Part I

*“Paul Begins His Journey To Testify In Rome!”*

Acts 27:1-8

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And the Next Day We landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave Him *‘Liberty’* to go to *His Friends* (Sidonian Church) and receive care. When We had put to *Sea* from there, We sailed under the *Shelter* of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. And when We had sailed over the *Sea* which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, We came to Myra, a City of Lycia. There the Centurion (Julius) found an *Alexandrian Ship* sailing to Italy, and He put Us on board. When We had sailed slowly many days, and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, the wind not permitting Us to proceed, We sailed under the *Shelter* of Crete off Salmone. Passing It (Salmone) with difficulty, We came to a place called Fair Havens, near the City of Lasea.

Acts 27:1-8 (NKJV)

NOTICE

Paul’s Journey Is A Military Escort Operation Attached To The Naval Shipments

Of Grain & Foodstuffs To Rome That Takes Place In The Late Fall of 59 A.D.

Day 1

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Archaeological Evidence

 Several inscriptions attesting that the *‘Augustan Regiment’* , that Luke speaks of was in the Kingdom of Batanaea (Ancient Canaan). Unit Insignias and Steeles both erected by Commander Lucius Obulnius, 1st Centurion, and later Tribune, of *Cohors* (Corps or Cohort) *Augusta*, attached to King Herod Agrippa II, should be identified with the Unit of Acts Chapter 27.

 Another Inscription written by a Roman Soldier, *Diomedes*, *Son of Chares*, An Officer of *Cohors Augusta* Under King Herod Agrippa II’s Authority has also been identified in archaeology.

 *‘Ships of Adramyttium’* of the Roman Naval Fleet with its Anchorage in Adramyttium, Asia Minor was concerned primarily with Grain & Foodstuff Shipments under Roman Naval protection across the Mediterranean Sea. The City of Adramyttium also Lies on the Primary Roman Highway *Via Egnatia* From West to East connecting the Silk Road of the Orient. \*

 Adramyttium became the Primary Anchorage and in *League* with the Capital City of Asia Minor, Pergamos. 1 Further, Adramyttium formed a Three Way Set of Major Harbors with Alexandria in Egypt 2 & Rome In Italia. 3

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Luke’s Personal Eyewitness Account of the Journey of Paul to Rome,

Was Also in the Company of One of the Original Seven Companions of Paul.

Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica \*[One of the Original Seven Companions of Paul ],\* was with Us. Acts 27:2b

\*[And Sopater 1 of Berea accompanied Him to Asia (Minor), so Aristarchus, 2 and Secundus of the Thessalonians, 3 Gaius of Derbe, 4 Timothy, 5 Tychicus 6 and Trophimus of Asia Minor. 7] \*

Acts 20:4

NOTICE

Trophimus of Asia Minor - Specifically of the City of Ephesus, Another One of the Original Seven Companions of Paul is the *Primary Culprit* in Paul’s Initial Imprisonment, but short lived, while this Latter Imprisonment is now well over Two Years Under House Arrest in Caesarea.

Acts 21:27-29

Luke Makes Purposeful Allusions to Known History in All of His Writing

There are Interesting Direct Allusions In Luke’s Writing Style of Acts in the New Testament

To Homer’s Famous Sea Voyage of Returning Home From the Trojan War – *“The Odyssey”*

See Direct Comparison with Acts 27:41 & Odyssey 9:148 & Following

The Similarities are Especially True of the Running Narrative & Logbook Like Entries.

This is Chronicled With a Sense of Foreshadowing of Events Yet to Come.

This Side-By-Side Sense of Adventure, Impending Doom, & Subsequent Salvation From Evil,

Time & Time Again, For Some Preordained Greater Purpose is Almost Unparalleled!

There are also, Interesting Direct Allusions In Luke’s Writing Style of Acts in the New Testament

To the Book of Jonah & His Voyage to Nineveh in the Old Testament.

See Direct Comparison with Acts 27:17-20 & Jonah 1:4-5 & 11-13

Paul’s Strategy For Return Visit Strategy To Pre-Existing Churches Is Once Again In Play

1) Encourage, 2) Equip, 3) Commission, 4) Report, & 5) Testify

Day 2

And the Next Day We landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave Him *‘Liberty’* to go to *His Friends* (Sidonian Church) and receive care. Acts 27:3

NOTICE

Paul Visited Twin City of Tyre When Coming To Jerusalem In Spring of 57 A.D.

It Is Now The Return Voyage To Rome, & Visiting Sidon In Late Fall of 59 A.D.

Two References Of The Winds Trying To Stop Or Waylay Paul’s Voyage

This A Foreshadowing of Satan’s Attempts To Derail Our Enthusiasm For Our Mission,

Or To Get Us To Distrust God, Or Even Worse, Lose Our Faith All Together

Days 3-7

1) When We had put to *Sea* from there, We sailed under the *Shelter* of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. And when We had sailed over the *Sea* which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, We came to Myra, a City of Lycia. Acts 27:4-5

Days 8-17

2) There the Centurion (Julius) found an *Alexandrian Ship* sailing to Italy, and He put Us on board. When We had sailed slowly many days, and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, the wind not permitting Us to proceed, We sailed under the *Shelter* of Crete off Salmone. Passing It (Salmone) with difficulty, We came to a place called Fair Havens, near the City of Lasea.

Acts 27:6-8

HANDOUT - Map Packet

Paul’s Full Voyage To Rome In V Parts

See Map

Paul’s 1st Trip To Rome In V Parts Under Roman Escort

See Map

Part I The Journey From Caesarea Maritima To Fair Havens / Lasaea On Crete

A Word of Commissioning From Paul To Us Today

*“I charge You* (INSERT NAME) *therefore, Before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who Will Judge the Living and the Dead at His Appearing and His Kingdom: Preach the Word! Be Ready In Season and Out of Season. Convince, Rebuke, Exhort, With All Longsuffering and Teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will gather to themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the Truth, and be turned aside to Fables. But You* (INSERT NAME) *Be Watchful in All Things, Endure Afflictions, Do the Work of an Evangelist, Fulfill Your Ministry. For I* (*Paul*) *am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I Have Fought the Good Fight, I Have Finished the Race, I Have Kept the Faith. Finally, There is Laid Up for Me the Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, Will Give to Me on that Day, and Not to Me Only But Also to All Who Have Loved His Appearing.”* 2nd Timothy 4:1-7

A Word of Admonition From Paul To Us Today

*“And Let Us Not Grow Weary While Doing Good, For in Due Season We Shall Reap If We Do Not Lose Heart. Therefore, as We Have opportunity, Let Us Do Good to All, Especially to Those Who are of the Household of Faith.”* Galatians 6:9-10