

~ATTALIA (30)

(At-ta-li'a) [Of or Belonging to Attalus]

- At the close of Paul's first missionary tour he embarked from the seaport town of **Attalia** on the coast of Pamphylia in Asia Minor, heading for Antioch in Syria, about 500 kilometers (300 miles) distant.
- And they went through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia. (**Acts of Apostles 14:24**)
- And, after speaking the word in Perga, they went down to **Attalia**. (**Acts of Apostles 14:25**)
- And from there they sailed off for Antioch, where they had been entrusted to the undeserved kindness of God for the work they had fully performed. (**Acts of Apostles 14:26**)
- **Attalia**, modern **Antalya**, was founded by **Attalus II**, king of Pergamum **159-138 B.C.E.**, at the mouth of the Cataractes River. It became the chief port of the province of Pamphylia, serving as an outlet for the rich interior region of Southwest Phrygia and being the natural point of embarkation from central Asia Minor to Syria and Egypt.
- Although it was originally the port for the nearby city of Perga, which lies about 13 kilometers (8 miles) inland, **Attalia** had displaced that city in importance in apostolic times.