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CLASS 1 - Introduction



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The Epistle to the Philippians is **a letter from a friend to friends**, a letter of spiritual counsel, written in acknowledgment of loving help. The apostle knew that the Philippians would be interested in his personal circumstances, as he himself is interested in theirs. He tells them of his bonds, of the progress of the gospel at Rome, of the conduct of the Jewish party, of their endeavours to distress him by factious opposition, preaching Christ, as they did, out of envy and party spirit. He tells them of the inward peace and joy which bore him up in all his afflictions; he feels sure of their sympathy, **he writes in the fullest confidence of Christian friendship, his joy is their joy.**

– Pulpit Commentary

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No other church ever gave Paul more joy and satisfaction.

In no other part of the empire were there Christians in whom he found such comfort in visiting, or to whom he had more delight in writing.

- Gospel Advocate Commentaries

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Joy is the predominant note of this letter, written by a man in prison who during thirty years had been mobbed, beaten, stoned, and manhandled – enough to make the angels gasp. Yet his is overflowing with joy. **The very things that would naturally tend to make him sour only added to his happiness.**

– Halley's Bible Handbook

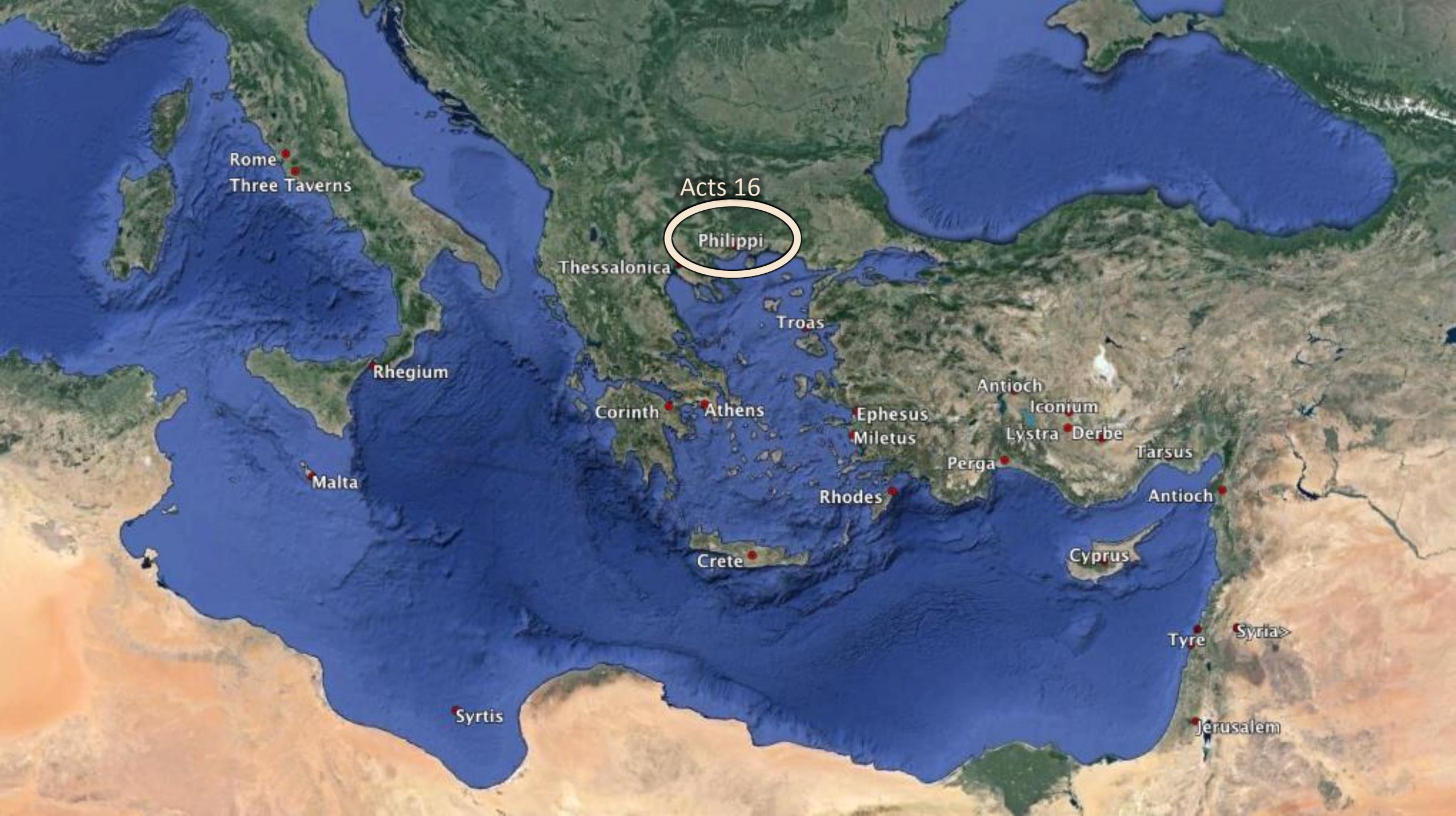
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Philippians is the single most optimistic, joyous, and cheerful book in the entire New Testament.

