



Plans Beyond What We
Thought Were The Plans

Acts 28:1-10

Review: A Ship Called Providence.

Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.”

Acts 19:21

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¹¹The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

Acts 23:11



ITALIA

ADRIATIC SEA

BLACK SEA

Rome
Forum of Appius
Three Taverns
Puteoli

MACEDONIA
Thessalonica

THRACE

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

TYRRHENIAN SEA

IONIAN SEA

AEGEAN SEA

ASIA

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

Sicily

Rhegium

Syracuse

Corinth

Athens

Adramyttium

Ephesus

Iconium

CILICIA

Tarsus

PAMPHYLIA

LYCIA

Myra

Antioch

Malta

Phoenix

Fair Havens

Crete

Cauda

Lasea

Cape Salmone

Rhodes

Cyprus

SYRIA

Sidon

Damascus

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

SEA

Leptis Magna

Cyrene

Alexandria

EGYPT

JUDEA

Caesarea Maritima

Jerusalem

TRIPOLITANIA

CYRENAICA

0 150 300 Miles
0 150 300 Kilometers

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and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

Acts 27:24

“God's sovereignty refers to his ultimate authority and power to do as He pleases, while providence describes the active way he exercises that power to guide and care for his creation, fulfilling his purposes.” Unknown

“The doctrine of Providence means that God does things in your life beyond your knowing that you probably don't understand until later on when you see how God guided you through life.”

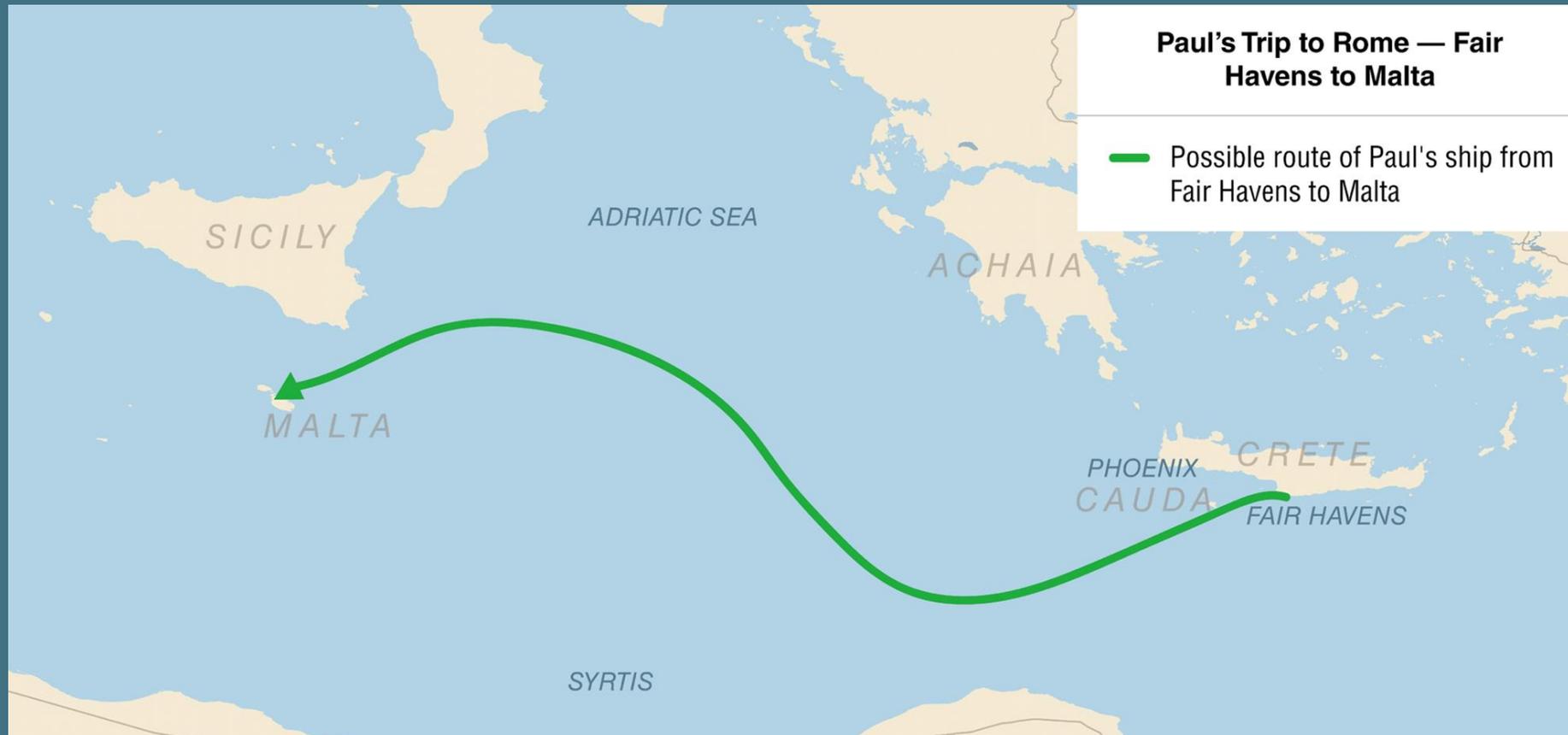
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But the centurion, ... ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴ and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

Acts 27:43-44

Winter in Malta with Philanthropic people.

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² The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold.

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Winter in Malta & Snake Bite.

³ When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand.

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⁴ When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.”

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⁵ He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶ They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

How would Paul have responded to the thought he was a god?

“Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. Acts 14:15

Winter in Malta & _____.

⁷ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days.

Winter in Malta & _____.

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Winter in Malta & healing for the sick.

⁸ It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. ⁹And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured.

*How would Paul have followed up a
ministry of healing?*

Sometimes God has plans that go beyond what we thought was the plan. .

¹⁰ They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.