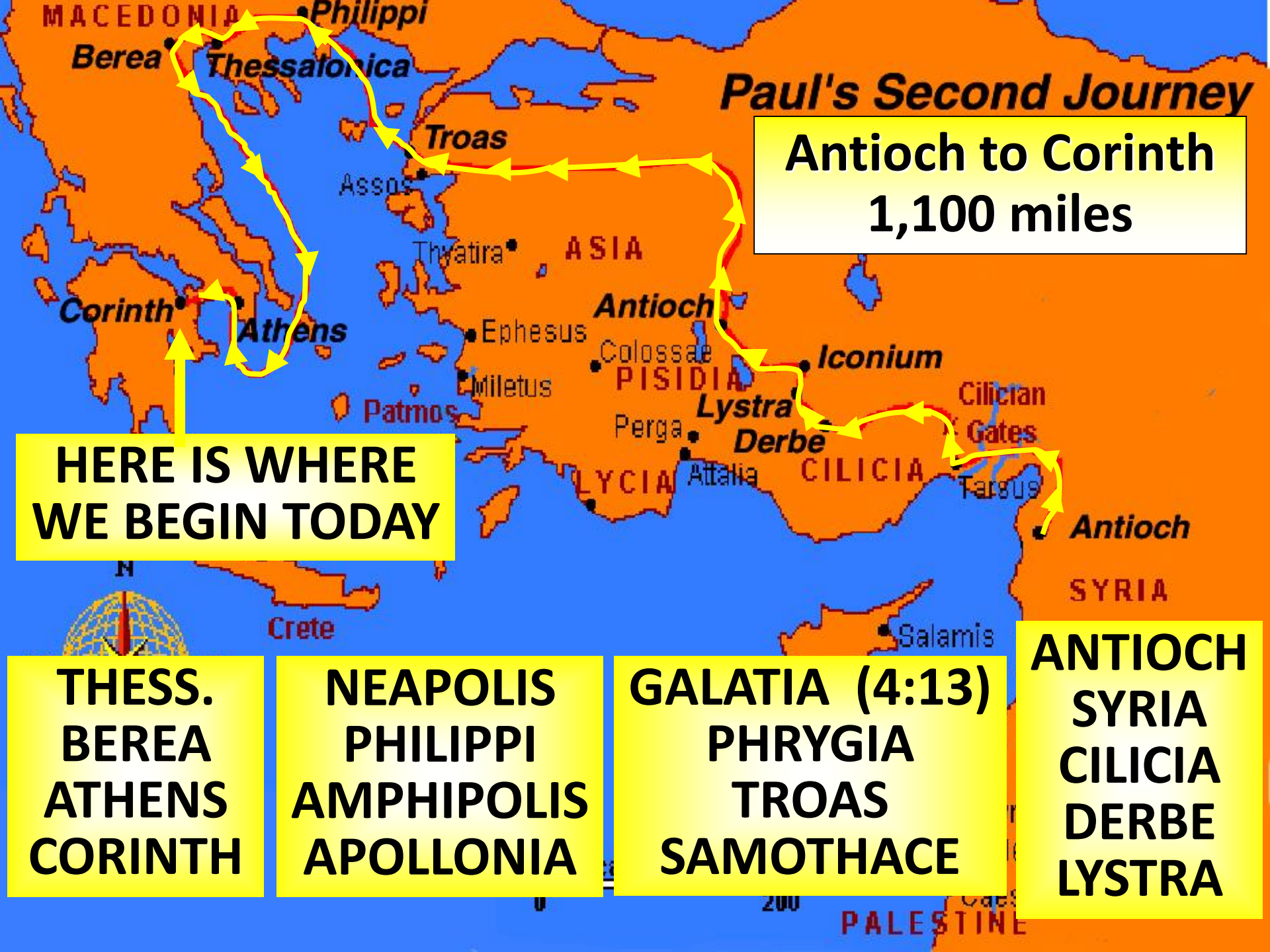


Acts 18
2nd Journey
~ Corinth ~



Paul's Second Journey

**Antioch to Corinth
1,100 miles**

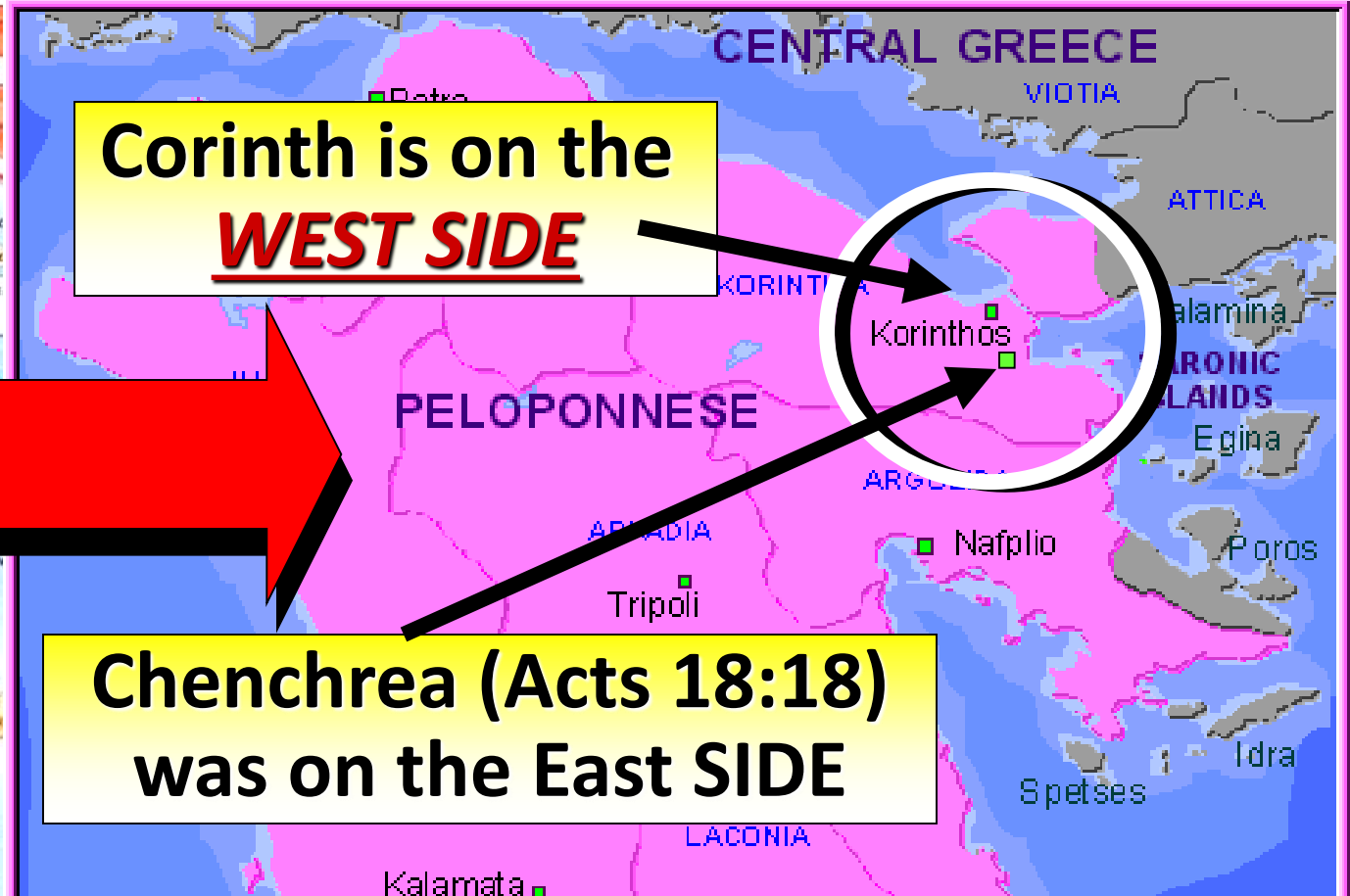
**HERE IS WHERE
WE BEGIN TODAY**

**THESS.
BEREA
ATHENS
CORINTH**

**NEAPOLIS
PHILIPPI
AMPHIPOLIS
APOLLONIA**

**GALATIA (4:13)
PHRYGIA
TROAS
SAMOTHACE**

**ANTIOCH
SYRIA
CILICIA
DERBE
LYSTRA**



Next is a blow up map.

This was home to the great *Isthmian festival*, which athletes & delegates from the *whole Greek-speaking world attended*. Trainers, directors, and the athletes, prior to the contest had to swear *on the Altar of Poseidon* that they would perform their offices according to the rules and *would use no unlawful means to obtain victory*.

