

16:1 And he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple named Timothy was there, the son of a woman who was a Jewess and who believed. But his father was a Greek. 2 He was well reported of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted him to go with him, and taking him he circumcised him, because of the Jews who were in those places; for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 And as they passed through the cities, they delivered to them the commandments to keep, the ones that were ordained by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. 5 Then indeed the assemblies were established in the faith and increased in number daily.

Shaul takes the route from Antioch to Galatia that he didn't take earlier when he went back through Galatia in 14:21. He has already delivered His most powerful message of the BoL - BoC dichotomy and is now moving into the anointing of the Spirit as we'll see here in v. 6-10.

- I. The leading of the Ruach
- II. A Roman Colony
- III. The Python spirit
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Act 16:6 And coming through the Phrygian and the Galatian region; and by the Ruach ha Kodesh being forbidden to speak the Word in Asia. 7 having come to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia. But the Spirit did not allow them. Act 16:8 Then passing by Mysia, they came down into Troas. Act 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A certain man of Macedonia stood, begging him, saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us!10 And after he saw the vision, we immediately tried to go into Macedonia, gathering that the Lord had called us in order to preach the gospel to them.

I. The leading of the Ruach

Vs 6 -10 show the direct guiding of the Spirit in Shaul and how we as believers are to be guided in life.

“The still small voice.” **It's not in the wind** of turmoil, stress and drama, **not in the earthquake** of earth shattering news, **not in the fire** of wicked words and evil reports!

Wind, earthquakes and fire are cognates for pressure, tension, strain and unbridled emotion. All things detrimental to being Spirit led.

II. A Roman Colony

Act 16:11 Then having set sail from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we continued spending time in that city some days.

Philippi was a thriving town of about ten thousand inhabitants, labeled here “a Roman colony,” meaning it had been adopted by Rome and its citizens are Roman citizens.

Philippi was a Roman colony and home of retired soldiers from their army - it was a federal military zone, an administrative center a major Roman colony.

Brethren, you and I live in Philippi!

The “Public U.S. citizenship” you’ve all come to accept is a privileged Roman citizenship, much like what the retired soldiers, a military state resided under. This “Public U.S. citizenship” allows the constitutionally by law civilian government of the United States to be replaced with a de facto Emergency War Powers military government of the United States which took place on March 9, 1933. This was a takeover plan of the Society of Jesus, the Knights of Columbus and then President Franklin Augustus Caesar Roosevelt and was done by conquering the civilian government exercising the de jure jurisdiction of the United States and by replacing it with a de facto military government exercising an alien and foreign de facto jurisdiction of the United States thereby eradicating the birthrights of Private National Citizens of the United States of America and imposing a de facto “Public U.S. slave citizenship” - Philippi on the Potomac.

As of March 6, 1933 all “*Public U.S. citizens*” Private American National Citizens were seized as goods and property by Franklin Roosevelt’s martial emergency war powers proclamation 2039 reducing them to being mere property and belligerents inhabiting in the fifty states deemed by the Commander in chief to be merely dominated territories. A Private American National citizenship status being intolerable and in contradiction with the maxims of Holy Scripture (**Proverbs 11:15**). ***He who is surety for a stranger shall be ruined; and he who hates suretyship is safe.***

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By Congress in its passage of the Emergency banking Relief Act thereby amending the Trading With the Enemy Act therefore being slaves in commerce under an Emergency War Powers military Government, federal and state.

You stay and you'll be pensioned off military wards of the Emergency War Powers Military Government of the United States.

In Philippi they were all surety, Surety for or married to the , Public "U.S. citizen" in the service of Washington, D.C., for commerce and war.

The scripture is our family law and as in Philippians 3:20 we maintain primary citizenship: ***For our citizenship is in Heaven, from which also we are looking for the Savior, the Master Yahusha Messiah.***

Prepare for departure from Philippi - the Roman colony.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was usually made. And we sat down and spoke to the women who came together there.14 And a certain woman named Lydia heard us, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, who worshiped Elohim; whose heart the Master opened, so that she attended to the things which were spoken by Paul.15 And when she was micvaed, she and her household, she begged us, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Master, come into my house and stay. And she constrained us.

