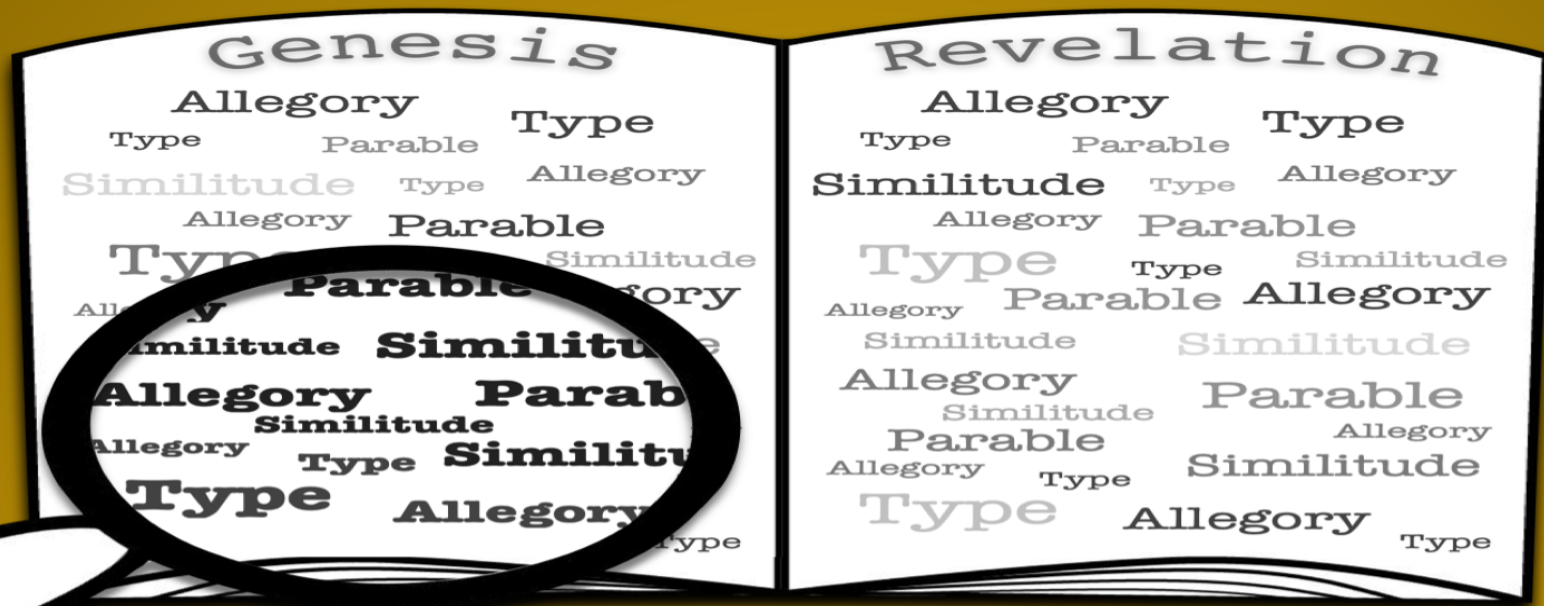


Reasoning out of the Scriptures by Allegory & Type



Signs in the book of Acts

Study 6 Truth in Gentile Times

Not to have dominion over another's faith, but helpers—2Cor 1:24

Teachers receive greater condemnation—Jam 3:1-3

Teachers must be found faithful—1Cor 4:1-2

Not to speak using man's wisdom—1Cor 2:1-5,13

Not to corrupt the Word—2Cor 2:17

Not handling the Word deceitfully—2Cor 4:1-2

Not speaking with fleshly wisdom—2Cor 1:12

Not holding back the testimony of Truth—Act 20:20-27

Only speak as the Oracles of God—1Pet 4:11

Not to teach smooth things—Isa 30:9-10; Jer 23:28-32

Not to modify Word to comfort the flesh—Jer 5:30-31

Not to treat sin as though it is not serious—Jer 8:9-11

Not to use our own words—Jer 14:13-15; Jer 23:16-17; Eze 13:1-16

Not to speak the Word with lightness, or flattering words—Jer 24; 1The 2:5

Not to justify the wicked and condemn the just—Hab 1:4

Not to seek a personal following—Acts 20:30; 2Tim 4:1-4

Gal 1:8 “Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed”

“It is named ELPIS ISRAEL, or *Israel's Hope*; for the kingdom of which it treats is that which is longed for by all intelligent Israelites, and for which, said Paul, ‘I am bound with this chain.’ *Elpis Israel's* subject-matter is national, not sectarian. It treats of a nation, and of its civil and ecclesiastical institutions in a past and *future age*. It is designed to enlighten both Jews and Gentiles in *Israel's Hope*... *To accomplish this, the reader must, in justice to himself and the truth, study it with the Bible at his right hand, for he will find but few pages in which frequent reference is not made to its authority, and without which nothing can or ought to be determined*”—***J.T. Elpis Israel***

“Attention is invited to the evidence and the argument. They are strictly within the logical sphere. *They can be examined and dismissed if found wanting*”—***R.R. Christendom Astray***

