



# **A contrary wind, a gentle wind and a tempest**

**Acts 27:1-44 (The Mediterranean sea)**



## Acts 27:1-7

- ▶ And when it was determined that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' cohort.
- ▶ And boarding a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail alongside Asian places, we set sail, Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, being with us.
- ▶ And on the next day we were landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul courteously and gave him liberty to go to his friends to receive care.
- ▶ And setting sail from there, we sailed close to Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.
- ▶ And sailing over the sea against Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra of Lycia.
- ▶ And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing to Italy, and he put us on it.
- ▶ And sailing slowly many days and with difficulty, coming abreast of Cnidus; the wind not allowing us; we sailed close to Crete, across from Salmone.

## Acts 27:8-14

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- ▶ And much time having been used up, and the voyage already being dangerous, because the Fast was now already past, Paul warned them,
- ▶ saying, Men, I perceive that this voyage is about to be with much harm and loss, and not only much cargo and of the ship, but also of our souls.
- ▶ But the centurion was rather persuaded by the helmsman and the shipmaster, than by the things spoken by Paul.
- ▶ And the port not being fit to winter in, the most of them advised to set sail from there, if by any means they might be able to get to Phoenix to winter; which is a port of Crete, looking toward the southwest and northwest.
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## Acts 27:15-21

- ▶ And the ship being seized, and not being able to beat against the wind, giving way we were borne along.
- ▶ And running under an islet being called Clauda, we hardly were able to become masters of the boat;
- ▶ which taking, they used helps, undergirding the ship. And fearing lest they should fall into the sandbanks of Syrtis, lowering the tackle, so they were borne along.
- ▶ And being exceedingly storm-tossed with a tempest, they made a casting on the next day;
- ▶ And on the third day we threw out the ship's tackle with our hands.
- ▶ And neither sun nor stars appearing in many days, and no small tempest pressing hard, now all hope that we would be saved was taken away.
- ▶ But there being much fasting, then standing up in their midst, Paul said, O men, being obedient to me you ought not to have set sail from Crete, and to have come by this harm and loss.

## Acts 27:22-29

- ▶ And now I exhort you to be of good cheer, for there will be no casting away of life among you, only of the ship.
- ▶ For tonight an angel of God stood beside me, whose I am and whom I serve,
- ▶ saying, Fear not, Paul! You must stand before Caesar. And behold! God has given you all those who sail with you.
- ▶ Therefore, men, be of good cheer, for I believe God, that it will be so, according to the way it was told me.
- ▶ But we must fall on a certain island.
- ▶ But when the fourteenth night came, we being carried about in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors thought that they drew near some country.
- ▶ And sounding they found it twenty fathoms; and moving a little further, and sounding again, they found it fifteen fathoms.
- ▶ And fearing that we would fall on rocks, and casting four anchors out of the stern, they wished day to come.

## Acts 27:30-38

- ▶ But the sailors seeking to flee out of the ship, and lowering the boat into the sea, pretending to be about to cast out anchors from the prow,
- ▶ Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Unless these remain in the ship, you cannot be saved.
- ▶ Then the soldiers cut the ropes of the boat, and let her fall.
- ▶ And until day was about to come, Paul begged all to take food, saying, This is the fourteenth day that you continued waiting without food, having taken nothing.
- ▶ Therefore I beg you to take some food, for this is for your deliverance. For not a hair of your head shall perish.
- ▶ And saying these things, and taking bread, he gave thanks to God before all, and breaking, he began to eat.
- ▶ And all becoming cheered, they also took food.
- ▶ And we were, all the souls in the ship, two hundred and seventy-six.
- ▶ And being filled with food, they lightened the ship, throwing the wheat into the sea.



## Acts 27:39-44

- ▶ And when day came, they did not recognize the land. But they discovered a certain bay with a beach, into which they were minded, if they were able, to drive the ship.
- ▶ And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea; at the same time they loosened the rudder bands and hoisted up the foresail to the wind and held to the shore.
- ▶ And coming on a place between two seas, they drove the vessel. And indeed the prow sticking fast, it remained unmovable. But the stern was broken with the violence of the waves.
- ▶ And the mind of the soldiers was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out and escape.
- ▶ But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, kept them from their purpose and commanded those who could swim, to throw themselves overboard, to go out on the land.
- ▶ And the rest went, some on boards and others on some of the things from the ship. And so it happened that all were saved on the land.