Paul Begins Work in Corinth (Acts 18 : 1-4)

The Corinthian canal is only four miles in length— & joins the Adriatic and Aegean Seas.

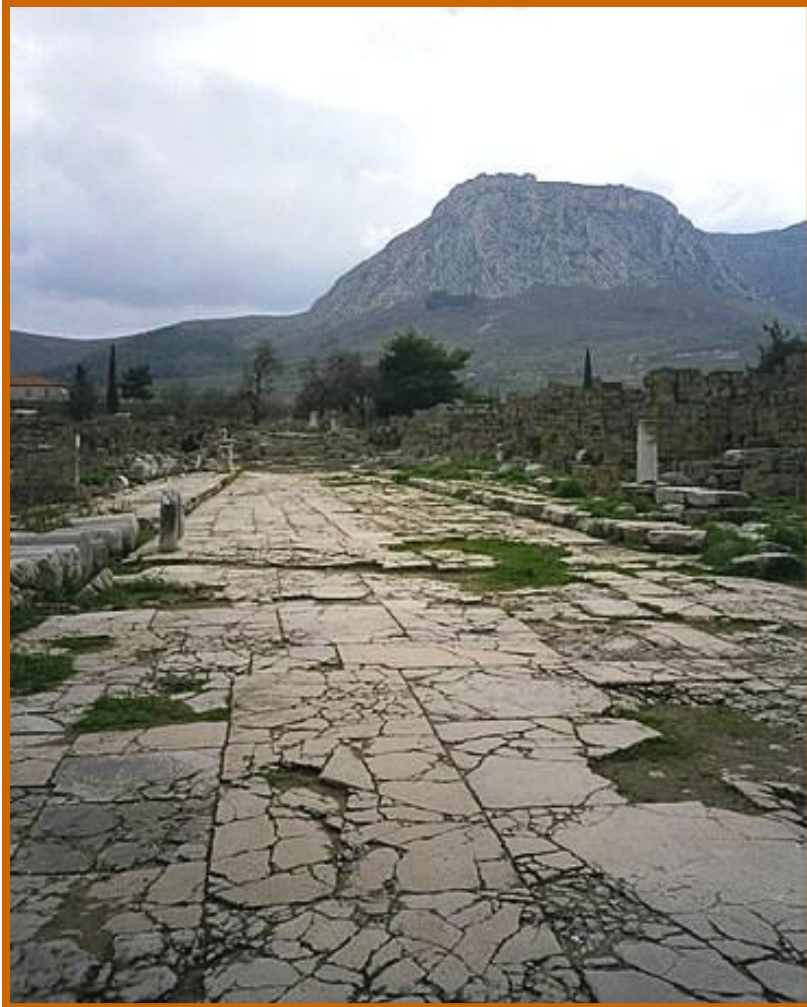
*It was completed between 1882 and 1893. Nero attempted the building of a canal in this place but his efforts met with **failure**.*

Poseidon, chief god of the Isthmus, was ruler of the sea & earthquakes. The Isthmus, has more earthquakes than any other part of the Greek peninsula. The worship of Poseidon goes back to the eighth century B.C



Poseidon

Paul Begins Work in Corinth (Acts 18 : 1-4)



Paul traveled from Athens to **Corinth** & stayed with Aquila and Priscilla. (18:1)

At Corinth Paul made his living by making **Tents**. (Acts 18:3)

Here, Paul wrote the Letter of **1 Thessalonians** to the Christians at Thessalonica. (See Acts 18:5)

Paul Begins Work in Corinth (Acts 18 : 1-4)

18:1 After these things he left Athens..

After minimal success with intellectuals (17:34)

and went to Corinth..

*Roman colony, known for wealth, luxury, immorality.
It also had a large Jewish population*



Paul Begins Work in Corinth (Acts 18 : 1-4)

18:2 He found a Jew named *Aquila*.. Recently come from Italy with his wife *Priscilla*

Paul formed a *friendship* with this couple that lasted the rest of his life (*Rom 16:3-4*) AD 57-58.

