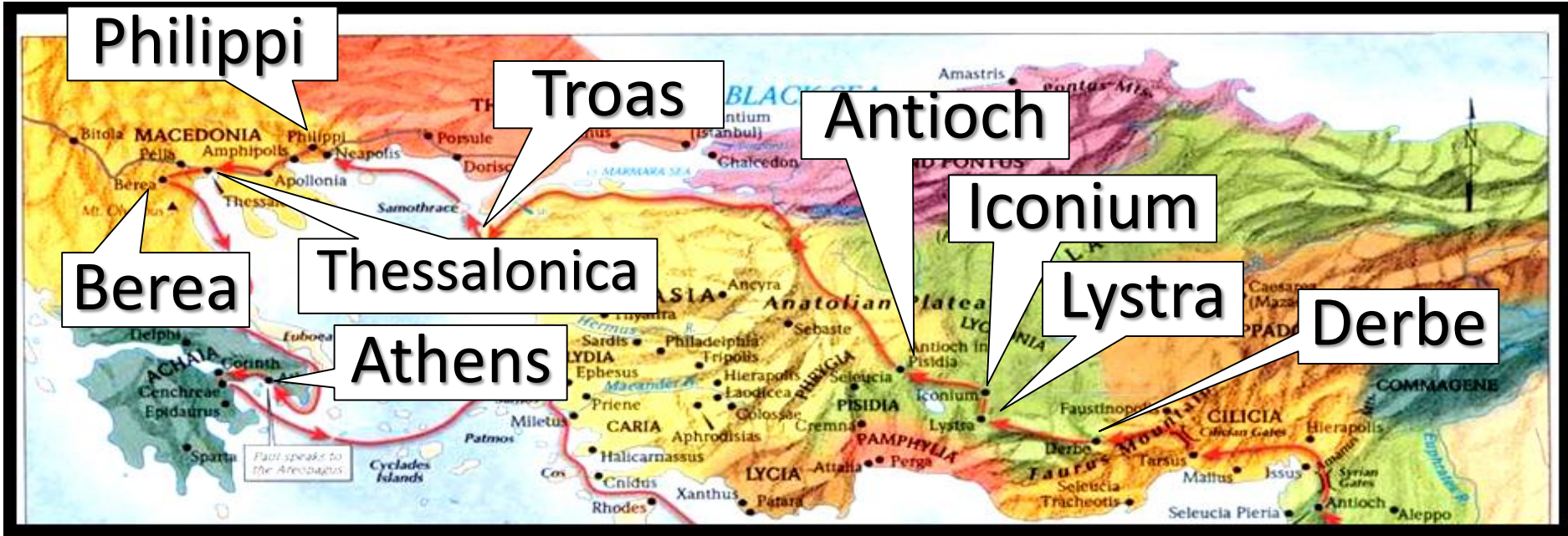


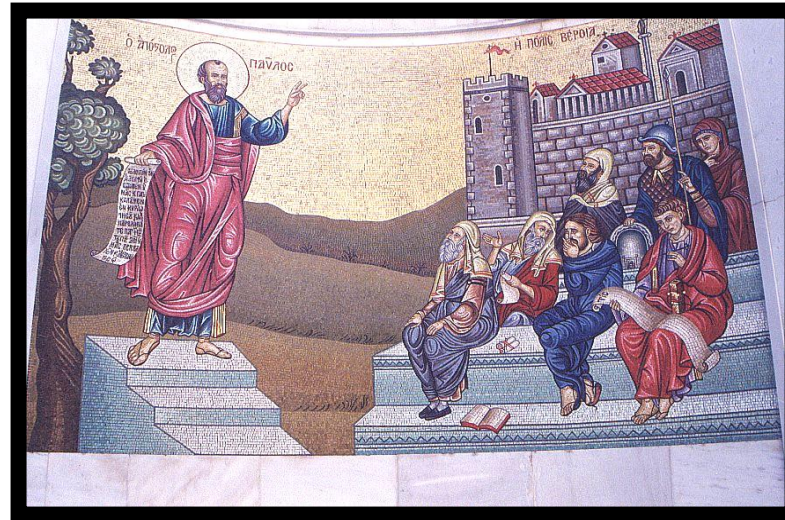
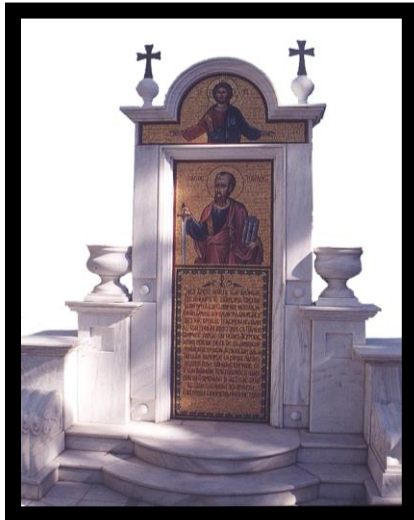
Acts 17:10-34
2nd Journey
Thessalonica & Athens



The Egnatian Way was the main land route across northern Greece. Paul would follow this road from Neapolis to Philippi and Thessalonica.

Paul in Berea (Acts 17 : 10-15)

17:10 Immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea.. and when they arrived they went into a synagogue of the Jews



50 mi SW of
Thessalonica

Ancient Berean synagogue foundation where modern mosaics have been placed in honor of the visit by Paul

Paul in Berea (Acts 17 : 10-15)

17:11 These were more noble minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the scriptures daily...

