

~ARISTARCHUS (66)

(Ar-is-tar'chus) [Best or Noblest Ruler]

- One of Paul's close associates, a traveling companion and fellow prisoner, a Macedonian from Thessalonica.
- There were accompanying him Sopater the son of Pyrrhus of Beroea, **Aristarchus** and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and from the district of Asia Tychicus and Trophimus. ([Acts of Apostles 20:4](#))
- Going aboard a boat from Adramyttium that was about to sail to places along the coast of the district of Asia, we set sail, there being with us **Aristarchus** a Macedonian from Thessalonica. ([Acts of Apostles 27:2](#))
- He is introduced in the account of Paul's third missionary journey, at the height of the Ephesian riot, **Aristarchus** and Gaius were forcibly dragged into the theater.
- So the city became filled with confusion, and with one accord they rushed into the theater, taking forcibly along with them Gaius and **Aristarchus**, Macedonians, traveling companions of Paul. ([Acts of Apostles 19:29](#))
- He could have been the brother who assisted Paul with the contribution for the Judeans that was collected in Macedonia and Greece.
- But we are sending along with him the brother whose praise in connection with the Good News has spread through all the congregations. ([2 Corinthians 8:18](#))
- Not only that, but he was also appointed by the congregations to be our traveling companion in connection with this kind gift to be administered by us for the glory of the Lord and in proof of our ready mind. ([2 Corinthians 8:19](#))
- Thus we are avoiding having any man find fault with us in connection with this liberal contribution to be administered by us. ([2 Corinthians 8:20](#))

- **Aristarchus** accompanied Paul on the voyage to Rome, but how he secured passage is uncertain, perhaps as a slave for Paul.
- Going aboard a boat from Adramyttium that was about to sail to places along the coast of the district of Asia, we set sail, there being with us **Aristarchus** a Macedonian from Thessalonica. (**Acts of Apostles 27:2**)
- While in Rome he further assisted and encouraged Paul and for a time shared his prison bonds. Greetings from **Aristarchus** are conveyed in Paul's letters to,
- **Aristarchus** my fellow captive sends you his greetings, and so does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you received commands to welcome him if ever he comes to you. (**Colossians 4:10**)
- Sending you greetings is Epaphras my fellow captive in union with Christ. (**Philemon 1:23**)
- Also Mark, **Aristarchus**, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers. (**Philemon 1:24**)