

Acts of the Apostles

chapters

- 13a *I've Been Everywhere*
- 13b *The Old Rugged Cross*
- 14 *Eye of the Tiger*
- 15a *Amazing Grace*
- 16 *Free at Last*
- 17 *How Great Thou Art*
- 18 *Down on the Corner*
- 19 *Never Enough*
- 20-21 *Top of the World*
- 21-22 *Blinded by the Light*
- 23-26 *Dirt Road*
- 27-28 *Softly & Tenderly*
Jesus Is Calling



Acts 28:31 – Paul proclaimed the Kingdom of God & taught about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness & without hindrance!



Apostle Paul, c. 1657
by Rembrandt (1606-69)

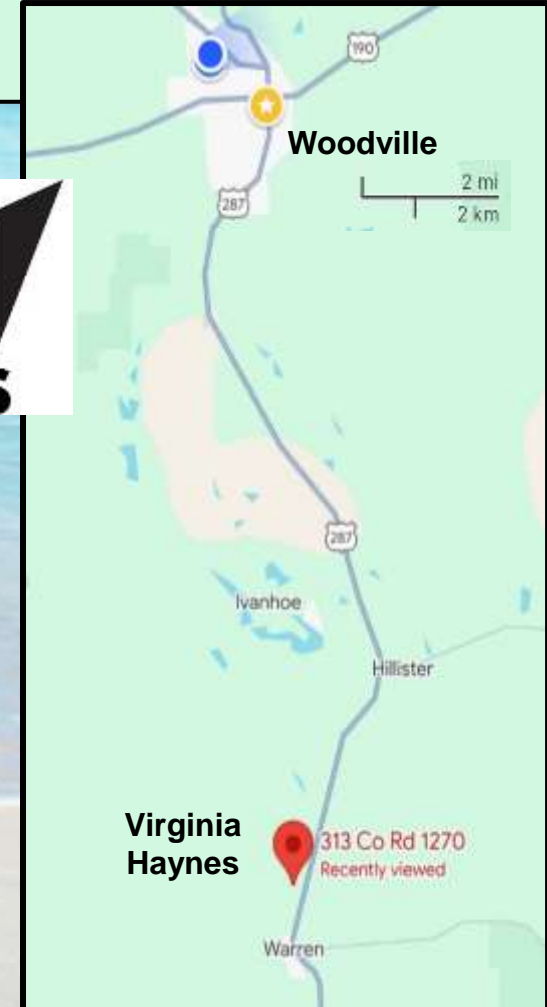
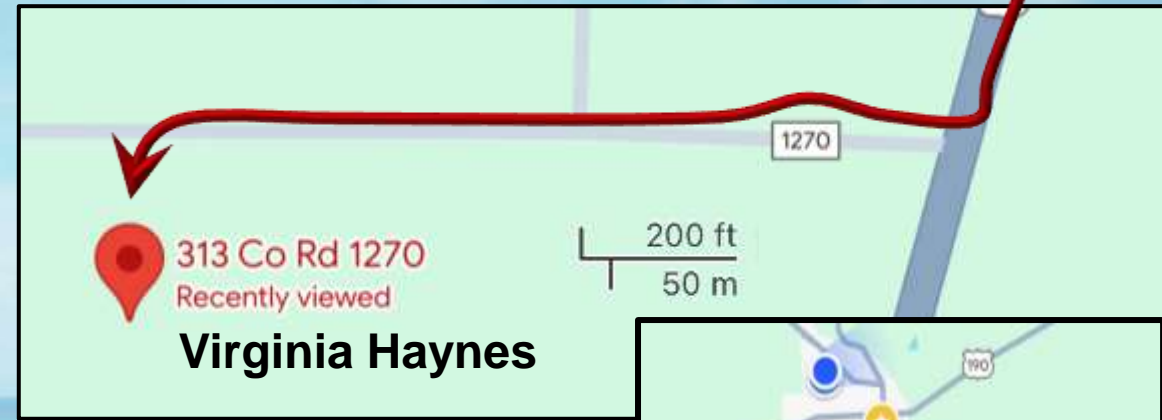
Fellowship Class Christmas Party

Friday ~ Dec 13 ~ 5:30

Covered Dish / See Sue

White Elephant Gift
for each who want to play

- ❖ South from Woodville about 13 miles to County Road 1270 – take a right turn
- ❖ Home is about 1,000 ft or 3 football fields on Left w “Haynes” on mailbox



**Woodville First Baptist
sunrise 11-14-24**



Early Church – Acts 1-12 – Peter

Chapter	Title	Summary
June 2 1	<i>Stand by Me</i>	Gift of Holy Ghost Coming
June 9 2a	<i>You Light Up My Life</i>	Pentecost—Gift of Holy Spirit
June 16 2b	<i>He's ALIVE</i>	1st Sermon on Resurrection - Unified, Devoted, Shared
June 23 3	<i>When Tomorrow Starts</i>	Peter Heals Lame – 2nd Sermon Resurrection
June 30 4a	<i>Got Friends in Low Places</i>	Crocodile Bill & Peter to Rulers of Jerusalem
July 7 4b	<i>LIAR – Lying to God</i>	Ananias & Sapphira's Lie to GOD
July 14 5	<i>Why God's Wondrous Grace</i>	Apostles Arrested & Gamaliel's Defense
July 21 6-7	<i>Ballad of Green Beret</i>	Stephen—Church's 1st Martyr
July 28 8	<i>I Feel Like Travellin' On</i>	Angel, Phillip, Candace
Aug 4 9a	<i>You Light Up My Life</i>	Paul Blinded, then SEES & Tells ALL
Aug 11 9b	<i>Don't Take the Girl</i>	Peter Heals Aeneas & Raises Tabitha
Aug 18 10-11	<i>Long As I Can See the Light</i>	Peter's Vision—EAT
Aug 25 12	<i>The Last Farewell – Peter</i>	Peter Freed from Prison

Peter under heavy guard – yet **Acts 12** is more than Angel freeing
Last Report on Peter, except at church council in **Acts 15**
Peter's 20+ years for the Lord, *nothing* – then

Crucified Upside Down



Paul's Missionary Journeys

1st **1,300** miles *by land* A D 45-47 **2 yrs**
 2nd **2,700** miles *1,400 land* A D 51-54 **3 yrs**
 3rd **2,500+** miles *1,350 land* A D 54-58 **4 yrs**

Chapter Title Summary

Sept 1	13a	<i>I've Been Everywhere</i>	Paul to Paphos on Cyprus & Sorcerer Elymus	
Sept 8	13b	<i>Old Rugged Cross</i>	Paul Gains Ear of Whole City of Pisidian Antioch	1st
Sept 15	14	<i>Eye of the Tiger</i>	Paul Beaten in Lystra, Flee to Derbe then RETURN	13-14
Sept 22	15a	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Paul & Barnabas to Jerusalem for 1st Church Council	
Sept 29	15-16	<i>The Wanderer</i>	Paul, Silas, & Timothy Thru Macedonia to Philippi	2nd
Oct 6	16	<i>Free at Last</i>	Paul & Crew to Phrygia, Troas, Philippi, Convert Lydia, Paul Frees Slave Girl, Beaten, Jailed, Free to Lydia's Home	15-18
Oct 13	17	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Paul & Silas Thessalonica, Berea, Athens' Areopagus	
Oct 20	18	<i>Down on the Corner</i>	Paul to Corinth, Meets Aquila & Priscilla, to Jerusalem	
Oct 27	19	<i>Never Enough</i>	Paul in Ephesus w Big Miracles – Riot x “The Way”	3rd
Nov 3	20-21	<i>Top of the World</i>	Paul Hunted Thru Greece, Meletus Farewell, to Jerusalem	19-21
Nov 10	21-22	<i>Blinded by the Light</i>	Paul—Roman Citizen, BEATEN, then to Governor Felix	
Nov 17	23-26	<i>Dirt Road</i>	Paul to Festus, Then Paul's Words Impress Agrippa	
Nov 24	27-28	<i>Softy & Tenderly</i>	Paul's Storm-Rocking Trip to Rome – Testifies in Rome	
		Jesus Is Calling		

