

Acts 27 Study Guide

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Paul spent more than two years in a Caesarean prison despite the “not guilty” opinions expressed by a Roman commander, two Roman governors, and one Jewish king. In **Acts 27** Paul is finally on the move again and headed for Rome. However, the circumstances are probably not as he had envisioned a few years earlier when he had been travelling about freely and making plans to “visit” Rome (**19:21**). Although still in chains, Paul has been assured by the Lord Himself that his life is under the control of the Lord God and not Imperial Rome.

READ all of Acts 27 in one sitting. Refer to the attached map as you follow the treacherous voyage. Notice that Luke tells us in **:9** that the longest and most difficult part of the voyage did not begin until “after the Fast.” He is referring to the Jewish Day of Atonement, which fell in late September or early October. The safe sailing season began in May/June and continued until mid-September. The Romans considered sailing after Sept. 15 doubtful and after Nov. 11 suicidal. (Taken from NASB study notes)

1. **:2-3** Two of Paul’s travelling companions were specifically named. Who were they?

_____ and _____

From time to time in Acts, the author has referred to “we” in the narrative.

Verse 1 may imply that _____ was also onboard.

2. **:3; :43** For the most part throughout Acts, Paul has been treated fairly by the Roman authorities he has encountered. What does Luke tell us regarding Paul’s treatment on this voyage? _____

3. **:1** What was to be the ship’s final destination? _____

4. **:9** Because of the late season winds, sailing was _____ .

5. Although Paul was a prisoner on the voyage, he was allowed to frequently voice his opinion. Briefly describe the situations from the scriptures below.

a. **:9-10** Paul’s warning: _____

The centurion’s reaction: _____

b. **:13-20** Briefly describe what happened next. _____

c. :21-26 Paul's advice: _____

The storm continued and the crew realized they were moving into shallow waters. The crew dropped four anchors and some of the sailors attempted to escape on a lifeboat. (:27-30)

d. :31-32 Paul's warning: _____

The centurion's reaction: _____

e. :33-34 Paul's advice and assurance: _____

After Paul prayed, the men were encouraged and ate. They proceeded to throw the ship's cargo of grain into the sea. (:35-38)

6. :39-44 The ship ran aground on a sand bar, the stern was broken by the pounding surf and the soldiers wanted to kill the prisoners to prevent their escape. Who opposed this plan? _____ What were his orders? _____

7. What does the last sentence of the chapter tell us? _____

For prayer/meditation: Throughout Acts, we've read of Paul's courage – sometime in the face of extreme suffering. The Psalms are replete with the promise of blessings for those who suffer yet remain faithful. Spend some time in Psalm 84, which has been described as a Psalm of Pilgrimage (a pilgrimage of yearning for God's presence). This Psalm promises that those who set their hearts on such a "pilgrimage" will be blessed.

