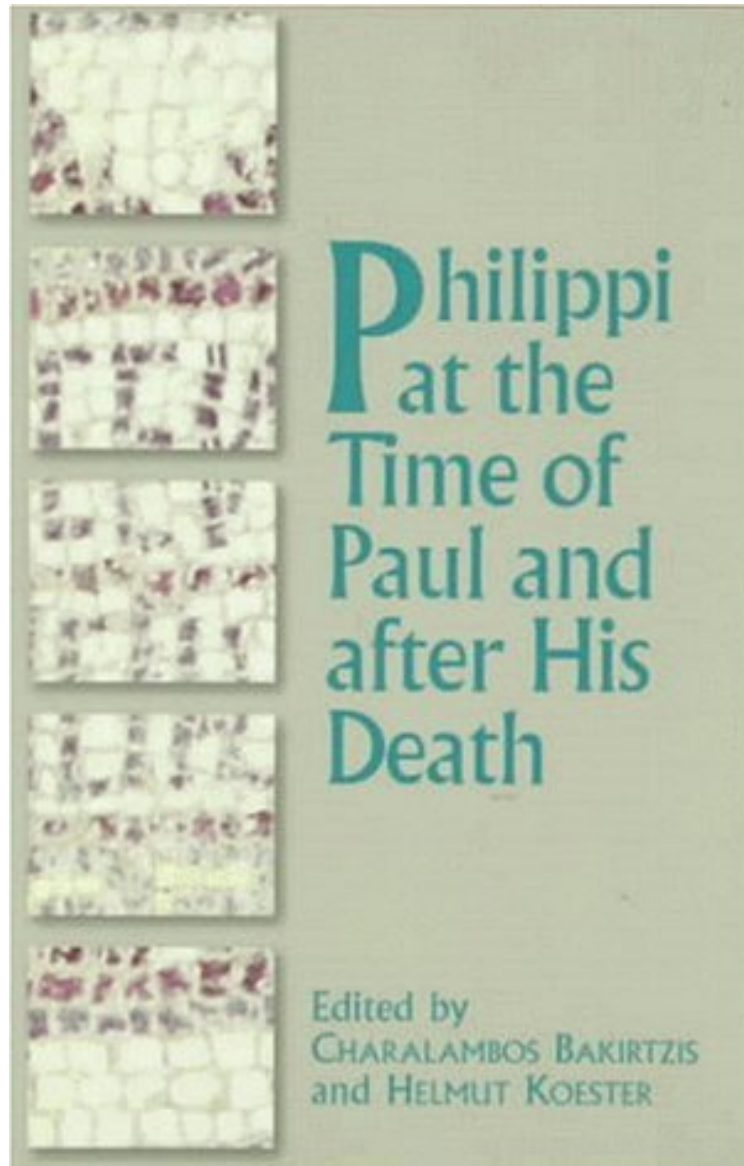


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good Archaeological Information By Leo Lauffer This book contains four essays presented at a 1993 "Symposium on Paul and Philippi" in Kavala (ancient Neapolis). The first essay

concerns the ancient city of Philippi, with particular attention to the few archaeological remains from when the apostle Paul made his first visit there in about A.D. 50. The second essay describes archaeological remains of the Octagon church complex, the mosaic floor of which was laid over a mosaic floor from an earlier fourth-century basilica. The essay suggests that the Octagon complex was related to a mausoleum or martyrium, and may even have housed the remains or relics of the apostle Paul himself. The other two essays focus on early Christian literature and attempt to build a case for the suggestion that Paul was martyred in Philippi. Personally, I found these essays highly speculative and unconvincing, although some relics or alleged relics of the apostle certainly could have been brought to Philippi to serve as the centerpiece of a martyrium, given Paul's important connection to the city. Some readers will be disappointed that the last two essays reflect a highly critical view of the book of Acts and the epistles of Paul, presenting them as patchworks of apostolic-age fragments stitched together with legendary materials by later editors. The epistle to the Philippians itself is theorized to consist of fragments of three short letters written by Paul during an unrecorded imprisonment in Ephesus, and later blended together by an editor, perhaps someone in Philippi in the late first century. Regardless of one's theological perspective, the archaeological portions of the book are particularly illuminating and interesting, and the theory regarding the Octagon complex as a martyrium dedicated to Paul is intriguing.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great for anyone traveling to Philippi

By Ziggy

This book is a collaborative work from a team of archaeologists and New Testament scholars, edited by the brilliant Harvard Divinity School Professor, Helmut Koester. Automatically I expected it to be good.. and it is. The work is technically proficient in their treatment of both disciplines, yet it remains easy to read for the layman as well.

Representing a cooperative effort between archaeologists and New Testament scholars, this volume presents a full account of all archaeological finds related to Philippi as it existed in the early Roman Imperial period. In addition, it contains a discussion of the consequences of the discovery in Philippi of the early fourth-century "Basilika of Paul" and the subsequent construction of an octagon around an older tomb of a hero, suggesting that a cult of the martyr Paul flourished in Philippi during the fourth, fifth, and sixth centuries. The volume also includes the first-ever publication of a recently discovered inscription mentioning a Jewish synagogue, photographs, and illustrations.

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