



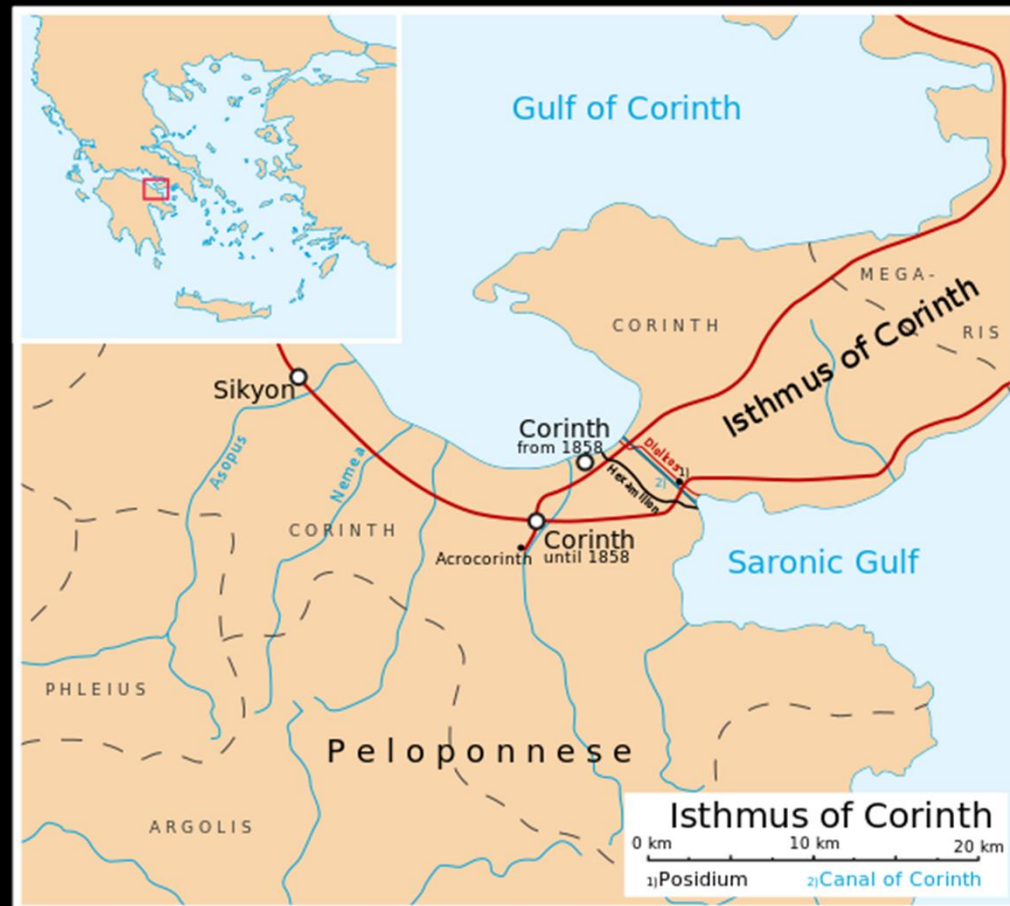
MACEDONIA & ACHAIA



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CORINTH







THE WRITING OF 2 CORINTHIANS

- Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ
 - His authority
 - By the will of God

THE WRITING OF 2 CORINTHIANS

- Written from where? Consider:
 - 1 Corinthians written from Ephesus (1 Corinthians 16:8)
 - Left Ephesus and went to Troas (2 Corinthians 2:12-13)
 - Did not find Titus there as expected
 - Titus joined Paul in Macedonia and brought refreshing news about the Corinthians' reception of the first letter (2 Corinthians 2, 7)
 - Timothy joined Paul at some point before he wrote this letter (2 Corinthians 1:1)
- Written from where?
 - Somewhere in Macedonia (2 Corinthians 2:12, 7:5, 9:1-5)



THE WRITING OF 2 CORINTHIANS

- When was it written?
 - After Pentecost, 57 AD

WHY STUDY 2 CORINTHIANS?

- It is the inspired writing of an apostle
 - Authoritative
- In it, we learn
 - A lot about Paul
 - About forgiving a penitent brother
 - Many truths of the new covenant and its ministry by the apostles
 - About confidence in the face of adversaries
 - Instruction about the first day of the week collection
 - The reality of and the working of enemies of the apostle and of Christ

HIGH-LEVEL SUGGESTED OUTLINE

- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. Paul's conduct in the light of the apostolic ministry (1:3-7:16)
- III. Instructions regarding the collection for needy saints in Jerusalem (8-9)
- IV. Addressing the enemies of Christ (10-13)

(Based on Outline in The Book of 2 Corinthians, by Melvin Curry, 2008, p.44-46)

2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-2

SALUTATION

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia: {2} Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-7

THE FATHER OF MERCIES; THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, {4} who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. {5} For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. {6} Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. {7} And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.”

2 CORINTHIANS 1:8-11

GOD DELIVERED AND SHALL DELIVER

“For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. {9} Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, {10} who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, {11} you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.”

2 CORINTHIANS 1:12-14

SIMPLICITY AND SINCERITY OF PAUL'S ACTIONS & LETTERS

“For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you. {13} For we are not writing any other things to you than what you read or understand. Now I trust you will understand, even to the end {14} (as also you have understood us in part), that we are your boast as you also are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.”