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#31, Caesar – Acts 28:1-31

The noise was incredible! Like a wounded sea monster the stricken ship crashed into the shore. As it settled into its grave the stern began to break up. The hulls' agonizing cracks and moans let in the cold sea. The passengers made for safety the best way they could and just as God told Paul, all came to safety.

1 When they had been brought safely through, then we found out that the island was called Malta.

[1.] v:1, Malta, From the map, pg2, determine how far had the ship been driven over the last 14-days?

kindness, NT:5363 (*fil-an-thro-pee'-ah*); from the same as NT:5364; fondness of mankind, i.e. benevolence ("philanthropy"): KJV - kindness, love towards man.

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2 The natives showed us extraordinary kindness; for because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold, they kindled a fire and received us all.

[2.] v:2, showed us extraordinary kindness; This is a miracle! Write down "how the natives could have" treated them and, why they didn't?

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. 4 When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they began saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live." 5 However he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm. 6 But they were expecting that he was about to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.

[3.] v:3-6, a viper came out, Why or why wasn't Mark 16:17-18 fulfilled in the eyes of the survivors as well as the natives?

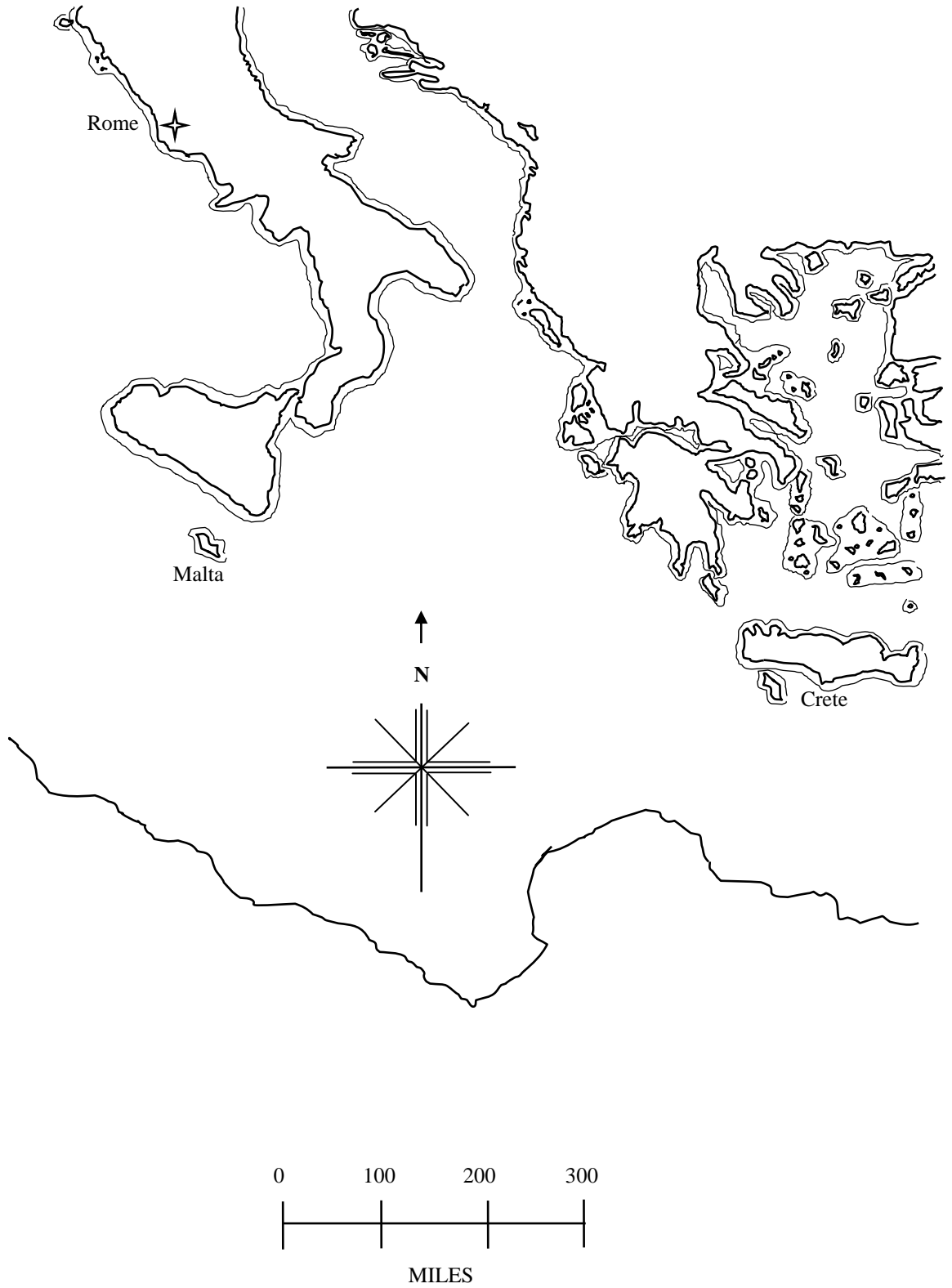
7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us courteously three days.