Great sea journey, shipwreck on Malta, to Rome – under House Arrest for 2 Years

Tradition says Paul was beheaded in Rome

Paul's Last Journey to Rome, then Heaven

27:1-44 From Caesarea into a Storm & Shipwrecks on Malta

Luke & Aristarchus are on board with Paul

28:1-6 On Malta, Paul Shakes a Viper Off into the Fire

28:7-10 On Malta, Paul Heals a Sick Father, then All Who Came

28:11-14 Sails to Syracuse 3 days, Puteoli 1 week, Overland to Rome

28:15-20 Paul Welcomed, Calls Jewish Leaders

28:21-23 Paul "Dawn to Dusk" on Kingdom

28:24-28 Many Believed, Some Not

Key Verse – Acts 28:31

**Paul proclaimed the
Kingdom of God
and taught about the
Lord Jesus Christ
with all boldness &
without hindrance!**



Alternate Title

Who's Your Captain NOW?



A Chronology of Paul's Writings

✧ 1st Missionary Journey (45 - 47 A.D.)

No books were written

✧ 2nd Missionary Journey (51 - 54 A.D.)

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|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. | 1 Thessalonians | (52 - 53 A.D.) | Written from Corinth |
| 2. | 2 Thessalonians | (52 - 53 A.D.) | Written from Corinth |

✧ 3rd Missionary Journey (54 - 58 A.D.)

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| 3. | 1 Corinthians | (Spring, 57 A.D.) | Written from Ephesus |
| 4. | 2 Corinthians | (Autumn, 57 A.D.) | Written from Macedonia |
| 5. | Galatians | (Winter, 57 A.D.) | Written from Greece |
| 6. | Romans | (Spring 58, A.D.) | Written from Corinth |

✧ First Roman Imprisonment (61 - 63 A.D.)

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| 7. | Philemon | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
| 8. | Colossians | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
| 9. | Ephesians | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
| 10. | Philippians | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |

✧ Between First & Second Imprisonments (63 - 67 A.D.)

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| 11. | 1 Timothy | (67 A.D.) | Written from Macedonia |
| 12. | Titus | (67 A.D.) | Written from Ephesus |

✧ Second Roman Imprisonment (68 A.D.)

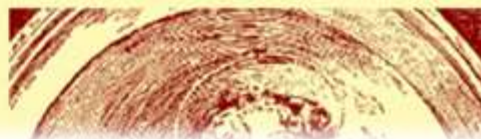
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| | 2 Timothy | (68 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
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NOTE: { It is believed by many that Paul wrote the book of Hebrews. If in fact he did, that would bring 14 the total number of books of the New Testament written by this great soldier of the cross.



*"I Paul have written it
with mine own hand"*

Philemon 19



**HEART of Paul's teaching
written on 2nd & 3rd Journeys**

Written as a Prison Trustee

**2 Timothy –
seems written while FREE**

Philippians ... perhaps Paul will be free soon

Last chapters of Acts ... Paul like a Prison Trustee

Paul has a lot of freedom ... sees a lot of people

Writes his 4 letters, including the *stupendous* 3

Philemon ~ **Colossians** ~ **Ephesians** ~ **Philippians**

Paul – Two Years under House Arrest in Rome

Thus closes the Book of Acts of the Apostles

What happened to Paul?



Since his vision in Acts 9,

Jews seek to *KILL* him

**Acts 9:22, Saul grew more & more powerful &
baffled the Jews living in Damascus
by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.**

9:23 ... after many days, Jews plot to *KILL*

9:24 ... Day & night ...

Jews watch gate to *KILL* Paul



**Apostle Paul, c. 1657
by Rembrandt (1606-69)**

9:29 ... as Paul talked ... tried to **KILL** him

14:19 ... Beaten to death in Lystra—left for **DEAD**

21:31 ... trying to **KILL**

23:15 ... Ready to **KILL**

23:27 ... Commander testifies, about to **KILL**

25:23 ... ambush, to **KILL** him

26:21 ... Paul reflects on Jews wanting to **KILL**

27:42 ... soldiers about to **KILL** all prisoners

Oh ... dare we bring up 2 Corinthians 11?



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2 Cor. 11:23 ... Are they servants of Christ?

(I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have

- ✓ Worked much harder
- ✓ Prison more frequently
- ✓ Flogged more severely
- ✓ Exposed to death again & again
- ✓ Five times ... forty lashes –1
- ✓ Three times ... beaten with rods
- ✓ Once ... pelted with stones
- ✓ Three times ... shipwrecked
- ✓ Constantly on the move
- ✓ Danger from rivers
- ✓ Danger from bandits
- ✓ Danger from my fellow Jews
- ✓ Danger from Gentiles
- ✓ Danger in the city
- ✓ Danger in the country
- ✓ Danger at sea
- ✓ Danger from false believers

Who has endured MORE?



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What happened to Paul?

Romans 15 Paul desired to go Spain

2 Timothy 4:11 “Only Luke is with me”

Several indicate Paul was beheaded

Eusebius of Caesarea, in his *Church History* (AD 320)

Peter crucified & Paul was beheaded

Several say beheaded by Nero in Rome

Few that Paul was martyred LATER ... *somewhere*

SEVERAL indicate Paul was

Beheaded in Rome



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Beheading of Saint Paul
by Enrique Simonet, 1887

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E. Simonet
Roma 1887

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Remember this portrait of St. Paul

We do NOT know what he looked like

Yet we know his work, writings, LIFE

I can imagine ... *do image* ...

That Paul often wondered as he wrote

each dear letter, Romans, 1 & 2 Cor.

Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians

1 & 2 Thess, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon

I DO *IMAGINE* that many, many times

as Paul wrote, Paul wondered if

HE WOULD *LIVE* TO WRITE ANOTHER

Tradition says Paul was beheaded in Rome

Likely part of Nero's persecution

after Nero burned Rome in A.D. 64



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One legend of Paul's beheading in Rome is

Where **San Paolo alle Tre Fontane** now stands
Italian for "**St Paul at the Three Fountains**"

First in 5th Cent. ... rebuilt 1599

Legend has it ... when Paul's head dropped
It bounced 3 times ... each time it touched
a fountain of water burst forth

