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 go into Bithynia; 4dut the Spirit suffered them not.   
 8 And they passing by Mysia "came down to Troas. \*2Sor.it.1,   
 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood 2 Tim. 18.   
 a 'man of Maeedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over ‘cn. x.s0.   
   
   
 into Macedonia, and help us. 10 And after he had seen   
 the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go \* into Mace- &20or.it.18.   
 donia, assuredly gathering that i ¢#e Lord had called us for   
   
   
 } read, with all our oldest authorities, and the Spirit of Jesus.   
 1 read, with most of our oldest USS, God.   
   
 as at present, the whole vast continent, to convey a practical meaning. The con-   
 forming oue of the quarters of the globe. text precludes our understanding it as a   
 But we never find this meaning in Scrip- dream. @ man of Macedonia] known   
 ture. The Asia of the Acts is not even probably by the affecting words spoken by   
 our Asia Minor,—which name is not used. him. There would hardly be any pecu-   
 till the fourth century 4.p.—but only a liarity of dress by which a Macedonian   
 portion of the western coast of that great could be recognized. 10. we en-   
 peninsula. (A full account of the history deavoured to go into Macedonia] by im-   
 of the territory and its changes of extent mediate enquiry fora ship. This word is   
 will be found in Conybeare and Howson, remarkable as the introduction of the first   
 i. pp. 275 ff. I confine myself to its im- person in the narrative: which however   
 port in the Acts.) This, which was the is dropped at ch. xvii. on Paul’s leaving   
 Roman province of Asia,—Asia Proper,— Philippi, and resumed again, ch. xx. 5, on   
 as spoken of in the Acts, includes only occasion of sailing from Philippi. Thence   
 Mysia, Lydia, and Caria,—ereluding Phry- it continues (in all places where we have   
 gia (ch. i. 9 and here: 1 Pet. i.1 it must reason to expect it: sce below) to the end   
 be included),—Galatia, Bithynia, Cilicia, of the book, On the question, what is   
 Pamphylia, Lycia. See ch. xix. 26, &e. implied by this, we may remark, (1) That   
 7.) come to (i. e. to borders of) while we safely conclude from it that the   
 Mysia. Bithynia] At this time a Ro- writer was in company with Paul when he   
 man province (senatorial: Hadrian, whose thus speaks, we cannot with like safety   
 favourite province it was, took it from the infer that he was not, where the third   
 senate). The expression the Spirit of person is used. ‘This latter must be deter-   
 Jesus is remarkable, as occurring in all the mined by other features of the history.   
 great MSS., and from its peculiarity For it is conceivable that a narrative, even   
 almost ungnestionable trace of genuine- where it concerns all present, be, in   
 ness. If the report of this journey came its earlier written as of others in the   
 from an unusual source, an unusual ex- third person, but might, when more inti-   
 pression would be accountable. 8.] macy had been established, or even by   
 passing by Mysia, i.e. as regarded their preference only, be at any point changed   
 work of preaching (cf. ch. xx. 16),—and to the first. And again, the episodes where   
 not ‘having passed by’ as avoiding it; for the chief person, alone, with his principal   
 they could not get to the coast without companion or companions, is concerned,   
 entering Mysia. Troas (Alexandria would be many, in which the narrator would   
 ‘Troas, in honour of Alexander the Great: use the third person, not beeause he was   
 now Eski Stamboul) was a colony enjoying not present, but because he was not con-   
 the Italian right (see on ver. 12), and a cerned. This has not been enough attended   
 free city, and was not reckoned as belong- to. If it be thought fanciful, I may refer   
 ing to either of the provinces, Asia or to an undoubted instance in the episode,   
 Bithynia. Whether it was for this reason ch, xxi. 17, “when we were come to Jeru-   
 that Paul and his companions visited it, salem,” to ch. xxvii. 1, tt was deter-   
 “uncertain. He may have had the design mined that we should sail. . .;” during   
 of crossing to Europe, if permitted, which the whole of which time the writer was   
 the subsequent vision confimned. Sec ch. with or in the neighbourhood of Paul, and   
 xx. 5; 2 Cor. ii. 12; 2 Tim. iv. 13. drops the we merely because he is speaking   
 9.] The vision seems to have appeared in of Panl alone. (2) One objection raised   
 the same way as that sent to Peter in ch. by De Wette to the common view, that,   
 x. It was an unreal apparition, designed Luke uccompanicd Paul from this time