[4.] v:3-6 again, How might this little snake incident help all around Paul to listen to the message of salvation that he spoke?

[5.] v:7, the leading man of the island, What problem, "could have happened with Publius", now that the attention was on Paul?

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8 And it happened that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him. 9 After this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured. 10 They also honored us with many marks of respect; and when we were setting sail, they supplied us with all we needed.

11 At the end of three months we set sail on an Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island, and which had the Twin Brothers (twin sons of Zeus) for its figurehead.

12 After we put in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. 13 From there we sailed around and arrived at Rhegium, and a day later a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. 14 There we found some brethren, and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and thus we came to Rome.

15 And the brethren, when they heard about us, came from there as far as the Market of Appius and Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage. 16 When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

[6.] v:8-10, They also honored, So Paul had gone from a bit of flotsam to noteriety. Describe how you see the Lord's hand in this process?

[7.] v:8-10 again, Can a Christian achieve value by looking for fame or by always being available to whomever?

[8.] question [7.] again, Why is one easier than the other?

[9.] v:11, Twin Brothers for its figurehead. This is mythology. Why or why shouldn't Paul and the other Christians boycott this vessel and refuse to ride?

[10.] v:12-14, Syracuse, Rhegium, Puteoli, Rome, On your map, identify these places and draw the route from Malta to Rome.

[11.] v:15-16, he thanked God and took courage. Was Paul's real motive for going to Rome to save his life or to give out the word of truth to Caesar and all in Italy?

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17 After three days Paul called together those who were the leading men of the Jews, and when they came together, he began saying to them, "Brethren, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 "And when they had examined me, they were willing to release me because there was no ground for putting me to death. 19 "But when the Jews objected, I was forced to appeal to Caesar, not that I had any accusation against my nation. 20 "For this reason, therefore, I requested to see you and to speak with you, for I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel."

21 They said to him, "We have neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren come here and reported or spoken anything bad about you. 22 "But we desire to hear from you what your views are; for concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere."

[12.] v:17, leading men of the Jews, Trying not to mix apples and oranges, are these men saved or unsaved?

[13.] v:17 again, Brethren, In what way are they Paul's brethren?

[14.] v:18-20, the hope of Israel. From the list below, select the statement that describes what Paul meant.

- a) Jewish statehood.
- b) Rebuilding the temple.
- c) Salvation in Christ.
- d) The millennial kingdom.
- e) None of the above

[15.] v:21-22, concerning this sect, What are the Jewish leaders referring to?

[16.] v:21-22 again, it is spoken against everywhere. Who probably was speaking this way?

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23 When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

24 Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe.

25 And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet (Is 6:9-10) to your fathers, 26 saying,

' GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY,
"YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND;
AND YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;

27 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL,
AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR,
AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES;
OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT SEE WITH THEIR EYES,
AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,
AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN,
AND I WOULD HEAL THEM. "'

[17.] v:23-24, Some were being persuaded etc. Wait a minute, they all heard the same thing but there were two different responses. List some ways Paul could have presented the gospel so that they would all believe.

[18.] v:25-27, TO THIS PEOPLE, In these verses Paul mentioned three of the senses a human being possesses. What are they and what is wrong with the ones "this people" have?

[19.] v:25-27 again, This identifies the source of the problems Paul had with the nation of Israel. When did this change, or has it?

[20.] Something to think about. Why or why doesn't this curse affect all unsaved people or, is it just Israel?

[21.] v:27, I WOULD HEAL THEM, Looking at I Cor 2:9-10, we see these same three senses mentioned in a "corrected" state. You be the judge. Does I Cor 2:9-10 refer only to heaven or does it also refer to a "healing" the indwelling spirit provides to all Christians?

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28 "Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will also listen." 29[When he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.]

30 And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, 31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.

[22.] Is 6:13 "Yet there will be a tenth portion in it, And it will again be subject to burning, Like a terebinth or an oak Whose stump remains when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump." While we are in Isaiah chapter 6, read on down to the end of the chapter. Remembering the study of "two fathers" (lesson) would this "holy seed" refer to a perishable or imperishable seed?

[20.] v:28-31, he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters, **Jot down the epistles Paul wrote while in prison.**

[21.] **In conclusion and recalling the title of this study, write down how the hand of the Lord assured the gospel would go to the ends of the earth.**

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