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Acts 27-28



Roman citizen

Yes or No: A Roman citizen in Paul's time was a lot like an American citizen in our time.

(Don't look at the clothes but their rights.)

Roman soldiers protected Roman citizens all over the world. American embassies protect American citizens all over the world.

Roman citizens could plead their case before the king in Rome. American citizens can plead their case to the highest court.



Lady Justice of USA

These American privileges can help us go all over the U.S.A. and all over the world to preach the Gospel to every creature.

Prayer

Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word, spread the kingdom of the Lord.

Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n life to beings meant for heav'n. Amen. (TLH

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The Voyage to Rome Begins

The soldiers of Caesarea delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a *centurion* (a captain of 100 men) named Julius, to sail to Rome.

God gives Luke the following words to write, "So, entering a ship we put to sea, meaning to sail along the coasts of Asia. The next day we landed at **Sidon**. Julius, the captain, treated Paul kindly and let him go to his friends and receive care. We sailed under the shelter of **Cyprus** and over the sea which

is off **Cilicia** and **Pamphylia**, we came to **Lycia**. There the centurion found another ship sailing to Italy, and he put us on board.

When we had sailed slowly many days we arrived with difficulty off **Cnidus**, the wind not permitting us to proceed, we sailed under the shelter of **Crete**. Passing it with difficulty, we came to a place called **Fair Havens**."

Paul's Warning Ignored

"Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous, Paul advised



them, saying, 'Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives.' Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the majority to set sail."

In the Tempest

"The south wind blew softly and they sailed close by Crete. But not long after, a tempest arose. When the ship was caught by the great winds the sailors gave up trying to drive it. They tried to lighten the ship and even threw the ship's tackle overboard. They couldn't see the sun or moon for many days so they were lost at sea.

They went many days without food. Then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, 'Men, you should have listened to me. But now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you." Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me. However, we must run aground on a certain island.'

And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to eat so that they would have energy to survive. He took bread and gave thanks to God and began to eat. Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves. In all we were 276 persons on the ship."

Shipwrecked on Malta

"When it was day, they did not recognize the land; but they observed a bay with a beach, onto which they planned to run the ship aground if possible.

Some of the soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim away and escape. But the centurion,

wanting to save Paul, kept them from doing that and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard and the rest could float on boards from the ship. So it was that they all escaped safely to land."

Paul's Ministry on Malta

"The island was called **Malta**. The natives showed us unusual kindness. They made a fire for us because it was cold. When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a snake came out and fastened on his hand. When the natives saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to one another, 'No doubt this man is a murderer. He has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow him to live.' But Paul shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

We stayed three days with a leading citizen of the island. His father became sick with a fever and Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed. They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary."

Arrival at Rome

"We sailed to **Syracuse** and then to **Rhegium** and on to **Puteoli**, where we found fellow Christians, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward **Rome** where we met with other Christians who came to meet us. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the

captain of the guard, but Paul was permitted to live by himself with the soldier who guarded him.”

