

## ~AMPHIPOLIS (23)

### (Am-ship'o-lis) [Around the City]

- A city of Macedonia, about 5 kilometers (3 miles) from the Aegean Sea and the seaport of Eion. Paul passed through here on his second missionary tour.
- They now journeyed through **Amphipolis** and Apollonia and came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. (**Acts of Apostles 17:1**)
- It was built on a hill surrounded on three sides, North, West, and South, by the curving river Strymon, which situation doubtless gave name to the city. **Amphipolis** lay about 50 kilometers (30 miles) West-Southwest of Philippi and, due to its position on the famous Roman highway *Via Egnatia* and its control of the bridge over the river Strymon, was of considerable importance strategically and commercially. Originally founded as an Athenian colony in the **Fifth Century B.C.E.**, it later came under the Macedonians. Thereafter Rome took control and made it a free city and the capital of the first district of Macedonia. The village of Neochori is now found there.