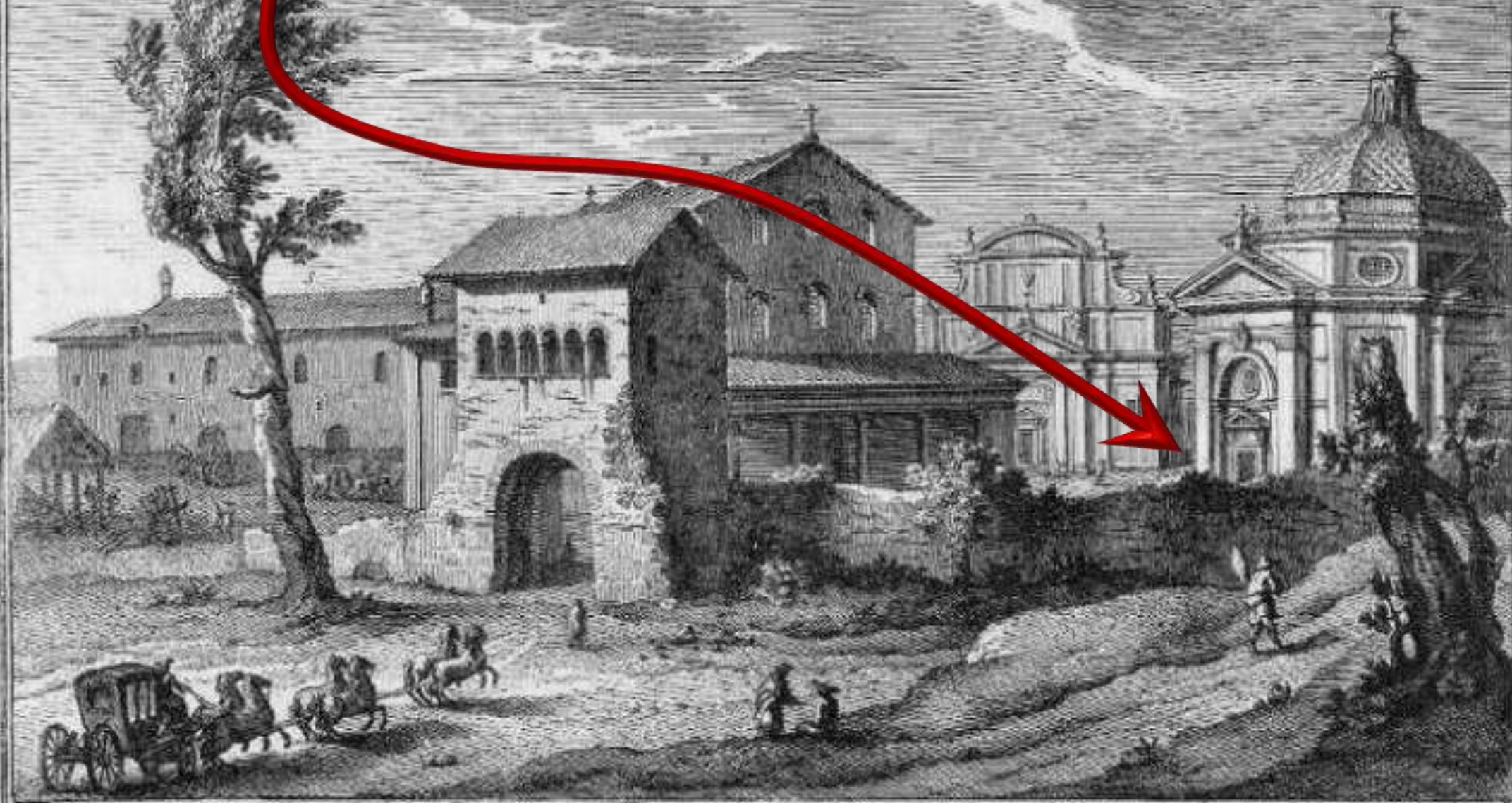
Thus, "St Paul at the Three Fountains"

Book of Acts – Peter & Paul

Foundations of the Church



St Paul at the Three Fountains – ancient woodcut



*Chiesa di S. Paolo alle tre Fontane
Pianta e veduta del antico Monasterio e Chiesa de S. Vincenzo ad Anagnino, 5. Chiesa dove sono le tre Fontane e Chiesa di S. Maria Sola Coeli e parte del Monasterio*

St Paul at the Three Fountains



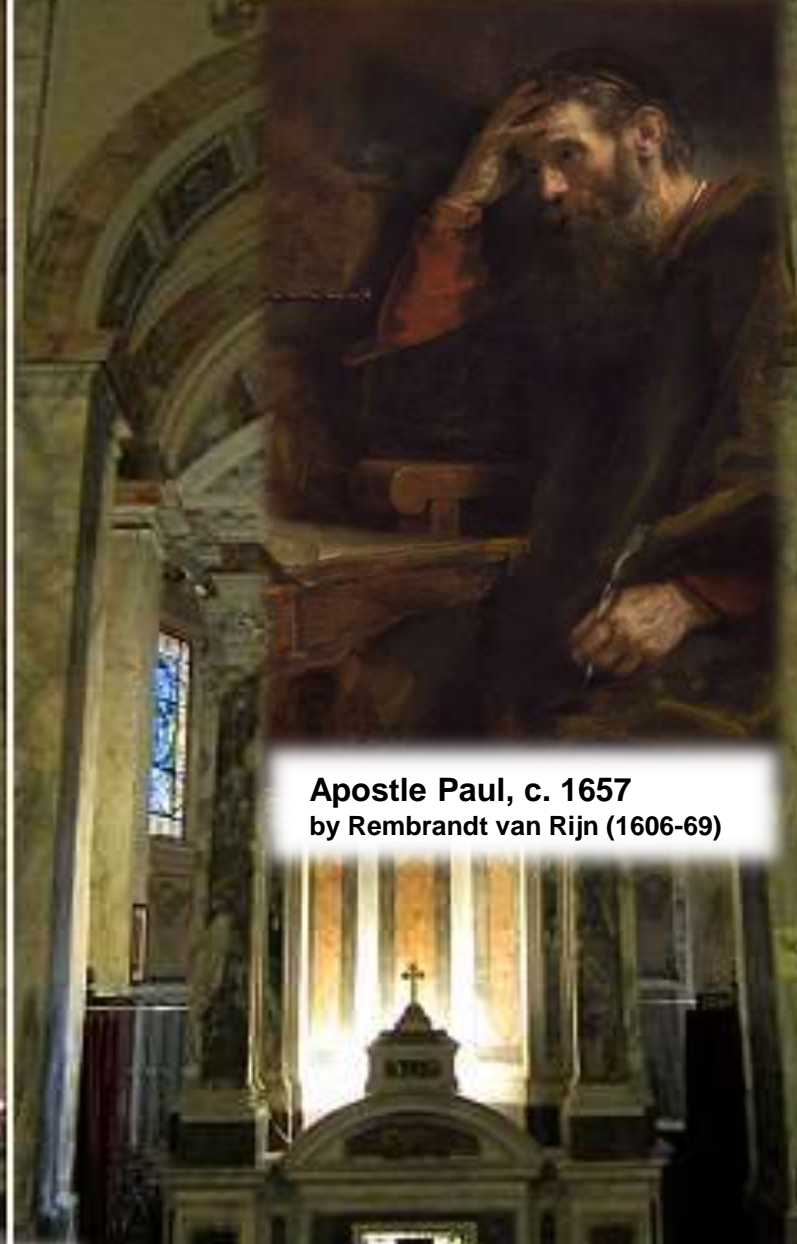
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Look to the right