“We invite readers to share our labours with us. *We ask for no slavish deference to what we set before them merely because it is in print, but urge them to exercise their independent thought and careful analysis of it.* We hope that these studies may form the basis of personal Bible marking. We know that if this is done, much good will result”—***H.P.M.***
Genesis Expositor

All assembled speak with tongues
 Peter heals lame man
 Ananias/Sapphira struck dead
 Peter heals with shadow
 Prison doors opened
 Peter/John give Holy Spirit
 Ananias heals Saul's blindness
 Peter heals Eneas of palsy
 Peter raises Tabitha from dead
 Peter delivered from prison

JEWES

Jerusalem 2:1-11
 Jerusalem 3:1-11
 Jerusalem 5:1-10
 Jerusalem 5:15
 Jerusalem 5:19
 Samaria 8:14-17
 Damascus 9:17-18
 Lydda 9:33-34
 Joppa 9:36-41
 Jerusalem 12:1-17

Paul smites Elymas w/blindness
 Paul heals cripple
 Paul cures woman of Python
 Paul released from prison
 Paul gives Spirit/12 speak tongues
 Paul heals with handkerchief
 Paul restores Eutychus to life

GENTILES

Paphos 13:6-11
 Lystra 14:8-10
 Philippi 16:16-18
 Philippi 16:25-26
 Corinth 19:1-7
 Corinth 19:11-12
 Troas 20:9-12

- THEN, SIGNS FADE AS PAUL TESTIFIES BEFORE POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS POWERS—
 Paul survives waves and shipwreck Sea-Nations 27:1-44
 Paul not hurt by serpent bite Island of Melita 28:1-9³

Signs in the Book of Acts

Class 6—Truth in Gentile Times (Acts 27-28)

—Shipwreck sailing toward Rome: *the Truth in Gentile Times*—

As the record of Acts concludes, the Apostle who bound men to Jerusalem is himself led bound to Rome.

- The development of the apostasy
- The preservation of the apostolic Truth

2Cor 11:25 “THRICE I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep”

Act 27-28 is the only one recorded

Act 23:11 “And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: *for as thou hast testified of me in JERUSALEM (Jew), so must thou bear witness also AT ROME (Gentile)*”

John 6—The Sign of Jesus Calming the Raging Sea—

Joh 6:15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a **KING**, *he departed again into a mountain himself alone.*

Joh 6:16 And when *even was now come*, **HIS DISCIPLES** went *down unto the sea*,

Joh 6:17 And *entered into a ship*, and **WENT OVER THE SEA** toward *Capernaum. And *it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.* *city of comfort, consolation

Mountain—reps. the Kingdom of God (Joe 3:17; Isa 2:2-3; Dan 2:35-45)
Make him a King—“My kingdom is not of this world”—Joh 18:37

Even was come—Christ’s “light” absent: the “evening” or “night” reps. the Gentile Times between the “Day” of his two advents.

Dan 7: vision night, winds, beasts.

Sea—multitude, people, nations.

Rev 17:15 “waters which thou sawest, WHERE THE WHORE SITTETH, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues”

Ship—teaching Truth: Luk 5:3 “He entered into one of the ships... thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship” Disciples “fishers of men” (Mat 4:19; 1Pet 3:21)—from “sea” into the “ship”. Christ and his disciples are found in the “ship” upon waters.

Joh 6:18 And the SEA arose *by reason of a great wind* that blew. (*Dan 7:2 winds stir up the sea—the fourth Terrible Beast*)

Joh 6:19 So when they had *rowed* about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, *they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship:* and they were afraid.

Walking on the Sea—his return!
The disciples “see” Jesus: evidence of dawning of Day Star—“Sun of Righteousness arising” (Mal 4:2).

Rev 21:1-2 “And I saw *a new heaven and a new earth...* AND THERE WAS NO MORE SEA. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem”

Great Wind—false doctrine, teaching
Eph 4:11-14 “He gave some, apostles; and some prophets... That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every WIND of doctrine, by the SLEIGHT OF MEN, and CUNNING CRAFTINESS.” **Jer 5:13** “The prophets shall become WIND, and the word is NOT in them” **Jam 1:5-6** “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God... IN FAITH, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed” **1Tim 1:19** “HOLDING FAITH, and a good conscience; which some having put away CONCERNING FAITH HAVE MADE SHIPWRECK” **Only the voice of Christ can: “rebuke the wind and say to the sea, Peace be still” Mat 4:39-41**

Joh 6:20 But he saith unto them,
It is I; *be not afraid.*

Joh 6:21 Then *they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land* whither they went.

- *Our Hymn states “with Christ in the ship we smile at the storm.”*

Willingly received him into the ship for all who “love his appearing” that “day” will be joy (2Tim 4:8; Rev 22:20)
Rev 21:4 “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”

Acts 27—Significance of Events—the Truth bound, not heeded

- **Paul, prisoners—Christ and his brethren**
- **Centurion, soldiers—Gentile civil authority, political power**
- **Shipmen—ecclesiastical, religious authorities (Rev 18:17)**
- **Sea—all peoples, nations and tongues**
- **Winds—doctrine or teaching (false)**
- **Ship—apostolic Truth amidst sea of people**
- **Day—enlightenment, Day of Christ in Truth**
- **Night—darkness, Gentile times of ignorance**

- **Wind used 6x**
- **Sailing used 9x**
- **Ship used 16x**
- **Sea used 5x**
- **Tempest used 3x**

Act 27:1 And when it was determined that WE should sail into **ITALY**, they delivered *Paul and *CERTAIN other prisoners* unto *one* named Julius, a *centurion* of Augustus' band. **not all (Isa 61)*
Act 27:2 And *entering into a ship of Adramyttium*, WE launched, meaning to *sail* by the coasts of Asia; *one *Aristarchus*, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with US.

