

Acts 27 – Paul in chains, heading for Rome

I. From Caesarea to Crete, v.1-12

- A. In the ship of Adramyttium, v.1-5
 - 1. Paul delivered into the custody of Julius, centurion of the Augustan Regiment
 - a) Augustan Regiment – was a specific military branch what was closely associated to the emperors (much like the secret service)
- B. In the ship of Alexandria, v.6-12
 - 1. Mytra to Cnidus and Crete, to Fair Havens near Lasea
 - 2. Debate over continuing on the journey
 - a) Travel was dangerous from late September to middle of March
 - (1) The “Fast” was associated with the Day of Atonement which would have been late September or early October
 - b) Paul warns against continuing, but is ignored
 - c) The helmsman and owner convinced Julius to head for Phoenix for the winter

II. The storm and the shipwreck, v.13-44

- A. The storm, v.13-38
 - 1. Fair Havens to Phoenix (40 miles)
 - 2. Winds shifted, heading from the east-northeast
 - 3. Ran under Clauda, for shelter
 - 4. For over two weeks the storm pressed, while the sailors lightened their load
 - a) Paul reveals his experience with an angel of the Lord
- B. The shipwreck, v.39-44
 - 1. They see land and run aground on Malta
 - a) The centurion kept the soldiers from killing the prisoners to save Paul
 - b) Everyone safely arrived on the island

Acts 28 – Paul makes it to Rome

I. The natives of Malta show kindness, v.1-6

- A. The natives made a fire and took care of the crew and prisoners
 - 1. Paul bitten by a snake but suffers no effects

II. Paul heals Publius’ father, v.7-10

- A. Other were then brought to Paul to be healed
- B. They stayed there for three months, waiting until the start of February or so

III. The journey continues to Rome, v.11-15

- A. Malta to Syracuse to Rhegium to Puteoli to Appii Forum to Rome
 - 1. Took about two weeks

IV. Paul in Rome, v.16-31

- A. Paul delivered to the captain of the guard, v.16
- B. Paul addresses the Jewish leaders in Rome, v.17-29
- C. Paul is detained for two years in his own house, preaching the Gospel

V. The rest of the story

- A. Paul was presumably released by Nero before the Great Fire of Rome in July, 64AD
 - 1. See Phil. 1:25; 2:23-24; Philemon 22, all written while Paul was in prison in Rome
- B. The book of Romans was written in the mid to late 50's on Paul's 2nd or 3rd journey
- C. Paul was to go back to Corinth a third time, II Cor. 13:1
 - 1. 1st time – Acts 18
 - 2. 2nd time – Acts 20
 - 3. 3rd time???
- D. Paul was eventually killed, presumably in Rome by Nero in late 67 or early 68AD; See II Tim. 4

Questions for Acts 27:

- 1. Why do you suppose the centurion Julius treated Paul kindly as opposed to how he may have treated the other prisoners?

- 2. How did Paul see an angel when the other men did not? Also, what was the promise of God with regard to the other people on the ship?

Questions for Acts 28:

- 1. Why did the snakebite not hurt Paul?

- 2. Over what specifically do you suppose the Jews had “great dispute”?