18:3 Because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them .. *they were tentmakers*

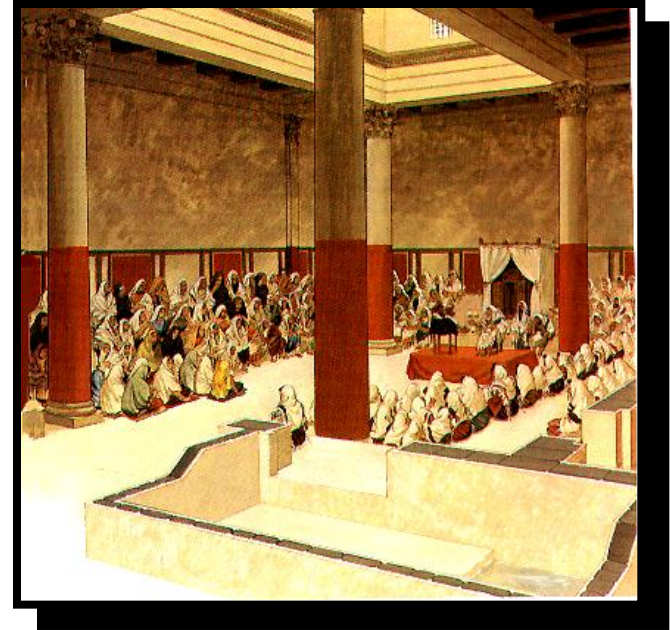


Not *Christians* yet or it would have been mentioned.

Paul Begins Work in Corinth (Acts 18 : 1-4)

18:4 He was reasoning in the **Synagogue** every Sabbath.. trying to persuade Jews & Greeks

(Acts 17:1-2) According to Paul's custom ...



Paul was an apostle, not a Sabbatarian.

- Paul was by birth, **a Jew**. (Acts 22:3)
- He was sent by Christ to **Jews & Greeks** (Acts 9:15)
- He showed the suffering Messiah **was Jesus** (18:5^b)
- It gave him an immediate audience **& church core**.



CORINTH was the keeper of the temple of **VENUS**, the Goddess of sexual love.

Some prostitutes would engrave on the soles of their sandals. **"FOLLOW ME"**

If a young girl went bad, she was said to have: **"CORINTHIZED"**

Having little success in the **Intellectual Capital** he went to the **Political & Commercial Capital**,
THE CITY OF IMMORALITY.

Arrival of Silas & Timothy (Acts 18 : 5-11)

18:5 But when *Silas and Timothy* came down from *Macedonia*

Here Paul wrote
1 Thessalonians

*In Corinth when
Timothy came down.
Proof = on next slide !*

1 THESSALONIANS

- 1-3 Personal feelings
- 4 Reason for writing
- 5 Exhortations



2 THESSALONIANS

**2:1 – Correct the misunderstanding of *the 2nd Coming*.
Won't be soon, get to work!**

Paul's Second Journey

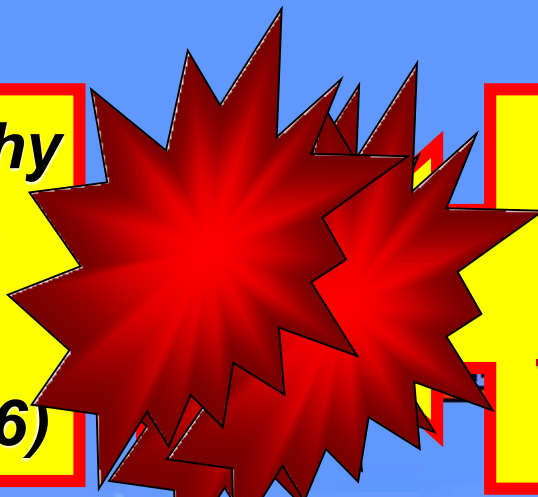
Tim & Silas had remained in Berea (Acts 17:10, 14)

1. **Tim & Silas** told to come to **Athens** as soon as can. Acts 17:15

2. **Timothy** came from Berea to **Athens** & is sent up to Thess. 1 Thes 3:1-2

3. **Now** that Timothy has come **TO** us **FROM YOU...** (1Thes 3:1-2, 5-6)

When Tim (Acts 18:5) came from Macedonia. **Right HERE** Paul writes **1 THESSALONIANS.**



Arrival of Silas & Timothy (Acts 18 : 5-11)

18:6 they resisted and blasphemed.. He shook out his garments and said *your BLOOD be upon your own heads*

Your are responsible !
(Ezk 3:17-21; Acts 20:26-27)

18:7 Departed from there and went to the house of *Titus Justus a worshiper of God* whose *house was next to the synagogue.*

- This man was a gentile *half-proselyte*, not yet described as a disciple— but sympathetic to Paul.
- But he, (and now Paul) lived *RIGHT NEXT DOOR* to the Jewish antagonists. *Scary !*

Arrival of Silas & Timothy (Acts 18 : 5-11)

18:8 And *Crispus the leader of the synagogue* believed in the Lord with all his household...

