

Philippians Series

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Philippians Background Why Philippi? Acts 16



Phil. 1:1,

“Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,

**To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with
the bishops and deacons:”**

Acts 15:40, “but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.

Acts 15:41, “And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.”



BLACK SEA

MACEDONIA

THRACE

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

GALATIA

ASIA

CAPPADOCIA

CILICIA

PAMPHYLIA

LYCIA

CARIA

ACHAIA

Philippi

Neapoli

Troas

Byzantium (Istanbul)

Nicaea

Pergamum

Mitylene

Sardis

Smyrna

Ephesus

Laodicea

Miletus

Perga

Attalia

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Tarsus

Antioch

Salamis

Cyprus

Paphos

Hamath

Thessalonica

Amphipoli

Apollonia

Thasos

Samothrace

Lemnos

Lesbos

Delphi

Evvoia

Athens

Corinth

Sparta

Chios

Samos

Naxos

Patmos

Rhodes

Crete

MARMARA SEA

AEGEAN SEA

Sangarius River

Halys River

Lake Tuz

Orontes River

River



The Cilician Gates



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FIG. 2.—CILICIAN GATES : SOUTHERN ENTRANCE.

Acts 16:1, “Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.

Acts 16:2, “He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.”

Acts 16:7, “After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.”

Acts 16:8, “So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.”

Acts 16:9, “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’”

Acts 16:10, “Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.”

Acts 16:11, “Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis,”

Timothy

Phil. 2:19, “But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

Phil. 2:20, “For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

Phil. 2:21, “For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

Phil. 2:22, “But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

Phil. 2:23, “Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.”

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**aor pass part masc plur
nom to hinder, prevent,
restrain, forbid ~NIDNTT**

ἔαω *eaō*

**3 sing aor act indic
to permit, pass over;
let go, leave alone**

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BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

GALATIA

ASIA

Phrygia

CILICIA

PAMPHYLIA

Antioch

Thrace

Samothrace

Lemnos

Lesbos

Mitylene

Pergamum

Sardis

Smyrna

Sardis

Ephesus

Laodicea

Samos

Miletus

Naxos

Patmos

CARIA

LYCIA

Rhodes

Crete

Byzantium (Istanbul)

Nicaea

Sangarius River

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CAPPADOCIA

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Tarsus

Perga

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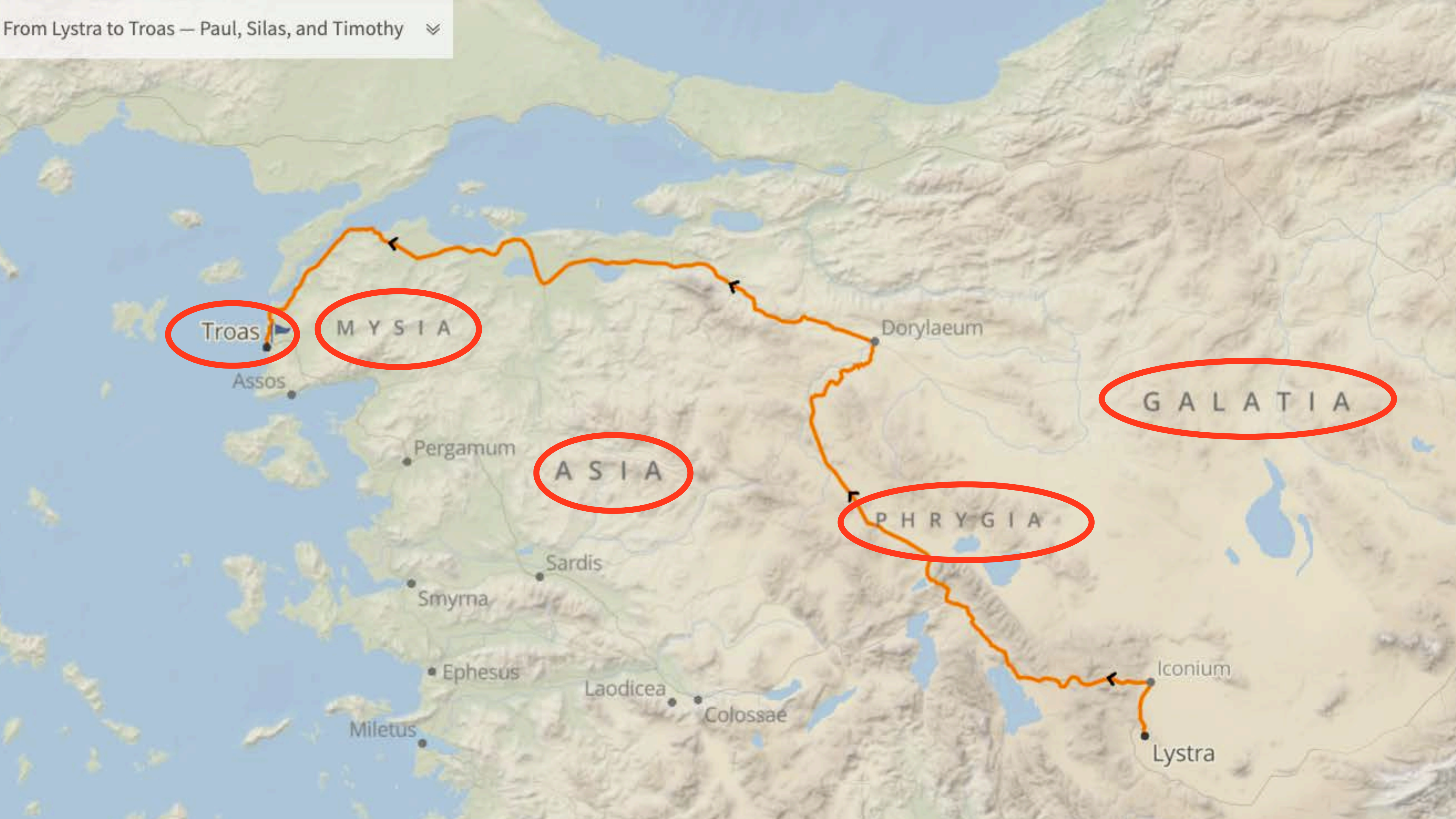
Antioch in Pisidia

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Orontes



Troas

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G A L A T I A

Assos

Pergamum

Smyrna

Ephesus

Miletus

Sardis

Laodicea

Colossae

Dorylaeum

Iconium

Lystra



missionary journey
returns to Jerusalem
missionary journey

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- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (Rev. 2-3)
- Principal Roman roads

