

## ~TROAS (163) (Tro'as)

- The principal seaport of Northwest Asia Minor from which Paul departed on his first visit to Macedonia, and to which he later returned on occasion.
- It was located about 30 kilometers (19 miles) South of the Hellespont or Dardanelles, and about 25 kilometers (15 miles) South of the traditional site of ancient Troy. The same Greek term rendered, **Troas** also applied to the **Troad**, a region in Mysia that surrounded Troy.
- The city of **Troas** was first built during the latter part of the **Fourth Century B.C.E.** by Antigonos, one of the generals of Alexander the Great. In **133 B.C.E.** it came under Roman control, and thereafter the region of Mysia became part of the Roman province of Asia.
- Julius Caesar for a time considered transferring the seat of the Roman government to **Troas**. Emperor Augustus further favored the city by making it a *colonia*, independent of the provincial governor of Asia, and by exempting its citizens from both land and poll taxes.
- On Paul's second journey, probably in the spring of **50 C.E.**, and after passing through Phrygia and Galatia, the apostle and his companions came to **Troas**, for the spirit of Jesus did not permit them to go into Bithynia.
- Moreover, they went through Phrygia and the country of Galatia, because they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in the district of Asia. (**Acts of Apostles 16:6**)
- Further, when getting down to Mysia they made efforts to go into Bithynia, but the spirit of Jesus did not permit them. (**Acts of Apostles 16:7**)
- So they passed Mysia by and came down to **Troas**. (**Acts of Apostles 16:8**)
- Here in **Troas**, Paul had an unusual vision, one of a man calling to him; Step over into Macedonia and help us. Immediately it was concluded,

- God had summoned **us** to declare the Good News to them. The occurrence of us in this text, and we in the following verses, must mean that, here in **Troas**, Luke first joined Paul's party and made the voyage with them across the Aegean to Neapolis.
- And during the night a vision appeared to Paul; A certain Macedonian man was standing and entreating him and saying, Step over into Macedonia and help us. (**Acts of Apostles 16:9**)
- Now as soon as he had seen the vision, we sought to go forth into Macedonia, drawing the conclusion that God had summoned us to declare the Good News to them. (**Acts of Apostles 16:10**)
- Therefore we put out to sea from **Troas** and came with a straight run to Samothrace, but on the following day to Neapolis. (**Acts of Apostles 16:11**)
- And from there to Philippi, a colony, which is the principal city of the district of Macedonia. We continued in this city, spending some days. (**Acts of Apostles 16:12**)
- After leaving Ephesus on his third journey, Paul stopped in **Troas** and there preached the Good News about the Christ, for as he says; A door was opened to me in the Lord.
- But after an undisclosed period of time, the apostle became concerned that Titus had not arrived, and so he departed for Macedonia, hoping to find him there.
- Now after the uproar had subsided, Paul sent for the disciples, and when he had encouraged them and bidden them farewell, he went forth to journey into Macedonia. (**Acts of Apostles 20:1**)
- Now when I arrived in **Troas** to declare the Good News about the Christ, and a door was opened to me in the Lord. (**2 Corinthians 2:12**)
- I got no relief in my spirit on account of not finding Titus my brother, but I said good-bye to them and departed for Macedonia. (**2 Corinthians 2:13**)
- Evidently Paul spent that winter in Greece before returning again to **Troas** in the spring of **56 C.E.**

- After going through those parts and encouraging the ones there with many a word, he came into Greece. ([Acts of Apostles 20:2](#))
- And when he had spent three months there, because a plot was hatched against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he made up his mind to return through Macedonia. ([Acts of Apostles 20:3](#))
- There were accompanying him Sopater the son of Pyrrhus of Beroea, Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and from the district of Asia Tychicus and Trophimus. ([Acts of Apostles 20:4](#))
- These went on and were waiting for us in **Troas**. ([Acts of Apostles 20:5](#))
- But we put out to sea from Philippi after the days of the unfermented cakes, and we came to them in **Troas** within five days, and there we spent seven days. ([Acts of Apostles 20:6](#))
- This time Paul stayed seven days ministering and spiritually building up the Christian brothers in **Troas**. The night before leaving, Paul assembled with them and prolonged his speech until midnight.
- A young man in attendance named Eutychus, who was seated at the third-story window, fell asleep and tumbled to his death. The apostle miraculously brought the boy back to life and continued conversing with the group until daybreak.
- But we put out to sea from Philippi after the days of the unfermented cakes, and we came to them in **Troas** within five days, and there we spent seven days. ([Acts of Apostles 20:6](#))
- On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to have a meal, Paul began discoursing to them, as he was going to depart the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. ([Acts of Apostles 20:7](#))
- So there were quite a few lamps in the upper chamber where we were gathered together. ([Acts of Apostles 20:8](#))
- Seated at the window, a certain young man named Eutychus fell into a deep sleep while Paul kept talking on, and, collapsing in sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.

**(Acts of Apostles 20:9)**

- But Paul went downstairs, threw himself upon him and embraced him and said; Stop raising a clamor, for his soul is in him. (**Acts of Apostles 20:10**)
- He now went upstairs and began the meal and took food, and after conversing for quite a while, until daybreak, he at length departed. (**Acts of Apostles 20:11**)
- So they took the boy away alive and were comforted beyond measure. (**Acts of Apostles 20:12**)
- It is likely that Paul visited **Troas** again after being released from house arrest in Rome in **61 C.E.** Paul wrote to Timothy during the apostles second imprisonment in Rome, about the year **65 C.E.**, asking that Timothy bring a cloak and certain scrolls and parchments that Paul had left with Carpus in **Troas**.
- It seems very unlikely that such a request would have been made some nine years later, as the case would have been if Paul's last visit to Carpus home had been on his third journey in about **56 C.E.**
- When you come, bring the cloak I left at **Troas** with Carpus, and the scrolls, especially the parchments. (**2 Timothy 4:13**)