



THE PRESENCE

LIVING LIFE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A lighthouse on a rocky cliff with a beam of light shining across a stormy sea.

The Empowering Presence

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1 John 4

4 ... the Spirit who lives in you
is greater than the spirit
who lives in the world.





The New Testament World
in the Time of the Roman Empire

0 300 Miles

WARNING



Deuteronomy 18

⁹ "When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, be very careful not to imitate the detestable customs of the nations living there.



Deuteronomy 18

¹⁰ For example, never sacrifice your son or daughter as a burnt offering.



Deuteronomy 18

And do not let your people practice fortune-telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft,¹¹ or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead.



Deuteronomy 18

¹² Anyone who does these things
is detestable to the LORD.

It is because the other nations
have done these detestable things
that the LORD your God
will drive them out ahead of you.





Isaiah 8

¹⁹ Someone may say to you,
“Let’s ask the mediums
and those who consult the spirits of the dead.
With their whisperings and mutterings,
they will tell us what to do.”



Isaiah 8

But shouldn't people ask God for guidance?
Should the living seek guidance from the dead?

²⁰ Look to God's instructions and teachings!

People who contradict his word
are completely in the dark.





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(Dead Sea)

Masada

1 Corinthians 10

¹⁹ What am I trying to say?

Am I saying that food offered to idols has some significance, or that idols are real gods?

²⁰ No, not at all.



1 Corinthians 10

I am saying that
these sacrifices are offered to demons,
not to God.



1 Corinthians 10

And I don't want you to participate with demons.

²¹ You cannot drink from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons, too. You cannot eat at the Lord's Table and at the table of demons, too.



demons



demons

FALLEN ANGELS
"Persons without bodies"





FACING SPIRITUAL OPPRESSION



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Acts 19

¹³ A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits.

They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying,

“I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!”



Acts 19

¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this.

¹⁵ But one time when they tried it,
the evil spirit replied,

“I know Jesus, and I know Paul,
but who are you?”



Acts 19

¹⁶ Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them,
overpowered them,
and attacked them with such violence
that they fled from the house,
naked and battered.



Acts 19

¹⁷ The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to Jews and Greeks alike.

A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored.



Acts 19

¹⁸ Many who became believers
confessed their sinful practices.



Acts 19

¹⁹ A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars.



Acts 19

²⁰ So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect.





Did I open the door?

Close it.