Paul’s Ministry at Rome

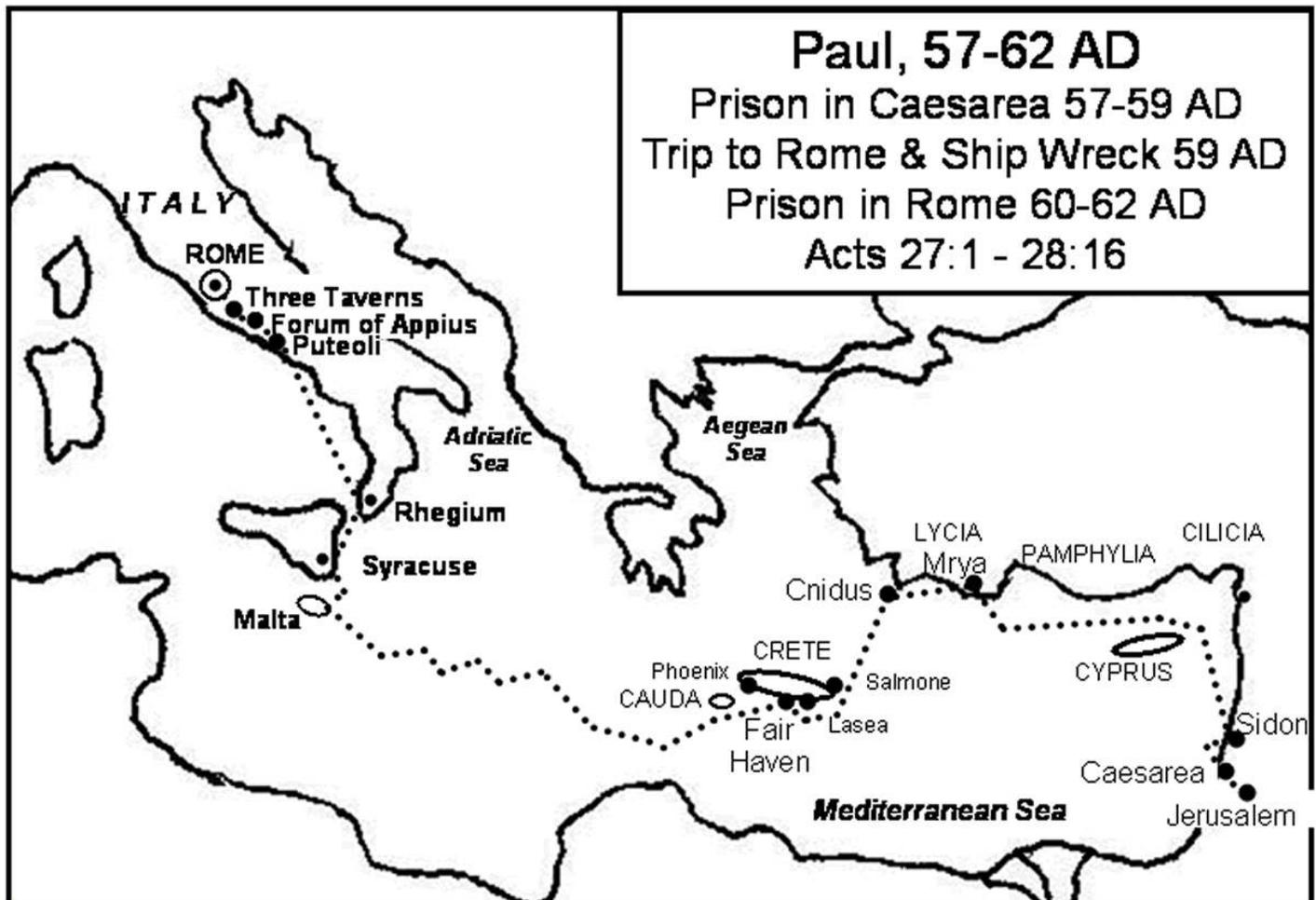
“After three days Paul called the leaders of the Jews together. He told them all about how he became a prisoner. They were interested in what he had to say and came to his lodging. Paul preached about Jesus from the Bible from morning till evening and some believed and others didn’t believe God’s Word.

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah had written about the Word of God being rejected by the Jews and then given to the Gentiles who would hear it and believe. The Jews left Paul’s home arguing with each other.

Paul lived two years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one stopped him.”

Map Study

Your teacher will help you fill in the names of the cities (found in BOLD print) and the path Paul took to get to Rome.



Paul was a “prisoner” of Jesus Christ.

Fill in the Blank - “All things work together for good to those who love God.” Romans 8:28. Fill in the blank with words that tell how God turned the “Bad” into “Good” for Paul and for the spread of the Gospel.

Bad	Good
Paul arrested	Taken into the care of soldier, <u>Julius</u> , who kept him safe and have <u>Luke</u> , his friend, go with him.
Tempest at sea	God sends Paul a <u>dream</u> to let him know all people would live.
Shipwreck	God kept everyone safe and they landed at the <u>Malta</u> .
Paul was a prisoner	In Rome Paul lived on his own with only a guard and was able to <u>preach</u> God’s Word and have visitors.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Acts 16:31 Name the people from this lesson that could have heard Paul’s message of Jesus.

Centurion, fellow ship passengers, prisoners and crew (275), those on Malta, every city where they stopped with the ship, those in Rome that came to his home.

Memory Passages

The Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. Matt. 18:11

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among man by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Romans 10:4

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:18

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.”

Mark 16:15 There are two mission programs for you to consider now or when you are older



Mission Helper Program sends you overseas.



Traveling Vacation Bible School uses your talents in the United States.

Prayer

Tell of our Redeemers love, Who forever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice all the guilt that on us lies.

Lord of Harvest, let there be joy and strength to work for Thee
Till the nations far and near see Thy light and learn Thy fear. Amen (TLH 507:3, 6)