

#1118 The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God – The Two Eliakims: The *second phase* of the curse of the *second* Eliakim (Jehoiakim) and the curse of Elijah (Malachi 4:6), part 30, Prophetically linking the earthquake at Philippi that freed Paul and Silas (Acts 16:26) with the Great San Francisco Earthquake of April 18, 1906

The Great Earthquake at Philippi. During Paul's second missionary journey, the Holy Spirit forbade Paul to preach the gospel in other parts of Asia Minor (Acts 16:6). Then, during the night, Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and imploring him to come over to Macedonia and help them (Acts 16:9). They sailed from where they were at on the continent of Asia across the Aegean Sea into Macedonia, which was located on the continent of Europe (Acts 16:11), and traveled to Philippi (Acts 16:12). This soon led to the first European convert to the gospel of Jesus Christ, a woman named Lydia (Acts 16:14), who happened to be from Thyatira. She was a dealer in purple cloth (or purple dye). Paul and Silas were soon cast into prison at Philippi (Acts 16:23). **But a great earthquake (Acts 16:26) set them free . . .**

*Acts 16:25-40 (NIV) About midnight **PAUL AND SILAS** were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.*

26 Suddenly there was such A VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE that the foundations of the prison were shaken. AT ONCE ALL THE PRISON DOORS FLEW OPEN, AND EVERYBODY'S CHAINS CAME LOOSE. [KJV reads . . . And suddenly there was **a great earthquake**, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.]

27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.

30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

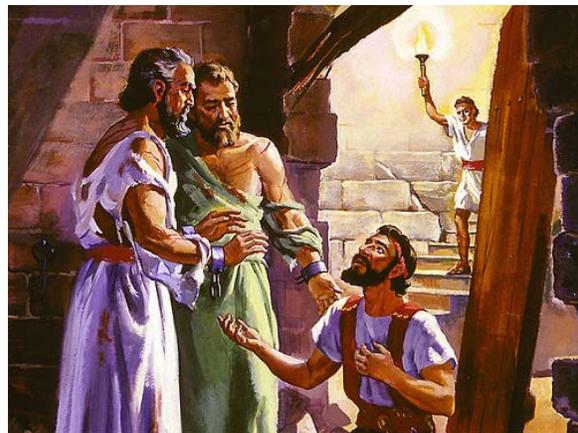
32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.

33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.

34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

35 When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men."

36 The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace."



Paul and Silas with the jailer in Philippi after the earthquake

37 But Paul said to the officers: "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out."

38 The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed.

39 They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city.

40 After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and encouraged them. Then they left.

Review (from the Key Understanding of Unsealing [#1115](#)): Lydia from Thyatira (Acts 16:14), in a role as the wife of Christ, is to be contrasted with the Woman of Revelation 17:18, who has the spirit of Jezebel of the church of Thyatira. The contrast continues through Lydia becoming the first convert of *the true gospel* on the European continent during Paul's second missionary journey, at *the time of the beginning* of the spreading of the gospel, while Lydia's counterpart, the Revelation 17:18 Woman, who is specifically tied to the U.S. Man o' War entry into World War I on April 6, 1917, represents the bringing of *the false gospel* of Making the World Safe for Democracy to the European continent at the time of the *second phase* of the *second* Protestant Reformation, which is also tied to *the time of the end* of the spreading of the gospel.

Key Understanding: Prophetically linking the earthquake at Philippi that freed Paul and Silas (Acts 16:26) with the great San Francisco earthquake of April 18, 1906. In a continuation of the comparison of the times of Lydia with the times of Woodrow Wilson and the Revelation 17:18 Woman, there was (i) a great earthquake at Philippi that literally set Paul and Silas free from prison. While the purpose was to glorify the Lord and set them free to further preach the gospel, the great earthquake setting them free essentially portrays that the death of Jesus Christ and the true gospel "sets the captives free," John 8:32. Later, (ii) a great earthquake pointing to Woodrow Wilson and April 6, 1917, was the Great San Francisco Earthquake (the Two Olive Trees Quake) of April 18, 1906 (discussed in Unsealings [#1016](#)–[#1018](#)). In this case, the earthquake – the Great San Francisco Earthquake – was warning of the future judgment of Babylon the Great because of its counterfeit gospel of "setting the captives free," through Man o' War sword-bearing to Make the World Safe for Democracy.

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