

Part IIa

“Paul Warns of Coming Catastrophe & Counsels Caution!”

Acts 27:8-20

Passing **It (Salmone on Crete)** with difficulty, **We** came to a place called **Fair Havens**, near the **City of Lasea**. Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the **Fast** (Associated with the **Feast of Yom Kippur**) was already over, **Paul** advised **Them (Centurion & Ship's Captain & Crew)**, saying, “**Men, I perceive that this Voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives.**” Nevertheless, the **Centurion** was more persuaded by the **Helmsman** and the **Owner (Captain)** of the ship than by the things spoken by **Paul**. And because the **Harbor** (at **Fair Havens**) was not suitable to Winter in, the **Majority** advised to set sail from there also, if by any means **They** could reach **Phoenix**, a **Harbor of Crete** opening toward the southwest and northwest, and ‘**Winter**’ there. When the south wind blew softly, supposing that **They** had obtained **Their Desire**, putting out to Sea, **They** sailed close by (the **Leeward Shore** of) **Crete**. But not long after, a **Tempestuous Head Wind** arose, called ‘**Euroclydon**’. So, when the ship was caught, and could not head into the **Wind**, **We** let her (ship) be driven. And running under the (**Leeward**) **Shelter** of an **Island** called **Clauda**, **We** secured the skiff with difficulty. When **They (Ship's Crew)** had taken it (skiff) on board, **They** used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest **They (Ship's Crew)** should run aground on the **Syrtis Sands (Quick Sands off Cyrene, Libya)**, **They** struck sail and so were driven. And because **We (Everyone Aboard)** were exceedingly **Tempest-Tossed**, the next day **They (Ship's Crew)** lightened the ship. On the third day, **We** threw the ship's tackle overboard with **Our Own Hands**. Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for **many (eleven) days**, and no small **Tempest ('Euroclydon'** continued to) beat on **Us, All Hope** that **We (Everyone Aboard)** would be saved was finally given up.

Acts 27:8-20 (NKJV)

RECALL

Paul's Journey Is A Military Escort Operation

Attached To The Naval Shipments Of Grain & Foodstuffs To **Rome**

That Takes Place In **Late Fall** of **59 A.D.**

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

Day 17

RECALL – We Left Off on the **Sea Voyage** at the **Fair Havens** on **Southern Shore of Crete**

Passing **It (Salmone on Crete)** with difficulty, **We** came to a place called **Fair Havens**, near the **City of Lasea**. Acts 27:8

Now Let's Take A Look At The Next Part of the Sea Voyage Today

Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the **Fast** (Associated with the **Feast of Yom Kippur**) was already over ... Acts 27:9ab

Q

“**Why Does Luke Give Us This Detail Saying:**

‘**The Time of the Fast of the **Feast of Yom Kippur** Is Already Past?’”**

A

Because It Would Tell Us What Time of the **Year** in **59 A.D.** **They** Were Sailing!

Sailing In Ancient Times

It Was Dangerous To **Sail in the Mediterranean Sea** Between Mid-September & Mid-December.

During These Times Almost Everyone Started **Wintering** in a Nearby **Leeward Harbor**.

Most Did Not Resume Normal Shipping Until Mid-January Just To Be Safe.

The **Feast of Yom Kippur** Was Held Every Year on the **10th Day of the Month of Tishri**.

That Year The Date Fell On **October 5, 59 A.D.**

Therefore, **They** Were Already Into The Dangerous Times For Travel By Sea!

Paul Senses By Observation, Prayer, & Three Past Shipwreck Experiences

(See: **2nd Corinthians 11:25**)

Despite His Reassurance By Jesus Himself, That He Would Make It Safely To Rome;

He Still Feared For The Others on Board The Ship With Him!

Paul advised **Them** (**Centurion** & **Ship's Captain & Crew**), saying, "**Men, I perceive that this Voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives.**"

Acts 27:9c-10

RECALL

Paul's Epiphany & Theophany Promise By Jesus Himself

But the following night the **Lord Stood (Epiphany)** by **Him (Paul)** and **Said (Theophany)**, "**Be of Good Cheer, Paul; for as You Have Testified for Me (The Lord) in Jerusalem, so You must also Bear Witness (for Me) at Rome!**"

Acts 23:11

WARNING - To Us Today!

Ignoring Godly Advise & Foraging Ahead

With Human Plans & Schemes Always Spells Trouble

Days 18-29

Nevertheless, the **Centurion** was more persuaded by the **Helmsman** and the **Owner (Captain)** of the ship than by the things spoken by **Paul**. And because the **Harbor** (at **Fair Havens**) was not suitable to Winter In. The **Majority** advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach **Phoenix**, a **Harbor** of **Crete** opening toward the southwest and northwest, and 'Winter' there. When the south wind blew softly, supposing that **They** had obtained **Their Desire**, putting out to **Sea**, **They** sailed close by (the **Leeward Shore** of) **Crete**.

Acts 27:11-13

A Great '**Nor'easter**' Strikes The Ship With **Typhoon Scale Winds**

But not long after, a **Tempestuous Head Wind** arose, called '**Euroclydon**'. So, when the ship was caught, and could not head into the **Wind**, **We** let her (ship) be driven.

