

~HIERAPOLIS (44)
(Hi-e-rap'o-lis) [Holy City]

- A city in the province of Asia. It was located on the northern edge of the Lycus Valley of Asia Minor, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) North of Laodicea at modern Pamukkale, Turkey.
- Although the apostle Paul apparently never visited **Hierapolis**, the effects of his long work at Ephesus from the winter of **52/53 C.E.**, until after Pentecost in **55 C.E.**
- But I am remaining in Ephesus until the festival of Pentecost. (**1 Corinthians 16:8**)
- Radiated over all the district of Asia.
- In the course of events, while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul went through the inland parts and came down to Ephesus, and found some disciples. (**Acts of Apostles 19:1**)
- This took place for two years, so that all those inhabiting the district of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. (**Acts of Apostles 19:10**)
- Christianity appears to have actually reached **Hierapolis** through the efforts of Epaphras.
- Epaphras, who is from among you, a slave of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings, always exerting himself in your behalf in his prayers, that you may finally stand complete and with firm conviction in all the will of God. (**Colossians 4:12**)
- I indeed bear him witness that he puts himself to great effort in behalf of you and of those at Laodicea and of those at **Hierapolis**. (**Colossians 4:13**)
- While the city lacked political importance, it became prosperous in the peaceful Roman period as a center of devotion to Cybele. Her worship there was enhanced by two natural phenomena, mineral springs and the Plutonium, or Charonion, a deep, narrow chasm that emitted deadly fumes.

