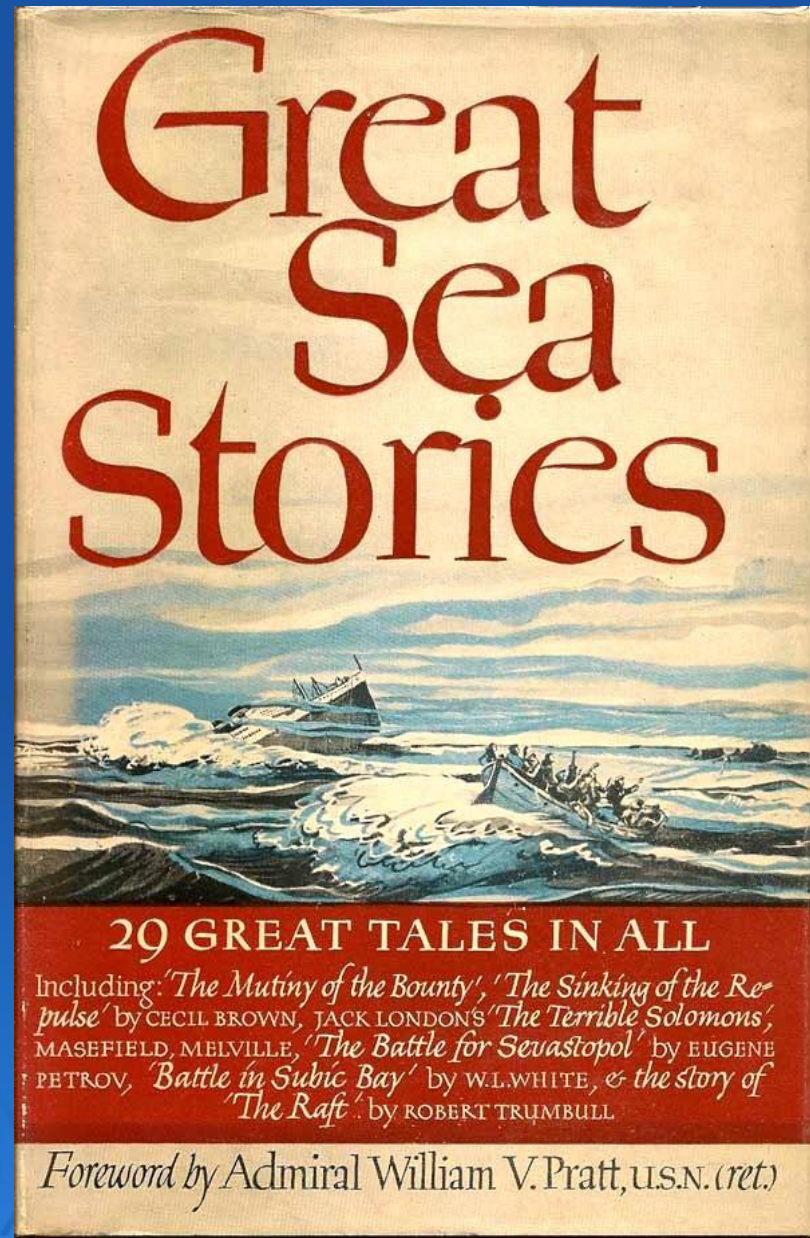


# ACTS CHAPTER 27

- Sea stories have always captivated their audiences
- Human life regularly compared to a journey across stormy seas
- The story of Acts 27 is true, and verifiable
- Many sailors experienced the wrath of the Mediterranean Sea
- We should not allegorize this story too much, to add in our own theological biases



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ROMANS 8:39



- Romans 8:38-39 38 *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers, neither what exists nor what is coming,* 39 *neither powers above nor powers below, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God which comes to us through the Messiah Yeshua, our Lord.*
- This passage sums up what Paul learned from his harrowing voyage to Rome (along with his other experiences)

# LUKE IS TRAVELING WITH PAUL



- We learn that prisoners can often travel with friends and family
- Julius the Centurion part of the Augustus regiment
- All ships in this era were cargo carriers
- Grain transport was a matter of national security
- Private ships were hired for transporting grain

# ADRAMYTTIUM

- Adramyttium is not a type of ship, it is the home port of the ship
- This ship was designed to sail along the coast
- Goal was to go to a port and find a larger ship
- Aristarchus was also with Paul
- Col. 4 and Phil 1 speak of him



