

## THE VOYAGE TO ROME (Part 3 of 5)

*Supernatural deliverance to Malta*

**Acts 27: 17** After they had hoisted it up, they used supporting cables in undergirding the ship; and fearing that they might run aground on the shallows of Syrtis, they let down the sea anchor and in this way let themselves be driven along.

**20** Since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned.

**22** Yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

**23** For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I ~~serve~~ **worship** stood before me,

**24** saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and ~~behold~~ **look**, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.'

**25** Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.

**26** But we must run aground on a certain island."

**27** But when the fourteenth night came, as we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors began to surmise that ~~they were approaching some land~~ **some land was approaching them**

**28** They took soundings and found it to be twenty fathoms; and a little farther on they took another sounding and found it to be fifteen fathoms.

**29** Fearing that we might run aground somewhere on the rocks, they cast four anchors from the stern and ~~wished~~ **prayed** for daybreak.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11b** He has set eternity in their heart

**39** When day came, they could not recognize the land; but they did observe a bay with a beach, and they resolved to drive the ship onto it if they could.

**40** ~~And casting~~ And **cutting** off the anchors, they left them in the sea while at the same time they were loosening the ropes of the rudders; and hoisting the foresail to the wind, they were heading for the beach.

**41** But striking a reef where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern began to be broken up by the force of the waves.

**42** The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none of them would swim away and escape; “

**Philippians 3:14** ~~I press on~~ I **push ahead** toward the goal, for the prize, of the **uplifting** call of God in Christ Jesus.

**43 - 44** but the centurion, wanting to bring Paul safely through, kept them from their intention, and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land, and the rest should follow, some on planks, and others on various things from the ship. And so it happened that they all were brought safely to land.

**Acts 28:1** When they had been brought safely through, then we found out that the island was called Malta.

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**2** The earth ~~was~~ **became** formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

**Psalm 18:11** {God} made darkness His hiding place, His **tent**. ~~His canopy around Him.~~ Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

**Psalm 18:3** I call upon the LORD ... and I am saved from my enemies.

**Psalm 139: 13** For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

**15** My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

**Psalm 139: 11** If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night,”

**12** Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.

# Paul, Aristarchus, and Luke's Voyage to Rome under the protection of Centurion Julius of the Augustan Cohort

