

~PISIDIA (66)
(Pi-sid'i-a)

- **An interior region of southern Asia Minor.** It was a mountainous section, taking in the western portion of the Taurus Range, lying North of Pamphylia and South of Galatian Phrygia, with Caria and Lycia on the West and Lycaonia on the East.
- The region is believed to have been about 190 kilometers (120 miles) from East to West and about 80 kilometers (50 miles) in breadth. It had many lofty ridges cut by valleys and mountain rivers, there were forests and pasturelands.
- The people of **Pisidia** were wild and warlike, forming tribal bands of robbers. These mountaineers were difficult to control and slow to be affected by Hellenic or Roman culture.
- The Romans assigned Galatian King Amyntas the task of subjugating them, but he died before accomplishing it. **Pisidia** became part of the Roman province of Galatia in **25 B.C.E.**, and in **6 B.C.E.**
- Colonies in the area were garrisoned to hold the people in check. These colonies were directed from Antioch, a city near the border between Pisidia and Phrygia. In **74 C.E.** the southern part of Pisidia was combined with Pamphylia and Lycia into a Roman province.
- The northern section remained part of the province of Galatia until, in postapostolic times, it was included in a new province bearing the name **Pisidia**.

See Also ANTIOCH 2

- The apostle Paul passed through **Pisidia** on his first missionary tour, traveling from coastal Pamphylia over the mountains to Pisidian Antioch.
- 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**)
- They, however, went on from Perga and came to Antioch in **Pisidia** and, going into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, they

took a seat. (**Acts of Apostles 13:14**)

- He also passed through **Pisidia** on the return trip.
- And after declaring the Good News to that city and making quite a few disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. (**Acts of Apostles 14:21**)
- And they went through **Pisidia** and came into Pamphylia. (**Acts of Apostles 14:24**)
- The bandits and rushing mountain rivers of the area might well have been a basis for Paul's statement that he had been in dangers from rivers, in dangers from highwaymen.
- In journeys often, in dangers from rivers, in dangers from highwaymen, in dangers from my own race, in dangers from the nations, in dangers in the city, in dangers in the wilderness, in dangers at sea, in dangers among false brothers. (**2 Corinthians 11:26**)