

The Counsel
of
Constraint





... were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,
Acts

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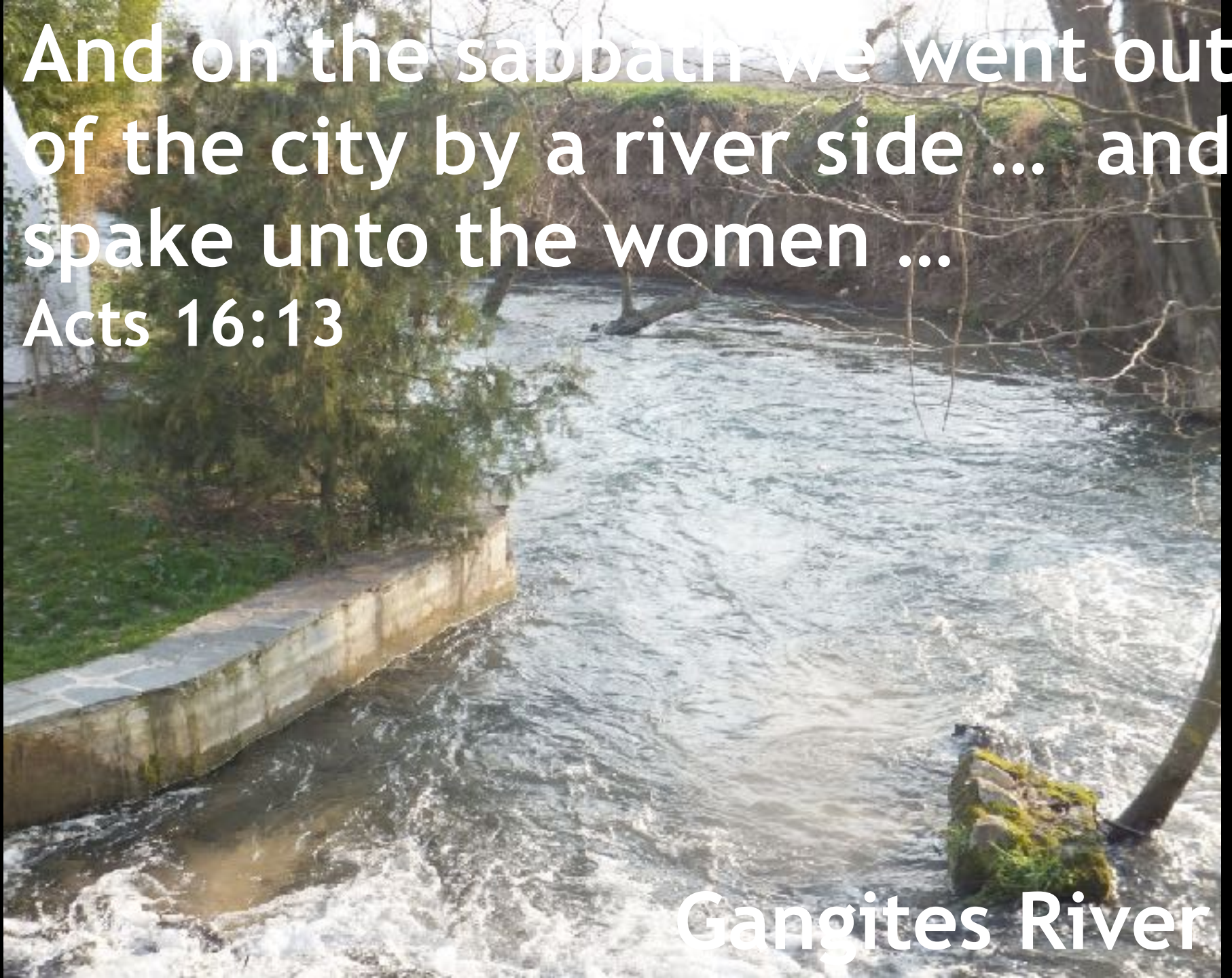