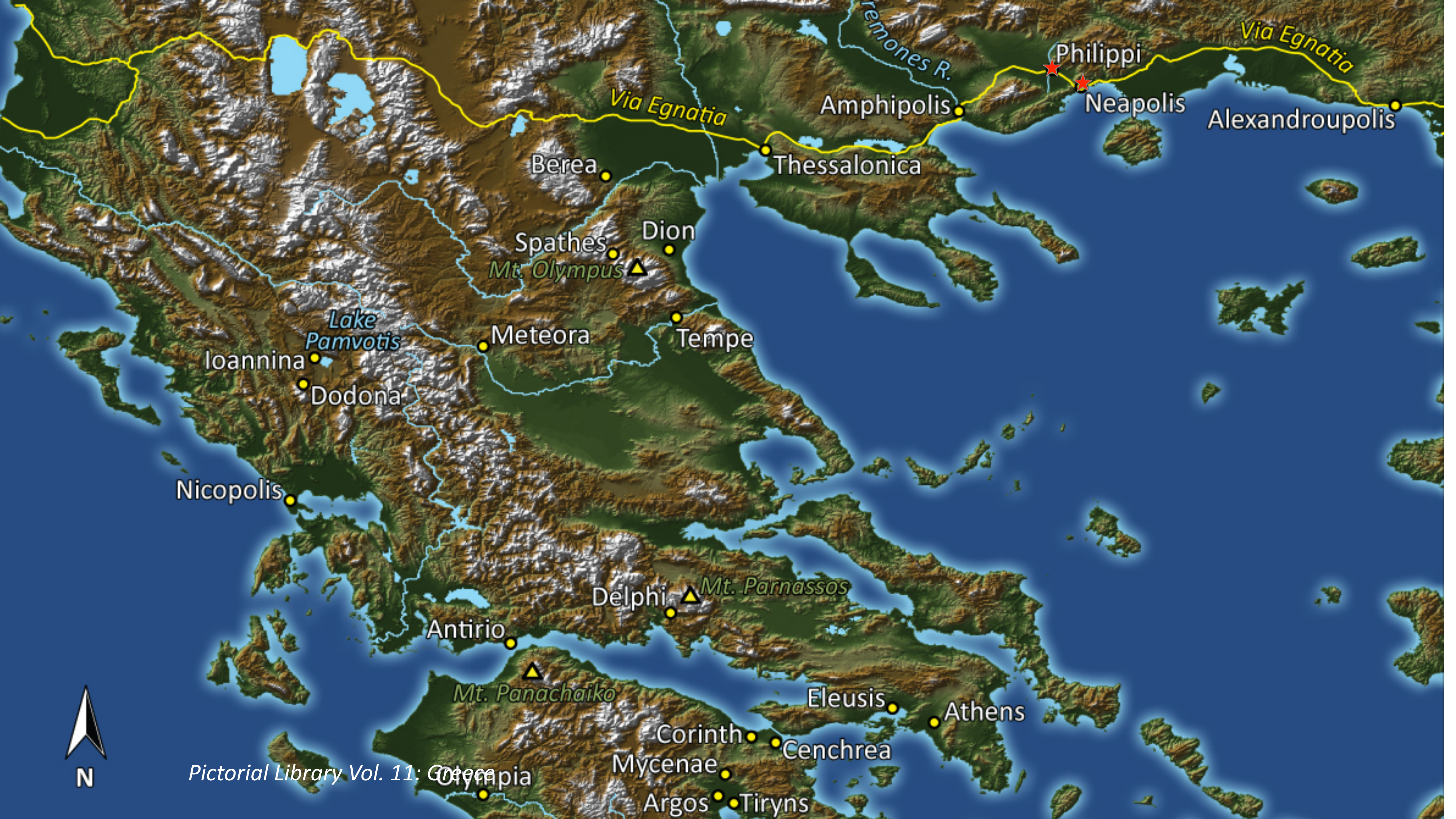


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2 Cor. 2:12, “Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ’s gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord,
2 Cor. 2:13, “I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia.”

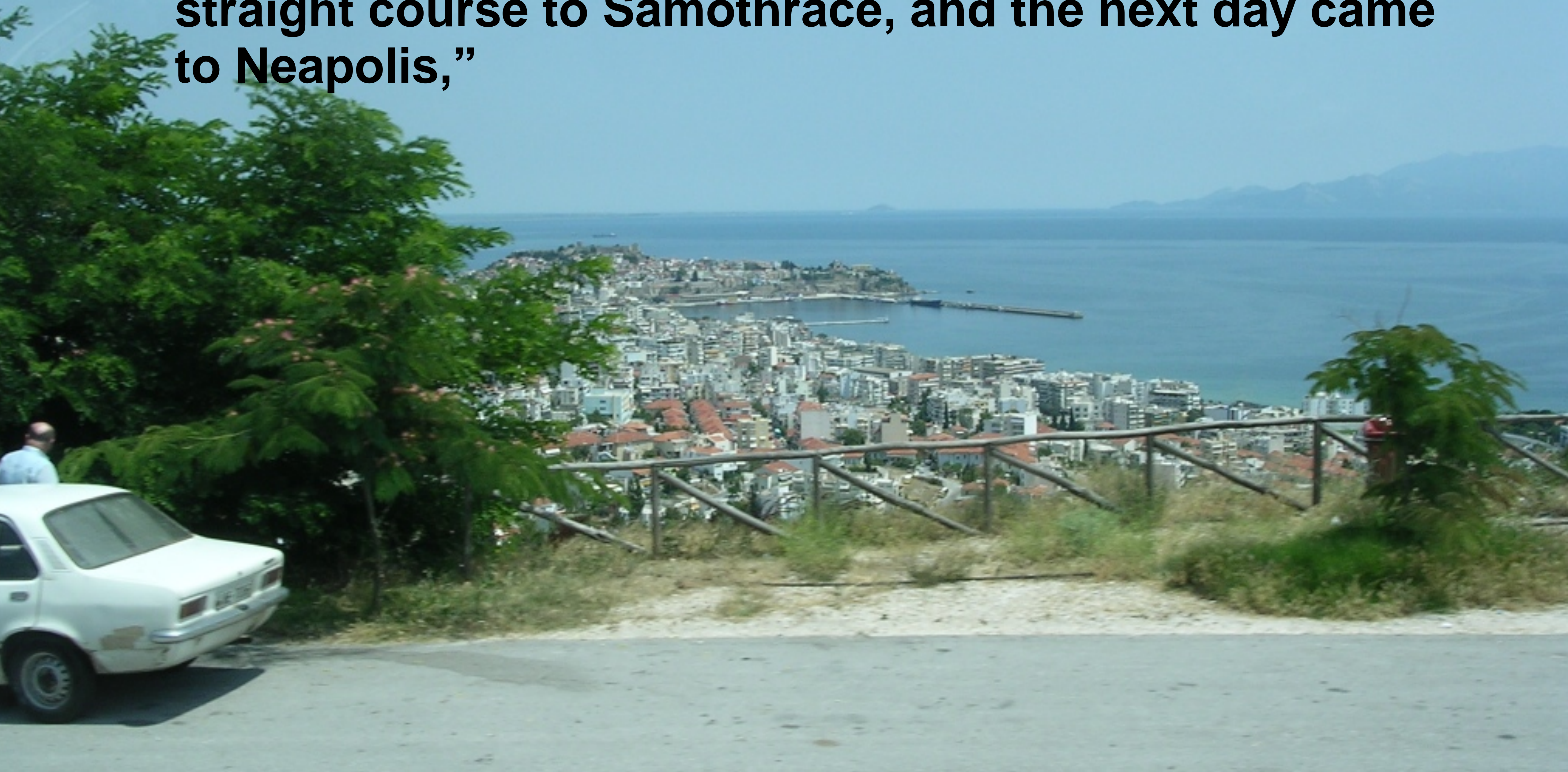




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 Via Egnatia
 Philippi
 Neapolis
 Amphipolis
 Alexandroupolis
 Thessalonica
 Berea
 Spathes
 Mt. Olympus
 Dion
 Meteora
 Tempe
 Lake Pamvotis
 Ioannina
 Dodona
 Nicopolis
 Delphi
 Mt. Parnassos
 Antirio
 Mt. Panachaiko
 Eleusis
 Athens
 Corinth
 Cenchrea
 Mycenae
 Argos
 Tiryns
 Olympia