Acts 27:14-15

All Hands-On Deck: Secure The Lifeboats, Batten Down The Hatches, & Secure The Keel!

And running under the (**Leeward**) **Shelter** of an **Island** called **Clauda**, **We** secured the skiff with difficulty. When **They** (**Ship's Crew**) had taken it (skiff) on board, **They** used cables to undergird the ship; ...

Acts 27:16-17ab

Archeological Evidence For Securing The Keel

With Extra Steel & Rope Lines Goes Back 5,000 Years:

Private Letters, Ship's Logs, Historical Writings, Homer's Odyssey,

Minted Ancient Coins, & Even Modern Day Collective Stamps

... And fearing lest **They** (**Ship's Crew**) should run aground on the **Syrtis Sands (Quick Sands Off Cyrene, Libya)**, **They** struck sail and so were driven ...

Acts 27:17cd

NOTE

There Are Two Sets of **Syrtis Sands: Lesser Syrtis – Gulf of Gabes, Tunisia**

Greater Syrtis – Gulf of Sidra from Benghazi to Cyrene, Libya

See Map - Part IIabc The Sea Voyage From

Fair Havens / Lasaea On Crete To Shipwreck on the Island of Malta

See Map - Lesser & Greater Syrtis Sands of North Africa

All Hands On Deck: Jettison Whatever Is Not Tied Down, Heavy and of No Value.

And because **We (Everyone Aboard)** were exceedingly **Tempest-Tossed**, the next day **They (Ship's Crew)** lightened the ship. On the third day, **We** threw the ship's tackle overboard with **Our Own Hands**.

Acts 27:18-19

IRONICALLY

They Do Not Jettison The **Wheat Cargo** In An Attempt To Lighten The Ship Completely At This Time, But They Wait Till The Bitter End Just Before Shipwreck!

TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY

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

Q

“Why Did The **Ship’s Captain** & **Centurion** Wait To Completely Lighten The Load?”

A1

Some Ballast Is Needed Till The Final Anchors Are Used To Run A Ship Aground By Pulling The Boat’s Prow and Stern Deep Into The Water On Purpose To Try & Save The People If Shipwreck Is A Last Resort

A2

Roman Courts Issued Long Life Sentences at Hard Labor on Penal Colonies For Losing Large Sums of Government Property, Holdings, Materials, & Products!

ALL HUMAN HOPE IS FINALLY GONE!

... Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for **many (eleven) days**, and no small **Tempest** (**‘Euroclydon’** continued to) beat on **Us**, **All Hope** that **We (Everyone Aboard)** would be saved was finally given up. Acts 27:20

Q1

“What Do We Do When All Human Plans & Schemes Fail & No Other Way Is Fathomable?”

Q2

“What Do We Do When All Physical, Mental, & Emotional Hope Vanishes & We Feel Isolated, Abandoned, & Tempest-Tossed?”

A1

In The **Days of Isaiah the Prophet** & **Again In Our Day** The People Abandoned & Usurped: Common Sense, ¹ Facts, ² Faith, ³ History, ⁴ Knowledge, ⁵ Reason, ⁶ & Biblical Truth ⁷ And In Its Place They Advocated & Indoctrinated:

Irrationality, ¹ Fable, ² Folly, ³ Myth, ⁴ Revisionism, ⁵ Ideology, ⁶ & Situational Identity ⁷

A2

Today We Recall The **Ancient Words** of **Promise** & **Hope** Given To **Isaiah the Prophet**, When The **Whole Nation Of Israel** Planned & Schemed Against **God & Their People**.

After Teaching Successive Generations To Go After These **Seven Deadly Lusts** Of Their Hearts & Minds To Their Complete Destruction!

(HANDOUT)

According To Isaiah The Prophet - The Eternal Hope of God’s True Children Is Coming!

God Speaks (Rhema) To Us, “*Sing, O Barren, You who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman,*” **Says the Lord**. “*Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited. Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. For Your Maker Is Your Husband, the Lord of Hosts Is His Name; and Your Redeemer Is the Holy One of Israel; He Is Called the God of the Whole Earth. For the Lord has called you like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a youthful wife when you were refused,*” **Says Your God**. “*For a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with Great Mercies I will gather you. With a little wrath I hid My Face from you for a moment; but with Everlasting Kindness I will have Mercy on you,*” **Says the Lord, Your Redeemer**. “*For this is like the Waters of Noah to Me; for as I have sworn that the Waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so, have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, ...*

*... Nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but **My Kindness** shall not depart from you, nor shall **My Covenant of Peace** be removed," Says the Lord, Who has mercy on you. "O you afflicted one, **'Tossed With Tempest'**, and not comforted, behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of crystal, and all your walls of precious stones. All **Your Children** shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the Peace of **Your Children**. In Righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you. Indeed they shall surely assemble, but not because of **Me**. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake. Behold, I have created the blacksmith who blows the coals in the fire, who brings forth an Instrument for his work; and I have created the spoiler to destroy. No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn (judge). This is the heritage of the **Servants of the Lord**, and their righteousness is from **Me**," Says the Lord.* **Isaiah 54:1-17**