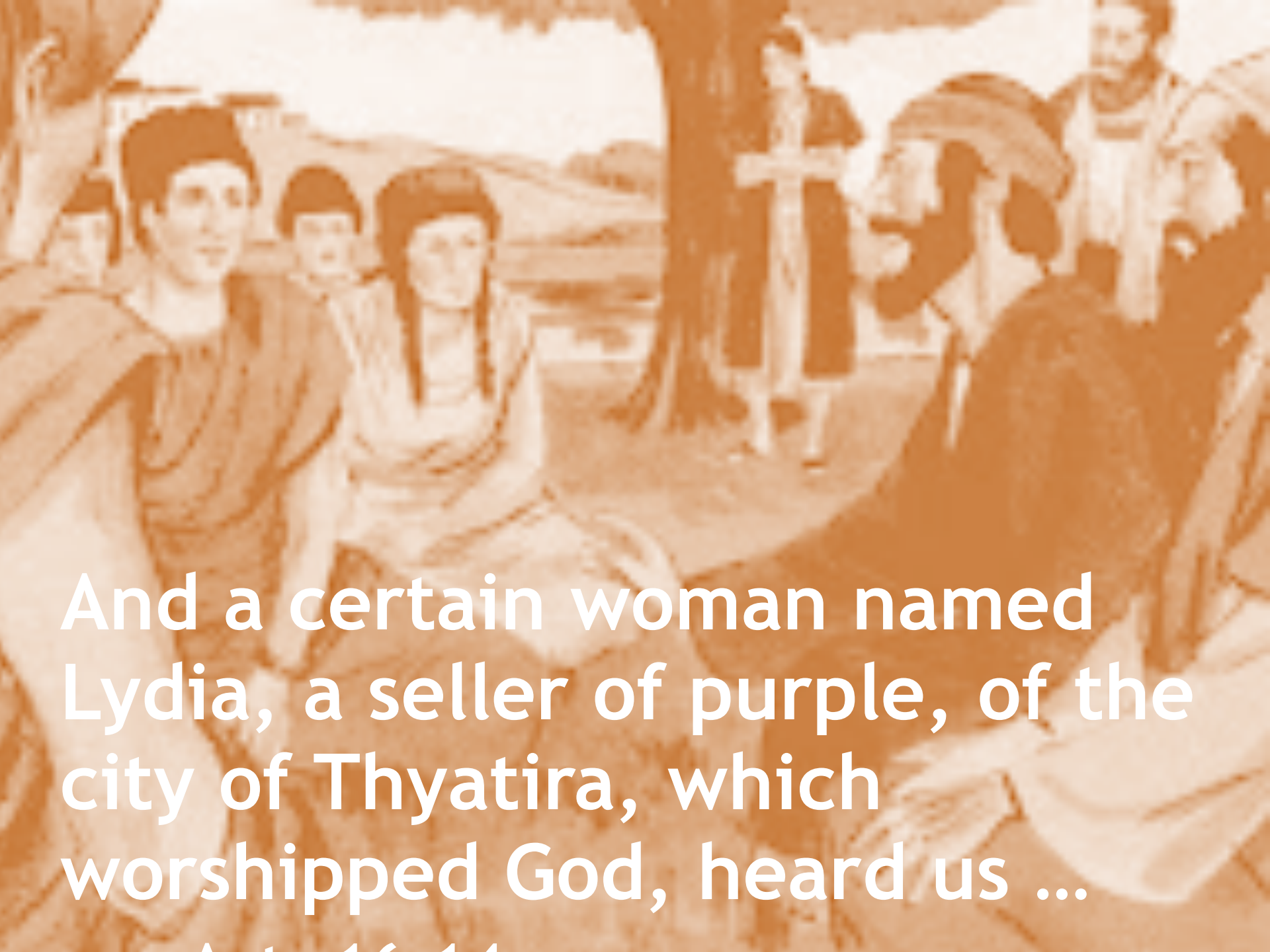


And on the sabbath we went out
of the city by a river side ... and
spoke unto the women ...

Acts 16:13

Gangites River





And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us ...