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Quick Background and History

- 1. The Greek historian Appian called Philippi the gate between Europe and Asia. Ten miles inland from the port Neapolis.**
- 2. 360 BC first colonized by a group of Thasians, who first established the acropolis, of what would become Philippi.**
- 3. Soon after, the colonists sought protection from King Philip of Macedon, who came to their aid and named the colony after himself.**
- 4. 168 BC Battle of Pydna, Rome annexed Philippi.**
- 5. October 42 BC, historical battle where Mark Antony and Octavian (Augustus) defeated Brutus and Cassius. Following this the city was settled by veterans and colonists. Became a Roman colony in 27 BC. All were declared Roman citizens by Octavian.**

A scenic view of a stone-paved path leading down a hillside towards a coastal town and the sea. The path is made of irregular stones and is flanked by green grass and some dry brush. In the background, a town with red-roofed buildings is visible, situated on a hillside overlooking the sea. The sky is blue with some clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Acts 16:12, “and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days.”



Brindisi

Dyrrachium

Claudiana

Masio Scampa

Lychnidos

Heraclea Lyncestis

Edessa

Apollonia

Florina

Pella

Thessaloniki

Pydna

Philippi

Neapolis

Amphipolis

Aenus

Traianoupolis

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Perinthus

Caenophrurium

Melantias

Byzantium

Rhegion

Adriatic Sea

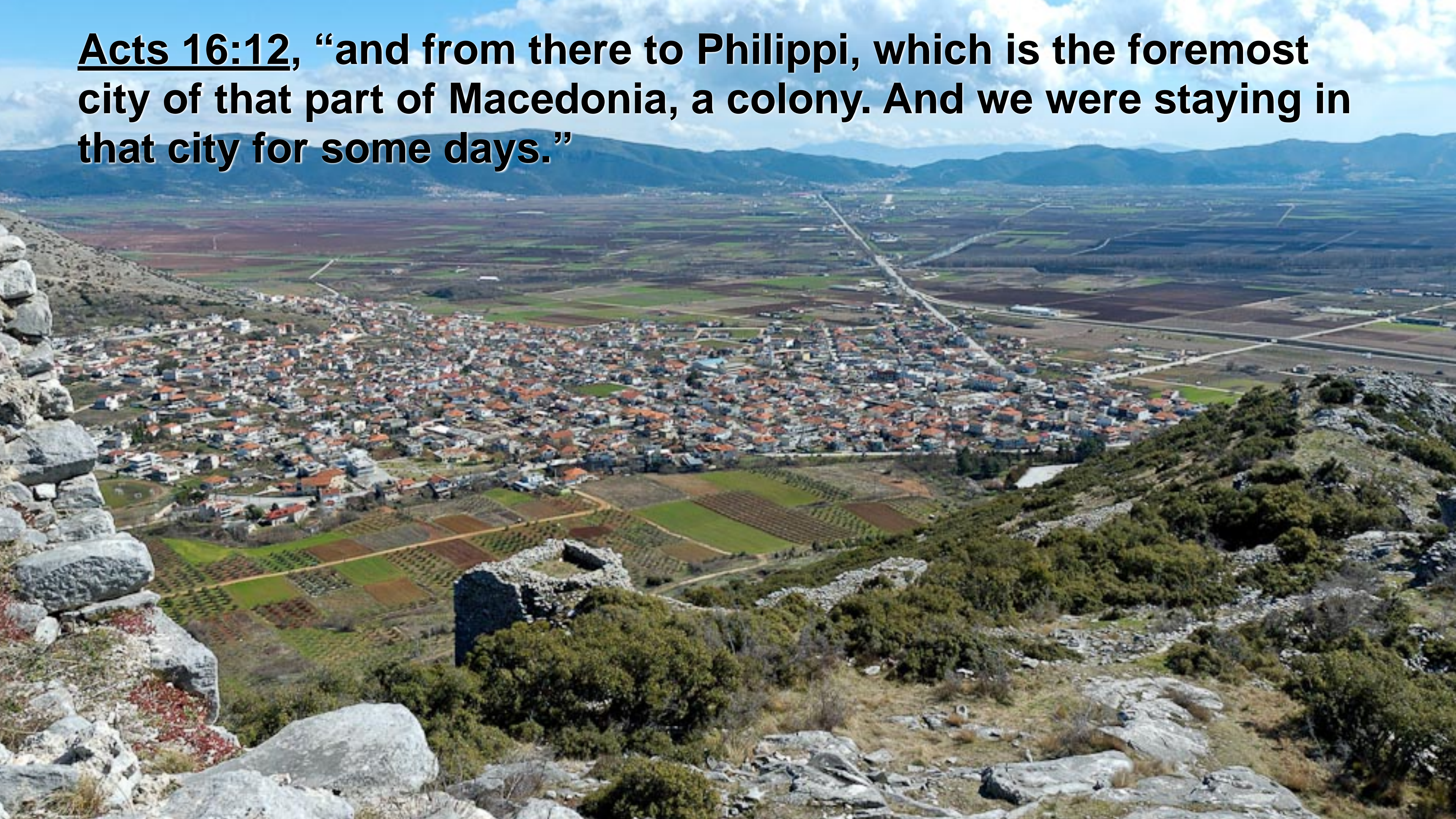
Black Sea

Aegean Sea

Ionian Sea

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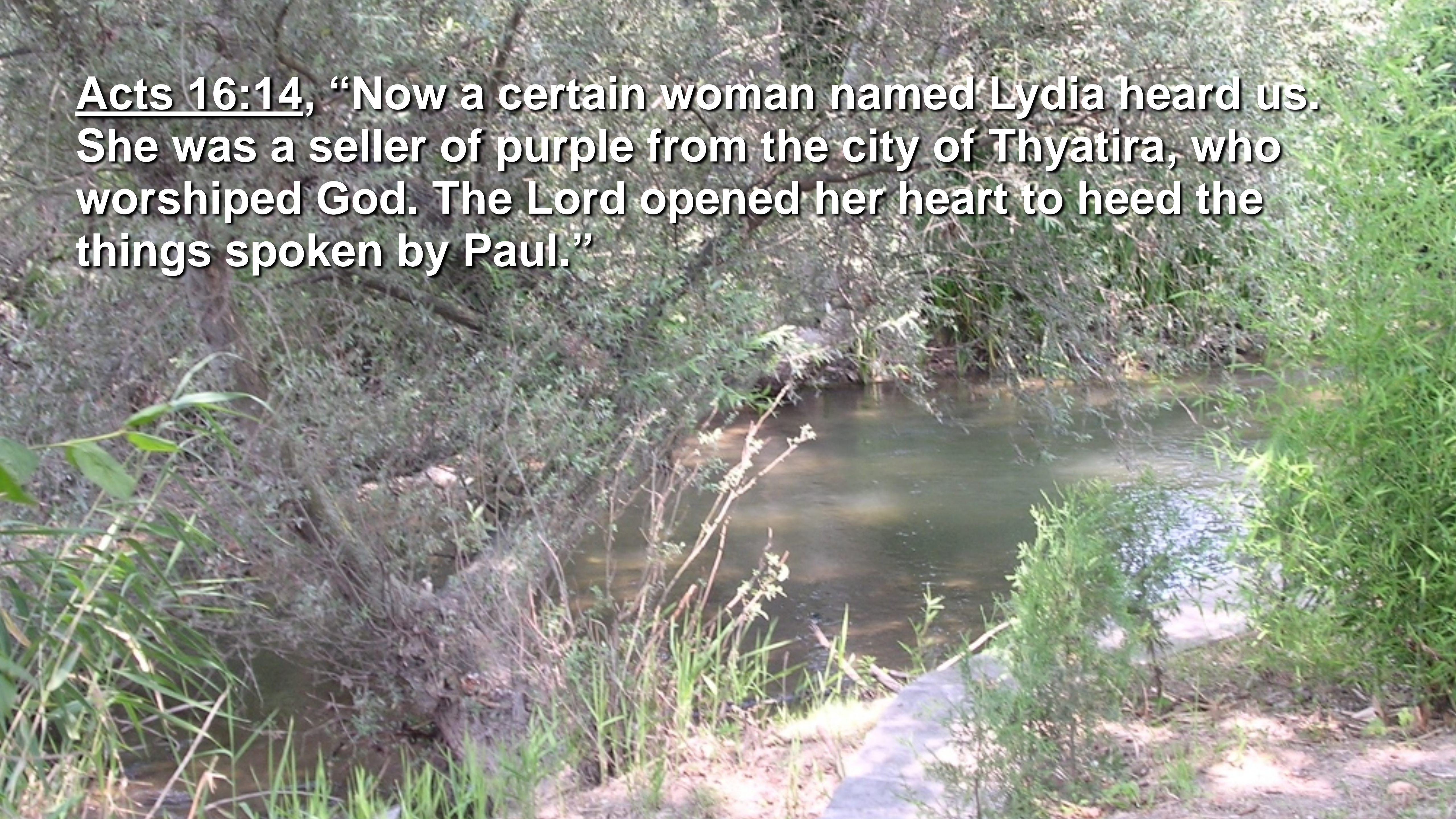


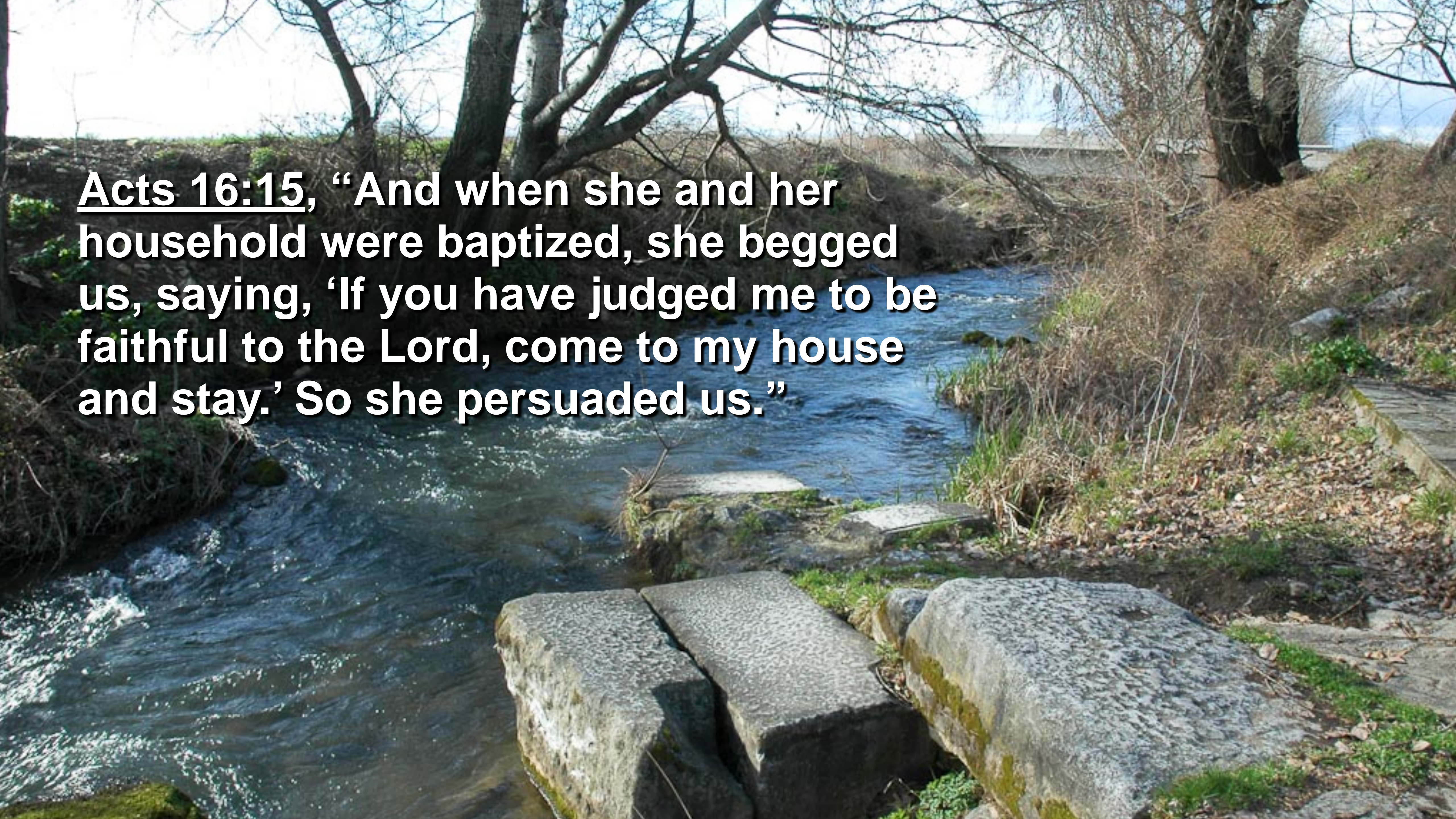


Acts 16:13, “And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met *there*.”



