

ACTS 27; October 28; Paul Sails For Rome & Is Shipwrecked

ANALYSIS:

1. Who were the three groups of men on board the sailing vessel in this chapter? _____

2. What harbor on what island did the ship captain plan to winter in?

3. Before the ship reached the above port, what came upon the ship and how long did it last? _____

4. What did Paul do on the 14th day of the storm that cheered all on board? _____

5. How many were on the ship? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Numerous times in the book of Acts angels served God's elect. An angel freed Peter and the other apostles from prison (5:19). Philip was told by an angel to go on the road to Gaza where he met the Ethiopian eunuch (8:26). Cornelius was instructed by an angel to send for Peter (10:3). Peter was freed from prison by an angel just before Herod planned to execute him (12:7). During this terrible Mediterranean storm the angel of the Lord appeared to Paul at night to comfort and assure him (27:23-24). On the other hand, we see that the angel of the Lord smote Herod for his wickedness and pride (12:23).

Let us take great comfort in what we are told about angels. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Heb 1:14) Are you aware of having been served by an angel? I'll gladly recount one very definite time!

HELP:

1. The ship owner and his crew, the centurion and his Roman soldiers, Paul (and Luke) and the other prisoners (vs 1, 11, 30-31).

2. Phenice on the island of Crete (v 12).

3. A tempestuous wind called Euroclydon carried the ship away from Crete (v 14-15). The storm lasted at least 14 days (v 27).

4. Paul took some food, gave thanks to God and encouraged the others to eat since they had been fasting for 14 days (vs 33-36).

5. 276 souls (v 37).