

SPAIN & ILLYRICUM (ALBANIA)

Spain, Paul's 4th Missionary Tour: "whenever I take my journey into Spain. . ." Rom 15.24

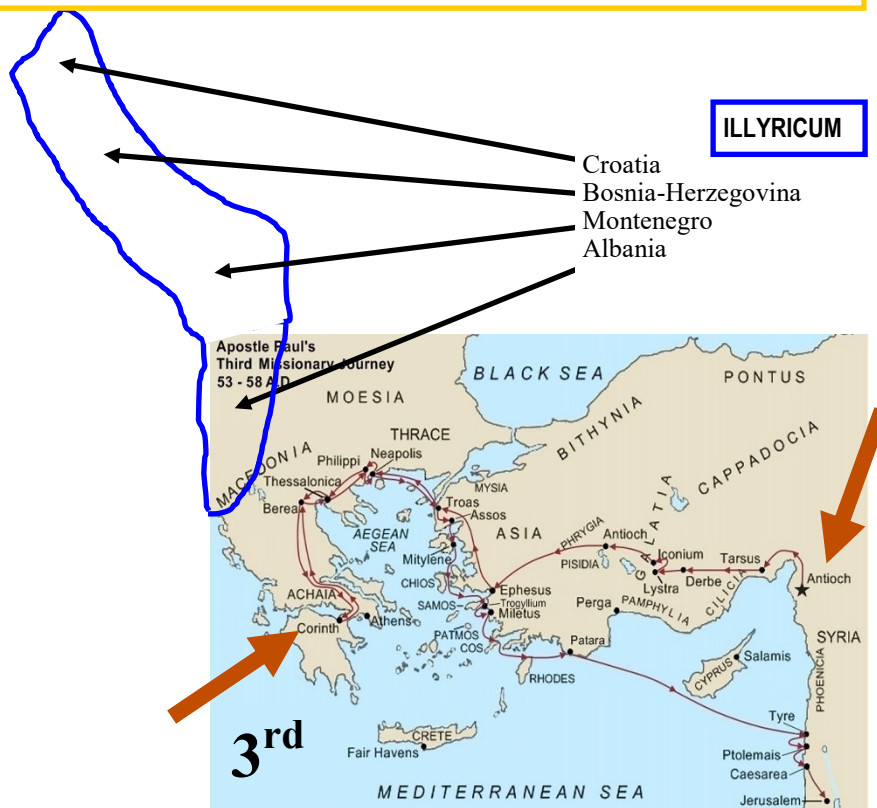
History verifies that Paul made it to Spain on a 4th missionary trip (*after release from Nero's Roman prison*) by the testimony of these 4 early historical documents.

- Clement, writes in 95 AD [30 years after Paul's death]
"[Paul] had preached in the East and in the West. . . having reached the farthest limits of the West."
I Clement 5.5-7
* To the Romans, the "farthest reaches" would have meant Britain, Gaul [France], or Spain.
- The Acts of Peter [end of the 2nd century] affirms the statement of Clement.
- The Muratorian Fragment [7th century] also affirms the statement of Clement.
- Eusebius, (4th century church historian) supported Paul's release from jail, after Rome.
*We believe Paul was beheaded in Rome, circa 66 AD, after being re-arrested.

Illyricum, Paul's 3rd Tour Side Trip, Rom 15.19

"...and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ."

- * Illyricum covered an area northwest of Macedonia which was north of Greece. It is modern day Albania, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Montenegro along the coast of the Adriatic Sea.
- * A logical starting point for such a trip might be Berea as a side trip taken *on his 3rd missionary tour*.
My opinion.
- * However, Paul mentions that he would come to "Corinth after I go through Macedonia." [1 Cor 16.5] *This seems to be his 2nd tour.*
- * One other comment occurs in Acts 20.2. "When [Paul] had gone through those parts." *What parts? Illyricum?*



Paul visits Illyricum after Corinth,