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THE APOSTLE PAUL LESSON 38

THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY – PART 3

LAST TRIP TO MACEDONIA AND GREECE

As Paul and his company depart Ephesus he now puts on his “traveling shoes.” He takes a ship up the coast of Asia (Turkey) to Troas where he catches a ship to the European province of Macedonia. Luke joins the party there which already included Sopater of Berea, Aristarcus and Secundus of Thessalonica, Gaius of Derbe, Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia (probably Ephesus), and Timothy.

He visited briefly at Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, and probably Amphipolis and Apollonia as well. They proceeded south to Greece (Achaia) stopping briefly at Athens, then wintering three months in Corinth.

As Spring was soon approaching, Paul determined in his heart to go to Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost. He had planned to catch a ship from Greece to sail directly there, but upon learning that some hostile Jews laid wait at the port to seize him, he changed the plan and retraced his steps back up through Macedonia to Philippi. From there they took a ship back across the Aegean Sea (northern prong of the Mediterranean Sea) to Troas on the northwest coast of the province of Asia, a five-day sail. He spent seven days in Troas.

The day before he was to leave, he preached a very long-winded sermon. It was on the first day of the week (Sunday) when the believers normally came together. They were meeting in an upper room. Paul preached until midnight. A young man, Eutychus, had been sitting in a window listening to Paul. Despite being a well-lit room, Eutychus became drowsier the longer Paul preached until he fell fast asleep.

Eutychus then fell from that third story room down to the pavement. The fall killed him. Paul went down, stretched his body over the young man, embracing him, and raised him up to life. Upon returning to the upper room, they all shared a meal, then talked and visited until daybreak. They were greatly comforted by the miracle of Eutychus.