

Acts 28:1-31

“The Journey to Rome - Part II”

Summary

- Paul is shipwrecked on the island of Malta
- Paul finally arrives in Rome

Outline

- I. Paul and the viper - vs. 1-6
 - A. The kindness of the local people - vs. 1-2
 - B. Paul is bitten by a viper - vs. 3
 - C. Paul is not harmed and the locals marvel - vs. 4-6
- II. Healing of Publius' father - vs. 7-10
 - A. The hospitality of Publius - vs. 7
 - B. Paul heals Publius' father and others - vs. 8-9
 - C. The gracious send-off - vs. 10
- III. The final leg of the trip - vs. 11-16
 - A. Sailing to Syracuse - vs. 11-12
 - B. In Italy at last - vs. 13
 - C. The reception of Paul by the local Christians - vs. 14-15
 - D. Paul, prisoner in Rome - vs. 16
- IV. Paul's ministry to the Jews in Rome - vs. 17-29
 - A. Paul tells hist story to the local Jewish leaders - vs. 17-20
 - B. The Jewish leaders wish to know more from Paul - vs. 21-22
 - C. Paul preaches the Gospel to them - vs. 23-24
 - D. Quoting Isaiah 6:9-10 - vs. 25-27
 - E. Paul again turns to the Gentiles - vs. 28-29
- V. Paul's two-year ministry in Rome - vs. 30-31

Notes

Notes on Places

- Melita - modern island of Malta
- Syracuse - city on western shore of Sicily
- Rhegium - town on southern “toe” of Italy, modern Reggio Calabria
- Puteoli - town in eastern shore of Italy, modern Pozzuoli
- Appii forum - post on Appian Way, 43 miles from Rome
- Three Taverns - 18 miles from Rome, place to greet travelers

Misc. Notes

- vs. 7 - Publius - Roman governor of island
- vs. 8 - Doctor Luke describes the illness in detail, thought today to be dysentery
- vs. 11 - Castor and Pollux - twin Roman gods
- vs. 13 - “fetched a compass” - sailed in a circle-like manner
- vs. 16 - “suffered” means allowed. Paul is basically under a form of house arrest.