# FIRST STOP: SIDON

- Probably left from Caesarea Maritima
- 70 miles, 1 day
- Stops were based on delivering and picking up goods
- Our story takes place at the end of the sailing season
- Julius treated Paul with consideration
- There was a Believing community in Sidon at this time



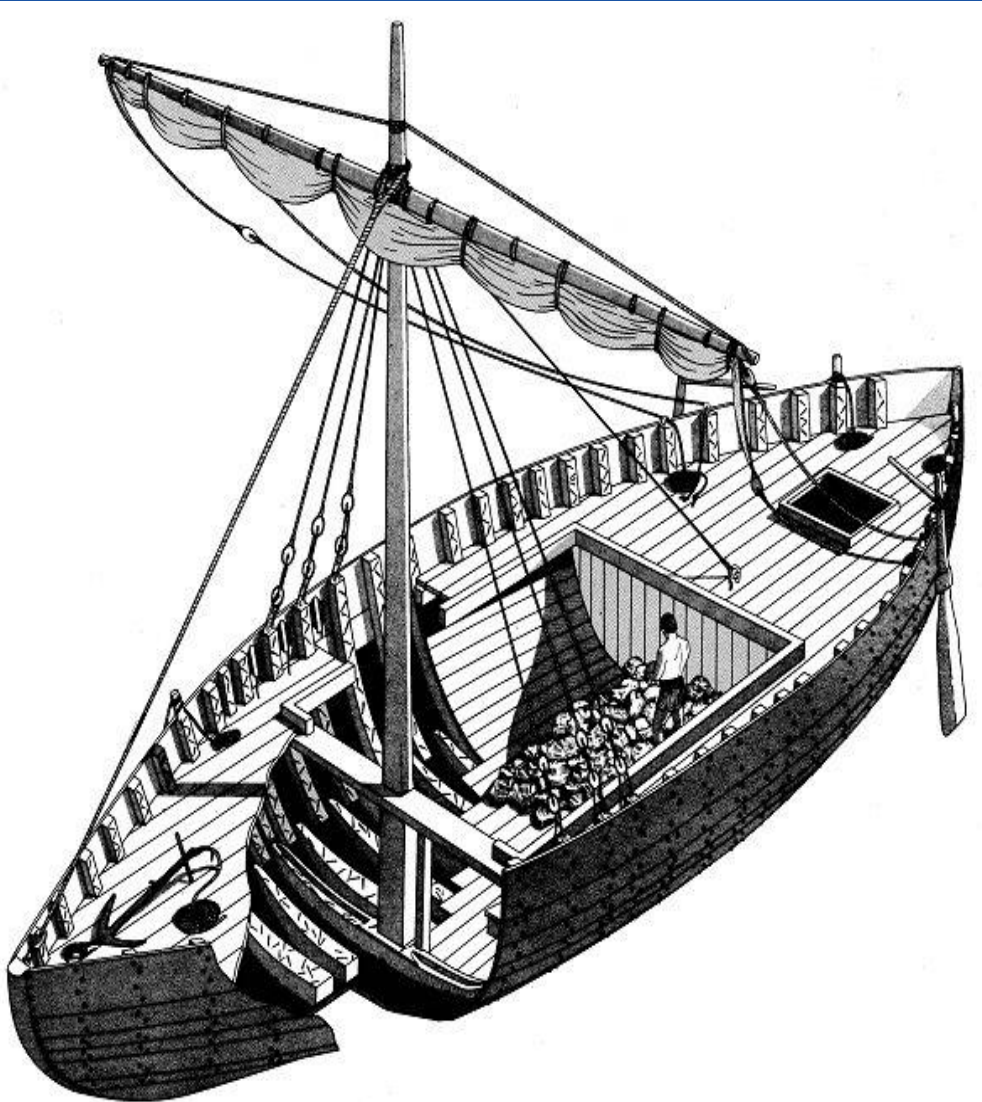
# ON TO: LYCIA



- Ship travels east and north of Cyprus
- *The voyage and shipwreck of St. Paul* by James Smith
- At Lycia Julius found a larger ship
- Alexandrian ship; not a type, it was from Alexandria, Egypt
- Egypt was the primary bread basket for Rome



# ROMAN SHIP STANDARDS



- Minimum cargo tonnage increased from 68 to 340 tons !
- Size varied from 50 to 100 ft.
- Records of 130 ft. ships and one that was 180 ft.
- Paul's ship was medium sized, had 276 people on board along with cargo
- Mayflower 100 ft. with 135 passengers & crew