Italy—request by Paul to appear before Caesar (Act 25:11-12; 28:16; Rev 17).

➤ *“Rome” appears 6x in the Book of Acts—city of the Flesh.*

Paul, “certain” prisoners—rep. Christ and his brethren; bound for the gospel (2Tim 1:8; 2:9; Eph 4:1; Phi 1:7; Eph 3:1; 1Pet 3:19).

Aristarchus, We/Us—called Paul’s fellow-*prisoner* and fellow-*laborer* (Col 4:10; Phil 1:24) and Luke. Defines the brethren with Christ Jesus.

Centurion—sympathizer with Israel (Mat 8:8-13; 27:54; Act 10:1).

Hundred. Abram’s age as “father of us all” (Rom 4:19; Gen 17:17).

1st Ship—Gospel upon waters of nations (Luke 5:3; Mar 4:1-2).

Adramyttium—abiding in death (Rom 5:12,21; 6:16; 8:2). The “sign” reps. Roman direction contrast to Truth (1Cor 15:12-21; Phi 3:11; Luk 20:35)

Act 27:3 And the next *day* we touched at **SIDON**. And *Julius* *courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to* **refresh himself.* **medical term*

Act 27:4 And when we had launched from thence, we *sailed* under **CYPRUS*, because *the winds were contrary.* **love, fertile*

Act 27:5 And when we had *sailed* over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, *a city* of **LYCIA**. (*many places Gospel spread*)

Sidon—means “to catch fish”: brethren, teaching the Truth (Luk 5:1-10)

Friends to refresh—under bondage, along his journey Paul is refreshed (Ecc 4:9-10; Gal 6:1; 1The 4:18; 5:11; 1Cor 12:1-31; Rom 12:5).

Julius—“soft.” saints protected under Roman epoch (Rom 13:1-7; 1Tim 2:2)

Sailed—Acts 13:4. **Ship**—**Truth** (Luke 5:3; 1Tim 1:19; John 6:17-21).

➤ **Root** “to launder, wash clothes.” **Note**—Rev 7:14 trans “washed.”

Winds contrary—resisting apostolic truth (Heb 13:9; Job 6:26; 8:2)

• **Sea**—**unrest, noise of multitudes of confused people**

Isa 17:12 “Woe to the *multitude of many people, which make a noise like the* **noise of the seas*; and to the rushing of nations” (Isa 57:20,21)

People of “sea” noted for “noise” **Psa 65:7; 93:4; Jer 6:23; Eze 43:2; Luk 21:25*

Act 27:6 And there *the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.*

Act 27:7 And when we had *sailed slowly many days*, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, *the wind not suffering us*, we sailed under **CRETE**, over against **SALMONE**;

Act 27:8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called *The fair havens*; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

Act 27:9 Now when much time was spent, and when *sailing was now dangerous*, ***BECAUSE THE FAST WAS NOW ALREADY PAST**, Paul admonished *them*, ***deliberate religious point of reference**

2nd Ship—transporting wheat/corn (v.38). This one is of commerce!

Ship of Alexandria—Egypt: spiritual corruption (Rev 11:8) Named for Grecian king, Alexander. Elements of Brass & Iron (Dan 7:19; 4:15-23)

• **Crete**—fleshly (Thayer). **Salmone**—surging wave

Sailed slowly many days—slow developing apostasy (2The 2; Dan; Rev).

Wind—Centurion—both words appears six times (Act 27-28)

Fast—Yom Kipporim. Day of Atonement (Lev 16:29; 23:27-29; Num 29:7). **Covering**.

○ **Fast**—denying appetite of the flesh (Dan 9:3; Joel 2:12; Mat 17:21; Act 10:30).

Act 27:10 And said unto them, Sirs, I ***PERCEIVE** *that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage*, not only of the LADING and SHIP, but also of OUR LIVES ***MENTALLY DISCERN**

Act 27:11 Nevertheless the *centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship*, **MORE** than those things which were spoken by Paul.

Believed master, owner of ship—those in Christ are acutely more perceptive concerning the prophetic wind, waves and sea than the world's political and ecclesiastical powers (Rev 1:1; Dan 2:30; 4:18; 5:17 cf. Gen 41:8; Dan 2:10-11). *Rev 18:17—the shipmaster, ships and sailors and those that trade by the sea marvel at the fall of Babylon!*

THE POLITICAL POWER IS INFLUENCED BY THE FALSE RELIGIOUS POWER RATHER THAN THE APOSTOLIC VOICE OF TRUTH—THUS, THE WIND DRIVES THE SEAS

Rev 17:1-2 “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the JUDGMENT of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication*”

Act 27:12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, *the more part advised to depart thence also*, if by any means *they might attain to *PHENICE, and there to winter; which is AN HAVEN OF CRETE, and lieth toward the south west and north west.* **palm tree*

Act 27:13 And *when the south wind blew softly*, SUPPOSING THAT THEY HAD OBTAINED THEIR PURPOSE, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete. *(two ref. points: Crete, Day of Atonement)*

Act 27:14 But not long after there arose against it a *TEMPESTUOUS wind, called EUROCLYDON. **Gk. tupho, Eng. typhoon*

More part advised—majority always follows evil, flesh (Exo 23:2).

