special. Saw where Paul was jailed and saw where he met Lydia by the river.”





Picture of the partial excavation around the prison site.



Prison
Apostle Paul

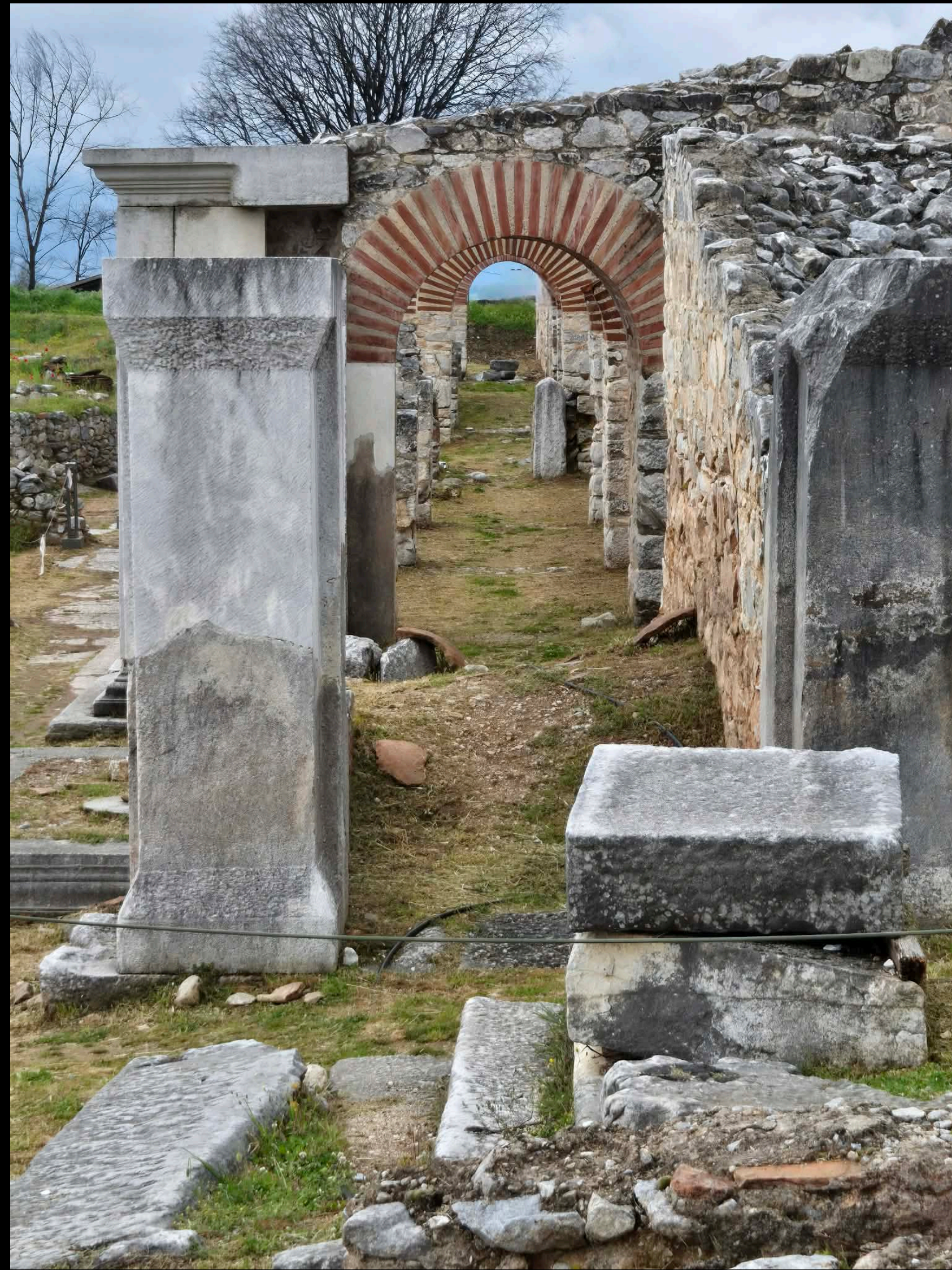


The ruins of Philippi with the forum in the foreground and the basilica that was built later, around 400 AD. This top of the basilica is all that was exposed that archaeologists saw when they started excavating the site about 100 years ago. The whole city was destroyed by an earthquake around 600AD, which reminds us of an earthquake also happening during Paul's time.



Another picture of the ruins of the forum.

One of the streets in Philippi



Theatre used as an arena in Philippi. "I am happy to report no Christians harmed during our visit."

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Acts 16:31 - ³¹They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

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5. Paul and Silas released from prison - v. 35-40

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“The letter to the Philippians is one of the most joyous books in the Bible.”

“The Life of Joy and Peace” - title to Martyn Lloyd Jones Philippians commentary

Philippians “breathes the rare perfume of Christian joy and peace in a context of suffering.”

“Even though he wrote from prison, Paul’s letter exults in the joy of the gospel and the great hope which it brings those who know Christ”

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Philippians 1-4

Author: Apostle Paul while in prison in Rome in partnership with Timothy -
v. 1:1

Recipients - All believers in Christ Jesus including the elders and deacons
- v. 1:2

Greeting - Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ - v. 1:3

III. THE LETTER TO PHILIPPI Philippians 1-4

1. Partakers with Christ - Philippians 1

a. Paul's thanks and prayers for the believers in the gospel of Jesus Christ - v. 4-11 (1:6)

b. Paul's personal imprisonment related to the continued advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ - v. 12-20 (1:12)

c. Paul's personal evaluation of life versus death - v. 21-26 (1:23-24)

d. Paul's personal encouragement to live out the gospel even in undesirable circumstances- v. 27-30 (1:29)

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2. People of Christ - Philippians 2

- a. Paul encourages believers to be like Christ in His humble humanity
- v. 1-18 (2:5-7)

- b. Paul provides the examples of Timothy and Epaphroditus - v. 19-30

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3. Pursuit of Christ - Philippians 3

a. Paul's warning against legalism - v. 1-16 (3:4)

b. Paul's warning against lawlessness - v. 17-21 (3:18-19)

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4. Power of Christ - Philippians 4

a. Paul's encouragement to pursue excellence in the Christian life -
v. 1-9 (4:8)

b. Paul's encouragement to live in contentment trusting in God's
power and provisions - v. 10-20 (4:19)

c. Paul's Farewell - v. 21-23

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