# FROM LYCIA TO CRETE



- Winds not co-operating
- Several days to reach Cnidus
- A decision had to be made to wait for better winds, or continue immediately
- Ship's owner decided to go now, to Crete
- They experienced rough seas and slow progress
- Came to Fair Haven (harbor) on Crete
- It was now late in the sailing season, after the "Fast" (Yom Kippur)
- So they were at least in mid-October
- Small boats stopped sailing by mid-September, larger ships by November



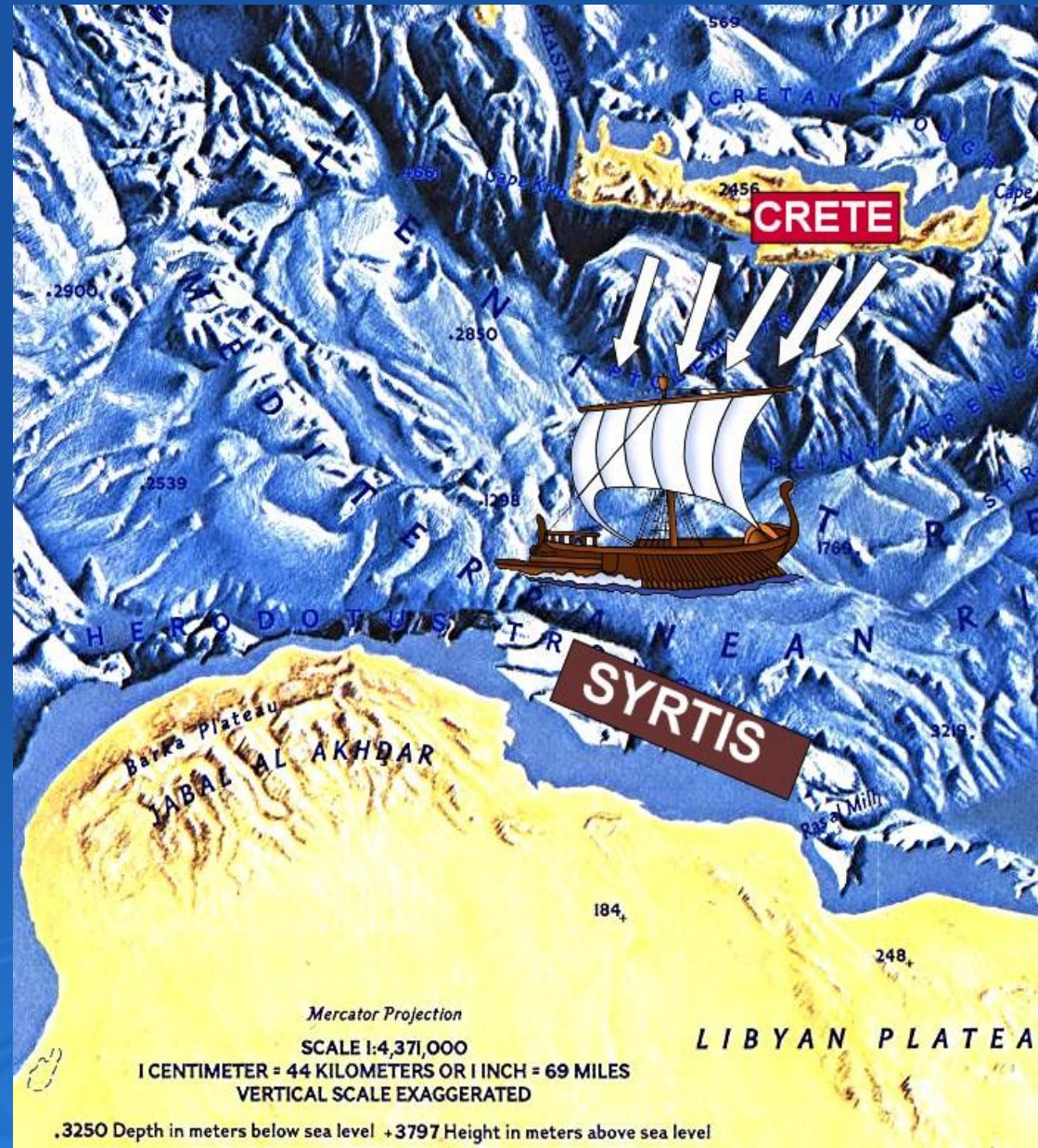
# FROM FAIR HAVENS TO PHOENIX



- Paul advised they stay at Fair Havens for the winter, saying if they went on people would die and ship would sink
- Julius made decision to go on to Phoenix
- Suddenly a gale blew up and the wind came out of the north
- Unable to steer the ship, it was being pushed to the south