1 Thess 5:21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good



17:12 Many of them therefore believed along with a number of the prominent Greek women & men. They'd done the research

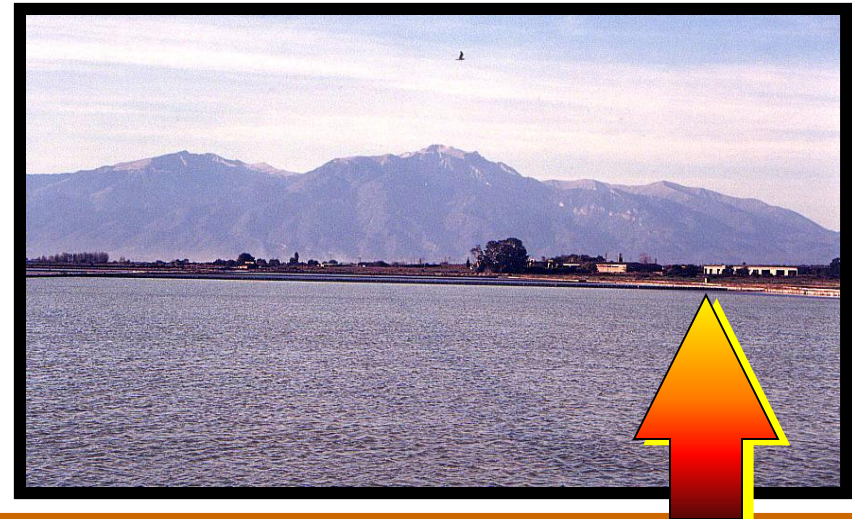
Paul in Berea (Acts 17 : 10-15)

17:13 When the Jews of Thessalonica found out that the ... they came there likewise, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

They heard and came 50 miles !!!

17:14 Immediately the brethren sent Paul to go as far as far as the sea...

- Leaving kept the Jews from making it a court case.



If Paul went by sea— he could have caught a ship in Pydna above, some 16 mi from Berea. Mt. Olympus in background

Paul in Berea (Acts 17 : 10-15)

17:14 And Silas & Timothy remained there...

Where was Luke?
(Acts 16:40)

Where is Timothy &
Silas now?

Though at risk for safety they would encourage the church

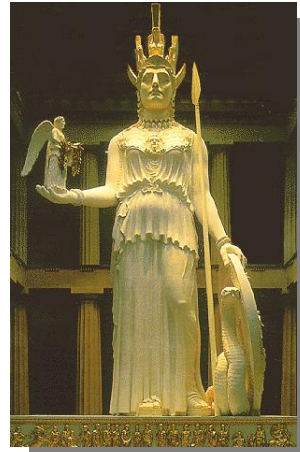
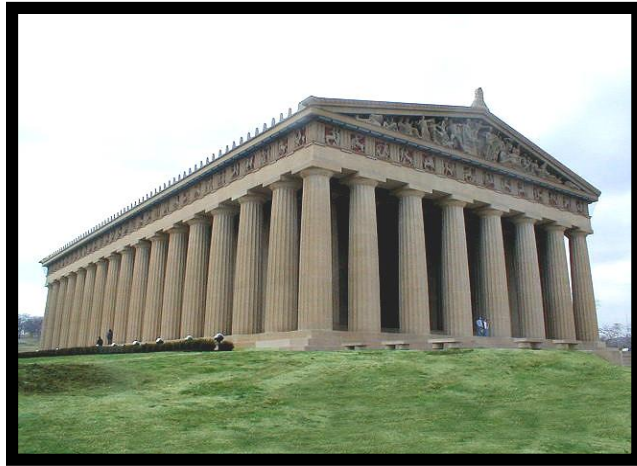
Calls for Tim then sends him to Thessalonica (1 Thes 3:1-2)

17:15 And those that conducted Paul brought
him as far as Athens **500 miles away**

Look at this great attitude. They didn't just SEND Paul.
They personally took him 500 miles & had a return
trip of that amount!

Paul in Athens (Acts 17 : 16-34)

17:16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols.



Athena

Dionysius – wine

Hermes – speed

Ares – of war

Aphrodite – love
and beauty

Zeus – Chief God

Hercules – strength

Nemesis – revenge

Nike – victory

Pan – trickster

Eros – love

**Unknown
god 17:23**

Paul in Athens (Acts 17 : 16-34)

17:17 So he was reasoning in the *synagogue* with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the *market place* every day with those who happened to be present.

17:18 And also some of the *Epicurean & Stoic* philosophers were conversing with him.



Greek idea was it's a Spirit of a devout man

Some were saying, "What would this idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of *strange deities*,"--because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

Paul in Athens (Acts 17 : 16-34)

17:19 And they brought him to the Areopagus saying “May we know what is this new teaching you are proclaiming?”

Areopagus

“Hill of **ARES**”

Greek god of War was “*tried*” here.

Not a room, but area for defense before High Court.

Roman god= “Mars”

Hence Mar’s Hill



Paul in Athens (Acts 17 : 16-34)

17:22-31 PAUL'S SERMON ON MAR'S HILL

v. 22 Respectful Address
(*very religious*)

v. 23 Catches their Interest
(*unknown god*)

v. 28 Appeals to their authorities
(*one of your poets*)

v. 31 Gives a strong conclusion
(*resurrection of the dead*)

v. 32-34 Not many respond.
(*Philosophy professors won't*)

