

## Philippians

### Introduction

#### Historical Background

- In 356 B.C. Philip II, King of Macedonia renamed the city of "Krinides" after himself and called it Philippi.
- In 42 and 31 B.C. strategic military battles were fought in Philippi and the city eventually became the leading Roman city in the district of Macedonia.



### Biblical Background

Philippi is mentioned four times in the New Testament.

Acts 16:12

Acts 20:6

Philippians 1:1

1 Thessalonians 2:2

Acts 16 is the story of the founding of the church in Philippi. Paul first visits Philippi on his second missionary journey.

Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey - Acts 15:36 through Acts 18:22.

Philippi first visited in Acts 16:12

Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey - Acts 18:23 through Acts 19:26.

He goes to Philippi in Acts 20:1-2 and returns through Philippi in Acts 20:6



### Acts 16 – Paul establishes the church at Philippi

#### Verse 13

*Outside the gate* – Probably because there was no Jewish synagogue in Philippi

**Verses 14-15** - *Lydia* (verse 40) – *A worshiper of God.*

**Verses 16-24** - Persecution for their faith.

**Verse 25** – Response in the midst of persecution.

**Verses 26-29** – God's deliverance

**Verses 30-34** – Salvation of the Philippian jailer.

**Verses 35-40** – Paul's response to the authorities and departure from Philippi.

Paul pens the letter of Philippians during his Roman imprisonment (A.D. 60-62).