III. Beware of the Python principality

Act 16:16 And as we went to prayer, it happened that a certain girl possessed with a "pneuma pythona"/"spirit of divination" met us, who brought her masters much gain by divining.17 The same followed Paul and us and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the Most High Yah, who are announcing to us the way of salvation. 18 And she did this many days. But being distressed, and turning to the demonic spirit, Paul said, I command you in the name of Yahusha Messiah to come out of her! And it came out in that hour.

Python can be manifest in your midst.....what do you do? You and I need to be aware of this demonic Python spirit is loose in the world today masquerading under the guide of the demonic spirit COVID.

They are one and the same, restrictors, smothering your ability to breath, controlling and restricting your movements as it coils around every aspect of your life and being.

The Python is a constrictor; it squeezes the breath/ruach out of its prey. The Python spirit will oppose the manifestation of life force, the breath, the RHK in your life and try and squeeze RHK, life and freedom of movement right out of you.

Who is making the profit, who is restricting your breathing, who is squeezing you - the demoniac spirit of THE COVID PYTHON!

2 Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of יהוה, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Yahusha.

The Python is all about profit and mammon at any cost, the only thing it doesn't account for is encountering the Ruach power of a true saint.

We shall take up pythons and if we drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt us, we; shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover, The Ruach gives us the power to tread on pythons and scorpions, and over all the powers of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt us when we live by the Ruach.

IV. The Synagogue of Satan and suffering

Act 16:19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gain went out, having seized Paul and Silas, they dragged them to the market before the rulers.20 And bringing them near to the judges, they said, These men, being Jews, are exceedingly troubling our city.21 And they teach customs which are not lawful for us to receive nor to do, being Romans.22 And the crowd rose up against them. And tearing off their clothes, the judges ordered them to be flogged:23 And after laying on them many stripes, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailor to keep them safely;24 who, having received such a command, thrust them into the inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks.

I was reading a harrowing account written in the Sunday Times:

“When he beat us (the schoolmaster) he would move furniture out of the way so that he could get a good run up. After punishment we were supposed to say ‘Thank you, sir.’

He continues: *'We would have neat, bloody, parallel wounds across our backsides, in shades of yellow, black, blue and green that took weeks to heal. He could admire his handiwork during compulsory naked bathing in the pool.'*

Now this differs from my experience only in the last sentence my story would read: *'They would admire their handiwork during compulsory cold showering as they stood hovering and watching over the stall wall.'*

He goes on, *'he would slipper us so severely that the imprint would be left as a dark bruise that lasted for days.'*

The culture of extreme physical and mental cruelty for Paul, for you, for me prepares those of us who have suffered its cruelty for the life we're all blessed to live.....

For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; 9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. Job 14:7.

The pain of the long, led tipped bamboo cane was nothing compared to the pain of a child longing for home and the warmth of a father.....

Yet now.....we vs. 25 pray and praise יהוה in hymns. And the captive sinners listen to our stories of redemption.....and then suddenly a great earthquake, a move of the Ruach and the foundations of the prisons of sin are shaken and יהוה sets the captives free, salvation in Yahusha is instaneous, immediately all the doors are opened and all the bonds are loosened salvation is available.....repent and believe on the Master Yahusha the Messiah and you too can be saved.....

Today is the day of salvation for very shortly v.35 *A day is coming, when the judges will send the floggers into your midst to get more than their pound of flesh.... this world is dying and we're being delivered out of it.*

v.39 soon the Romans will be afraid....they will be coming, they will be begging the the doors will be closed.

Nobody get past the king, he checking for soiled garments and if he sees there a man which has not a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

For many are called, but few are chosen.

Choose this day who you will serve, for tomorrow is another day not yet born.