INSIDE St Paul at the Three Fountains



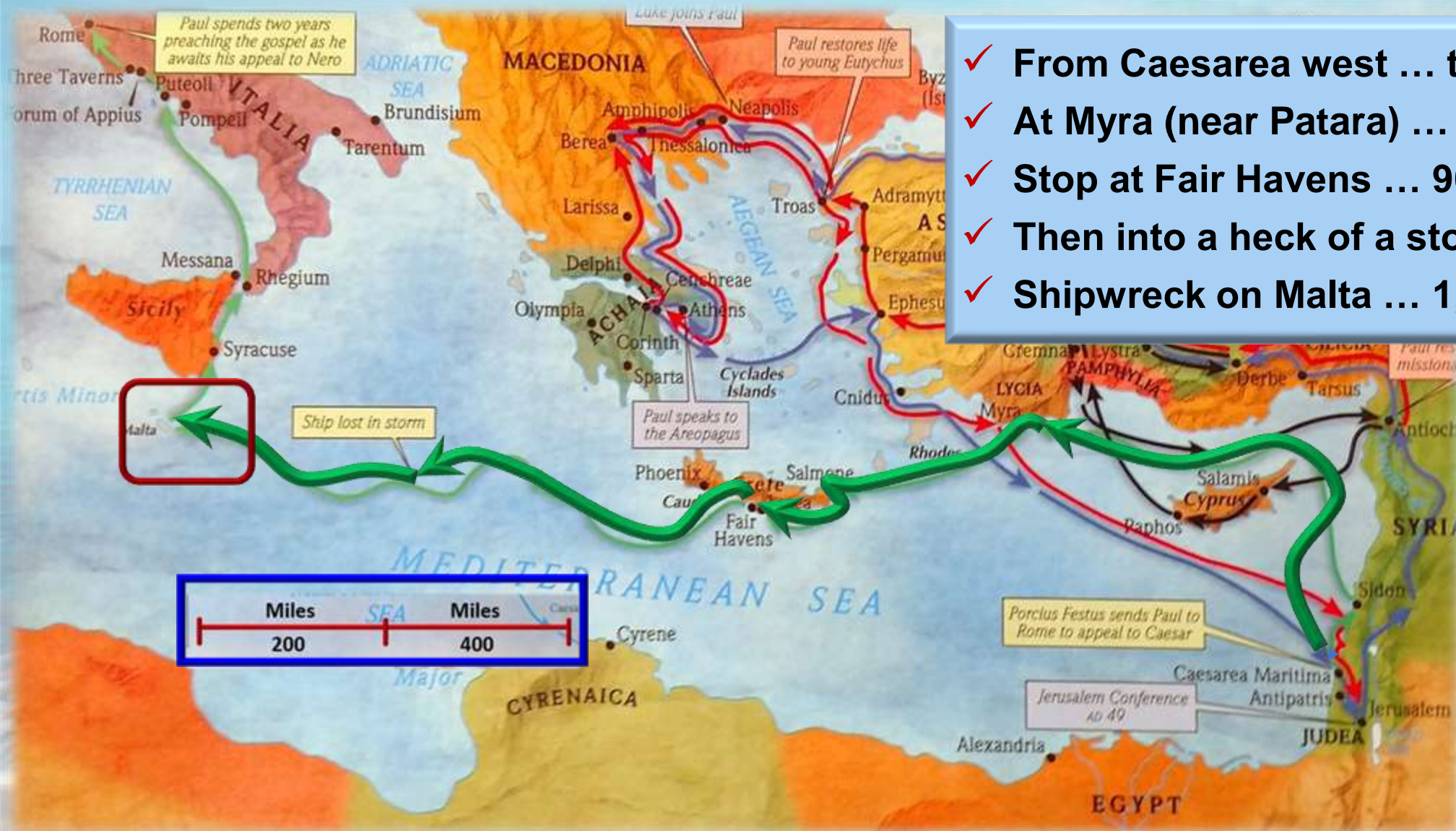


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***INSIDE* St Paul at the Three Fountains**



27:1-44 From Caesarea into Storm ... Shipwrecks on Malta



- ✓ From Caesarea west ... to Rome
- ✓ At Myra (near Patara) ... another ship
- ✓ Stop at Fair Havens ... 900+ Miles?
- ✓ Then into a heck of a storm ...
- ✓ Shipwreck on Malta ... 1,700+ Miles?

27:1-44 From Caesarea into Storm & Shipwreck s on Malta
Acts 27 ... long narrative on journey to Malta

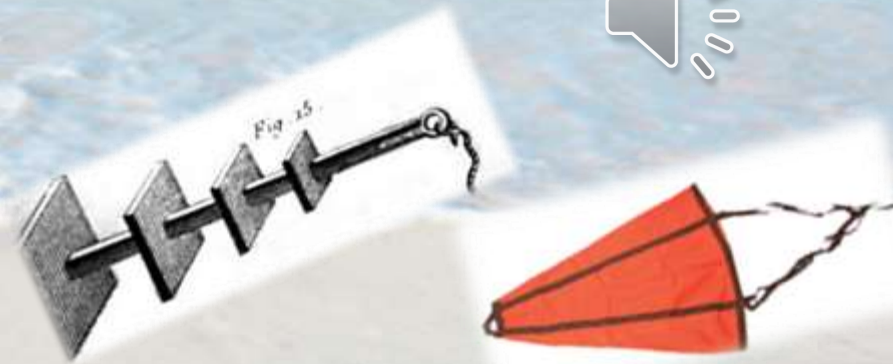
v. 8, **Arrive at Fair Havens, southern Crete**
Paul warns of disaster,
but Centurion listens to ship captain