Acts 16:14

*And a certain woman named
Lydia, a seller of purple ...*

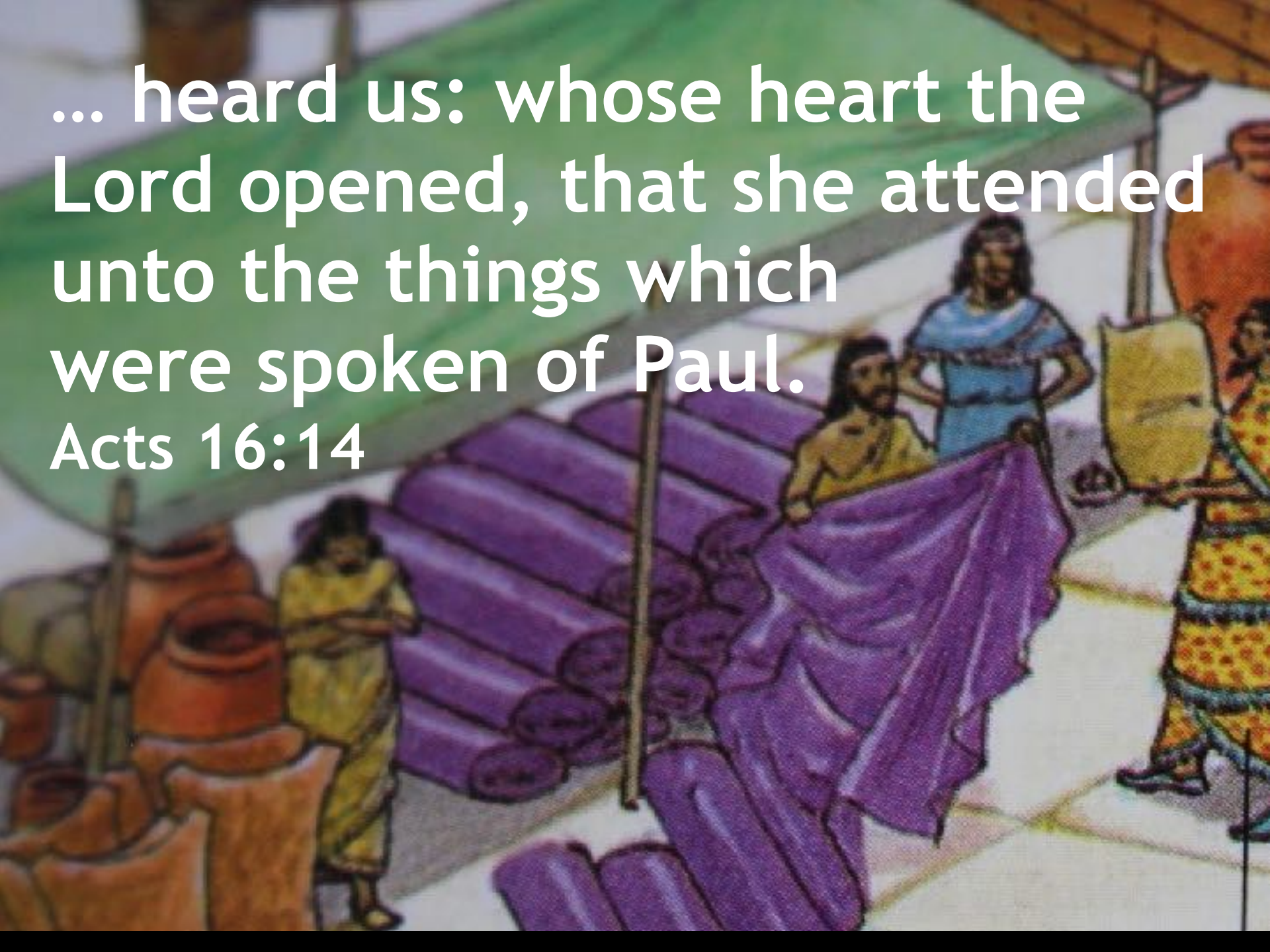
Acts 16:14

Agora

A photograph of the ruins of an ancient Agora, showing stone walls and a paved path. The scene is set outdoors under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a path made of large, irregular stone slabs leads towards the background. To the left, there are several low, rectangular stone walls made of rough-hewn blocks. In the distance, several tall, slender columns stand against the sky. The ground is a mix of dirt, grass, and scattered stones.

... heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

Acts 16:14



... *And she constructed*



Out of humble gratitude
springs gracious hospitality



Pergamum

Selinus River



Thyatira

Magnesia ad Sipylum

Hermus River

0 10 20 30 mi

0 10 20 30 40 50 km

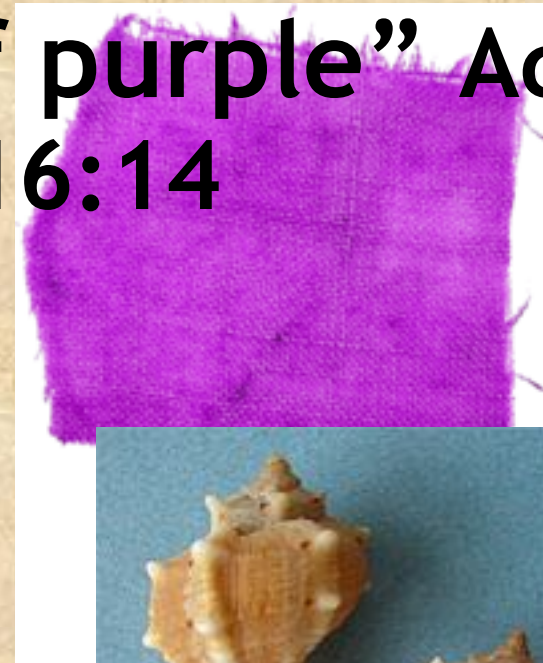
Smyrna

Thyatira



Purple (red) dye Madder root or Murex snail

“seller of purple” Acts
16:14



Inscription, from Thessalonica



**“The Guild of
purple-dyers ...
dedicates it to the
memory of
Menippos Severos,
son of Amicon,
who came from
Thyatira”**





Temple



**Apollo
patron god
of Thyatira**

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For to you it has been granted
for Christ's sake, not only to
believe in Him, but also to suffer
on His behalf,
Philippians 1:19

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I know thy works, and charity,
and service, and faith, and thy
patience, and thy works; and
the last to be more than the
first. Revelation 2:19



Nevertheless what you have, hold
firmly until I come. Revelation 2:25

God often guides by constraint

... he shall rule them
with a rod of iron ...

Revelation 2:27