



Book of Acts

Chapter 27

Lesson 25



The Key verse in Acts is 1:8

It contains the theme and purpose statement.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



Acts fulfills its purpose in segments

-  **Locations**
-  **People Groups**
-  **Main Characters**
-  **Missionary Journeys**



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Locations

-  Acts 1–7; Jerusalem
-  Acts 8–9; Judea and Samaria
-  Acts 10–28; Asia, Greece, Rome



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Reaching People Groups

-  Acts 1–7, 9; Jews
-  Acts 8; Samaritans
-  Acts 10–28; Gentiles

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➤ Through it's Main Characters

- Acts 1–5, 10-12; Peter
- Acts 6-7; Steven
- Acts 8; Philip
- Acts 9 Saul
- Acts 13-15; Barnabas & Paul
- Acts 16-17; Paul & Silas
- Acts 18-28; Paul

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➤ By Missionary Journeys

➤ Acts 13–14; The 1st

➤ Acts 15:40–18:22; The 2nd

➤ Acts 18:23 and 20:38; The 3rd

➤ Acts 21–28; The journey from Jerusalem to Rome



What was the year at the beginning of Acts 27?

- It was approximately A.D. 59-60, more than twenty-five years after Paul was saved.

Acts 27 - 28



Who accompanied Paul on this Journey? (27:1-2)

- ▶ Luke
- ▶ Aristarchus (a Macedonian from Thessalonica)
- ▶ Some other prisoners
- ▶ Julius (Augustan Cohort)
- ▶ The ship's crew



Where was their first stop and what happen there? (27:3)

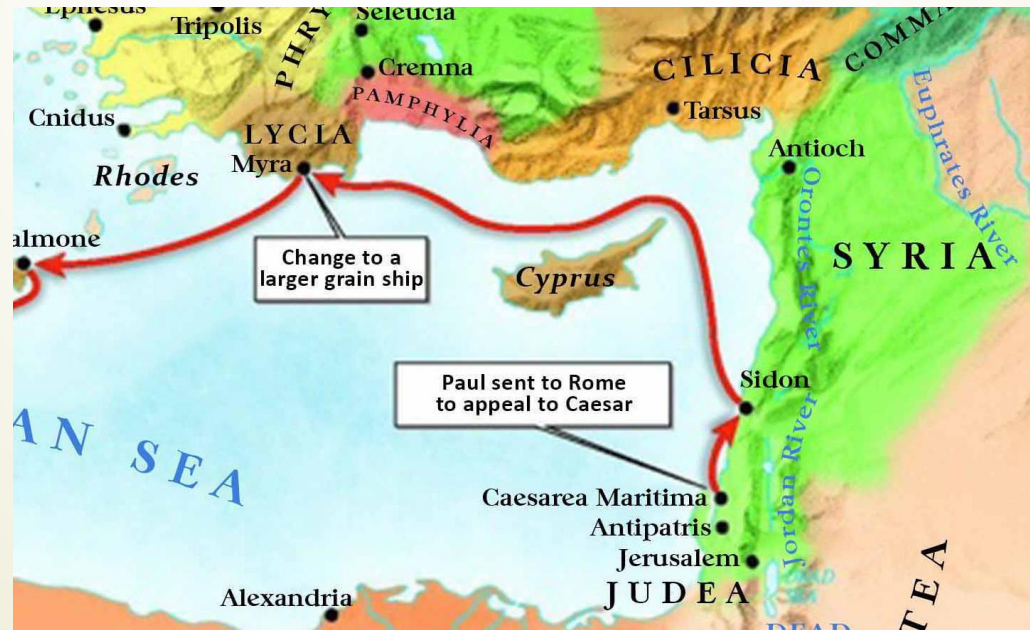
- Sidon (on the Phoenician coast, some 69 nautical miles north of Caesarea).
- Julius the centurion treated Paul kindly and saw that Paul was cared for.
- The relationship between Julius and Paul, ultimately contributes to the rescue of everyone on the ship. It begins on a note of kindness.

