

## **~DALMATIA (61)** **(Dal-ma'tia)**

- An area in the mountainous region East of the Adriatic Sea in what is today Yugoslavia. After **9 C.E.** it was considered the southernmost of two districts comprising the Roman province of Illyricum, though apparently **Dalmatia** was often used interchangeably with Illyricum as the name of the province. Paul's companion Titus departed for **Dalmatia** sometime prior to the apostles execution, assumed to be about **65 C.E.**
- For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the due time for my releasing is imminent. (**2 Timothy 4:6**)
- I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith. (**2 Timothy 4:7**)
- From this time on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me as a reward in that day, yet not only to me, but also to all those who have loved his manifestation. (**2 Timothy 4:8**)
- Do your utmost to come to me shortly. (**2 Timothy 4:9**)
- For Demas has forsaken me because he loved the present system of things, and he has gone to Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus to **Dalmatia**. (**2 Timothy 4:10**)
- In the same verse in which Demas is said to have forsaken Paul, Titus is mentioned as going there. However, while there are no definite statements as to the purpose of Titus mission to **Dalmatia**, it appears he left with Paul's approval.
- Since Paul, when nearing the completion of his third missionary tour about nine years earlier, had said his circuit extended as far North as Illyricum.
- With the power of signs and portents, with the power of Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and in a circuit as far as Illyricum I have thoroughly preached the Good News about the Christ. (**Romans 15:19**)

- **Some scholars reason that Titus was at this time being dispatched to that region to regulate its congregational affairs and engage in missionary activities. If so, he would be acting in a capacity similar to the one he exercised in Crete.**
- **For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might correct the things that were defective and might make appointments of older men in city after city, as I gave you orders. (Titus 1:5)**
- **In his letter to Titus, Paul had asked him to leave Crete**
- **When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your utmost to come to me at Nicopolis, for there is where I have decided to winter. (Titus 3:12)**
- **And it seems likely that Titus was with the apostle until his assignment to Dalmatia.**