Paul *baptized* him (1 Cor 1:14).
A man of confident sincerity, around whom a congregation could be built.

18:8^b And *MANY* of the *Corinthians* when they heard were believing and being baptized.

- *Intellectuals & the rich usually aren't converted.*
- *Are we looking for prospect among right people?*
- *Are we fearful? Paul was! (Acts 18:9; 1 Cor 2:3)*

Arrival of Silas & Timothy (Acts 18 : 5-11)

18:9-10 And the Lord said in a vision “Do not be afraid any longer for I am with you and no man will attack you...

Happens two more times:

▶ Acts 23:11 Lord said, “Take courage...”

▶ Acts 27:23-24 Angel said “Do not be afraid Paul..”

18:11 And he settled there a year and six months teaching the word of God among them..

2 Thess



written here

in Corinth. (18:11)

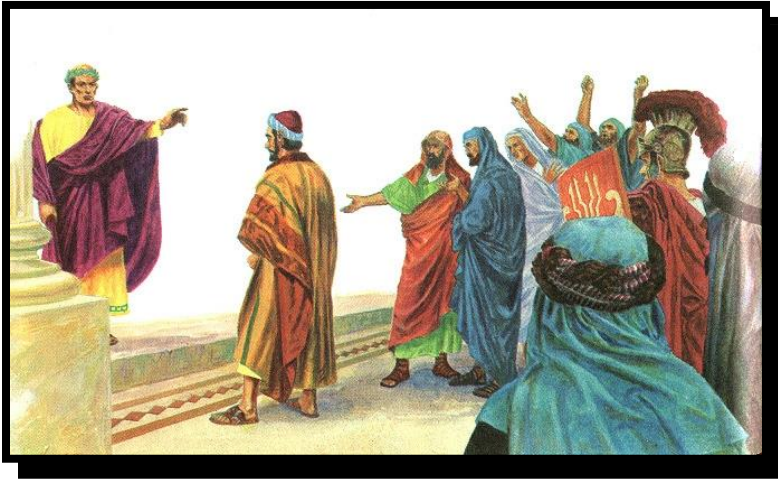
2 Thes 1:1 Same Men are together

2 Thes 2:1 Same Problems exist

Acts 18:11 Sufficient Time exists

Paul on Trial before Gallio (Acts 18 : 12-17)

18:12-13 While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia..

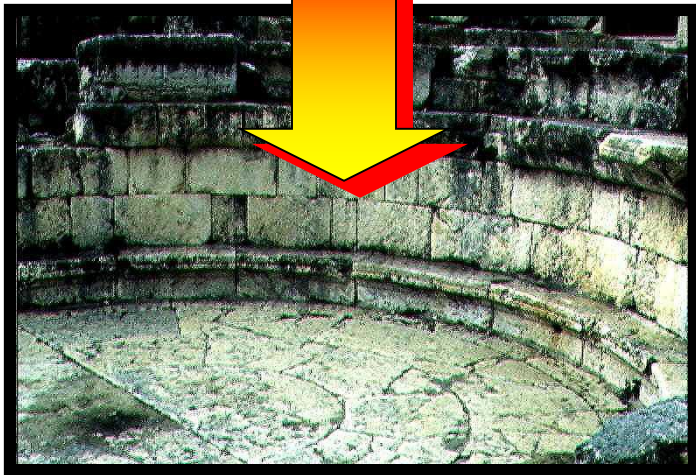


Seneca, (*Gallio's brother*) says of him: “*Even those who love **my brother Gallio** to the utmost of their power do not love him enough.*”