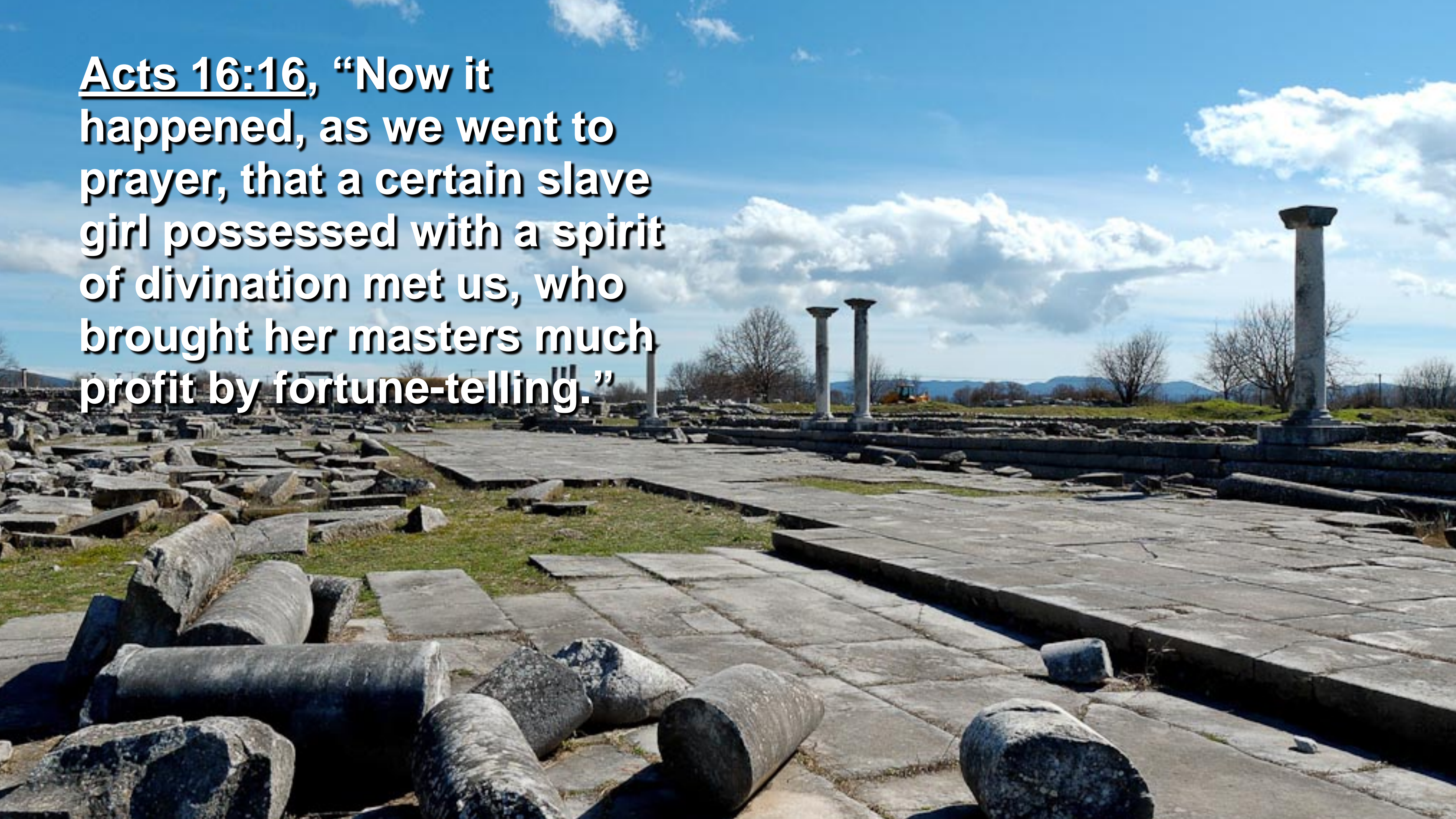
Acts 16:14, “Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.”



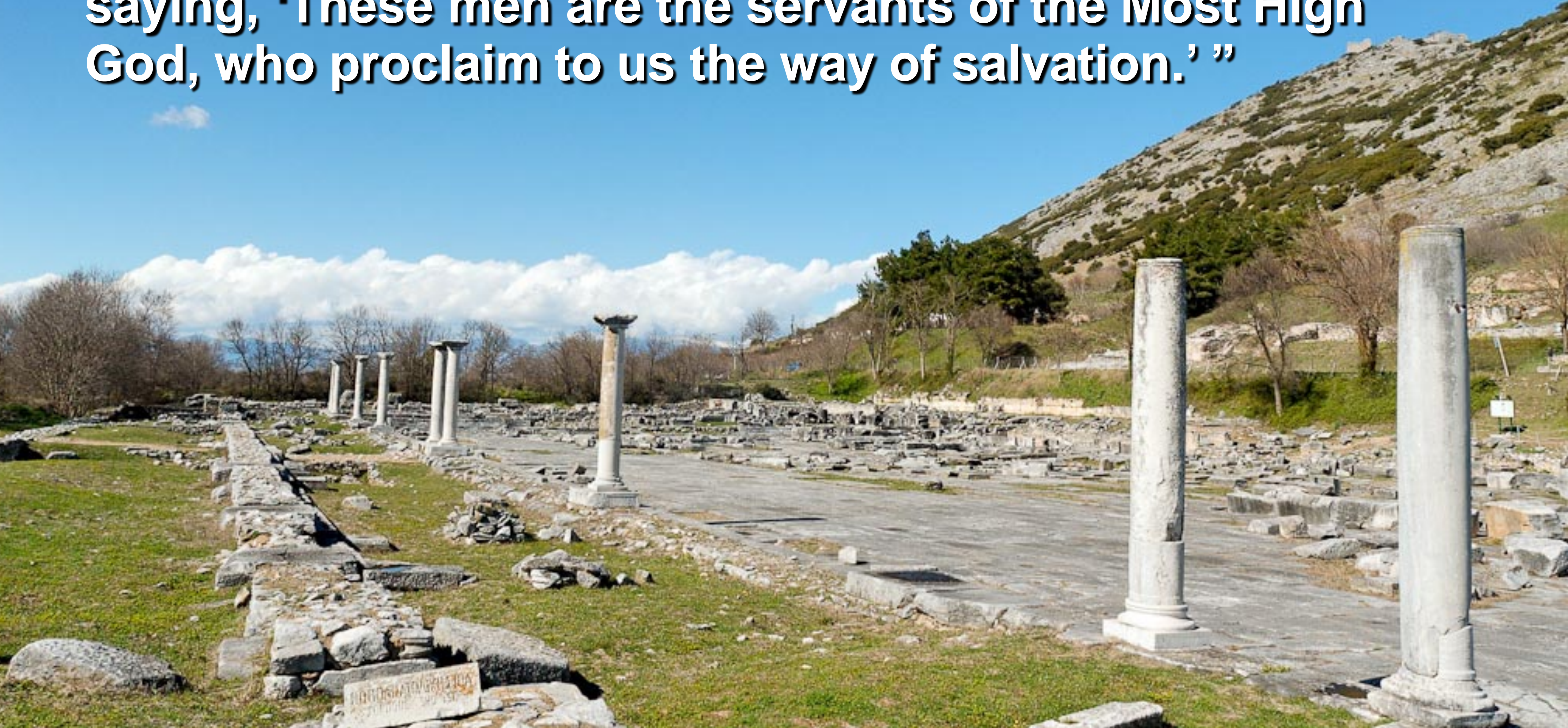
A scenic view of a river flowing through a wooded area. In the foreground, several large, flat, grey rocks are partially submerged in the water, creating a small waterfall or rapids. The river flows from the left towards the right. The banks are covered with dry, brown grass and some green plants. In the background, there are several trees with bare branches, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds.

