~NICOPOLIS (38) (Ni-cop'o-lis) [City of Conquest]

- A city where the apostle Paul decided to spend the winter during one of his trips and to which he urged Titus to come.
- 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)
- The note at the end of Paul's letter to Titus in the King James Version, indicating it to have been written, from Nicopolis of Macedonia, is not found in the oldest manuscripts. Evidently Paul did not write his letter from Nicopolis, since;
- 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)
- Implies that he was not yet there, but had merely decided to winter there.
- Of the various ancient cities named Nicopolis, the Nicopolis of Epirus located on a peninsula in Northwest Greece and about 10 kilometers (6 miles) North of Preveza, seems to fit the Biblical reference best.
- Being a prominent city, it would have been a good place for Paul to declare the Good News, and it was conveniently situated for both Paul, apparently then in Macedonia, and Titus in Crete.
- It may be that Paul was arrested in Nicopolis and then taken to Rome for his final imprisonment and execution.
- Octavian Augustus founded Nicopolis to memorialize his naval victory of 31 B.C.E. over Antony and Cleopatra at nearby Actium.