

NOON BIBLE STUDY: ACTS 27-28

ACTS 27:13-20 - TRAVEL DETAILS. VERY TROUBLESOME JOURNEY

ESV STUDY NOTE V. 14 - THE WIND IS DESCRIBED AS TEMPESTUOUS (GK. ΤΥΦΩΝΙΚΟΣ), AND THE STORM IS CALLED IN GREEK THE EURAKYLŌN (GK., BASED ON EUROS, "EAST WIND," AND AKYLŌ, "NORTH WIND" —HENCE, NORTHEASTER). SUCH NORTHEASTERS ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS IN THIS REGION, APPEARING SUDDENLY WITH VIOLENT, WHIRLING WINDS CAUSED BY A MEETING OF OPPOSITE AIR CURRENTS.

ESV STUDY NOTE V. 17 - ANCIENT SHIPS WERE SOMETIMES SECURED DURING STORMS WITH CABLES (SUPPORTS) TIED AROUND THE ENDS OR ACROSS AND UNDER THE CENTER OF THE SHIP. WHAT GEAR WAS LOWERED IS NOT KNOWN—POSSIBLY THE TOPSAILS OR A DRIFT ANCHOR TO SLOW THE SHIP'S PROGRESS. THE SYRTIS WAS A SANDY SHOAL OFF THE NORTH AFRICAN COAST WITH A REPUTATION AS THE GRAVEYARD OF SHIPS.

V. 18 - GETTING RID OF CARGO

V. 19 - GETTING RID OF PIECES OF THE SHIP

V. 20 - LUKE'S PERSPECTIVE?

HOW DO YOU THINK PAUL FEELS?



ACTS 27:21-26 - PAUL SPEAKS TO SHIP

V. 21 - SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME

V. 23-24 - ANGEL HAD APPEARED TO PAUL, REMINDING HIM OF PROMISE ALREADY MADE (CP ACTS 23:11)

- ANGEL INFORMS PAUL: NO LOSS OF LIFE (V. 24), SHIP WILL RUN AGROUND (V. 26)

ACTS 27:27-32 - APPROACHING LAND

V. 27-29 - CREW SENSES THEY ARE NEARING LAND.

FATHOM = 6FT (20 FATHOMS = 120', 15 FATHOMS = 90')

V. 30-32 - SAILORS, WITH FAKE STORY THAT THEY WERE LETTING THE ANCHORS OUT, PLANNED TO ROW TO SHORE IN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE EQUIVALENT TO A LIFE BOAT. PAUL LEARNS OF THIS PLAN & INFORMS THE CENTURION, WHO DIRECTS SOLDIERS TO CUT AWAY THE LIFEBOAT. IF SAILORS ESCAPE, NO ONE ON BOARD WOULD KNOW HOW TO COMMAND THE SHIP.

ACTS 27:33-38 - PAUL'S INTERACTION WITH SHIPMATES, ENCOURAGES THEM EAT

V. 35-36 - PAUL'S ATTITUDE IS ONE OF CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN GOD

V. 37 - 276 PEOPLE!

V. 36 - THEY ALL WERE ENCOURAGED. LIT: "BECAME CHEERFUL"

ACTS 27:39-44 - SHIPWRECKED

V. 39-41 - BOAT BEGINS TO BREAK

V. 42-44 - PRISONERS, WHO ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOLDIERS, ARE SHOWN MERCY FOR PAUL'S SAKE.

V. 44B - ALL SURVIVE

ACTS 28:1-2 — MALTA

- CP. MAP - VERY GREAT DISTANCE TRAVELED DUE TO BAD WEATHER, AND OFF COURSE. 600+/- MILES IN STORM. HOWEVER: ESV STUDY NOTE ON 28:1 - MALTA WAS ON THE MAIN ROUTE FROM MYRA (27:5) TO ROME. GOD'S PROVIDENCE HAD BROUGHT THEM THROUGH THE STORM AND BACK ON COURSE.

ACTS 28:3-6 - PAUL ON MALTA: VIPER BITE

ACTS 28:7-10 - PAUL ON MALTA: PUBLIUS' FATHER & OTHERS HEALED

- WHILE SHIPWRECKED ON ISLAND, AS A PRISONER, PAUL IS WELCOMED AND CARED FOR AND HEALING MANY PEOPLE. AS A RESULT, THE PEOPLE RESTOCK AND REWARD PAUL AND HIS COMPANIONS.

TO CONSIDER:: (1) WE MAY THINK WE ARE OFF COURSE, BUT IF WE ARE SERVING THE LORD, WE ARE ON GOD'S COURSE.

(2) DON'T EVER PUT ON "OFF DUTY" SIGN, FOR GOD MAY BE BRINGING YOU THROUGH A STORM OR PLACE YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER PLANNED, FOR HIS REASONS/PURPOSES.

(3) IF WE COMPLAIN, LOSE HEART/FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE WHEN TROUBLE COMES, WE ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN THOSE WHO WORSHIP IDOLS (ACTS 27:23 - "ANGEL OF THE GOD I SERVE...")