South—*Luke 12:54-56 winds from south to discern the times*

Soft wind—subtle, “fair speeches,” “feigned words” and “flattering words” of deceit: *strong delusion* (Gal 2:4; 2Pet 2:1-3; Rom 16:18; 2The 2).

It gives the false perception that “they had obtained their purpose”

Euroclydon—2 Gk. words: *euros (east)* and *akulon (north)* Collision of two opposing principles. **North reps. evil** (Jer 1:14; 4:6; 6:1; 46:20). **East reps. truth, enlightenment** (Eze 11:1; Gen 3:24; Rev 16:12; Num 2:3; Mal 4:2)

Act 27:15 And when *the ship was CAUGHT, and could not bear up *into (Grk. "against") the wind*, we let *her* drive.

Act 27:16 And running under a certain island which is called **CLAUDA**, we had much work to come by *the boat*:

Act 27:17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, *undergirding the ship*; and, fearing lest they should fall into the *quicksands*, **STRAKE SAIL, AND SO WERE DRIVEN**.

Act 27:18 And we *being exceedingly tossed with a tempest*, the next *day* they *lightened the ship*; **(ropes under ship to secure it)**

Ship could not resist wind—apostolic truth challenged (1Cor 10:12; Act 2:42)
Paul wrote to Timothy "all in Asia be turned away from me," and at last he is bound under house arrest to testify at Rome. The ecclesia fed and grown by the apostles has faded.

Clauda—Gk. *lamentable*. The regretful consequences of action.

The Boat—*lifeboat* filled with sea. Error is error: can't be salvaged.

Undergirding—where wheat is stored; swell and burst. Foundation destroyed. Result of not following "the apostle's doctrine" (Act 2:42).

Strake sail—lowered the gear and let wind and sea drive the ship!

Exceeding tossed—Paul, saints foresaw this trouble coming (v.10).

Act 27:19 And the THIRD DAY we CAST OUT with our own hands the *tackling* of the ship. (RV “*throw freight overboard*”)

Act 27:20 And *when* **neither sun nor stars in many days appeared*, and no small tempest lay on *us*, *all hope that we should be saved was then taken away*. **gross darkness (Psa 112:4)*

Act 27:21 But AFTER LONG ABSTINENCE **Paul stood forth* in the midst of them, and said, *Sirs*, *ye should have hearkened unto me*, and not have LOOSED FROM CRETE, and to have gained this harm and loss. **the apostolic Truth verses Roman, Shipmaster direction*

Cast out tackling—Root “vessel.” Used for saints (2Cor 4:7; 2Tim 2:20; 1Pet 3:7), Paul (Act 9:15). Reps. *Truth surrendered by false religion*.

Neither sun nor stars many days—glory of Christ, heavenly light (Mal 4:2; 2Pet 1:19; Psa 89:35-36; Dan 12:1-3; 1Cor 15:40-44). *Historically, the Dark Ages of religious conflict: the world without Christ (Mat 14:22-33)*

All Hope, saved—“he that endureth to the end shall be saved” Mat 10:22.

Should have hearkened unto me—the refusal of the Roman system of power to hearkened to the apostolic word. They will, at last, be compelled to confess their error and the Truth of the Word.

Act 27:22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for *there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.*

Act 27:23 For there *stood by me this night* the angel of God, WHOSE I AM, AND WHOM I SERVE,

Act 27:24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; *thou must be brought before Caesar:* and, lo, ***GOD HATH GIVEN THEE ALL THEM THAT SAIL WITH THEE.** *(*suffer, and reign "with him" Rom 6:1-8; 2Tim 2:12*)

Act 27:25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: *for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.* (*conviction of faith Heb 11:6*)

Act 27:26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a *certain island.*

No loss of any man, but the ship—ecclesiastical ship established by the apostles will be broken by the wind and seas, yet not individuals
Despite Roman error, the Apostolic Truth can still be found, maintained.
Stood by me this night—divine protection (Luke 22:43). The care of angels during Gentile darkness (Psa 34:7; Heb 1:14); (Dan 3:28; 6:22).
God hath GIVEN THEE all them that sail with thee—Christ and those that identify “with him,” and the Father “hath given” all and he will “lose nothing” (Joh 6:38-39; 17:2-12; 3:35; Rom 5:1-11). (Phi 3:10)

Act 27:27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about *midnight* the *shipmen* deemed that they drew near to some country;

Act 27:28 And **sounded*, and found *it* twenty *fathoms*: and when they had gone a little further, they **sounded* again, and found *it* fifteen *fathoms*. **measured the depth*

Act 27:29 Then fearing lest we should have **fallen* upon rocks, they *cast four anchors* out of the STERN, and *wished for the day*. **waves could be heard breaking upon the rocks*

Midnight—time of rising, to awake from sleep (Jud 16:3; Ruth 3:8; Psa 119:62; Mat 25:6-7; Mark 13:35-36; Luke 11:5; Acts 16:25-26).

