



Logos Class

2 Corinthians Ch 1

May 2, 2024
Module 5, Room 1

Happy Mother's Day

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *April 21, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Nahum Ch 1/ Intro*
- ✓ *April 28, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Nahum Ch 2*
- ✓ *May 5, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Nahum Ch 3 and wrap*
 - ✓ *Manor Lake – May 7, 2024*
- ✓ *May 12, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 1 – Mother's Day*
- *May 19, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 2*
 - *Manor Lake – May 21, 2024 – 2 John*
- *May 26, 2024 – Carroll Springer*
- *June 2, 2024. - Carroll Springer*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *Israel is moving slowly but firmly into Rafah, captured the Gaza side of the Egyptian border*
- *No movement on Hostages, but the US has halted approved offensive weapons replenishment to Israel but not Ukraine. Big gamble by the US administration.*
- *Biden hates Netanyahu and is putting it all on the line to make Israel bow to US demands*
- *Relationships are getting worse, and Israel is not bowing.*

US

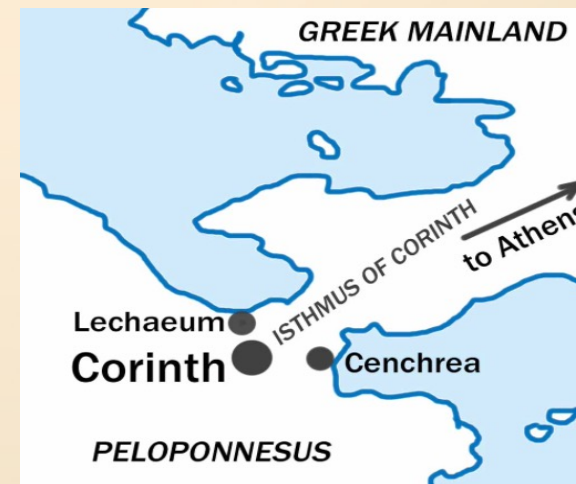
- *Antisemitism rages on US campuses and around elections upcoming. Support for Hamas visible*
- *Election Season Chaos and Border Chaos, Former President Trump and Court Actions*
- *Congress funded Israel and Ukraine and considering action against violent protestors on college campuses.*
 - *FYI- Congress Impeached Trump for halting approved US Aid to Ukraine...**watch this space***
- ***Betrayal of Israel is taking shape**...pressure to quit the war, actually withholding weapons, Highest ranking Jew in Govt is anti-Netanyahu, the Secretary of State is Jewish and throttling Israel and demanding a 2 state Solution. Friends betraying Friends is visible now.*

The Stakes in the upcoming Election could not be higher or more clear

Perspective on location of Corinth



- Near Athens, across Isthmus.
- Major trade route
- Avoid dangerous travel around cape below.
- Extremely prosperous city with history and diverse populations



Corinth Canal & brief timeline



- 196 B.C. Rome declared it a free city.
- 146 B.C. It rebelled and was destroyed by Mummius, the consul.
- 46 B.C. Julius Caesar rebuilt the city in great elegance, restoring it to its former prominence.

However, even its ruins were lost to history for many years, and a fishing village was built over them. In 1928, an earthquake uncovered them, and now much of the city has been excavated.

In 67 AD the Emperor Nero started the canal

Part of the Aphrodite Temple



- Major attraction to area
- 1000 Priestesses for sex roamed city at night
- One of the cultural and reasons Corinth became a pejorative description of those that were totally depraved. (Corinthianized)

Cautionary Tale if you climb to see it

Doric Temple in Corinth today



- Doric Temple Ruins in Corinth
- Part of large uncovered ruin area for tourists to see and understand the area.
- We had lunch overlooking the marketplace area of Corinth in 2017 on a “Footsteps of Paul” trip
- Worthwhile, but very hard physical trip.



