

~BEROEA (96)
(Be-roe'a)

- A populous city of the province of Macedonia visited by the apostle Paul during his second missionary journey.
- Immediately by night the brothers sent both Paul and Silas out to **Beroea**, and these, upon arriving, went into the synagogue of the Jews. (**Acts of Apostles 17:10**)
- Now the latter were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with the greatest eagerness of mind, carefully examining the Scriptures daily as to whether these things were so. (**Acts of Apostles 17:11**)
- Therefore many of them became believers, and so did not a few of the reputable Greek women and of the men. (**Acts of Apostles 17:12**)
- But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was published also in **Beroea** by Paul, they came there also to incite and agitate the masses. (**Acts of Apostles 17:13**)
- Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off to go as far as the sea, but both Silas and Timothy remained behind there. (**Acts of Apostles 17:14**)
- Modernly called **Veroia**, it was located in a fertile area at the base of Mount **Bermios** about 65 kilometers (40 miles) West-Southwest of Thessalonica. It thus lay some 40 kilometers (25 miles) inland from the Aegean Sea.
- It was probably about **50 C.E.** when Paul and Silas arrived at **Beroea** after a nighttime departure from Thessalonica made necessary by mob violence. **Beroea** had a Jewish community and a synagogue in which the two missionaries preached.
- The **readiness** of the **Beroeans** to give ear to their message, and their **diligence in examining the Scriptures in search of confirmation of the things learned**, earned them the commendation found at;
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Thessalonica, for they received the word with the greatest eagerness of mind, carefully examining the Scriptures daily as to whether these things were so. ([Acts of Apostles 17:11](#))

- A number of converts resulted from among these noble-minded persons, both Jews and Greeks. Paul's work was cut short, however, by the arrival of fanatical Jews from Thessalonica bent on causing further mob activity. He sailed for Athens, leaving Silas and Timothy behind to care for the new group of believers in Beroea.
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- However, those conducting Paul brought him as far as Athens and, after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as quickly as possible, they departed. ([Acts of Apostles 17:15](#))
- Paul doubtless passed through or near Beroea on his third missionary journey, which brought him again into Macedonia. Among his companions at that time was Sopater, a Christian from Beroea.
- Now after the uproar had subsided, Paul sent for the disciples, and when he had encouraged them and bidden them farewell, he went forth to journey into Macedonia. ([Acts of Apostles 20:1](#))
- After going through those parts and encouraging the one's there with many a word, he came into Greece. ([Acts of Apostles 20:2](#))
- And when he had spent three months there, because a plot was hatched against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he made up his mind to return through Macedonia. ([Acts of Apostles 20:3](#))
- 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**)