Shipmen, sounded—the unenlightened provide saints with measuring “signs” of the “times.” *This same word is referring to the merchant “sailors” astonished at the fall of Babylon, that great city (Rev 18).*

Four anchors—attempt to secure Ship by feigned faith (Heb 6:18-20)

Stern—trans. “hinder part,” where the ship’s steering mechanism operates. Contrast: this is where Christ was fast “asleep” (Mar 4:38).

Foremost, the entire principle of the atonement corrupted by Rome

Act 27:30 And as *the shipmen* were about to *flee out of the ship*, when they had *let down the boat into the sea*, *UNDER COLOUR as though they would have *cast anchors* out of the foreship **under pretense, ecclesiastical deception*

Act 27:31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, *Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. wheat, tares-Mat 13:30*

Act 27:32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and *let her fall off.*

Pretense, cast anchors, foreship—very shipmen who steered the ship into crisis flee, pretending to “cast anchors” of faith (Heb 6:18-20). The false “hirelings” take no responsibility for their misdirection (Joh 10) Except these abide in the ship ye cannot be saved—salvation is only by heeding the Apostolic Word of Truth. Previously, by believing the “master of the ship” instead of “those things spoken by Paul” (v.11), the ship was in peril. *“They continued in the apostle’s doctrine” (Act 2:42).*

➤ *It is a critical principle: the apostolic faith can still be heard, and the voice of Truth still found—exposing the deceit of the apostasy—even in the sea of political and ecclesiastical turmoil.*

Act 27:33 And *while the day was coming on*, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is **the fourteenth day* that ye have tarried and continued **FASTING**, having taken nothing. **a very long time in the perils of shipwreck*

Act 27:34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat: for this is for your ***HEALTH**: *for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.* **trans throughout N.T. as “salvation” or “save”!*

Act 27:35 And when he had thus spoken, *he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.*

Day was coming on—light/hope (Mark 14:24-25; John 6:18-19).

Fasting—spiritually circumspect (Dan 9:3; Mat 17:21; Acts 10:30; 13:3)

Not a hair fall—preservation of those suffering persecution (Luk 21:18; 12:7): **276 (v.37)** Safe keeping (1Sam 14:45; 2Sam 14:11; 1Kin 1:52)

Break bread—same language, phrase (Mat 26:26): fellowship with Christ only means of salvation (Joh 6:51; Act 2:46). *Christ also broke bread on (Luk 22:19; 24:30).* Part of one body (Joh 6:23; 1Cor 10:16-17).

The preservation of the Truth in the Ship of Faith: Apostolic Gospel

Act 27:36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also *took some meat*.

Act 27:37 And we were in **ALL IN THE SHIP** two hundred threescore and sixteen souls. **(276)**

Act 27:38 And when they had EATEN ENOUGH, they *lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea*.

Took some meat—covering available for all Jew and Gentile, Judaizer and Pagan: evil spirits, legion, soldiers, Pharisees, idolaters...

1Cor 6:9-11 “fornicators...idolaters...adulterers...effeminate...abusers of themselves with mankind...thieves...covetous...drunkards...revilers...And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God”

Cast out the wheat into the sea—used for death and resurrection:

“Except a grain of WHEAT fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit”—**John 12:24**

The sacrifice of Christ spreads the gospel to all nations—THE SEA.

- **Ecc 11:1** “Cast (Heb. sow) thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days”

Act 27:39 And **WHEN IT WAS DAY**, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain *creek with a shore*, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, **TO THRUST IN THE SHIP**.

Act 27:40 And when *they had taken up the anchors*, they committed *themselves* unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore. **NIV/RV “cutting loose or casting off the anchors”**

Act 27:41 And falling into a place **WHERE TWO SEAS MET**, they ran the ship aground; and the **forepart stuck fast*, **AND REMAINED UNMOVEABLE**, but the *hinder part was broken* with *the violence of the waves*. ***the Truth is a “sure word” (2Pet 1:19)**

Day—coming redemption—1The 5:8; 2Cor 6:2; 1Cor 5:5; Rom 13:12

Thrust in the ship—place of stability after trial (John 6:21)

Two seas met—collision of two powers, influences (Rev 17; Zec 10:11)

Forepart stuck fast—original apostle’s doctrine is absolute (Act 2:42)

Hinder part broken—trans “stern” where they attempted to set anchors (v. 29). False anchors will not spare from destruction.

Though soldiers and shipmen subject, entire episode is for brethren.

Act 27:42 And the soldiers' counsel was to *kill the prisoners*, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

Act 27:43 But the centurion, *willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose*; and commanded that they which could swim should *cast themselves first into the sea*, and get to

LAND: (though death is near, this event results in redemption)

Act 27:44 And the rest, *some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship*. And so it came to pass, that they *escaped all safe to LAND*. (apostolic Truth broken by Rome but remnant remains)

Willing to save Paul—God will not permit the “powers” that be extinguish the Truth (Rom 13:1-7). The Almighty controls them and has preserved the saints in many belligerent Gentile environments.