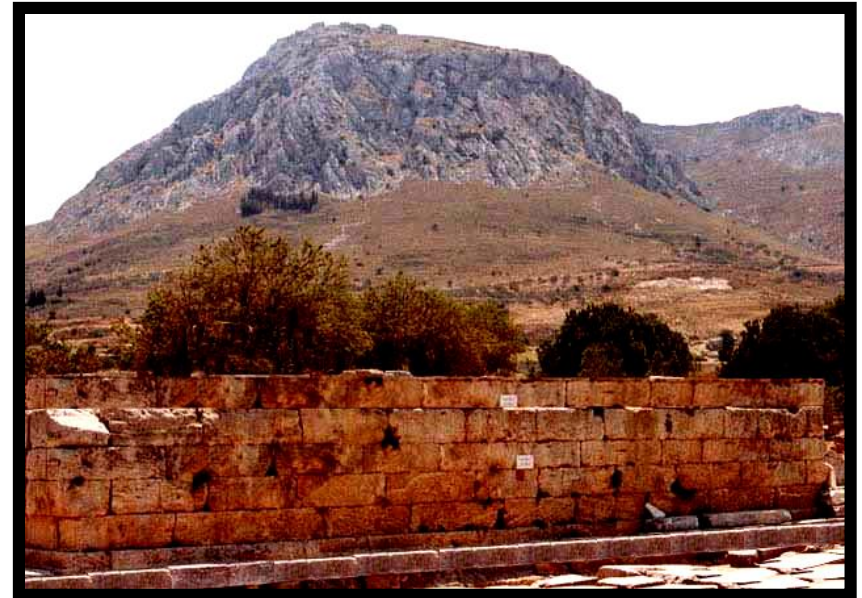
PROCONSUL- over provinces able to be held peacefully. He exercised purely civil functions, but ***had no power over life and death***. He had neither sword nor wore the military dress. It was customary, when any one's consulate expired, to send him as a ***proconsul into some other province***.

Paul on Trial before Gallio (Acts 18 : 12-17)

18:12 The Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat



A Judgment seat – but not Corinth's

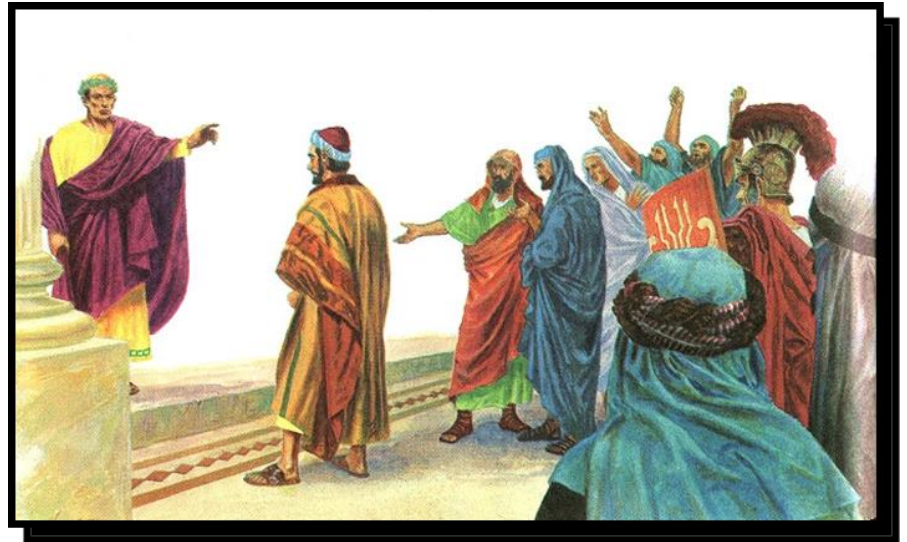


Judgment seat – in Corinth & Acro Corinth

18:13 saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

Paul on Trial before Gallio (Acts 18 : 12-17)

Acts 18:14 “But *when Paul was about to open his mouth..*”



Acts 18:14 ..Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a *of wrong or of vicious crime*, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you. v15 but if there are questions about words & names and your own law, look after it yourselves; *I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters.*" v16 And *He drove them away from the judgment seat.*

Paul on Trial before Gallio (Acts 18 : 12-17)

18:17 And they all took hold of Sosthenes the *leader of the synagogue* & began *Beating him...*"

Acts 18:17 And Gallio was not concerned about any of these things.