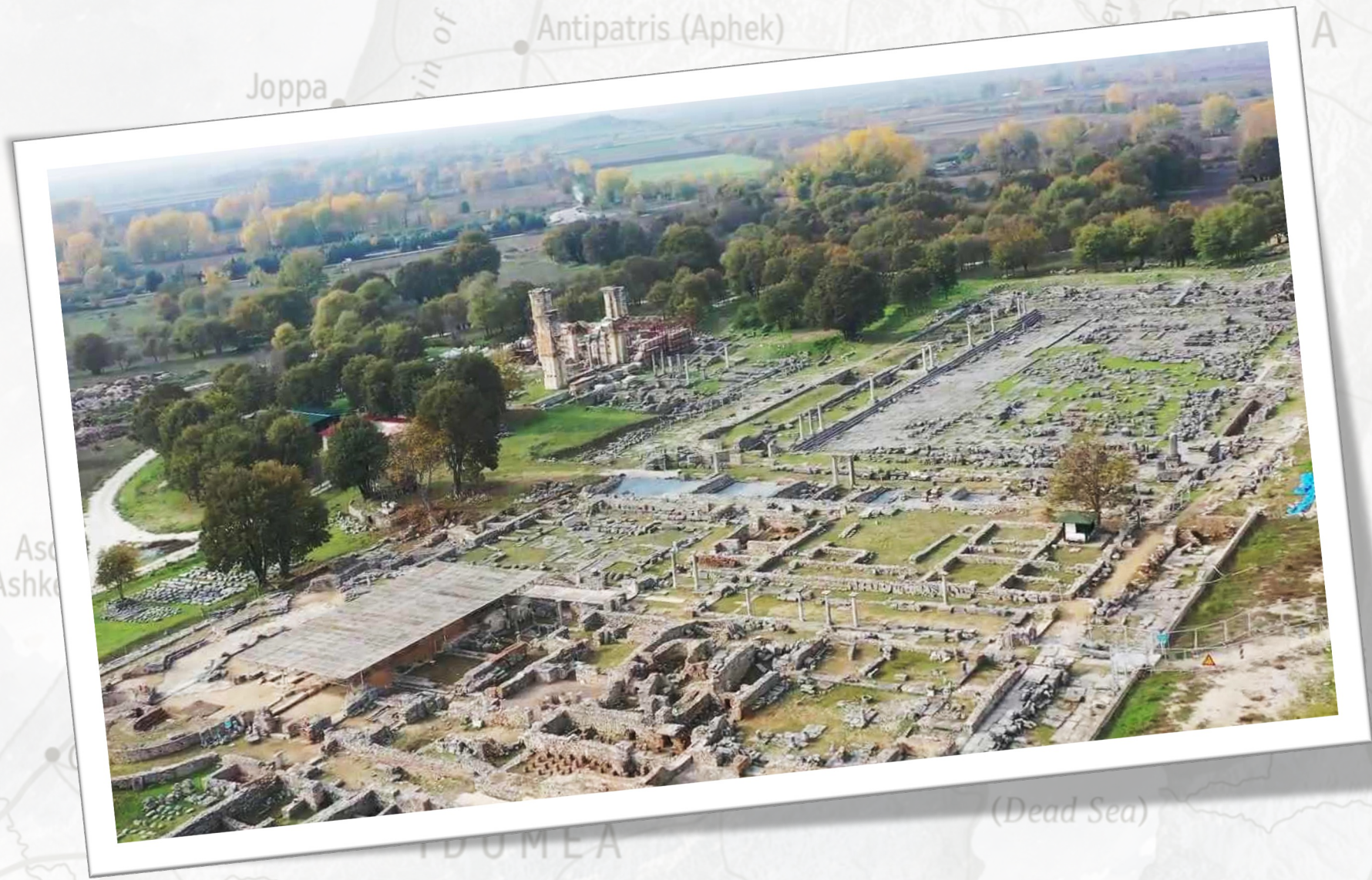
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Acts 16

¹⁶ One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes.



Acts 16

¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting,
“These men are servants of the Most High God,
and they have come to tell you how to be saved.”



Acts 16

¹⁸ This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And instantly it left her.



Acts 16

¹⁹ Her masters' hopes of wealth were now shattered,
so they grabbed Paul and Silas
and dragged them before the authorities
at the marketplace.



Acts 16

20 "The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!"

they shouted to the city officials.

21 "They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice."



Acts 16

²² A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods.

²³ They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison.



Acts 16

The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape.

²⁴ So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.



Acts 16

²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening....



Acts 16

³³ Even at that hour of the night,
the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds.
Then he and everyone in his household
were immediately baptized...
and his entire household rejoiced because
they all believed in God.





Am I being targeted?

Fight it.



THESSALONICA



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1 Thessalonians 2

¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters,
after we were separated from you for a little while
(though our hearts never left you),
we tried very hard to come back
because of our intense longing to see you again.



1 Thessalonians 2

¹⁸ We wanted very much to come to you,
and I, Paul, tried again and again,
but Satan prevented us.



A lighthouse stands on a rocky cliff on the left side of the image, its light glowing. The sea is turbulent with white-capped waves crashing against the shore. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright light source breaking through on the right side, creating a dramatic, high-contrast scene.

Am I being opposed?

Trust God.

1 John 4

⁴ But you belong to God, my dear children.
You have already won a victory over those people,
because the Spirit who lives in you
IS GREATER
than the spirit who lives in the world.



ARE YOU STANDING FIRM?

Close it. Fight it. Trust God.



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