Not good to winter at Fair Havens ... **Sail On**

v. 14 ... caught by “**Northeaster**” wind

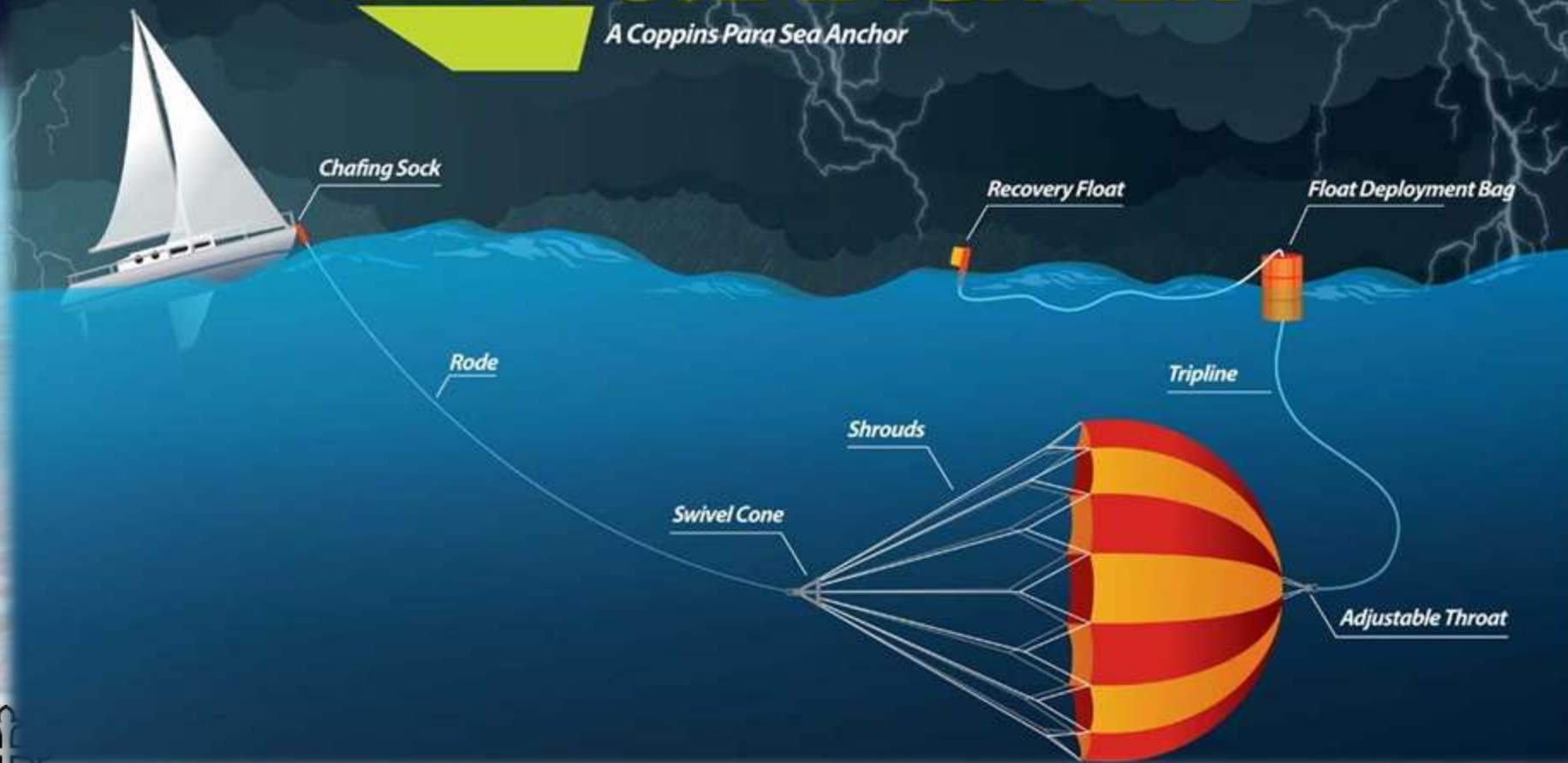
Hurricane blows the ship for **DAYS**

They lower the **Sea Anchor**



STORMFIGHTER

A Coppins Para Sea Anchor



Stille Paul, c. 1657
Membrandt van Rijn (1606-69)



v. 14 ... caught by “Northeaster” wind

Greek is *Euroclydon* ... only place in N.T.

“*euros*” = “*east wind*” ... “*clydon*” = “*waves*”

Similar to “*Europa*” – Phoenician Princess

Europe – variously derived from

Greek: wide-eyed, broad, wide-gazing

Akkadian: *going down* Phoenician: *west*

Euroclydon ... v. 14 only place in N.T.

... Violent East Wind ... stirs up wave



Apostle Paul, c. 1657
by Rembrandt (1606-69)



v. 14 ... “Northeaster” Greek is Euro-clydon ...

Clydon – nowhere in N.T. – yet **root** for words in

Eph. 4:14, **Then we will no longer be infants,
tossed back and forth by the WAVES, and
blown here and there by every wind of
teaching ... cunning & craftiness of people....**

James 1:6, **one who doubts is like a WAVE
of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.**



**Apostle Paul, c. 1657
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v. 14 ... caught by **Euroclydon** ...

Wild wide-eyed Northeast Wind tossing waves

High and Wide

Northeaster ... yes, the **Euroclydon**

Violent East Wind Churning Up Sea

Onboard ... a **Precious Cargo** ...

Church's Grand Champion

Onboard ... for over 1,500 miles now

Unnamed Centurion

witness to all of Paul's prayers & miracles



Apostle Paul
by Rembrandt



ALL fear for their lives ...

They throw the cargo overboard

On the third day, they throw tackle overboard

27:20 When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

Paul stands up, holding on to a stanchion

He said, roughly, “I told you so ... then assures”

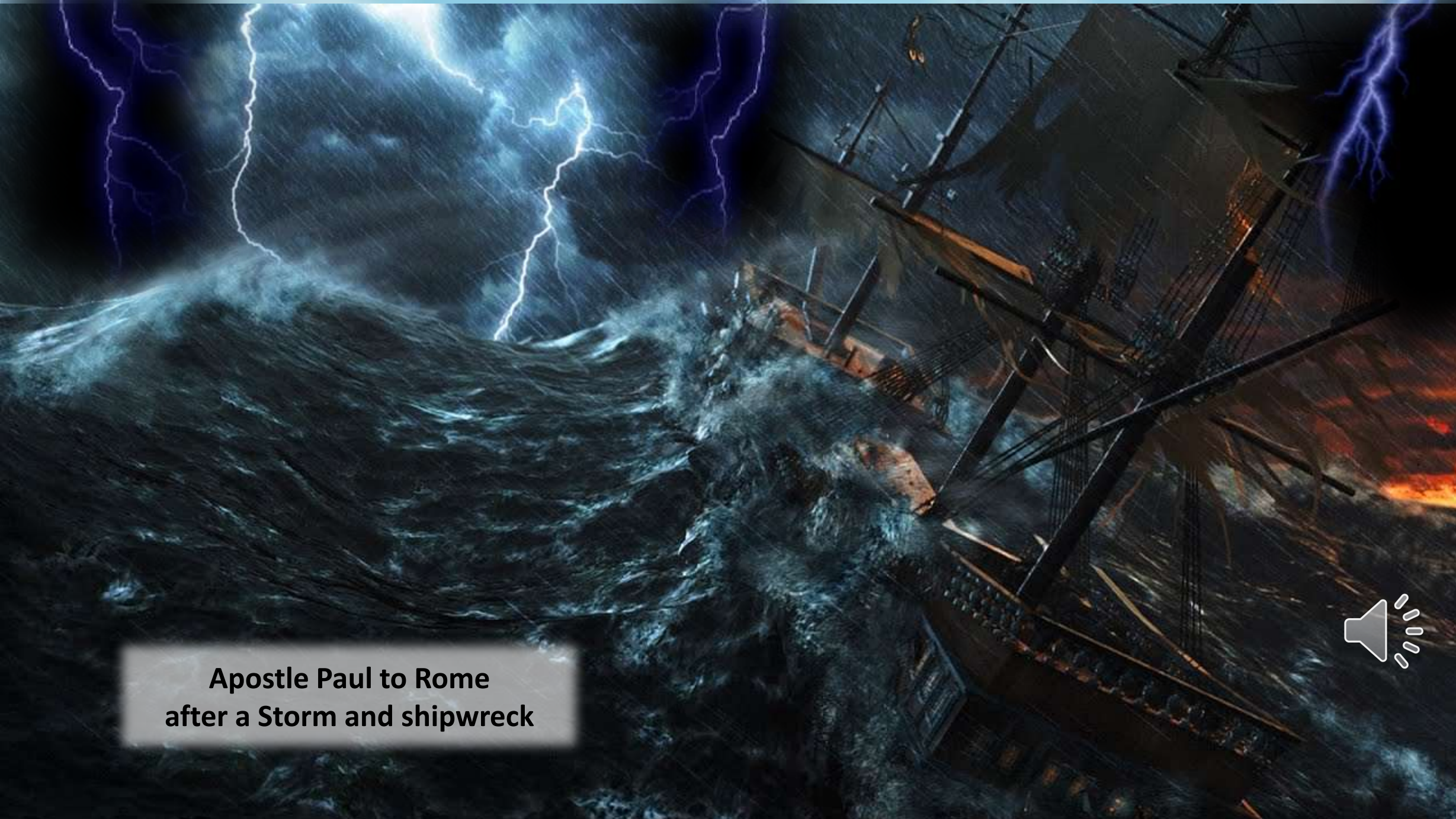
Most remarkable passage ... an extraordinary

