

Paul's Trip to Rome



When we last left the Apostle Paul, he was clinging to a broken piece of the ship that was transporting him to Rome from Caesarea. The ship had been destroyed in a typhoon. Paul and the other 275 men on board the ship had survived and landed on an island south of present-day Sicily.

- I. Paul Sojourns on the Isle of Melita. (27:1 – 10)
 - A He is attacked by a venomous snake bite (vs. 1 – 7)
 - B He attends to many sick on the Island (vs. 8 – 10)

II. Paul Sails to Italy and Settles at Rome (27:11 – 16)

They find another ship from Alexandria, and sailed with them to Syracuse, which is on the island of Sicily, and then to Rhegium, which is on the very tip of the toe of the boot in Italy, and then on to Puteoli.

From there they walked the rest of the way to Rome and were met by Christians along the way from Appii Forum, and a place called The Three Taverns.

When they arrived in Rome, the centurion that had travelled with Paul all the way from Caesarea delivered him to the captain of the guard. Paul is not placed in a prison, but is put under house arrest by himself, along with a guard.

III. Paul Stays at It (27:17 – 31)

A He tells his (Paul's) story (vs. 17 – 22)

B He tells HIS (Jesus') story (vs. 23 – 29)

C He teaches Christ to whoever would listen (vs. 30 – 31)

Paul's story continued beyond the 28th chapter of the Book of Acts.

- 1 At the end of the Book of Acts, Paul was in prison in Rome (the 1st time).
- 2 He was most likely released after two years because of a lack of evidence, and the absence of his accusers.
- 3 He travelled back to Ephesus where he left Timothy, and then travelled on to Macedonia, where he most likely wrote 1st Timothy. (1st Timothy 1:3)
- 4 He then visited Crete where he left Titus to "set in order the things that [were] wanting".
- 5 He travelled back to Greece, where he wrote to Titus from Nicopolos.
- 6 He travelled to Troas, where he was arrested, and most likely ended up in the Mamertine prison awaiting execution. He wrote 2nd Timothy, his "swan song" from the Mamertine Prison.

Note about the Mamertine Prison – This place was horrible. It was made up of two rooms – one under the other. Prisoners were lowered down and shackled to the walls. The length of their chain was determined by the severity of their crime. This dungeon was very cold, and damp, which is why Paul requested that Timothy bring his cloak. (2 Timothy 4:13)

Our story should continue also. There is much work that still needs to be done. There are many people that need to be reached with the gospel, and there are many places where there is no gospel witness.

Paul kept going, and we need to keep going also.

Note – the remaining epistles of Paul include the Prison Epistles, which were written from this first imprisonment from Rome. They include Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. He would later write 1 Timothy and Titus, and from his last imprisonment in the Mamertine Prison, he wrote 2 Timothy. We believe he may have written Hebrews as well around that time.