

The Second Journey

Bible Text: Acts chapters 15 - 18:22.

In **Acts Chapter 15** some Jewish brethren were teaching that you must be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses to be saved. The apostles and elders met in Jerusalem to discuss the issue. They sent a letter to the Gentiles in Antioch. The letter simply said that they should abstain from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from things strangled and from fornication. **Chapters 16-18** tell of the second journey of Paul. Silas went with Paul. The journey started at Antioch and went to the following cities.

Memory Verse

Acts 5:41-42 - "So they departed from the presence of the counsel, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."
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- **Lystra** - Timothy joined Paul in his journey. The church was growing.
- **Troas** - Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia praying that they would help him.
- **Philippi** - Lydia was converted. Paul and Silas were beaten and cast into prison after exorcising an evil spirit from a damsel which ruined her masters' profits. The jail was hit by an earthquake and the jailor was converted. Paul made the rulers come to send them away, showing that they had messed up by beating and imprisoning Roman citizens.
- **Thessalonica** - Paul taught in the synagogues for three sabbaths. Many believed. Unbelieving Jews assaulted the house of Jason. Paul left the city.
- **Berea** - Many believed and searched the scriptures daily. The Jews came from Thessalonica and stirred up the people.
- **Athens** - City was overrun with idols. The Greeks wanted to hear new things. Paul preached of the unknown god.
- **Corinth** - Paul stayed with Aquila & Priscilla who were also tent makers. He taught both Jews and Gentiles. Crispus, chief ruler of the synagogue was converted. Paul stayed there one and a half years. The Jews took him before Gallio, who dismissed the case.
- **Ephesus** - Aquila and Priscilla went with Paul to Ephesus. He preached in the synagogue.
- **Jerusalem** - Greeted the church.
- **Antioch**

Questions

1. Some of the Jewish Christians wanted to bind the Law of Moses on the Gentile Christians. Read the letter from the apostles and elders in Acts 15:23-29. What does this indicate about the authority of the old law now? (Hint: Gal 3:23-29)

2. At Lystra Paul had Timothy circumcised because of the Jews in the region, because they knew his father was a Greek. Why do you think Paul did this? (Hint: I Cor 9:19-23)
3. List three things that show Paul did not choose his journey but was guided by the Lord.
(Acts 16:6-10)
4. What two people and their households were converted at Philippi? (Acts 16:14-15, 27-34)
5. What types of people believed at Thessalonica? (Acts 17:1-4)
6. Why were the Bereans more noble-minded than the Thessalonians? (Acts 17:10-12)
7. Describe the Athenian's attitude about knowledge? (Acts 17:16-21)
8. Remember that when Paul taught the Jews at Antioch in chapter 13 he began with Jewish history, something they understood. What did Paul start with when teaching the Athenians?
(Acts 17:22-25)
9. During 1 1/2 years Paul was at Corinth, many became Christians. He also had trouble with unbelieving Jews. Why wouldn't Gallio, the proconsul of Achaia, hear the charges the Jews tried to put on Paul? (Acts 18:12-16)
10. Who went with Paul to Ephesus? (Acts 18:18)