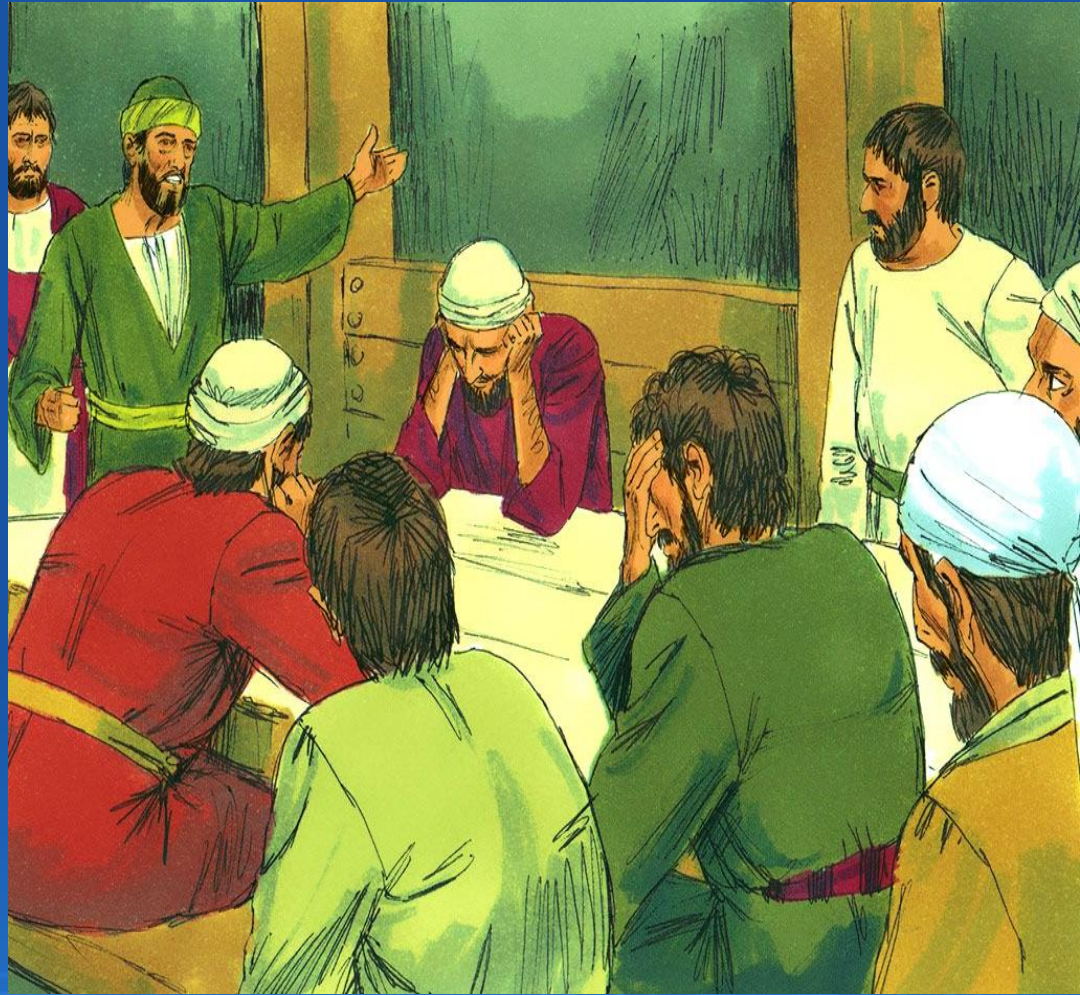
# GRAVE DANGER !