What was this act of kindness? (27:3)

- This involved allowing Paul to go to his friends so they might provide for his needs.
- Unnamed Christians in Sidon were allowed to show hospitality to Paul as he began his arduous journey to Rome.

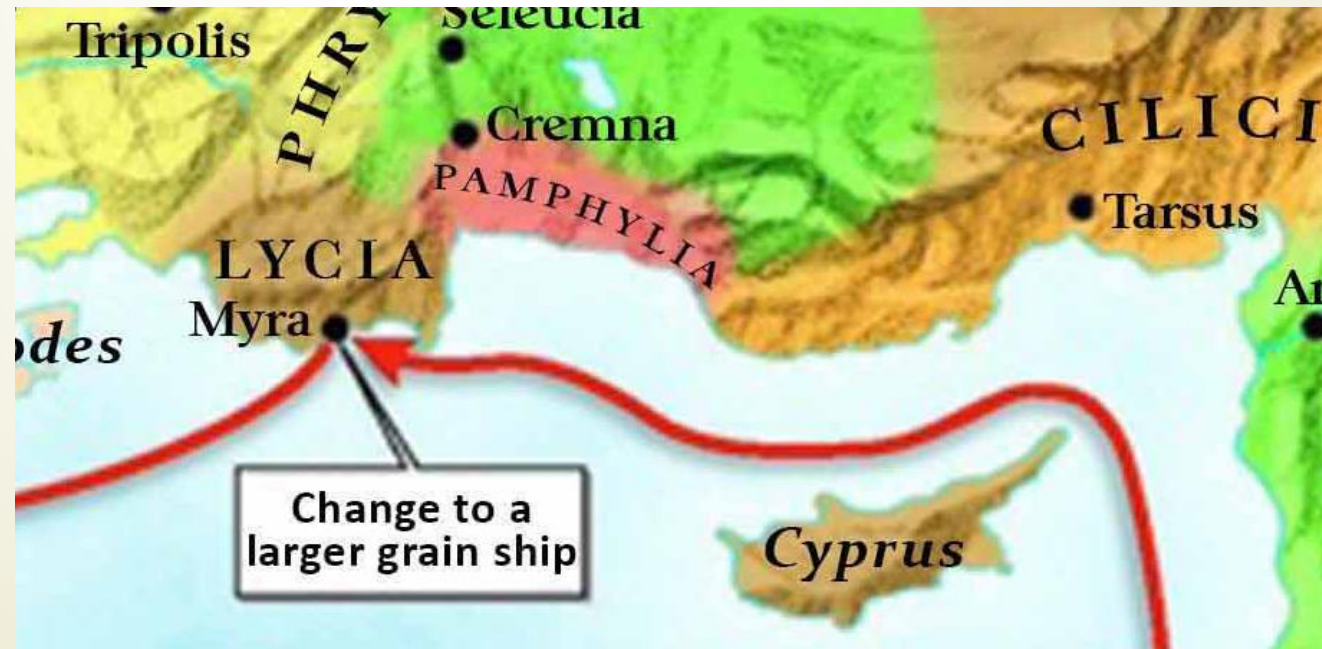
Why was it difficult for Paul's ship to sail? (27:4)

- The winds were against them.
- So, they sailed to the lee of Cyprus.



Where was their second stop and what happen there? (27:5-6)

- When we had sailed across the open sea off the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we landed at Myra in Lycia.





