

~MITYLENE (32)
(Mit-y-le'ne)

- The principal city of Lesbos, an island in the Aegean Sea off the West coast of Asia Minor. While en route to Jerusalem in about **56 C.E.**, the apostle Paul sailed to **Mitylene** from Assos, a seaport on the mainland of Asia Minor about 45 kilometers (28 miles) to the North-Northwest.
- So when he caught up with us in Assos, we took him aboard and went to **Mitylene**. (**Acts of Apostles 20:14**)
- The fact that no mention is made of Paul's going ashore may imply that the ship merely anchored at **Mitylene**, perhaps because the needed North winds had abated. On the following day the ship continued South-southwest toward Chios.
- And, sailing away from there the succeeding day, we arrived opposite Chios, but the next day we touched at Samos, and on the following day we arrived at Miletus. (**Acts of Apostles 20:15**)
- It is believed that **Mitylene** originally occupied a small island off the eastern coast of Lesbos. But as the city grew it may have been linked with Lesbos by a causeway and expanded along the coast.
- This would have created a harbor on the North side and also one on the South side of the causeway. The city was famed as a seat of literary learning and for the architectural beauty of its buildings.