- The *replacement* for leader, Crispus (18:8)

- The *judgment seat* was an open air court

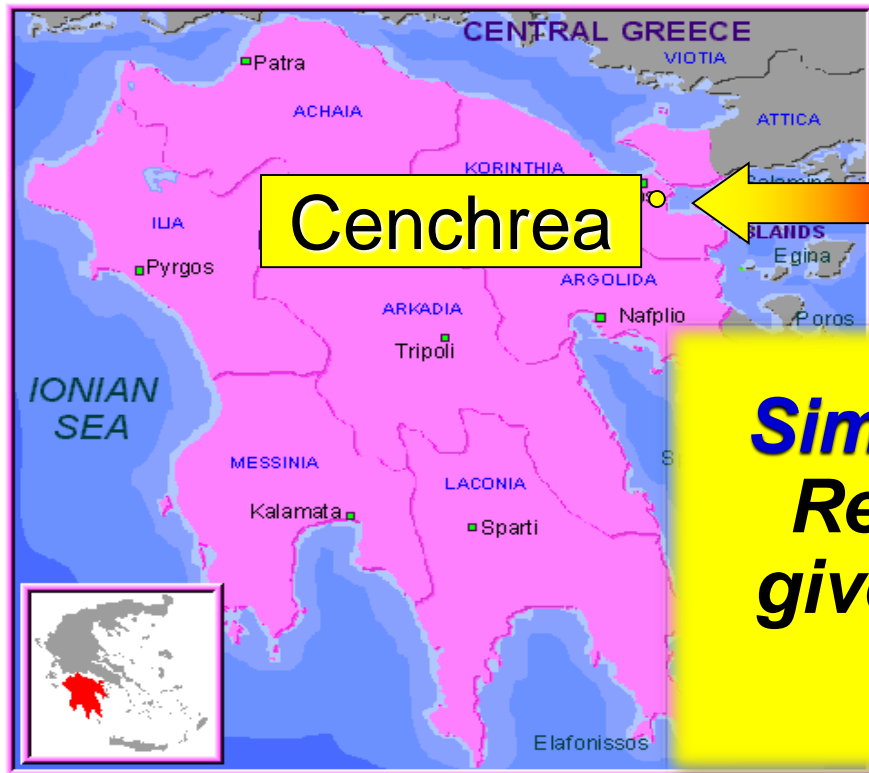
- The *gentile* spectators attending, beat Sosthenes

McGarvey, Barnes, JFB, Matt Henry

Paul's Return to Antioch (Acts 18 : 18-22)

18:18 Paul having remained many days longer, took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria with *Priscilla and Aquila*

Heading E. for Ephesus !
(Acts 18:19)



In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow (18:18b)

Similarity to a Nazarite vow.
Real Nazarite vow had to give up grape juice forever.
(Num 6:3-4)

Paul's Return to Antioch (Acts 18 : 18-22)

18:19 They came to Ephesus.. and he left them
Aquila & Priscilla there. He entered a synagogue
and reasoned with the Jews.

Acts 18:20 And when they asked
him to stay for a longer time, he
did not consent

**v21 but taking
leave of them
& saying..**

**"I will return
to you again if
God wills," he set
sail from Ephesus.**



Acts 18:22 He
landed at
Caesarea,
greeted the
church (at
Jerus.) and
went down
to Antioch

**2nd Missionary
Journey ends**

Review Cities of the 2nd Journey ~ chap 16

- 1. Antioch (yria)** *Paul & Silas begin journey*
- 2. Syria--** *Pass thru the Syrian Gates*
- 3. Cilicia--** *Pass thru the Cilician Gates*
- 4. Derbe--** *Where he had converted many*
- 5. Lystra--** *Picked up Timothy as helper*
- 6. Galatia (Pisidia)** *Paul got sick here and preached*
- 7. Phrygia--**
- 8. Troas--** *Picked up Luke, Macedonian call*
- 9. Samothrace--** *Agean Island, one night stopover*
- 10. Neapolis--** *Seaport*
- 11. Philippi--** *Drop Luke, Paul/Silas beaten,
Convert Lydia, Jailer*

Review Cities of the 2nd Journey ~ chap 17-18

12. Amphipolis

Having left Philippi

13. Appolinia

14. Thessolonica--

Drop off Timothy

15. Berea--

Drop off Silas

16. Athens--

Paul sends for Tim & Silas

17. Corinth--

Meet Aquila / Priscilla, write 1 Thess.

18. Cenchrea--

Seaport Vow

19. Ephesus--

Drop off Aquila & Priscilla

20. Caeserea--

Seaport Cornelius was there

21. Jerusalem--

Greets the church

22. Antioch--

2nd journey ends