



CHRISTIANS IN ANTIOCH

Acts 11:19-26





ANTIOCH ON THE ORONTES

- Founded ca. 300 B.C. by Seleucus I (Nicator)
- Named after Selucus' son: Antiochus I
- One of 5 cities so named by Seleucid Empire
- Located 15 miles inland on the left bank of the Orontes
- Metropolis of Syria
- Ranked next to Rome and Alexandria in size, wealth, power, and vice
- Nearby was Daphne, a park dedicated by Seleucus I to the royal gods, especially Apollo
- Estimated 500,000 Jews lived in the cosmopolitan city

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