And it was written by a man who had likely seen the worst suffering of any of the apostles.

(2 Cor 11:23-29)



Rome
Three Taverns

Acts 16

Philippi

Thessalonica

Troas

Rhegium

Corinth

Athens

Ephesus

Miletus

Antioch

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Lystra

Derbe

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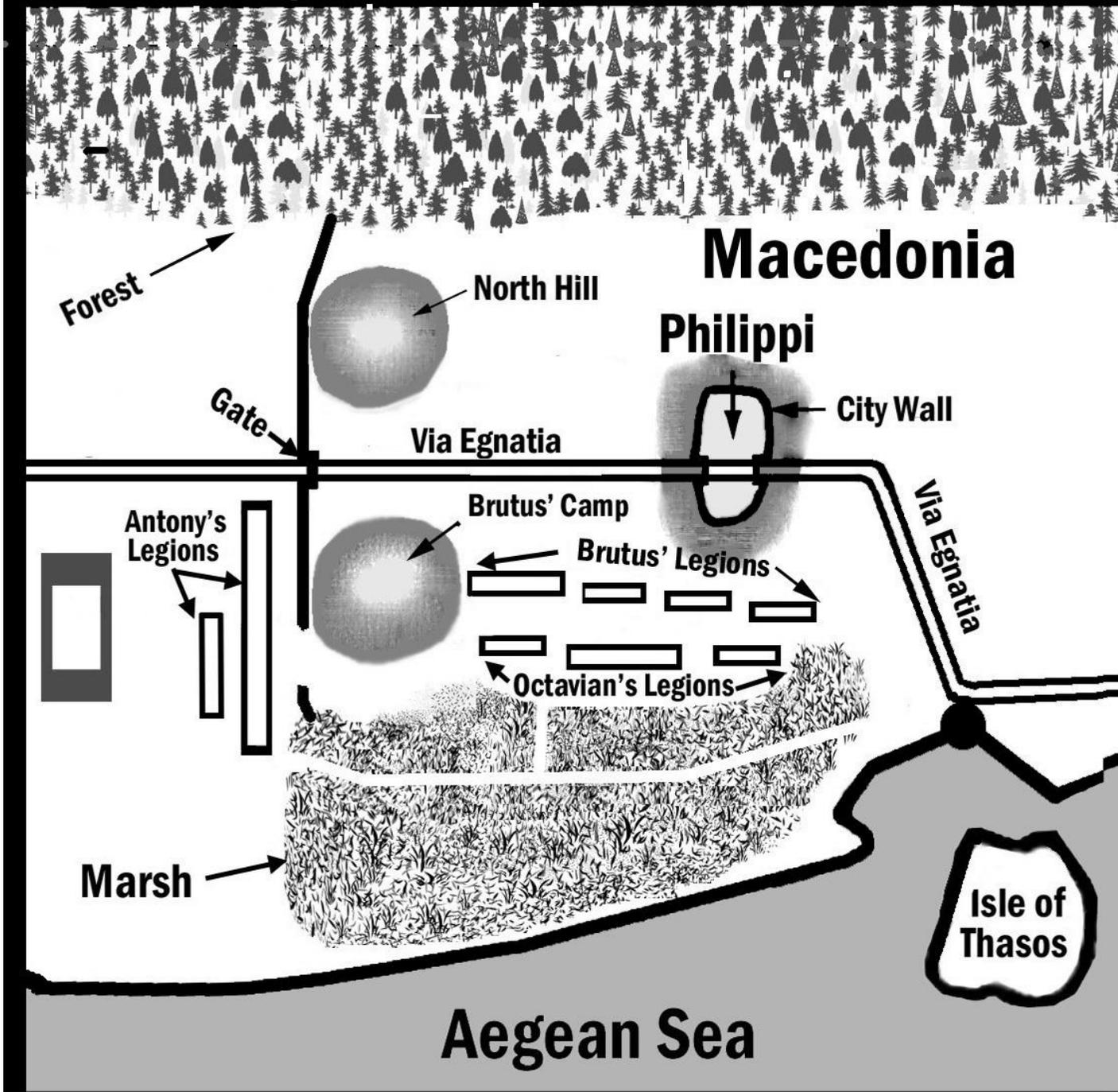
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The Philippian Fellowship

And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there . And she constrained us.

(Acts 16:15)

And ye yourselves also know, ye Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving but ye only; for even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my need.

(Php. 4:15-16)

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God which hath been given in the churches of Macedonia; how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For according to their power, I bear witness, yea and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord, beseeching us with much entreaty in regard of this grace and the fellowship in the ministering to the saints:

(2 Cor 8:1-4)

I robbed other churches, taking wages of them that I might minister unto you; and when I was present with you and was in want, I was not a burden on any man; for the brethren, when they came from Macedonia, supplied the measure of my want; and in everything I kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself .

(2 Cor 11:8-9)