

~ANTIOCH 2 (70) (An'ti-och)

- **Antioch** in Pisidia was also founded by Seleucus I, or Nicator, and named in honor of his father, **Antiochus**. The ruins of the city are located near **Yalvac** in modern Turkey. It was situated on the border of Phrygia and Pisidia and so might be considered part of one or the other of these provinces at different times.
- Thus, Greek geographer Strabo refers to it as a city of Phrygia toward Pisidia [Geography, 12, VIII, 13,14], but, as Funk and Wagnall's New Standard Bible Dictionary [1936, p. 51] observes, the majority of writers speak of it as Pisidian, even as did Luke. This identification served to distinguish it from **Antioch 1** in Syria.
- Because of its location, **Antioch** in Pisidia became part of the trade route between Cilicia and Ephesus and contained a mixed population including many Jews, who had established a synagogue there. It was a thoroughly Hellenized Greek-speaking city. Paul twice visited it with Barnabas on his first evangelistic journey about 47-48 C.E. and preached in the synagogue, finding much interest.
- They, however, went on from Perga and came to **Antioch** in Pisidia and, going into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, they took a seat. (Acts of Apostles 13:14)
- But Jews arrived from **Antioch** and Iconium and persuaded the crowds, and they stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, imagining he was dead. (Acts of Apostles 14:19)
- However, when the disciples surrounded him, he rose up and entered into the city. And on the next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe. (Acts of Apostles 14:20)
- And after declaring the Good News to that city and making quite a few disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to **Antioch**. (Acts of Apostles 14:21)
- Strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to remain in the faith and saying; We must enter into the kingdom of God through many tribulations. (Acts of Apostles 14:22)

- **Moreover, they appointed older men for them in each congregation and, offering prayer with fastings, they committed them to Yehowah in whom they had become believers. ([Acts of Apostles 14:23](#))**
- **However, becoming jealous of the crowds that were attending, certain Jews stirred up some of the leading men and women of the city and threw Paul and Barnabas outside.**
- **When the Jews got sight of the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began blasphemously contradicting the things being spoken by Paul. ([Acts of Apostles 13:45](#))**
- **But the Jews stirred up the reputable women who worshiped God and the principal men of the city, and they raised up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas and threw them outside their boundaries. ([Acts of Apostles 13:50](#))**
- **My persecutions, my sufferings, the sort of things that happened to me in **Antioch**, in Iconium, in Lystra, the sort of persecutions I have borne, and yet out of them all the Lord delivered me. ([2 Timothy 3:11](#))**

See Also PISIDIA