Swim—figurative of baptism (John 3:23; Rom 6; Jonah 1:15-16).

Cast themselves—though ecclesial, salvation is individual (Rev 3:4)

Boards, broken pieces of the ship—since apostasy arose the apostolic Truth is maintained in small ecclesias. This answers why communities that maintain the apostolic faith are generally small *Act 2:41; 4:4; 6:7; 21:20*

Act 28:1 And WHEN THEY WERE ESCAPED, then they knew that the *island* was called *Malta. **Thayer “honey” Word (Psa 119:103)*

Act 28:2 And *the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness*: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

Act 28:3 And when Paul had gathered *a bundle of sticks*, and laid *them* on the fire, *there came a viper out of the heat, and *fastened on his hand.* *more than single strike, to attach (v.4)

Escaped—Gk. “*heal, made perfectly whole.*” Trans. “*(Noah) eight souls were SAVED by water*”—1Pet 3:20. This process has eternal benefit

Barbarous—“*common people*” hear, not hierarchy (Mar 12:37)

Island—Gk. root trans. “*ship*” (Act 27:41). Truth among Gentiles in midst of sea (Isa 66:19; Acts 13:6). “Patience” for Kingdom (Rev 1:9)

Bundle of sticks—multitude, wood: reps. nature of all men (1Pet 2:24)

Viper—directly associated with serpent (Mat 23:33); symbol of sin and death (John 3:14); that which has the power of death (Heb 2:14-18).

The “sting of death” is related to sin (1Cor 15:55-56).

Act 28:4 When the barbarians saw the *venomous* BEAST **hang on his hand*, they said among themselves, *No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.* **Gk. Jesus "hang" tree (Act 5:30; 10:39)*

Act 28:5 And he *shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.* *(prophetically, false system completely destroyed—Rev 19-20)*

Act 28:6 Howbeit they looked *when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead* suddenly: but after THEY HAD LOOKED A GREAT WHILE, and saw no harm come to him, *they changed their minds, and said that *he was a god.* **note: he doesn't rebuke*

A murderer—Christ initially accused of sin (Isa 53:9; Mat 27:38)

Shook off beast into fire—death cast into the fire (Rev 20:14).

Should have fallen down dead—death having no more dominion over him (Rom 6:9); appearing the second time without sin (Heb 9:28)

Changed their minds—converted men's thinking (Rom 8:5-7; Eph 2:3; 4:23). The Lord's resurrection over death proved his holiness (Rom 1:4).

He was a god—now immortal (John 20:28; 1Cor 15:20): "without sin unto salvation" (Heb 9:28; John 3:14; Num 21). See Rom 1:4

Act 28:7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was **Publius*; who received us, and *lodged us three days courteously*. **Gk. popular, renown*
Act 28:8 And it came to pass, that the FATHER of Publius *lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux*: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and *laid his hands on him*, and **HEALED** him.
Act 28:9 So when this was done, *others also*, which had *diseases* in the island, came, and were **HEALED**:

Three days—identify with death/resurrection of man condemned to prison withstood sting of serpent (Mat 12:40; 16:21; Acts 10:40). The “chief man of the island” is healed by identification with Messiah.

Father—paternity of the flesh (Adam), inherited (Joh 8:39-49).

Fever, bloody flux—*fever* 6x in N.T. Root trans. “within” Mat 23:26. The “inward” man must be healed, converted (Rom 2:29; Luk 11:39).

Paul entered in, healed—presence of the Truth in their midst.

Diseases—trans “infirmity” (Heb 4:15; 5:2; 7:28; Gal 4:13) as well as “weakness” (2Cor 13:4; 1Cor 15:43; 2:3); used for our mortal nature.

Others also—last healing of multitude in Acts (Mat 4:24; 12:15).

Act 28:10 Who also **honoured* us with many honours; and when we departed, they LADED US WITH SUCH THINGS AS WERE NECESSARY. **common people heard him gladly (Mat 12:37)*

Act 28:11 And after *three months* we departed in a SHIP of *Alexandria*, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was **Castor and Pollux. *sons of Jupiter/Jesus: protector of ships*

Act 28:12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried *there THREE DAYS.* *****notice the journey now eases*

Castor and Pollux—symbols of pagan religion of the apostasy.

3rd Ship—this is a significant number in this episode: three!

- “‘Three’ became a significant period in Paul's ministry. He ‘tarried’ for three days blinded at Damascus (ch. 9:9); he reasoned at Thessalonica for ‘3 sabbath days’ (ch. 17:2); abode in Greece 3 months (ch. 20:3); taught at Ephesus for 3 years (v. 31); Festus saw him after 3 days in the province (ch. 25:1); Paul stayed with Publius 3 days (ch. 28:7); wintered for 3 months (v. 11), and was now delayed at Syracuse for this period (see also ch. 28:17).” —*Expositor*

Act 28:13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to **Rhegium**: and after one day the **south wind blew*, and we came the next day to **Puteoli**: ***Acts 27:13**

Act 28:14 *Where we found brethren*, and were desired to tarry with them *seven days*: and SO WE WENT TOWARD ROME.

Act 28:15 And from thence, *when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum*, and THE THREE TAVERNS: whom when Paul saw, *he thanked God, and took courage*. **Brethren are our comfort in Gentile Times!!!**

We found brethren—amidst widespread apostasy, Paul is edified by small groups of brethren in Christ (Acts 27:3 cf. Rom 1:11-12).