Acts 16:15, “And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.’ So she persuaded us.”

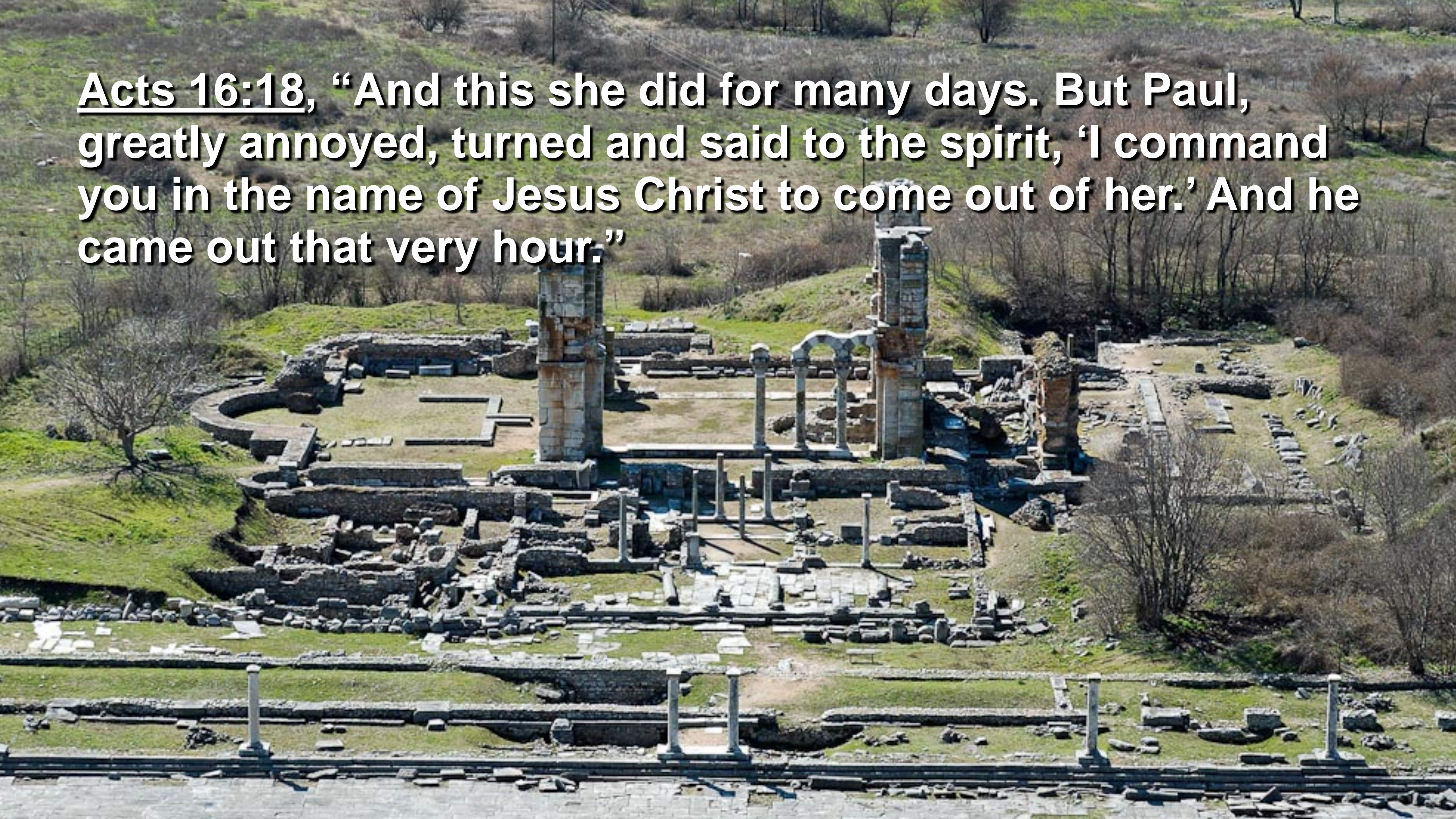
Acts 16:16, “Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.”



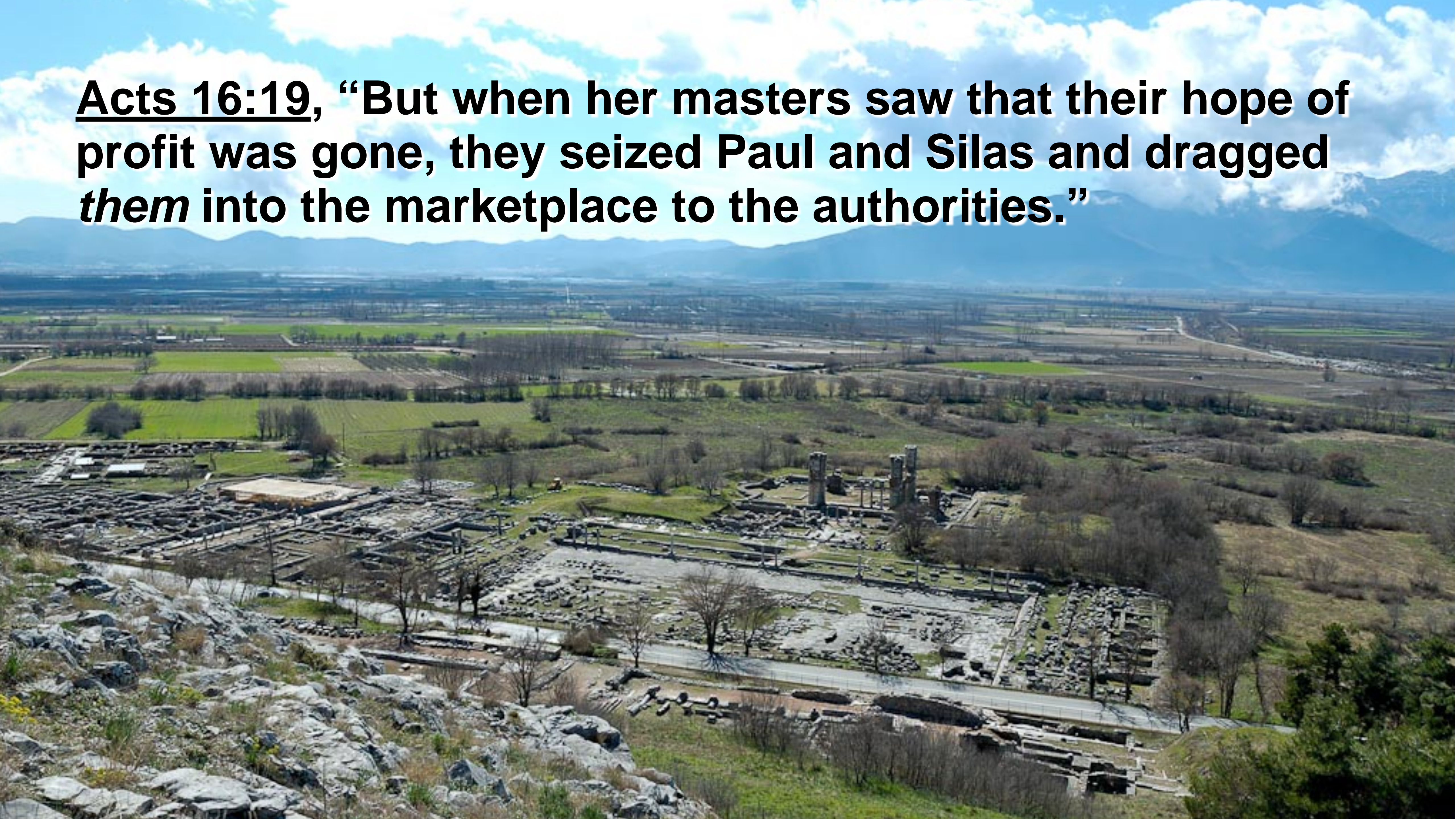
Acts 16:17, “This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, ‘These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.’ ”



