

## Athens: The Love of Philosophizing (Acts 17:16-21)

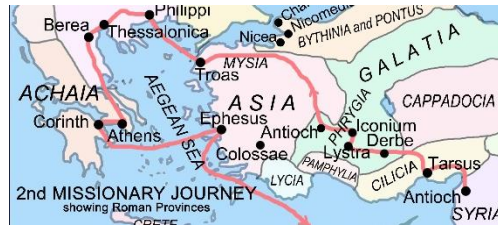
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### Introduction

Notes:

### Paul's Arrival in Athens (vv. 16-17)

Notes on Athens:



David Peterson notes that three things about 1<sup>st</sup> century Athens are identified in vv. 16-21 to set the scene for Paul's speech that follows:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the masses
2. The high value placed on \_\_\_\_\_ by the philosophical schools
3. The preoccupation of all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there with the latest \_\_\_\_\_

Was being provoked (*paroxyneto*) =

Was observing (*theoreo*) =

The gross manifestation of pagan idolatry stirred Paul to \_\_\_\_\_.

reasoning with (*dialegomai*) =

marketplace (*agora*) =

Paul was conducting the equivalent of \_\_\_\_\_ evangelism.

## Paul's Encounters with the Philosophers (vv. 18-21)

Notes on the Epicureans:

Notes on the Stoics:

conversing with (*symballo*) =

idle babbler (*spermologos*) =

Paul was announcing to them news of a \_\_\_\_\_ they had not heard of before.

They took Paul to the Areopagus, which functioned as a \_\_\_\_\_ that had jurisdiction over \_\_\_\_\_ and philosophical matters.

new (*kainos*) =

A \_\_\_\_\_ teaching would be something they had never seen or experienced before.

strange things (*xenizo*) =

The Athenians—and those \_\_\_\_\_ to them from around the world—found their entire \_\_\_\_\_ and identity in sitting around philosophizing.