Letters to the Corinthians

- Some key things to know about these letters
- There were several letters written to them by Paul which are apparently lost
- A sequence line of communication helps explain some curious things about these letters.
- Remember that Chapters and verses were not part of original writings and they were written in a loose-leaf style.
- Collected for copying long after Paul's death
- Perhaps some sequence issues
- Common issues with Letters versus books (one side)

Sequence of Communications

- Previous Letter to Corinthians, referenced in 1 Cor 5:9 is lost. Some believe it is in 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
- People from The Church arrive with a letter to Paul (Chloe's people, Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus) from the church
- 1 Corinthians was written in reply to this letter and situation ...and taken by Timothy to them.
- The situation worsens, the letter does not help. Timothy shares what is happening, and Paul makes a personal visit to Corinth. This personal visit was a complete failure and almost breaks Paul's heart.
- The consequence of this failure is the **Severe Letter**, which is most likely 2 Cor Ch 10-13 and taken there by Titus.
- Paul was so anxious for an answer from Titus' visit, he could not wait and meets him in Macedonia. He learns all is well and writes, probably from Philippi, 2 Cor Ch 1-9 which is called the **Letter of Reconciliation**.

Sequence of the letters

- Paul comes to Corinth from Athens, where there are believers that were chased of Rome and begins to establish a church (See Acts 18). Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Titus are in the missionary team.
- Paul moves on to Ephesus, and stays longer than a year in Corinth – many issues
- Paul writes a Lost Letter to Corinth
- Letter from Corinthian Church to Paul regarding what is happening
- Paul writes 1 Corinthians as a reply and Timothy takes it
- Timothy is distressed and contacts Paul because it is getting worse.
- Paul comes to Corinth, but his visit only makes it worse
- Paul writes a “Severe Letter” to them (2 Cor Chapters 10-13) and Titus takes it. Paul is so concerned that he meets Titus in Macedonia and hears that all is getting back to normal.
- Paul writes 2 Cor 1-9 as a letter of Reconciliation

2 Cor Ch 1:1-2 *Paul to the Church - Reconciliation Letter*

*1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by **the will of God**, and Timothy our brother,*

*To the **church of God in Corinth**, together with all his holy people throughout Achaia:*

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor Ch 1:3-5 *Comforted to Comfort*

³ *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Father of compassion** and the **God of all comfort**,*

⁴ ***who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.***

⁵ *For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.*

2 Cor Ch 1:6-7

*⁶ If we are **distressed**, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you **patient endurance** of the same sufferings we suffer.*

⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

2 Cor Ch 1:8-11. Through despair, hope arises

⁸ *We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, **about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia.** We were under **great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure,** so that we **despaired of life itself.***

⁹ *Indeed, we felt we had **received the sentence of death.** But this happened that **we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.***

¹⁰ *He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. **On Him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,***

¹¹ *as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.*

2 Cor Ch 1:12-14 Misreading Actions

¹² Now **this** is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with **integrity/Holiness* and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.***

¹³ For we do not write you **anything** you cannot read or understand. And I hope that,

¹⁴ as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus.

*****Word for integrity/holiness/purity = **eilikrineia** = something that can be held up to the light for all to see into and through***

2 Cor Ch 1:15-17 Motives Questioned

15 Because I was confident of this, I wanted to visit you first so that you might benefit twice.

16 I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you send me on my way to Judea.

17 Was I fickle when I intended to do this? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say both “Yes, yes” and “No, no”?

2 Cor Ch 1:18-22

God is Faithful

18 But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.”

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was **preached among you by us**—by me and Silas (Silvanus) and Timothy—**was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.”**

20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so, through him, the **“Amen”** is spoken by us to the glory of God.

21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us,

22 set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a **deposit**, guaranteeing what is to come.

Amen to the promises of God, and God’s Earnest Money as a pledge for greater things to come

2 Cor Ch 1:23-2:4 Why I did not immediately return

³ I call God as my witness—and I stake my life on it—that it was in order to spare you that I did not return to Corinth.

*²⁴ Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is **by faith you stand firm**.*

*2 ¹ So, I made up my mind that I **would not make another painful visit to you**.*

*² **For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved?***

*³ I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice. **I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy**.*

*⁴ For I wrote <to> you out of **great distress and anguish of heart** and with **many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you**.*

Next Week

- *Read 2 Cor Ch 2, and come back to discuss*
- *Pray for God to move in the US, Israel and in the leaders*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and your friends both inside and outside of the church.*
- *Pray that Israel stays in God's will and does His Will*
- *Pray for families to be strengthened not divided as the world spins toward judgment*
- *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*
- *Stay focused on Him and His desires in Faithfulness*