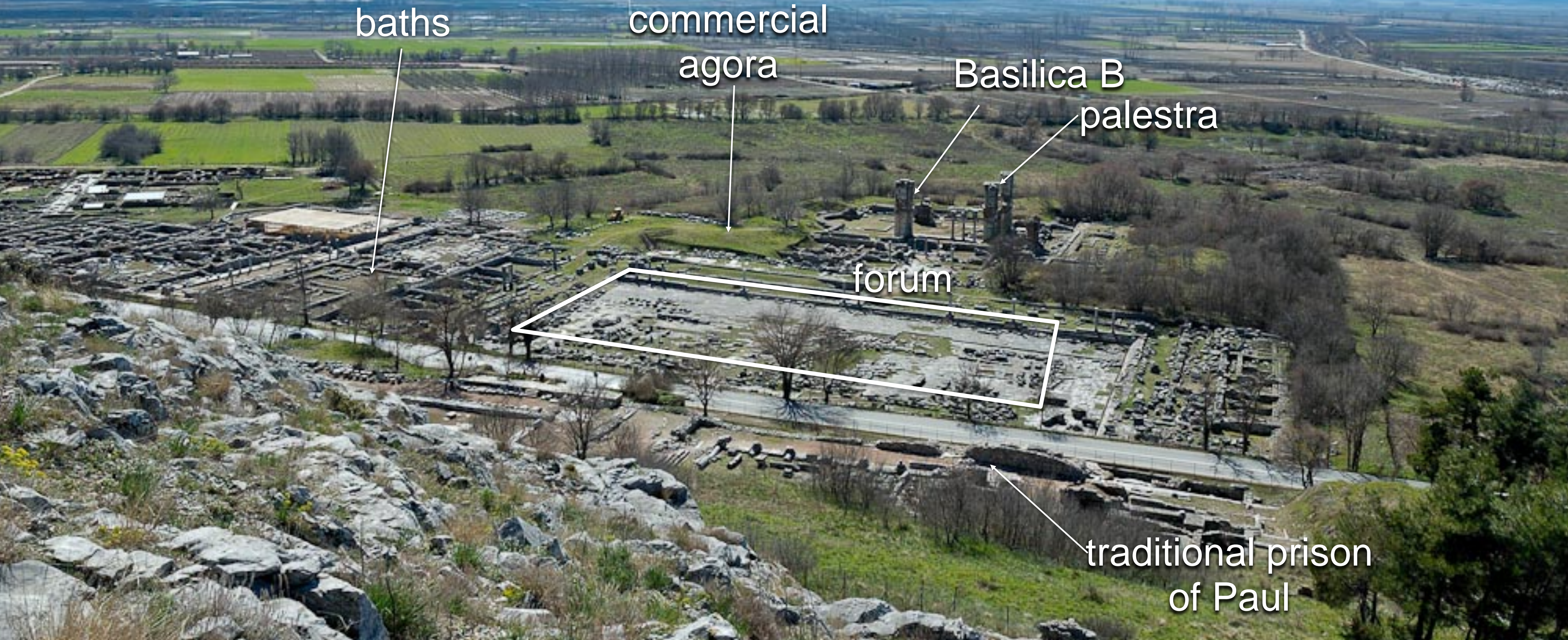
Acts 16:18, “And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, ‘I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’ And he came out that very hour.”



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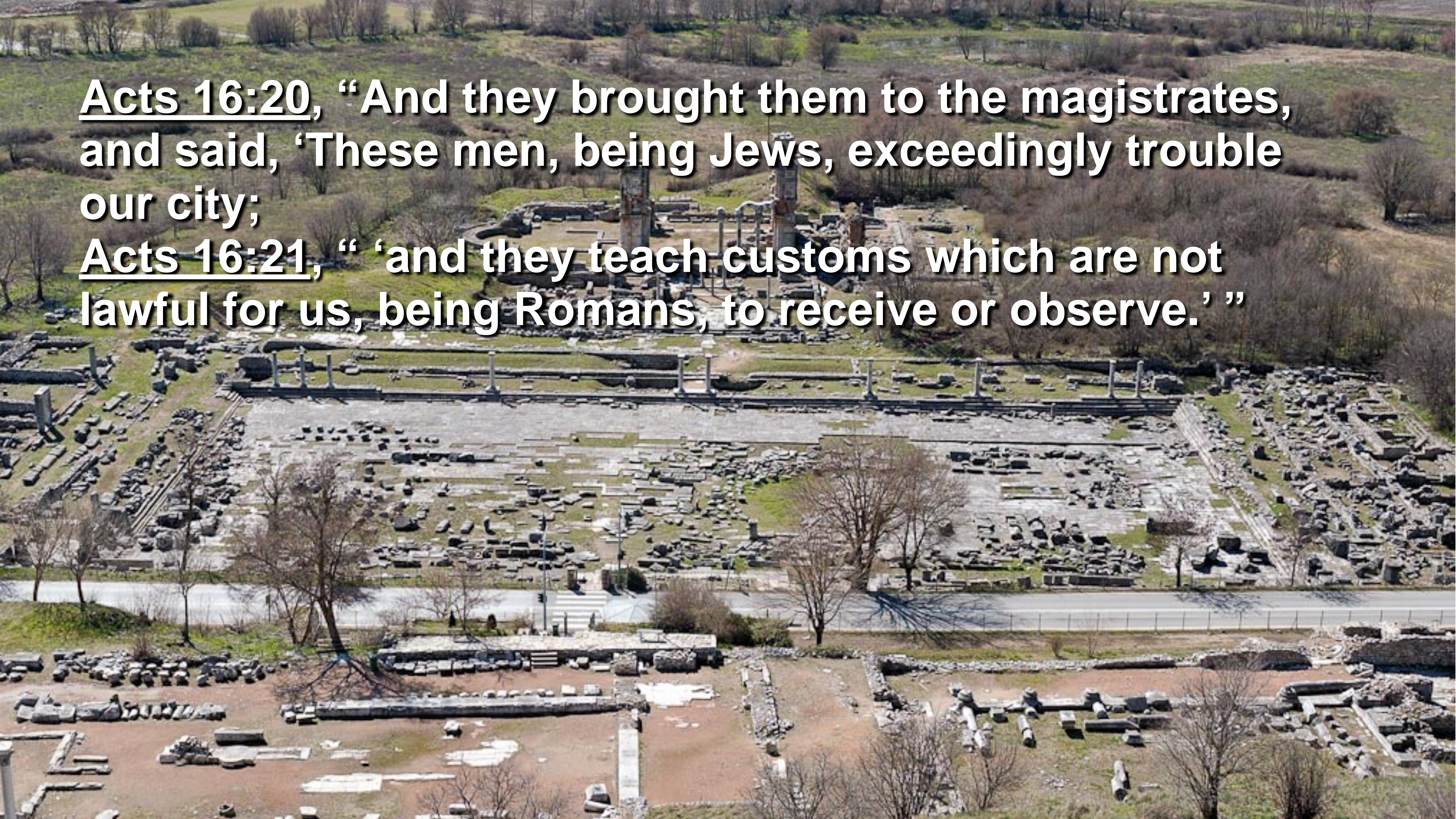
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traditional prison
of Paul