Very Special Relationship



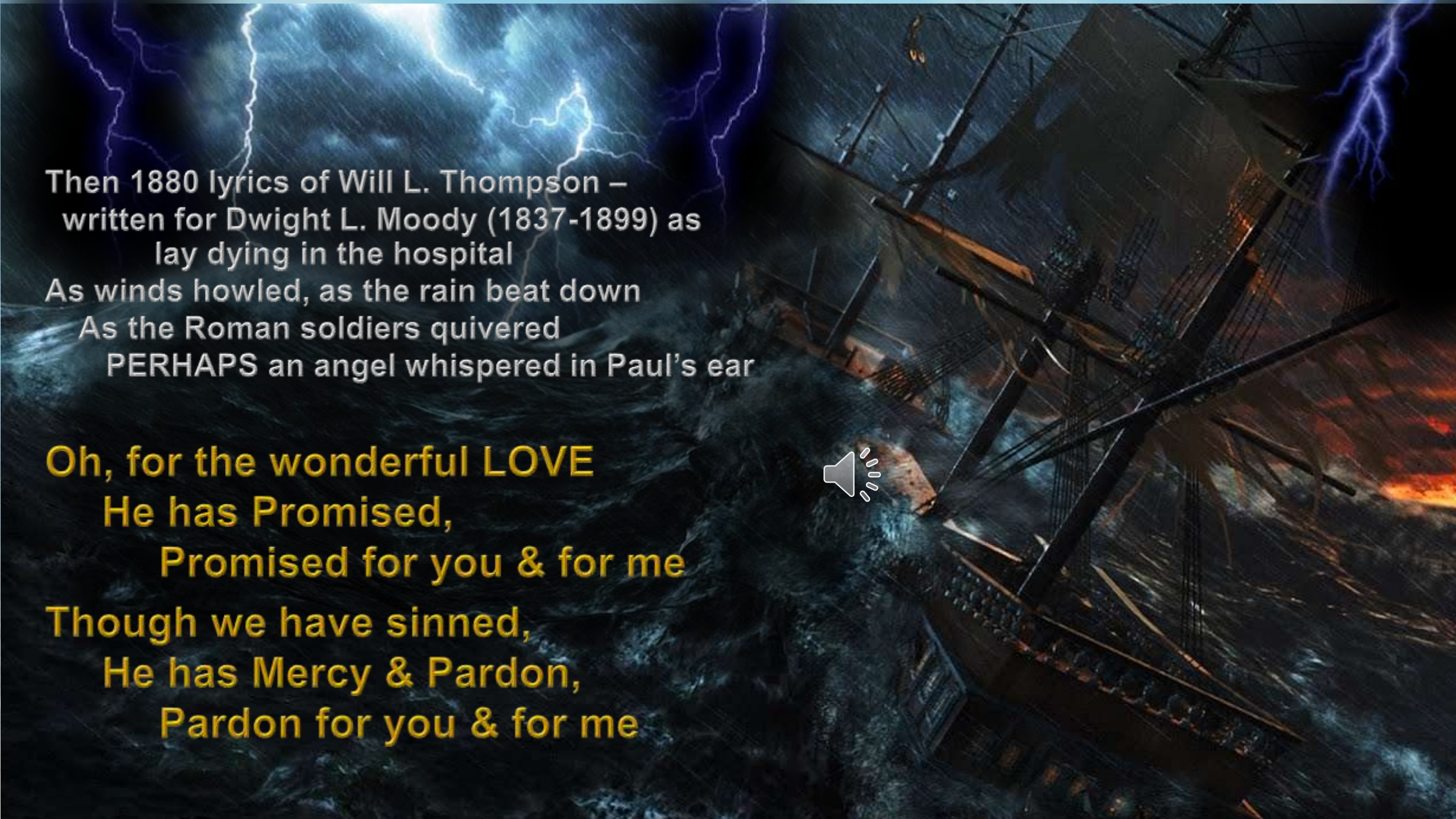
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**Apostle Paul to Rome
after a Storm and shipwreck**





Then 1880 lyrics of Will L. Thompson –
written for Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899) as
lay dying in the hospital
As winds howled, as the rain beat down
As the Roman soldiers quivered
PERHAPS an angel whispered in Paul's ear

Oh, for the wonderful LOVE
He has Promised,
Promised for you & for me
Though we have sinned,
He has Mercy & Pardon,
Pardon for you & for me



Charles Spurgeon says of 27:20

Multitudes of persons are sailing in what they think to be the good **Ship of Self-Righteousness**: they are expecting they shall get to heaven in her. But she **never** did carry a soul safely into the Fair Haven yet, **and she never will....** when a terrific tempest overtakes this vessel ... I am glad ... old ship **parts** timber from timber, when she goes aground & breaks to pieces....



Charles H. Spurgeon
(1834-1892)

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C. H. Spurgeon, "Wrecked, But Not Reckless,"
1070, June 9, 1872; Metropolitan Tabernacle.

I recollect very well when that terrific
Euroclydon blew on my vessel.

It was as good a vessel as any of you have....

Sails wanted mending, and

here and there she wanted a little
touch of paint, but for all that she was

sea-worthy & fit to be registered

“A.1.” at Lloyd’s of London



Charles H. Spurgeon
(1834-1892)



I say it will happen to such a man,
if God loves him ... — that a storm will come,
... just as the tempest did to Paul's vessel ...
twist him right round, and
make his gallant vessel in the storm
to be like a thing that has
lost its mind and will not obey the rudder,
and cannot be quieted and controlled.
They had **no compass** as we have ...



Charles H. Spurgeon
(1834-1892)



**they could not tell where they were;
they were all in the dark:
and that is just the condition of a
self-righteous soul when the
Spirit of God blows with his rough
north wind upon it,
and it comes to see that**

**“By the works of the law there shall
no flesh be justified.”**



Charles H. Spurgeon
(1834-1892)



Paul tells them they **ALL will LIVE**
Only the ship will be wrecked ...

- 27:23** Last night an *ANGEL* of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me
- 24** said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'
- 25** So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.
- 26** Nevertheless, we must run aground....

Fourteen Days in the Storm



Apostle Paul, c. 1657
by Rembrandt (1606-69)



ALL fear for their lives ...

They take soundings ... 120 feet ... 90 feet

They lower the lifeboats ... secretly

Paul warns Centurion ... Stay in the Ship!

THIS time the Centurion listens to Paul

27:27 says were ... **276 souls** ... *a lot*

Paul encourages them to eat ...

Who's Your Captain NOW!

When daylight came ... they cut all anchors

Ran the ship aground ... off Malta



Apostle Paul, c. 1657
by Rembrandt (1606-69)



**27:1-44 From Caesarea into Storm ...
Shipwrecks on Malta**

**Somewhere
Near Malta ...**

**Wise captain is
able to send their
ship aground on
a sandbar ...**

ALL Lives Saved

Caesarea to Malta

Maybe 1,800 Miles



**Paul Preaching to the People, c. 1657
Rembrandt (1606-69)**

Soldiers were going to **KILL** prisoners

Centurion ... **stays their hands**

All who cannot swim ... grab a plank

When daylight came ... cut all anchors

All Come Safely to Shore

Malta – very, very friendly folks

Build fire ... and VIPER grabs Paul

Paul shakes it off into fire



27:1-44 From Caesarea into Storm ... Shipwrecks on Malta

Land
somewhere

Perhaps it was
St Paul's Bay

Malta & Gozo
are SMALL

24 Miles
for BOTH



St Paul, c. 1657
Brandt (1606-69)

**On Malta ... Chief Official of island welcomes
His father is very ill – Paul prays for him, heals him
Then verse Acts 28:9**

**⁹ When this had happened, the rest of the
sick on the island came and were *CURED*.**

**Bear in mind, Luke is Paul for the roughly 1,700 miles
from Caesarea to Malta – on a ship**

**Except for Malta & after Malta, No more healings
No more demons cast out – there's a noticeable reduction**

After Three Months ... they are well provisioned

**Sail on an Alexandrian ship with figureheads of
twin gods Castor and Pollux**

Sail to Syracuse – stay three days there



**Apostle Paul, c. 1657
by Rembrandt (1606-69)**

Alexandrian ship with **FIGUREHEADS**
of twin gods **Castor & Pollux**
When together, they are called **Dioscuri**
Twin sons of **Zeus**, who
as a swan seduced **Leda**

