



Introduction

Despite the shipwreck on the way to Rome, all escape safe to land.



Questions

1. What was Paul's prediction about their proposed journey?
2. What encouraged them to ignore Paul's warning?
3. What was Paul's later prediction about their journey?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 8** Paul, along with other prisoners is to be taken to Rome by ship (see map). They leave Caesarea and sail round Cyprus and along the coast of Cilicia, Pamphylia and Lycia (southern Turkey) where they board a second ship and slowly reach Crete
- **v 9 to 12** The master of the ship decides to sail to Phoenix, a more attractive port along the coast of Crete. Paul's warning of certain disaster is ignored
- **v 13 to 20** Not long after, a stormy offshore wind blows them off course. Unable to control the ship they are driven by the wind for many days and despair of surviving
- **v 21 to 32** After many days without food, Paul says that an angel (see theme) has assured him that they will run aground on an island and that there will be no loss of life. On the 14th night they detect that they are nearing land and Paul prevents the sailors from abandoning the ship
- **v 33 to 44** Paul encourages them all to eat some food and assures them they will all escape to land. The centurion prevents the soldiers from killing the prisoners in case they escape. The ship runs aground and breaks up, but everyone escapes safely to the land

Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme / Information

The work of angels

In both Old and New Testaments the word angel means messenger. The word is used of both God's messengers and ordinary men.

A selection of verses telling us about the work of God's messengers.

Abraham tells his servant that God's angel will prepare the way before him and ensure God's promise is kept:

Genesis 24 verses 6 and 7

God tells the early Israelites that an angel will ensure that God's plan will be carried out:

Exodus 23 verse 20



The psalmist tells us that the angels help those who fear God:

Psalm 34 verse 7, 91 verse 11

The psalmist also tells us that the angels obey God's word and do his will:

Psalm 103 verses 20 and 21

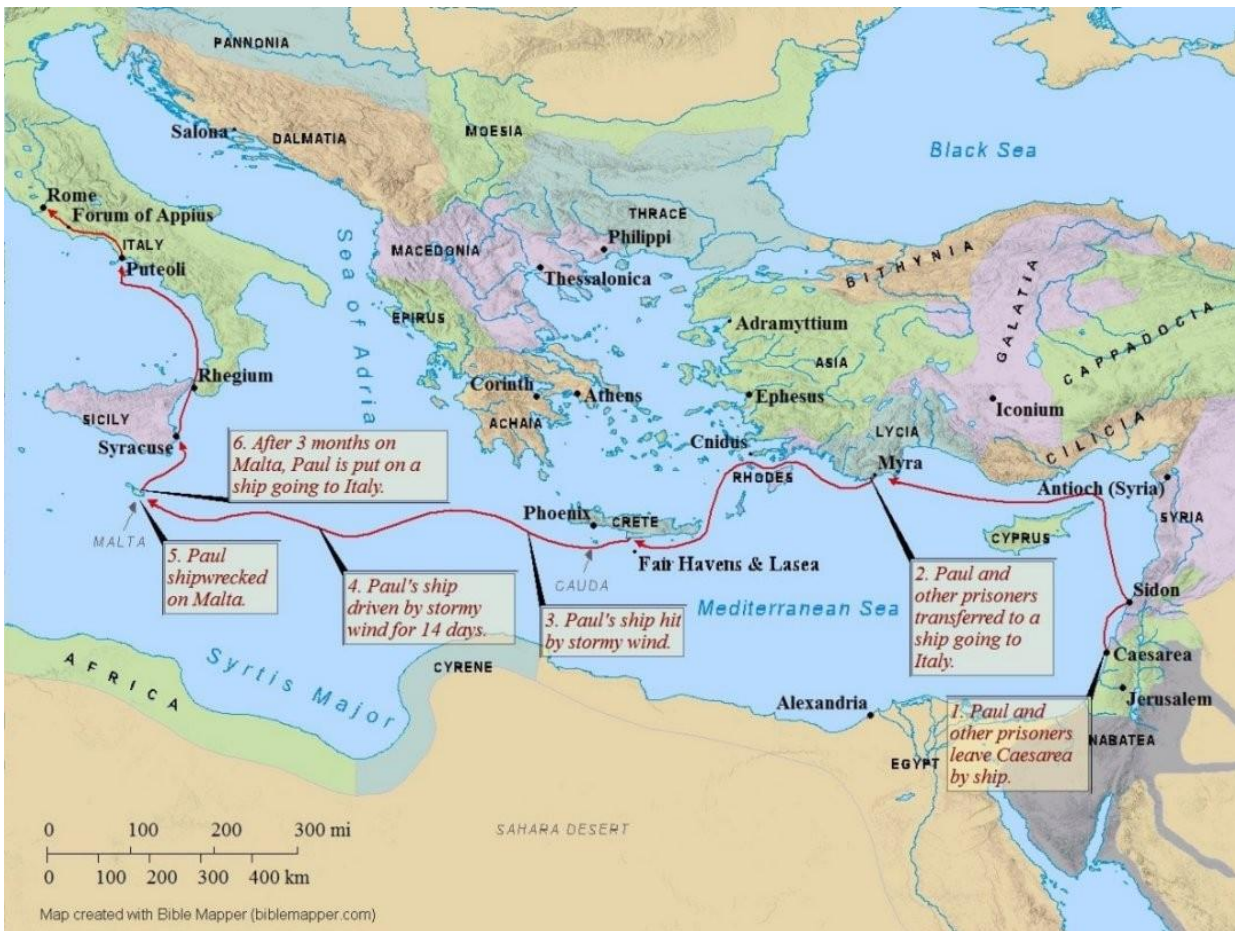
Jesus Christ says that his little ones have their angels who see God's face:

Matthew 18 verse 10

The letter to the Hebrews tells us that the angels do service for the sake of those who will be saved:

Hebrews 1 verses 13 and 14

Paul's travels - to Rome



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 10, Q 2: v 13, Q 3: v 22 to 24



Bible timeline

