

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

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Corinth was situated at the southern extremity of the isthmus joining the Peloponnese with the mainland of Greece. It was easy of access from both east and west,

having one harbor, Lechæum, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant on the Corinthian Gulf opening out into the Adriatic Sea, and another, Cenchreæ, $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles away on the Saronic Gulf leading to the Ægean. Because the city thus bestrode the isthmus, it was called by the Roman poet Horace "two sea'd Corinth". Philip, king of Macedon, called the isthmus one of the "fetters of Greece", binding together, as it did the northern and southern



portions of the country and commanding all land communication between them. Sir William Ramsay describes it as "one of the knots on the great central route

from Rome to the East towards which converged a number of subordinate roads". The situation of Corinth on the great highway of travel made it a most important centre whence any new movement might radiate its influence over the entire Roman province of Achaia, of which it was the capital. It ranks with Antioch in Syria and Ephesus as one of the cities most closely connected with the early spread of Christianity westwards.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Some Test Questions

[NOTE: These Questions are not intended for use in the class, but as samples of questions by which the teacher may test the thoroughness of his own preparation of the Lesson. He will also find it of great advantage to be familiar with the Questions set for the scholars in the HOME STUDY, INTERMEDIATE, and PRIMARY, QUARTERLIES and LEAFLETS. The scholars should be encouraged to use these as a guide in their study of the Lesson.]

1. Describe the situation of Corinth? What place did it hold amongst the cities of Greece?
2. With what fellow tradesmen did Paul at first make his home in Corinth? What was their trade?
3. Where did the apostle begin preaching? How did he earn his living?
4. Who rejoined him at Corinth? Where had each of these been?
5. What effect had their coming on Paul's preaching? What did he prove concerning Jesus? By what evidence?

6. How did the Jews treat him? In what manner did he declare his freedom from responsibility for their souls?

7. To whose house did he transfer his preaching? Why would this be a specially suitable place? What leading Jew became a convert?

8. Who appeared to Paul in a vision? What did He bid him do? What assurance did He give him?

9. How long did Paul remain in Corinth? What success crowned his work?

10. Before what Roman governor was he charged with treason? How did Gallio treat the charge? Whither did Paul arrange to go?

Something to Look Up

[From the INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY and LEAFLET

1. God once appeared to Daniel and said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not." Find these words.