Acts 16:20, “And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, ‘These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city;
Acts 16:21, “ ‘and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.’ ”



Acts 16:22, “Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.

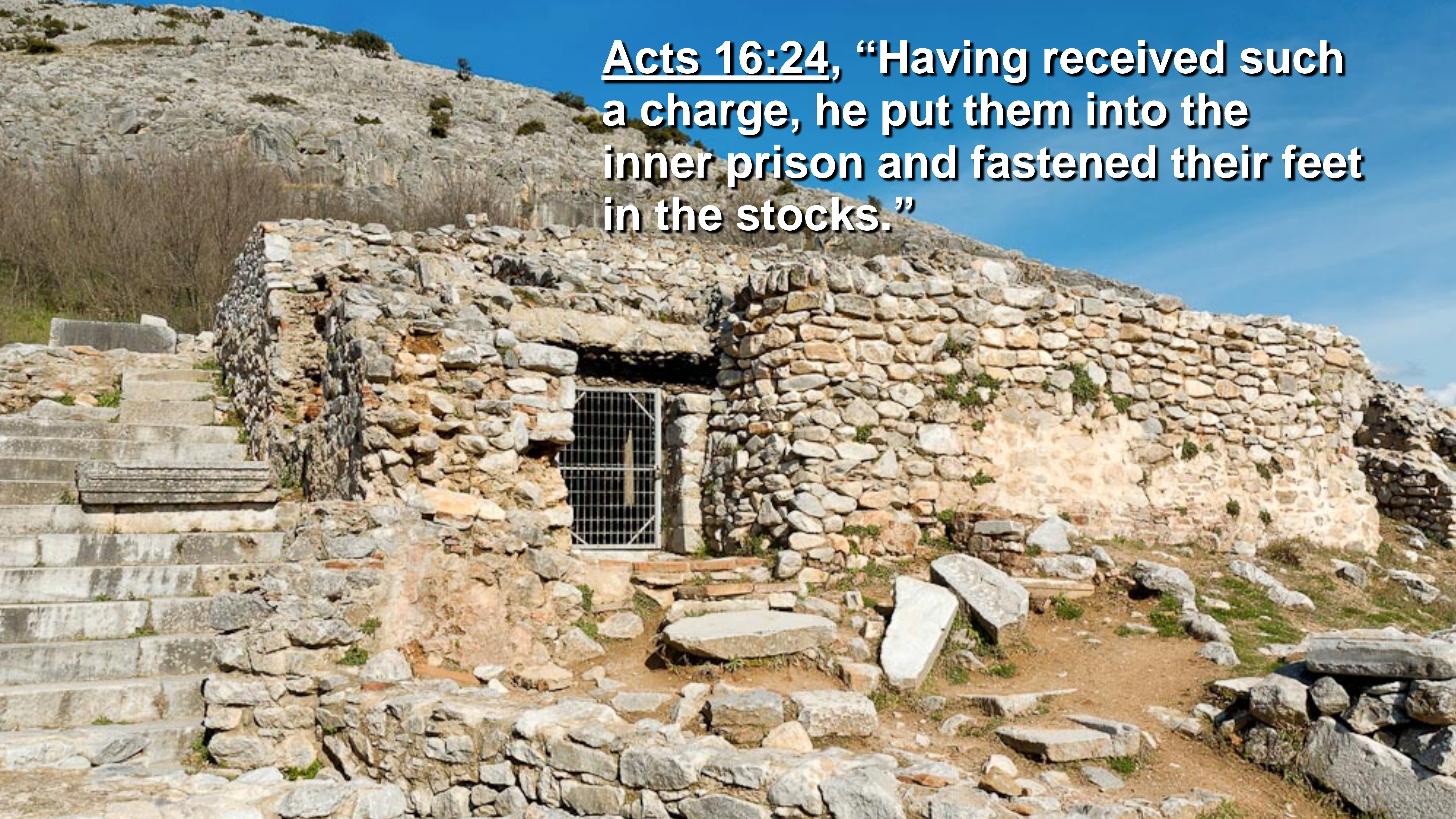
Acts 16:23, “And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.”

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Acts 16:24, “Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.”



A photograph of an ancient stone and wood structure, likely a prison, with text overlaid. The structure features a stone wall on the right and a wooden beam supported by a stone pillar. The ground is dirt and stone.

Acts 16:25, “But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Acts 16:26, “Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.”



Acts 16:27, “And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.

Acts 16:28, “But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, ‘Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.’ ”

Acts 16:29, “Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Acts 16:30, “And he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ ”

Acts 16:31, “So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ ”

Acts 16:32, “Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

Acts 16:33, “And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.”

Acts 16:34, “Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed [because they had already believed (perf pass ptcp.)] in God with all his household.”

Acts 16:35, “And when it was day, the magistrates sent the officers, saying, ‘Let those men go.’”

Acts 16:36, “So the keeper of the prison reported these words to Paul, saying, ‘The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart, and go in peace.’ ”

Acts 16:37, “But Paul said to them, ‘They have beaten us openly, uncondemned Romans, and have thrown us into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out.’ ”

Acts 16:38, “And the officers told these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans.

Acts 16:39, “Then they came and pleaded with them and brought them out, and asked them to depart from the city.

Acts 16:40, “So they went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia; and when they had seen the brethren, they encouraged them and departed.”

Phil. 1:27, “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,”

Phil. 2:14, “Do all things without complaining and disputing,

Phil. 2:15, “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Phil. 2:16, “holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”