- ✓ Homer portrays them as mortals
- ✓ Patrons of Sailors
- ✓ Appear as St. Elmo's Fire

*Electrical discharges from
points on ship or plane*

**Lot of help Castor & Pollux
gave the sailors to Malta**



Castor & Pollux statues in Rome

28:1-44 From Malta to Rome

From Malta to Syracuse

Was there a museum Syracuse?
for the Great Battle of 413 BC

Thucydides' martial masterpiece of
the Peloponnesian War between
Athens & Sparta/Syracusans

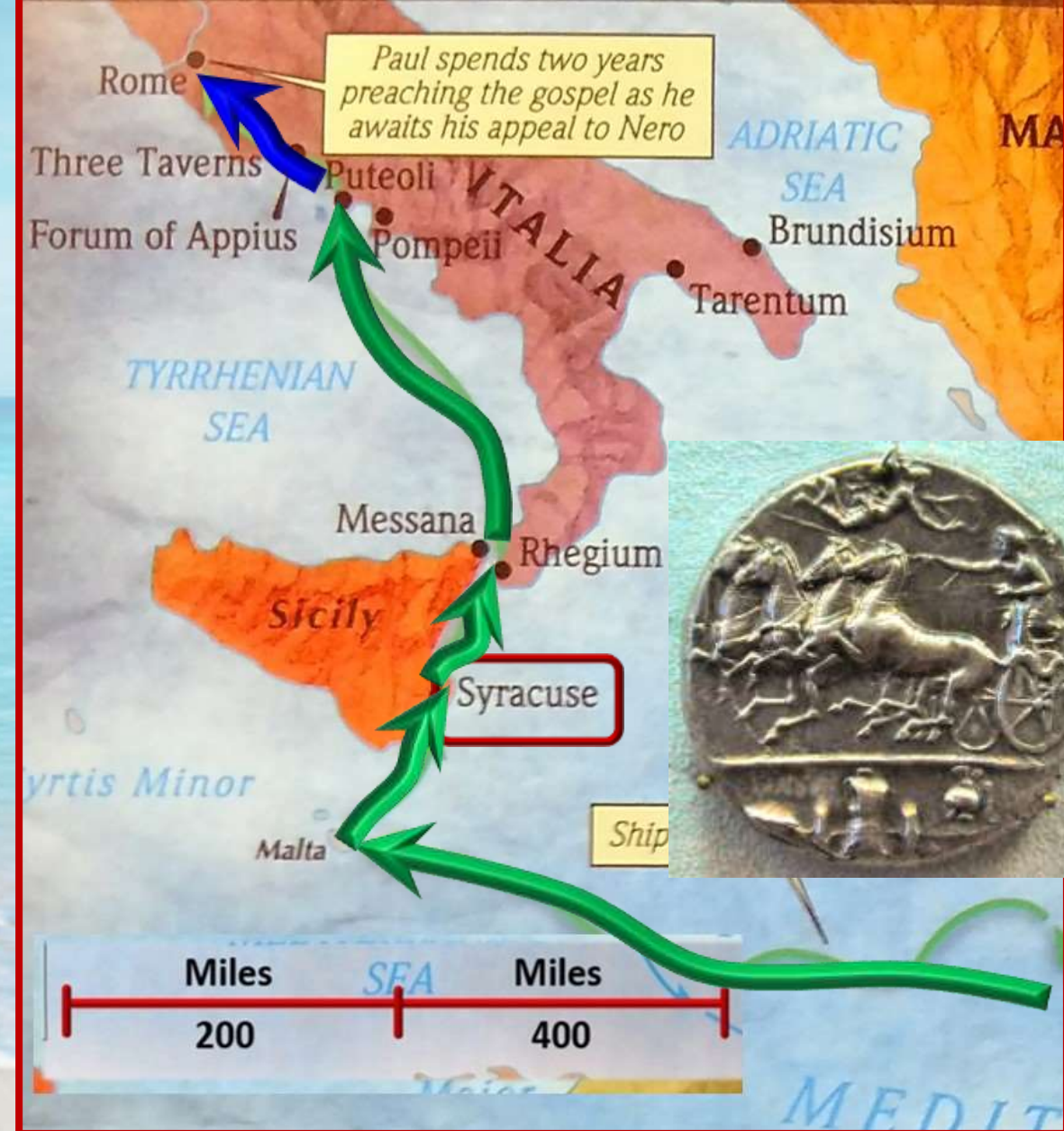
200+ ships & 40,000+ lives LOST

Athens LOST, many die in quarries

Paul & Co. stay 3 days

to Rhegium to Puteoli

Overland to Rome



28:1-44 From Malta to Rome

Centurion has a real job

**He & soldiers ESCORTING
Roman Citizen Paul to**

Rome—some 2,000 miles

NEWS travelling FAST

**Christian brothers & sisters
from Rome HEAR of Paul**

Travel some 45 miles to

**Three Taverns &
the Forum of Appius**

What *LOVE* for Paul is this?



28:1-44 From Malta to Rome

Centurion has a real job

**Christians to Three Taverns
& Forum of Appius**

Day's journey from Rome
about 45 miles ...

Forum likely constructed
by the builders of roads

Roman Poet & Senator
Horace 65-8 BC said

**Forum was full of boatmen
& cheating innkeepers.**



28:15-20 The Journey – Paul Welcomed, Calls Jewish Leaders

15 Brothers & sisters there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius & Three Taverns to meet us.

At the sight of these people Paul thanked God and was encouraged.

16 When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.



28:15-20 Paul Calls Jewish Leaders

**17 Three days later he called together
the local Jewish leaders.**

When they had assembled, Paul said to them:

**“My brothers, although I have done nothing
against our people or against the customs
of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem
and handed over to the Romans.**

**18 They examined me & wanted to release me,
because I was NOT GUILTY of
any crime deserving DEATH.**



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28:15-20 Paul Calls Jewish Leaders

Of course ... we know what follows:

¹⁹ The Jews objected, so I was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar.

I certainly did not intend to bring any charge against my own people.

²⁰ For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you.

It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.



**Apostle Paul, c. 1657
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28:21-23 Paul “Dawn to Dusk” on Kingdom

21 They replied, “We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, and none of our people who have come from there has reported or said anything bad about you.

22 But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people **EVERYWHERE** are talking against this sect.”



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28:21-23 “Dawn to Dusk” on Kingdom

²³ They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day,
and came in even larger numbers to
the place where he was staying.

He witnessed to them from *morning till evening*,
explaining about the kingdom of God,
AND from the Law of Moses and
from the Prophets he tried to
persuade them about **Jesus**.



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28:24-28 Many Believed, Some Not

²⁴ Some were convinced by what he said,
but others would not believe.

²⁵ They disagreed among themselves & began to
leave after Paul had made this final statement:

“The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors
when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

Paul quotes from Isaiah 6:9-10



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28:24-28 Many Believed, Some Not

26 “ ‘Go to this people and say, “You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

27 For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts & turn, and I would heal them.’



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28:24-28 Many Believed, Some Not

**28 “Therefore, I want you to know that
God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles,
and they will listen!”**

Gentiles ... non-Jews ... THEY WILL LISTEN

Like the unnamed Centurion who escorted Paul

For 2,000+ Miles

Other than Jesus, that Centurion saw the

Best Christian Living

What did the Centurion SEE for 2,000 Miles?



28:24-28 Many Believed, Some Not

Really ... what did the Centurion SEE?

