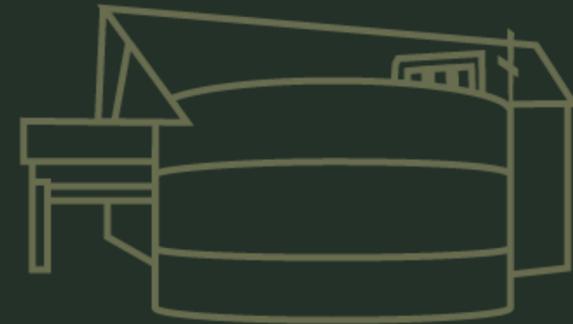


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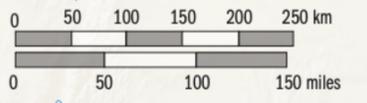
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# Paul's Missionary Travels and Journey to Rome



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- Roman Empire in c. AD 50



# Paul's Missionary Travels and Journey to Rome



<sup>1</sup> When it was decided that we would sail for Italy, Paul and some other prisoners were handed over to a centurion named Julius, who belonged to the Imperial Regiment. <sup>2</sup> We boarded a ship from Adramyttium about to sail for ports along the coast of the province of Asia, and we put out to sea. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was with us. <sup>3</sup> The next day we landed at Sidon; and Julius, in kindness to Paul, allowed him to go to his friends so they might provide for his needs.

**ACTS 27:1-3** NIV

<sup>9</sup> Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Day of Atonement. So Paul warned them, <sup>10</sup> “Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also.” <sup>11</sup> But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship. <sup>12</sup> Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there.

**ACTS 27:9-12** NIV

When life is a wreck:

- **Turn to Jesus**

<sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**1 COR. 1:22-25** NIV

22 Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of  
the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

**ISAIAH 45:22** ESV

<sup>13</sup> When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. <sup>14</sup> Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island.

<sup>15</sup> The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along.

# Sources of Pain:

1. **Sin around me:** Broken world
2. **Sin done to me:** Sinful people
3. **Sin done by me:** My own choices

<sup>17</sup> Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along.

<sup>18</sup> We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. <sup>19</sup> On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. <sup>20</sup> When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

**ACTS 27:17-19** NIV

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**GENESIS 1:1-2** ESV

When life is a wreck:

- Turn to Jesus
- **God creates order out of chaos**

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**ROMANS 8:28** ESV

<sup>21</sup> After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup> But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. <sup>23</sup> Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me <sup>24</sup> and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul.

**ACTS 27:21-24** NIV

You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’<sup>25</sup> So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.<sup>26</sup> Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

**ACTS 27:24-26** NIV

<sup>27</sup> On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. <sup>28</sup> They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. <sup>29</sup> Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight.

**ACTS 27:27-29** NIV

<sup>30</sup> In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow.

<sup>31</sup> Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved.” <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it drift away. <sup>33</sup> Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. “For the last fourteen days,” he said, “you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven’t eaten anything.”

**ACTS 27:30-33** NIV

<sup>34</sup> Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.” <sup>35</sup> After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup> They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves.

<sup>37</sup> Altogether there were 276 of us on board.

<sup>38</sup> When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea.

**ACTS 27:34-38** NIV

When life is a wreck:

- Turn to Jesus
- God creates order out of chaos
- **Prioritize community**

<sup>39</sup> When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could.

<sup>40</sup> Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. <sup>41</sup> But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf.

**ACTS 27:39-41** NIV

<sup>42</sup> The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. <sup>43</sup> But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. <sup>44</sup> The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

# When life is a wreck:

- Turn to Jesus
- God creates order out of chaos
- Prioritize community
- **Rest in his salvation**

<sup>1</sup> Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

**PSALM 62:1** NIV

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

**PSALM 51:12** NLT

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