South—*Luke 12:54-56 winds from south to discern the times. The names of places recorded are pagan, Latin: Truth in Gentile times*

➤ **Strong's notes: Heb. "on the right hand of a person facing the east."**

Seven days—fellowship, Truth & the Kingdom (Gen 2:1-3; Act 20:7).

Rome—NAME APPEARS SIX TIMES IN ACTS: the flesh (Rev 13:18).

Brethren came to meet us—edification again from the brethren.

Act 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the CENTURION *delivered the prisoners* to the captain of the guard: but *Paul was suffered* TO DWELL BY HIMSELF *with a soldier that kept him*

Act 28:17 And it came to pass, that *after three days* Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men *and* brethren, though *I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner FROM JERUSALEM INTO THE HANDS OF THE ROMANS.* **Acts 22:22-26**

Act 28:18 Who, *when they had examined me*, would have let *me* go, because *there was no cause of death in me.*

Act 28:19 But ***WHEN THE JEWS SPAKE AGAINST IT**, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of. ***Christ before Jewish, then Roman authority***

In the image of Christ—Christ alone in sepulchre (Joh 19:41) raised 3rd day (Act 10:40) No fault found (Luk 23:4) Jews cry against (Mar 15:9-11) Hands of the Romans—that rejected of Jews ended up with Romans.

Act 28:20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*: *because that for THE HOPE OF ISRAEL I am bound with this chain.* (The Hope Bound By Rome)

Act 28:21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.

Act 28:22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning *this sect*, we know that EVERY WHERE it is **spoken against.* *trans. "contradicting" (Act 13:45)

Hope of Israel—assembling the Jews, Paul emphasizes the doctrine of national deliverance for Israel. This “hope” includes the promises to Abraham (Acts 26:6-7), the raising of the dead (23:6), and Christ to sit upon David’s throne (13:33-39). *Israel in contrast to Rome.*

Bound with this chain—how significant that the *Chain and Binding of Rome* restrains the “Hope of Israel.” So it has been for 2,000 years.

Sect—trans. “heresy” (Act 24:14; 1Cor 11:19; Gal 5:20; 2Pet 2:1).

Romans, Jews, Shipmen, Seas, Winds—all contrary and yet Truth prevails

Act 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, *there came many to him INTO HIS LODGING*; to whom he expounded and **TESTIFIED** *the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from *morning till evening.* ***period of light**

Act 28:24 And **SOME BELIEVED** the things which were spoken, and **SOME BELIEVED NOT.** **(Truth divides: 2Cor 2:15-17)**

Act 28:25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, *after that Paul had spoken one word, *Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,*
***ministry of Jesus & Paul end w/this quote (John 12:37-43)**

Testified—earnestly urge. Trans. “charge” (1Tim 5:21; 2Tim 2:14; 4:1)

Kingdom, Jesus: out of Law and Prophets—vitally important: still the foundation for exposition today (Luk 24:26-45; Act 26:22-23; 17:2-3; 18:28)

One Word—reps. a direct quotation from Scripture. Not only did Law and Prophets testify of Christ, but also predicted the rejection of Messiah by the Jews, and their blindness (Isa 6:9-10 cf. Mat 13:14-15).

Act 28:26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: **(willingly ignorant—2Pet 3:5)**

Act 28:27 *For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and *should be converted, and I should heal them.* (quoted by Christ—Mat 13:14-15)*

Act 28:28 Be it known therefore unto you, *that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles*, and *that* THEY WILL HEAR IT.

Converted, healed—this precluded them from understanding the Lord’s parabolic teaching (Mat 13:10-16). Healing is predicated upon obedience of faith (Mat 9:1-2, 19-29; 8:5-13; 15:22-28; Act 14:8-10)

Salvation sent unto Gentiles—“salvation of God” is the teaching of the redeemer: Christ. The Jews now being blinded (Rom 11:25).

THEY WILL HEAR IT—Act 13:45-49; Rom 15:9-12; 11:24-26. This has been the case for 2,000 years of Israel’s “binding.”

Act 28:29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had *great reasoning among themselves*.

Act 28:30 And Paul dwelt *two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,*

Act 28:31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, ***NO MAN FORBIDDING HIM. *unhindered**

Two whole years—figurative period of the Gentiles (Num 35:5; Jos 3:4; John 4:40-43; 11:6 cf. 2Pet 3:8); and confined by Rome!

His own hired house—his own expense. Truth is self-sustained (Acts 20:33-34; 18:3; 1The 2:9; 2The 3:8-9). “House” is ecclesia (1Tim 3:15).

Received all that came in unto him—no longer going out to sow the seed of the Word, but now an ecclesial fellowship among those entering into the “house” (Phi 1:12-13; 4:22). This included both Jew and Gentile, which make up the *ecclesial house of God*.

- *Significantly, Paul’s witness before Rome is not recorded. That day awaits the future, when Christ and the Saints will inherit the Earth*

Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, **wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

Act 1:7 And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons,** which the Father hath put in his own power.

