Part IIc

*“Soundings, Treachery, Nourishment,*

*Encouragement, & Covenantal Promise!”*

Acts 27:27-38

Now when the fourteenth night had come, as We were driven up and down in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the Sailors sensed that They were drawing near some Land. And They took soundings and found it to be twenty fathoms; and when They had gone a little farther, They took soundings again and found it to be fifteen fathoms. Then, fearing lest We should run aground on the rocks, They dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come. And as the Sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, when They had let down the skiff into the sea, under pretense of putting out anchors from the prow. Paul said to the Centurion and the Soldiers*, “Unless these Men stay in the ship, You cannot be saved.”*  Then the (Roman) Soldiers cut away the ropes of the skiff and let it fall off. And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored Them All (Aboard) to take food, saying, *“Today is the fourteenth day You have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing. Therefore, I urge You to take nourishment, for this is for Your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of Any of You.”* And when He (Paul) had said these things, He took bread and gave thanks to God in the Presence of Them All; and when He had broken it (bread) He began to eat. Then They Were All encouraged, and also took food Themselves. And In All We Were Two Hundred & Seventy-Six Persons on the ship. So, when They (All Aboard) had eaten enough, They (Sailors & Soldiers) lightened the ship and threw out the *Wheat* (*Cargo*) into the Sea. Acts 27:27-38 (NKJV)

Day 33 – Soundings!

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TREACHERY!

While The Sailors Make Final Preparations For Running Aground,

They Use It As A Diversion & Pretense To Try & Save Their Own Skins!

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Men’s Plan Vs. God’s Provision

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Acts 27:31-32

Paul Implores Them To Take Heart, Take Food, & Be Encouraged

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Paul Invokes The Lord’s Covenantal Promise At His Last Supper For All To Share

And when He (Paul) had said these things, He took bread and gave thanks to God in the Presence of Them All; and when He had broken it (bread) He began to eat. Then They Were All encouraged, and also took food Themselves. Acts 27:35-36

*“When All Earthly Human Hope & Strength Is Gone;*

*The Divine, The Holy, The Sacred, The Hope of Eternity Still Remains!”*

In All, 276 Persons That Day, Saw What God Can Do!

... And In All We Were Two Hundred & Seventy-Six Persons on the ship ... Acts 27:37

*“Now, Even Under Penalty of Imprisonment or Hard Labor,*

*They Choose to Obey God, Rather Than Man,*

 *& Throw The Earthly Cargo of Provisions Into the Sea,*

 *In Favor of God’s Merciful Provision of Salvation For Their Lives!”*

... When They (All Aboard) had eaten enough, They (Sailors & Soldiers) lightened the ship and threw out the *Wheat* (*Cargo*) into the Sea. Acts 27:38

CQ1?

*“When The Storms of Life Come My Way,*

*Who Do I Really Trust, Myself, Others, Or God?”*

CQ2?

*“The Storms & Tempests Coming Soon*

*Will Be The Greatest The World Has Ever Seen!*

*Will I, Will My Family, Will My Church Family,*

*Be Ready Together, To Fully Trust In God Alone?”*

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*“Let Us As The People of God,*

*Ready Ourselves Individually & Together As A Family,*

*So, That Others Who Do Not Know Him Yet,*

*Will Find A Place of Hope, Mercy, & Refuge, In The Days Ahead!*