

PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME: THE STORM

(Acts 27:1-26)

I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)

II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)

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IV. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD (chapters 13-28)

A. The Voyage from Caesarea to Crete (27:1-8)

1. Luke gave us an enormous amount of _____ most likely to underscore God's sovereign _____ in Paul's ministry and perhaps to showcase the apostle's _____.
2. Luke _____ Paul on his precarious journey (as noted by the pronoun "we"); in addition, Aristarchus (Acts 19:29; 20:2, 4) accompanied Paul and _____ with him throughout his imprisonment (Col. 4:10; Phile. 1:24); they boarded a _____ ship and set sail. (vv. 1-2)
3. Caesarea to Sidon was about 70 miles, and the centurion Julius treated Paul _____ and demonstrated _____ and consideration throughout the journey. (v. 3)
4. After traveling along the coast they came to Myra, and Julius transferred the prisoners to a _____ ship with accommodations for at least 276 passengers (v. 37); it was bound for _____. (vv. 4-6)
5. Struggling against _____ winds at a very _____, the ship made it the 130 miles to Cnidus and finally to a place called "*Fair Havens*" on the island of Crete. (vv. 7-8)

B. The Storm at Sea (27:9-26)

1. Paul had already experienced shipwreck on _____ other occasions (2 Cor. 11:25), and so he warned all of them that if they set out from the harbor they could very well lose the _____, the _____ and their _____. (vv. 9-10)

2. The centurion Julius listened to the “expert advice” _____ of _____, and they set sail for the sheltered harbor of Phoenix 40 miles away where they could stay the _____. (vv. 11-13)

3. Despite their good intentions, a huge storm arose and immediately _____ them off course and they _____ of the ship. (vv. 14-15)

4. With great difficulty the sailors managed to bring the lifeboat on board and band the ship with cables so it didn't _____ (vv. 16-17); they also threw the grain _____ and ship's equipment _____ to make it lighter (vv. 18-19).

5. When no hope of survival settled in (v. 20), Paul stood in the midst of the crew and offered hope...
 - a. Giving his _____ words credence, he reminded them that he had _____ that all of this was going to come to pass. (v. 21)

 - b. His _____ prediction was that there would be _____ loss of life, but only the loss of the _____. (v. 22)

 - c. The _____ of his prediction was that an _____ from _____ had visited him and told him that he would most certainly appear before Caesar and that the _____ of those on board would be spared. (vv. 23-24)

 - d. He _____ his despairing (and most likely seasick) shipmates to “*take heart*,” he had _____ that the Lord would _____ what He had promised. (vv. 25-26)

* What can you apply from this narrative today?