For 2,000+ Miles

Luke tells us what the Centurion saw vv. 30-31

Last two verses of Acts ... Luke tells us

But you KNOW the FULLER answer ... yes

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So ... let me be a most pesky, irritatingly kind

So ... let me close by pinching your side



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Oh ... for 2,000 miles ... after a raging

Euroclydon

Oh ... what did the Centurion **SEE & LIVE**

Who's Your Captain NOW!

What makes the **BEST** Christian?

- ✓ **Courage on the Sea of Life**
- ✓ **Honesty to even your Captors**
- ✓ **Unashamed Prayer in hostile waters**
- ✓ **Dependable Integrity in Heart & Soul**



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Paul has **ALREADY** written much

Philippians 1:21, **For to me, to live is Christ
and to die is gain.**

Philippian 3:8, **I consider everything a loss
because of the surpassing worth of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**

Centurion **SAW that**

Centurion saw Paul LIVE THAT



Detail from a painting by Peter Paul Rubens, c. 1657
by Johann Heinrich Weyrauch (1606-69)

What KIND of man did the Centurion **SEE**

After 2,000 miles ... Centurion **KNEW**

Who's Your Captain NOW?

BEST Christian—Paul had **LIVED**

Philippians 4:8, **Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is TRUE, whatever is NOBLE,
whatever is RIGHT, whatever is PURE,
whatever is LOVELY, whatever is ADMIRABLE**
If anything is excellent or praiseworthy—
think about such things.

Centurion ... saw **ONE** man who

LIVED that



Dr. Luke closed his mighty chronicle ...

seemingly closed Book of Acts abruptly

**30 For two whole years Paul stayed there
in his own rented house and welcomed
all who came to see him.**

**In Paul's masterpieces, we have the substance
of what Dr. Luke closed his stupendous chronicle**

**31 He proclaimed the kingdom of God and
taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—
with all boldness & without hindrance!**



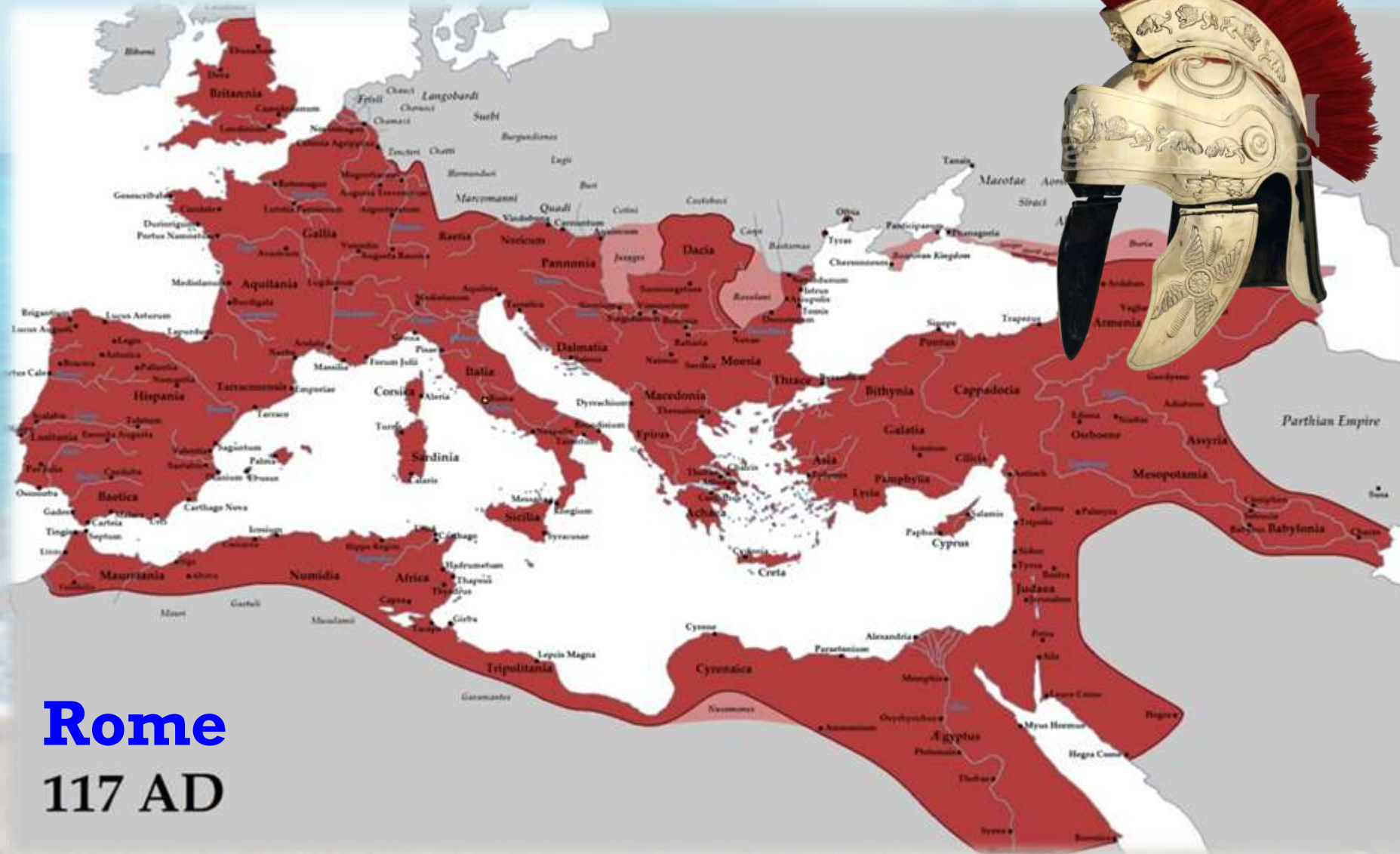
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Paul with a bodyguard in Rome, trusted like no other trustee was ever trusted
Now spreading the gospel from the **HEART** of Roman Empire

To many

Rome Master of the KNOWN World



Rome
117 AD

After two years,
Paul may have been beheaded in Rome ... OR
Paul may have travelled to Spain ...

Because of the Church Fathers' writings ...

Likely Paul was beheaded SOMEWHERE

Perhaps, and even likely in Rome ...

Given all the *travels* ... *tumults* ... *travails*

How do you suppose Paul met his end?

Perhaps right before the sword came down ...

Perhaps an Angel visited Paul



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Maybe it was the **SAME** Angel that visited Paul
when **Euroclydon** tore up the sea

Now as Paul's darkest hour came ...

Perhaps Paul's Guardian Angel
whispered in Paul's ear,

**“Here ... Good & Faithful Servant
Here is a little salve for your neck
For your journey ...
You will not feel a thing
Little Salve for your journey *HOME*”**



Ángel de la Guarda
18th century



Paul's Guardian Angel
whispered once more in Paul's ear,
“Though Good & Faithful Servant ...”

Then 1880 lyrics of Will L. Thompson
fill the air round about Paul

Paul's Guardian Angel lightly whispers:

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;

See, on the portals
He's waiting & watching,
Watching for you & for me.



**Acts 27:31 ends – Paul proclaimed the kingdom of God
and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—
with all boldness and without hindrance!**

**After 2 yrs, Paul is tied & sword held high
an Angel whispering calms Paul's heart ...**

**Come *HOME*, come *HOME*,
You who are weary, come *HOME* ...**



**As the Angel touched the tongue of
Isaiah some 700 years before
Angel touched Paul's tender sacred neck
For your journey, Good Man Paul
You won't feel a thing
Salve for your journey *HOME*
As the sword fell ...**

Paul's Soul Rose

