

Bible Dictionary for Second Quarter, 1901

An-a-ni'-as A devout Christian Jew of Damascus who instructed Saul of Tarsus in Christian truth.

Ar-a'-bi-ans Inhabitants of the peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf.

A'-si-a The Roman province comprising the south-west part of Asia Minor. Ephesus was the capital.

Beth'-a-ny A small stone village on the south-east slope of Olivet, about two miles from Jerusalem.

Cap-pa-do'-ci-a A province in the interior of Asia Minor.

Cle'-o-pas One of the two with whom Jesus walked on the way to Emmaus. Possibly not the same as Cleophas of John 19: 25.

Cretes Inhabitants of Crete, an island in the Mediterranean, now called Candia.

Cy-re'-ne A Greek colony and city in Libya, Africa. The country is now known as Tripoli.

Da-mas'-cus The oldest city in the world, 140 miles north-east of Jerusalem. It is now under Turkish rule.

Did-y'-mus Another name for Thomas the Apostle. It is a Greek word meaning "twin."

E'-gypt A province in Africa, divided into Upper and Lower Egypt. The former comprised the long, narrow valley, and the latter the delta, of the Nile.

E'-lam-ites A people of ancient Persia, just south of Media and Parthia. (See Parthia.) Its capital was Susa or Shushan, mentioned in Esther and in Nehemiah.

Em-ma'-us A village probably seven or eight miles south-west of Jerusalem.

Eph'-e-sus The largest city mentioned in connection with the "Seven Churches." It was the capital of Asia, in the Roman province of Asia Minor. John found a home there in his later years.

Gal'-i-lee The Northern Province of Palestine. Its population engaged in farming, fishing and mercantile pursuits.

Is'-ra-el A name given to the Jewish nation to denote descent from Jacob, who was also called Israel.

Jo-an'-na The wife of Herod's steward (Luke 8: 3), and a faithful follower of Jesus.

Ju-dæ'-a A southern province of Palestine, with Jerusalem for capital. A mountainous country inhabited in the uplands by shepherds.

La-od-i-ce'-a A city south west of Phrygia in Asia Minor on the river Lycus. It is now a heap of ruins.

Lib'-y-a A province of Africa just west of Egypt. (See Egypt.)

Mary Wife of Cleophas (Alpheus) and mother of James the Apostle. (See James.)

Mary Mag-da-l'-ne A devoted follower of Christ from Magdala in Galilee, out of whom Christ cast seven demons.

Medes Inhabitants of Media, a country that played an important part in the ancient Persian Empire. (See Parthia.)

Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a A province lying between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates, bordering on the West of Media.

Mo'-ses The great deliverer and law-giver of Israel and popularly considered as the author of the first five books of the Bible.

Pam-phyl'-i-a A province in the south of Asia Minor.

Par'-thians A Scythian people on the south-east of the Caspian Sea and, with the Medes and Elamites, belonging to the ancient Persian Empire, which had suffered decline long before the time of Christ. The Parthians were great archers and formidable opponents of the Romans.

Pat'-mos A rocky island in the Aegean Sea, the place of John's banishment.

Per'-ga-mos A city of Mysia in Asia Minor, now called Bergama.

Phil-a-del'-phi-a A city of Lydia, 25 miles from Sardis. It had many churches, the ruins of which may still be seen. The modern city has about 10,000 of a population.

Phryg'-i-a A province in the interior of Asia Minor.

Pon'-tus A province in the North of Asia Minor.

Sar'-dis The capital of Lydia in Asia Minor, fifty miles from Smyrna. It is now in ruins.

Smyr'-na A town 40 miles west of Ephesus on the Aegean Sea. It is still a flourishing town.

Saul Paul's Hebrew name. Paul is Greek. Born at Tarsus, in the province of Cilicia, Asia Minor, A.D. 2. His father, though a Jew, was a Roman citizen. Saul was educated at Tarsus, and then in the schools at Jerusalem. He was a bitter persecutor of the Church until converted.

The-oph'-ilus Probably an official Roman of high rank, and a convert to Christianity. The name is Greek.

Thom'-as The doubting apostle; but whose doubts were removed by the appearance of Jesus. (See Didymus.)

Thy-a-ti'-ra A town of Lydia in Asia Minor. It carried on a large trade in purple and is still a flourishing place.