

“Seven + One Sent Forth To Pave The Way Of Salvation!”

Acts 20:1-6

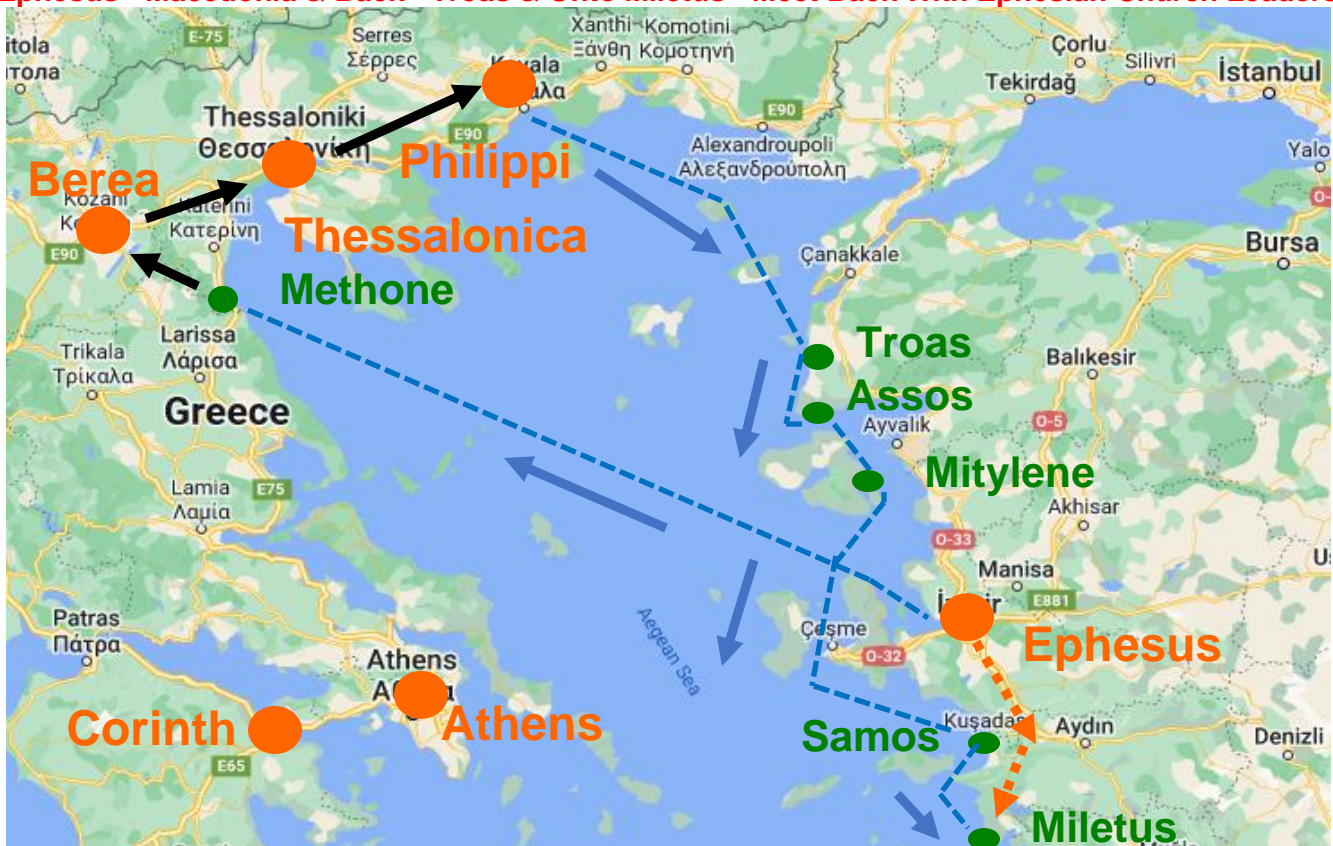
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Acts 20:1-6 (NKJV)

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“What Was Paul’s Intention Before & After The ‘Great Commotion’ Arouse In Ephesus?”

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To Travel Back To Macedonia To Strengthen The Churches Of Berea, Thessalonica, & Philippi!
Ephesus - Macedonia & Back - Troas & Onto Miletus - Meet Back With Ephesian Church Leaders



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“Where Was Paul In A Hurry To Go To Next?”

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Jerusalem For Feast of Pentecost In The Spring of 57 A.D.

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Back To Paul’s Original Plan To Leave Ephesus & Revisit Macedonia

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Acts 20:1-3

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**"What Was Paul's Strategic Plan For Evangelizing
As They Went On Their Return Trip To All These Churches?"**

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**Paul Used A Similar Plan Devised & Employed By Jesus,
Which Was Designed To Increase The Outreach & Effect Of The Gospel Of Good News,
& Simultaneously Give New Disciples Valuable Experience In On-The-Job Training!**

A1 – SELF STUDY

After these things, the Lord Appointed Seventy Others also, and Sent Them Two-By-Two Before His Face into Every City and Place Where He Himself was About to Go. Then He Said to Them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this House.' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the Kingdom of God has come near you.' But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him Who Sent Me." Then the Seventy Returned with Joy, Saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name." And He Said to Them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." In that hour Jesus Rejoiced in the Spirit and Said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and Who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." Then He Turned to His Disciples and said Privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

Luke 10:1-24

A2 - Paul's Macedonian Plan For Sending

**Sending Out Six Others Ahead Of Him To Debate, Preach, Reason, Teach, & Pray
In Each Local He Would Soon Follow Up, In The Accompany Of Sopater of Berea!**

... So, **Aristarchus**, ² and **Secundus** of the **Thessalonians**, ³ **Gaius** of **Derbe**, ⁴ **Timothy**, ⁵ **Tychicus** ⁶ and **Trophimus** of **Asia**. ⁷ These **Men**, Going Ahead, ... **Acts 20:4b-5a**

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“At What Point On The Map Would They All Be Reunited & Become One Company Of Seven + One Again?”

A

Paul Intended To Reunite & Regroup At Troas!
... These **Men**, Going Ahead, Waited for **Us** (**Paul** & **Sopater**) at **Troas** ... **Acts 20:5**

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“What Was Paul’s Plan In Revisiting The Churches of Macedonia?”

A1

To Revisit Each Church & Use His **Follow Up 4-Part Plan**:

1) Report / Present, 2) Encourage / Decision 3) Commission / Ordain, & 4) Equip / Mentor

A2

These **Follow-Up Visits** Are To Confirm The Believers Faith Utilizing Paul’s **5-Part Formula**:

1) Edification, 2) Exhortation, 3) Strengthen, 4) Preach, & 5) Teach

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“What Did They Do When They All Gathered Back Together For The Next Seven Days?”

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They Gave Their Reports & Encouraged One Another For A Sabbath Of Seven Days, Rejoicing In The Lord, Who Had Accompanied Them & Who Had Given Them: Power, Signs, Wonders, & Words To Share Along Their Way!
... (Troas) Where **We** (**Seven + One – All Together**) Stayed Seven Days ... **Acts 20:6c**

*“Let Us As God’s Faithful Children Whom He Has Called,
Let Us Answer Faithfully In Planning & Acting
According To His Good, Perfect, & Strategic Will!
Let Us Spend Time Separately & Together In Prayer, Study,
& In Reaching The Broken & Lost Of This World,
With His Love, Service, & Word,
For The Sake Of His Glory & His Name!”*