

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

NT Survey Lesson 77--Acts 27-28

Introduction: These chapters record the dramatic story of Paul's journey to Rome and his reception there. Again, we see God's protection of Paul in order that the purpose of God that Paul testify in Rome might not fail.

Lesson aim: To show how God keeps His promises.

The first stage of Paul's journey to Rome--Ac. 27:1-13

1. Who was given charge of Paul? Describe from this chapter his attitude toward Paul. Why you think he felt this way?
2. Trace Paul's journey from Caesarea to Myra. Who was traveling with Paul at this time?
3. What was Paul allowed to do at Sidon?
4. Trace the second leg of the journey aboard the Alexandrian ship.
5. What did Paul predict would happen to the ship? What basis did Paul have for giving advice about sailing? To whom did the centurion listen?

Paul and companions suffer shipwreck--Ac. 27:14-44

1. What happened after the ship embarked from Fair Havens? What efforts were made to keep the ship afloat after the northeaster arose?
2. What was the mental condition of the crew as the storm continued for many days? How did Paul encourage those on board? What did he say God had revealed to him?
3. As the storm continued and the possibility of hitting land occurred what did some or the ship's crew do? What warning did Paul issue to the centurion?

4. What did Paul urge those who had not eaten to do? What did Paul do before eating?
5. What happened to the ship after land was sighted?
6. What did some of the soldier's plan to do to the prisoners? Would this have included Paul? What did the centurion do?
7. Did the events of this chapter transpire as the revelation from God had indicated?

Paul's experiences at Malta and the journey to Rome--Ac. 28:1-16

1. How did the people of Malta treat Paul and his companions?
2. What unusual thing happened to Paul there? With what result?
3. What miracles did God work through Paul? Would this have given Paul the opportunity to teach about Jesus?
4. Trace the journey from Malta to Rome.
5. From where did brethren come to greet Paul? What affect did this have on Paul?

Paul's testifies to die Jews from Rome--Ac. 28:17-29

1. What explanation did Paul give to the Jews of Rome as to why he was a prisoner in Rome? What request did they make of Paul? What observation did they make about the "sect" of which Paul was a member?
2. How did the Jews react to Paul's testimony about Jesus?
3. What was Paul's last word to the Jewish people?

Paul waits for his trial before Nero--Ac. 28:30-31

1. For how long was Paul imprisoned in Rome, awaiting trial?
2. Describe Paul's activities during this period of his life.