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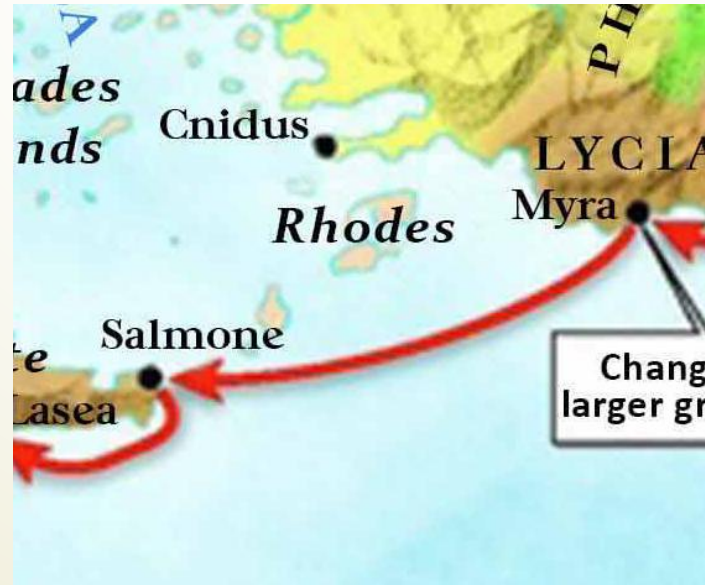
- Ships on their way to Rome would often make a stopover here.
- Luke notes that it was there the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy and put us on board.

What was the ships primary cargo?

- Wheat (v. 38)

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- The new ship made slow headway for many days. They hoped to reach Cnidus, which was at the end of the peninsula forming the southwest tip of Asia Minor.





On the second ship, where did the journey take Paul and the others? (27:7–8)

- ▶ When the strong northwest wind did not allow the ship to enter this port, Luke records, we sailed to the lee of Crete, opposite Salmone.
- ▶ The aim was to continue westwards on the southern side of Crete. With difficulty and came to a place called Fair Havens.



Why did Paul have the opportunity to offer advice? (27:9–10)

- It was getting late in the year.
 - It was extra dangerous because the Fast was already over. (the Day of Atonement which is in the fall of the year).
- Paul advised them, saying, “Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.”

Why were Paul's warnings ignored? (27:11-12)

- The centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said.
- Since the harbor wasn't suitable for wintering, the pilot and captain decided to sail. They wanted to winter at Phoenix on the island of Crete.



How did the journey continue in these verses? (27:13-20)

- ▶ A gentle south wind began to blow, favoring a westerly voyage and confirming for the crew the decision to dismiss Paul's warning.
- ▶ Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the 'Northeaster,' swept down from the island.



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- ▶ Luke says, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure.
- ▶ The sailors also passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together.
 - ▶ If the cargo shifted or got wet (it could swell dramatically and split the planks of a ship).



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- ▶ They lowered the sea anchor.
 - ▶ This would offer resistance every time the ship plunged from the crest of a wave and slow down their running before the wind.
- ▶ The day after passing Clauda, they began to throw the cargo off the ship, and on the third day, they threw the tackle overboard.



How did Paul reprimand the crew? (27:21)

- ▶ Paul told them, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss.”



How did Paul prepare the crew for bad news? (27:22–26)

- ▶ An angel told him not to be afraid because he would stand before Caesar.
- ▶ He encouraged them by saying, “there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship, God had granted their lives”.



How might Acts 19:21 and 23:11 have helped Paul on this dangerous journey?

- ▶ The Lord told him that he would witness in Rome.



How can these cross-references encourage you in difficult times or situations?

➡ Ephesians 2:10





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 Romans 8:28





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➡ **Philippians 4:12-13**





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➡ Isaiah 41:10





ODYSSEUS'S JOURNEY TO ROME

What happens as the storm continues for its 14th night? (27:27-32)

- Fearing that they might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come.
- Some of the sailors were trying to escape in the ship's boat. Paul told the centurion they needed to stay in the ship to be saved.
- The soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

What did Paul do to encourage the men on the ship? (27:33-38)

- At dawn, he encouraged the men to eat something and told all 276 of them that not one would perish.
- He broke bread and thanked God and ate.
- This encouraged them and they ate as well.
- After eating the men threw the remaining wheat overboard.

What happened at daybreak? (27:39-44)

- ▶ A bay was sighted, so they wanted to drive the ship onto a beach but instead they hit a reef which would break up the ship.
- ▶ Some wanted to kill the prisoners, the centurion saved Paul and the others.
- ▶ Verse 44 says they all were safe on land.
- ▶ What Paul had told them was fulfilled.



What do we learn from this narrative?