- Fear of getting pushed 400 miles to the Syrtis quicksands
- They took measures to slow their drift
- Began jettisoning cargo
- Ship taking on water and getting heavier
- Water getting in the hold and swelling the grain
- No compasses, and they couldn't see the stars, sun, or land

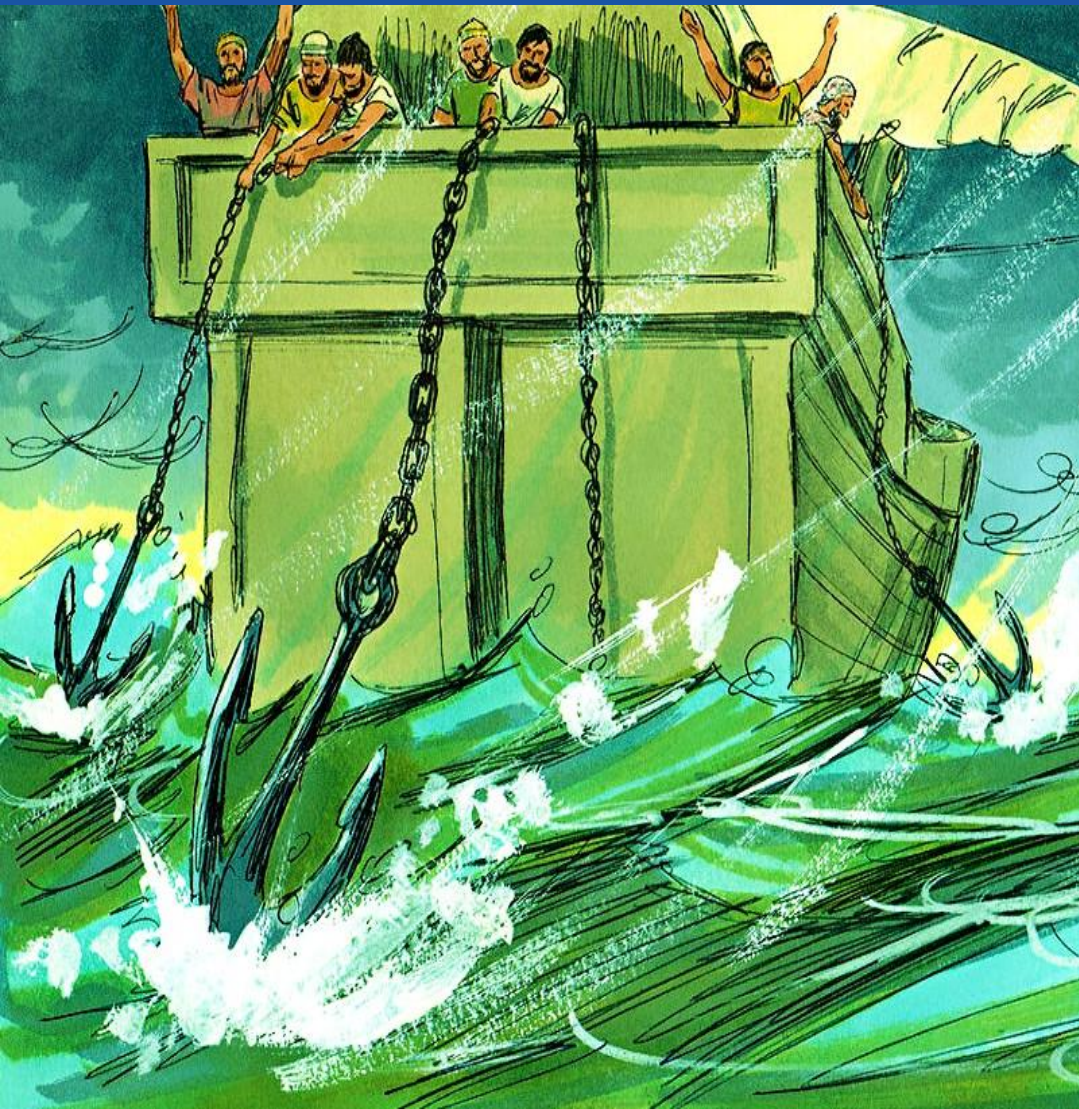


# FATALISM SETS IN

- Motion sickness was taking its toll
- People were becoming depressed, and not eating
- Everything on board was wet and ruined
- Paul says: “I told you so !”
- He then says to cheer up, eat some food, because an angel told him that all would live, but the ship would be lost
- Paul has apparently been praying for his shipmates
- God-Principle: God will often times lead us THROUGH our trials but not OUT of our trials



# STORM BLOWS FOR 2 WEEKS !



- God is saving Paul and those on board because His purpose is for Paul to speak the Gospel in Rome
- Sailors sense land, and drop anchors from the stern to avoid blindly smashing into rocks
- Panic and fear have the sailors trying to leave via the lifeboat
- Julius cut the ropes, the lifeboat was lost, and now everyone's fate was in God's hands