

~PERGA (44)
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- A prominent city in the Roman province of Pamphylia. The ruins of ancient **Perga** are believed to be near the modern village of Murtana, about 13 kilometers (8 miles) inland from the South coast of Asia Minor and some 8 kilometers (5 miles) West of the Cestrus (Aksu) River.
- It appears that anciently, according to the Greek geographer Strabo, this river was navigable as far North as **Perga**. [Geography, 14, IV, 2]
- However, nearby Attalia on the coast of Pamphylia seems to have served as **Pergas** harbor and, in time, even displaced **Perga** in importance.
- And they went through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia. (**Acts of Apostles 14:24**)
- And, after speaking the word in **Perga**, they went down to Attalia. (**Acts of Apostles 14:25**)
- And from there they sailed off for Antioch, where they had been entrusted to the undeserved kindness of God for the work they had fully performed. (**Acts of Apostles 14:26**)
- It was to this city that the apostle Paul and his associates came early in the course of his first missionary journey.
- The men, together with Paul, now put out to sea from Paphos and arrived at **Perga** in Pamphylia. But John withdrew from them and returned to Jerusalem. (**Acts of Apostles 13:13**)
- Toward its close they spoke the word in **Perga**, but whether any of the populace accepted Christianity is not known.
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