Act 1:8 **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- **How remarkable: the Book of Acts begins with no revelation of the “times and seasons,” specifically, “BUT” the apostles were given the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, however, as the miraculous works have faded in this most remarkable book, the last “sign” appears to be a symbolic key to the “times and seasons”!**
- **The apostolic faith taught in the first century is made shipwreck by the misguided shipmen and Roman authorities, but still preserved by the apostle and those with him; who are given power of the serpent.**
- ***Acts concludes with the preservation of the Hope of Israel under Roman bondage, in the apostle’s free house amidst Gentile Times***

SALVATION OF CHRIST—God is not fixated on *saving us, individually*, but as a part of the *salvation of Bride for His Son*. In a greater sense, the redeemed are Christ's reward for his faithful servitude to the Father. Though essential to fulfill the Divine purpose of Yahweh's exaltation of His Son, the redeemed saints are incidental of themselves. Thus, they can only be redeemed if they are found "in Christ" and walking "in the image" of Jesus; not as mere individuals.

John 17:1-2,6 "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, **THAT HE SHOULD GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO AS MANY AS THOU HAST GIVEN HIM...I have manifested thy name UNTO THE MEN WHICH THOU GAVEST ME OUT OF THE WORLD: THINE THEY WERE, AND THOU GAVEST THEM ME; and they have kept thy word"** (John 6:57; 10:29)

- "them which **THOU HAST GIVEN ME...**" John 17:9, 11, 24
- "sheep...which (my Father) **GAVE THEM ME"** John 10:27-29

2Tim 1:9—Rom 8:28-29—Col 1:19—Eph 1:10, 22-23—Eph 5:27—Psa 25:11

Eph 4:31-32 "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as **GOD FOR CHRIST'S SAKE HATH FORGIVEN YOU"**

1John 2:12 "I write unto you, little children, because **YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN YOU FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE"**

SALVATION OF CHRIST'S BRETHREN—men can only be redeemed if they are found conformed to the character of the Son, whom God exalted from the grave. Their redemption is only possible if a direct reflection of the Messiah exists.

Gal 4:19 “My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **UNTIL CHRIST BE FORMED IN YOU**”

Rom 8:29 “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON**, *that he might be the firstborn among many brethren*”

- Such are a “new creation” in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:10; Gal 6:15; 2Cor 5:17), walking “in a newness of life” (Rom 6:4).

Col 3:10 “Put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge **AFTER THE IMAGE OF HIM THAT CREATED HIM**”

Eph 4:24 “Put on the new man, which after God is **CREATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS and TRUE HOLINESS**” (Rom 13:14; Gal 3:27; Col 3:10-14)

- Christ “gave himself” for the ecclesia “that he might present it to himself” holy and without blemish (Eph 5:25-33).

2The 1:10-12 “When he shall come **TO BE GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS**, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day...**THAT THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST MAY BE GLORIFIED IN YOU, AND YE IN HIM**, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ”

SALVATION OF CHRIST'S BRIDE—Yahweh's exaltation of His Son for the sacrifice of perfect obedience includes the redemption of a bride. As Eve was presented to Adam for laying down his life, the ecclesia is redeemed for Messiah. Rebekah was brought unto Isaac after his willing participation in His father's offering (Gen 24).

Eph 5:23-27 “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is **THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH: AND HE IS THE SAVIOUR OF THE BODY...**Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, **AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT; THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY AND CLEANSE IT WITH THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD, THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT IT TO HIMSELF A GLORIOUS CHURCH...**”

- This is why Paul suffered for Christ, which included and required laboring for His body, the ecclesia (2Cor 1:5-8; 2Cor 4:8-12; Eph 3:1; Phi 1:12-14). Thus, the redemption of the head (Christ) involved redemption of his body (brethren).

Col 1:23-24 “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and **FILL UP THAT WHICH IS BEHIND OF THE AFFLICTIONS OF CHRIST IN MY FLESH FOR HIS BODY'S SAKE, WHICH IS THE CHURCH**”

2Tim 2:9-10 “Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. **THEREFORE I ENDURE ALL THINGS FOR THE ELECT'S SAKES, THAT THEY MAY ALSO OBTAIN THE SALVATION WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS WITH ETERNAL GLORY**”

REDEMPTION OF THE BODY—As symbolized by the separation of the head from the rest of the burial clothes (John 20:7), Christ was the firstborn from the dead. The body found “in him” is to be redeemed at his coming (1Cor 15:20-23; Rom 8:29). Doctrinal instruction in the ecclesia is for the “perfecting of the saints” for growth and development of the bride into “the fulness of Christ” (Eph 4:11-13). Job, as a type of Christ, redeemed his brethren by the same standard (Job 42:8).

Col 1:18-20 “**HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH: WHO IS THE BEGINNING, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD;** that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself”

Eph 1:22-23 “(God) hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* **THE HEAD OVER ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY, THE FULNESS OF HIM THAT FILLETH ALL IN ALL**”

Eph 4:15-16 “Speaking the truth in love, **MAY GROW UP INTO HIM IN ALL THINGS, WHICH IS THE HEAD, EVEN CHRIST: FROM WHOM THE WHOLE BODY FITLY JOINED TOGETHER** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love”

Col 2:9-10 “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And **YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHICH IS THE HEAD** of all principality and power”