

Acts 14:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

After they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. Paul and Barnabas's return journey through Asia Minor demonstrates apostolic strategy: revisiting churches to strengthen disciples. The Greek *dierchomai* (διέρχομαι, "passed throughout") suggests thorough ministry, not mere transit. Pisidia was a rugged highland region where they'd faced persecution in Antioch (Acts 13:50-51). Rather than avoiding danger zones, they courageously retraced steps to consolidate gospel gains.

Pamphylia was a coastal region on the Mediterranean where John Mark had earlier abandoned the mission (Acts 13:13), a defection that would later cause sharp contention (Acts 15:36-40). The missionaries' return through these regions fulfilled Jesus' Great Commission pattern: preach, make disciples, establish churches. Their geographical movements reveal strategic gospel advance—penetrating inland highlands, then consolidating coastal areas, creating networks of Spirit-filled communities that would carry witness forward.

Historical Context

This occurred during Paul's first missionary journey (circa AD 47-48). Pisidia's capital Antioch had witnessed both powerful gospel response and violent Jewish opposition. Pamphylia's major city Perga likely received renewed ministry on this return trip. Ancient Roman roads facilitated travel, though journeys were arduous

and dangerous—bandits, wild animals, harsh terrain. The missionaries traveled on foot, relying on local hospitality.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does apostolic courage to revisit hostile territories challenge your willingness to persevere where ministry proved difficult?
2. What strategic principles can we discern from Paul's pattern of advance-consolidate-return in church planting?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	διελθόντες	τὴν	Πισιδίαν	ἦλθον	εἰς
And	after they had passed throughout	G3588	Pisidia	they came	to
G2532	G1330		G4099	G2064	G1519

Παμφυλίαν

Pamphylia

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