

The Book of Acts

“You Shall Be My Witnesses”

**The Establishment and Growth
of the Lord’s Church**



c. A.D. 50-54

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PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY
 Acts 15:36 - 18:22

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
- Paul's Route

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Thessalonica Old and New





“Politarchs” (Gr. πολιάρχας) = “rulers of the city” (17:6,8)



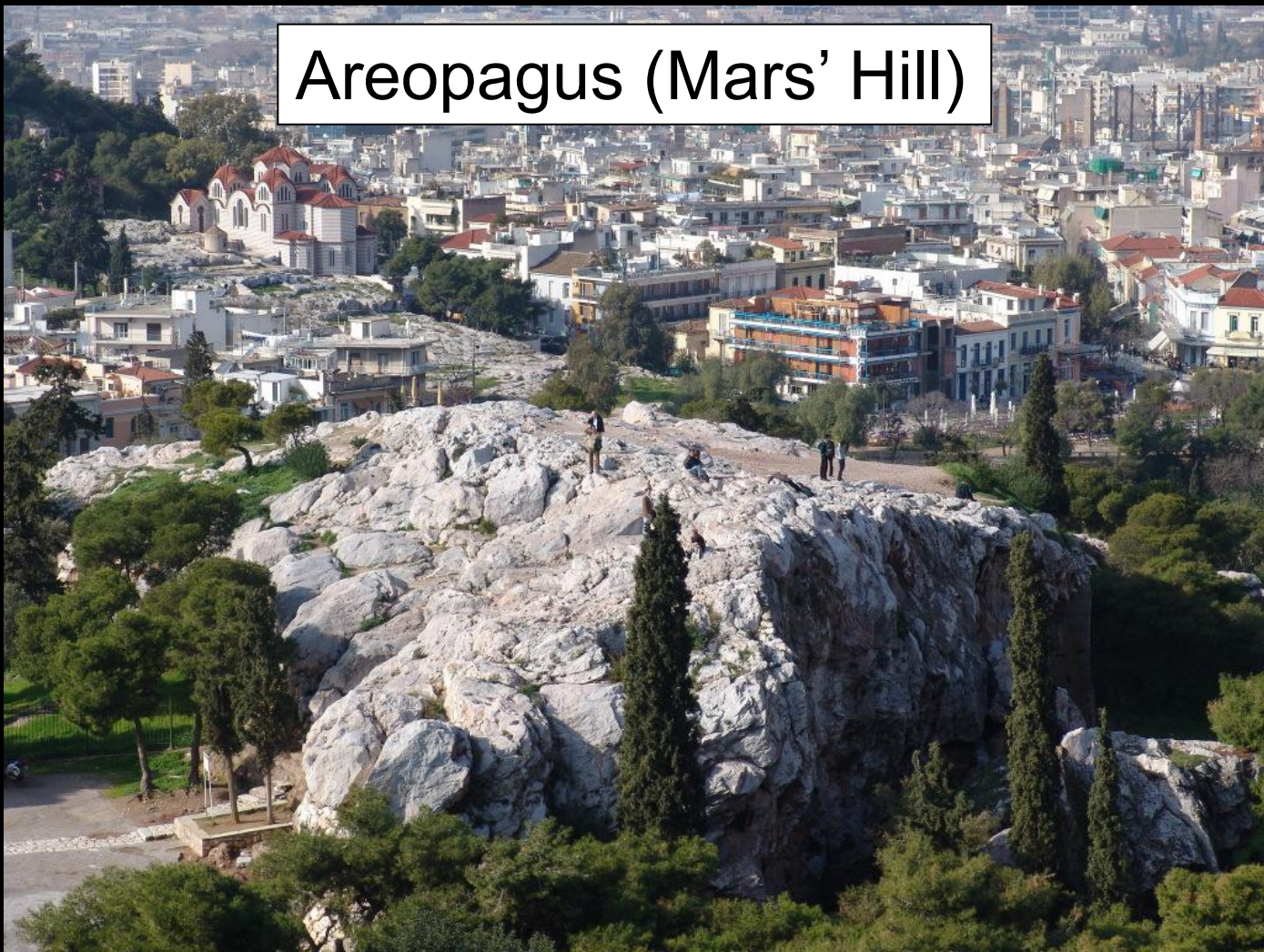
Ancient Athens in the Days of Paul



The Parthenon



Areopagus (Mars' Hill)



Greek Gods and Goddesses

Name	Known As	Symbol
Zeus	supreme god	lightening bolt
Hera	queen of all gods	peacock, pomegranate
Ares	war god	armor, dogs
Hades	underworld	cypress
Apollo	sun god	chariot, lyre, laurel
Hermes	messenger god	winged cup, sandals
Aphrodite	goddess of love	myrtle tree, dove
Poseidon	sea god	trident
Atlas	god – supported heaven	mountain
Demeter	harvest goddess	sheaf of wheat
Artemis	goddess of the hunt/moon	hunting weapons, stag
Athena	goddess of wisdom	owl

Acts 17

Lessons for Today

1. In religious discussions, reason from the scriptures to make your point, not from your opinions (17:2-3, 17; Jn. 5:39).
2. Be ready for different responses to your preaching and teaching: positive, negative, and indifferent (17:4-9, 12-13, 32-34; Lk. 8:4-15).

Acts 17

Lessons for Today

3. Jealousy is a powerful emotion that can cause people to do terrible things (17:5; Mt. 27:18; Acts 7:9).
4. Let us never be satisfied with mediocrity or the status quo, but “turn the world upside down” with the truth of God’s word (17:6; 1 K. 18:17-18).

Acts 17

Lessons for Today

5. Jesus is indeed a “king”, but not an earthly king (17:7; Jn. 18:36-37).
6. We need to be like the Bereans who kept open minds, open scriptures, and open schedules (17:11; Psa. 119:97, 148).

Acts 17

Lessons for Today

7. Like Paul, we should be provoked within when we see people worshipping in ignorance and then do what we can to get them out of it (17:16-18; Mk. 3:5).
8. Some people are only interested in “new” teachings, but not the truth (17:18-21; 1 Cor. 1:22-23).

Acts 17

Lessons for Today

9. Many religious people today still worship in ignorance (17:22-23; Jn. 4:22).
10. God can be known and he wants us to seek him and serve him (17:24-29; Rom. 1:20).

Acts 17

Lessons for Today

11. We need to repent and prepare for the coming judgment day (17:30-31; 2 Pet. 3:9).
12. Some people mock the truth, others reserve judgment about the truth, while others will obey the truth (17:32-34). What will you do with the truth (Prov. 23:23)?