

Part IIIa

“Shipwreck & Refuge on the Shores of Malta!”

Acts 27:39-44

When it was day, **They** (**Ship's Captain & Crew**) did not recognize the **Land**; but **They** observed a **Bay** with a **Beach**, onto which **They** planned to run the ship if possible. And **They** let go the anchors and left them in the **Sea**, meanwhile loosing the rudder ropes; and **They** hoisted the mainsail to the wind and made for **Shore**. But striking a place where **Two Seas** (**Ionian & Tyrrhenian**) Met, **They** (**Ship's Captain & Crew**) ran the ship **aground**; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the violence of the waves. And the (**Roman**) **Soldiers'** Plan was to Kill the **Prisoners**, lest any of **Them** should swim away and escape. But the **Centurion**, wanting to save **Paul**, kept **Them** (**Roman Soldiers**) from **Their** Purpose, and **Commanded** that **Those Who could swim** should jump overboard first and get to **Land**, and **The Rest**, some on boards and some on parts of the ship (should follow). And so it was that **They All** (**264 Persons**) Escaped Safely to **Land** (on the **Shore of Malta**).

Acts 27:39-44 (NKJV)

Day 33

Finding The Best Possible Place To Run Aground

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Acts 27:39-40

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Part III Washed Ashore on the **Island of Malta**

Hitting A Small Barrier Island Offshore of Malta Between The Current of Two Seas

But striking a place where **Two Seas** (**Ionian & Tyrrhenian**) Met, **They** (**Ship's Captain & Crew**) ran the ship **aground**; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the violence of the waves.

Acts 27:41

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Part IIIa Shoreline On **Malta** & **Paul's Traditional Shipwreck Site**

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Part IIIb Close Up of **Paul's Traditional Shipwreck Site** & Washed Ashore Site

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“Have I, Have You, Ever Felt Pulled Between

Two Great Opposing Forces, People, or Worlds?”

The Assurance of Saving Your Own Skin - Roman Soldiers

Vs. The Assurance & Faith of Their Centurion Officer

And the (**Roman**) **Soldiers'** Plan was to Kill the **Prisoners**, lest any of **Them** should swim away and escape. But the **Centurion**, wanting to save **Paul**, kept **Them** (**Roman Soldiers**) from **Their** Purpose.

Acts 27:42-43ab

The Voyage Has Transformed The Centurion Into A Leader of Men With Faith As His Guide

And (the **Centurion**) **Commanded** that **Those Who could swim** should jump overboard first and get to **Land**, and **The Rest**, some on boards and some on parts of the ship (should follow).

Acts 27:43c

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Faith Fact

If We Will Truly Trust & Wait Upon God,
When He Has Directed Us To A Course of Action Or A Life Choice,
& We Are Diligent to Follow Through & Do the Hard Work,
& We Are Obedient To His Leading,
He Will See It Through For His Glory & For Our Good!

... And so it was that **They All (264 Persons)** Escaped Safely to **Land** (on the **Shore of Malta**) ...
Acts 27:44

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Part IIIb Close Up of **Paul's** Traditional **Shipwreck Site** & Washed Ashore Site

REMEMBER

*"No Matter What Comes Next, God Is Not Taken By Surprise,
He Has A Plan, & His Purposes Will Come To Fruition.
We As His Faithful People Must Remain At Peace
& Follow His Plan As He Reveals It, Day By Day!"*

Paul Reminds Us Today With His Words

That God Who Calls Us Is Faithful & He Will Come Through For His Own!

*"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **For you yourselves know perfectly that the Day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.** For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. **We are not of the night nor of darkness.** Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. **For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us,** that whether we wake or sleep, **we should live together with Him.** Therefore, **comfort each other and edify one another,** just as you also are doing. And we urge you, brethren, to **recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.** **Be at peace among yourselves.** Now we exhort you, brethren, **warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.** See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.** Now May the God of Peace Himself Sanctify You Completely; and May Your Whole Spirit, Soul, and Body Be Preserved Blameless at the Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **He Who Calls You Is Faithful, Who Also Will Do It!"***

1st Thessalonians 5:1-24

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APPENDIX

The Statue On St. Paul's Island at the Traditional Shipwreck Site



The Traditional Site of Paul's Shipwreck

