

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Acts 27

What we will see in this chapter:

- Paul's advice at the start and during the voyage to Rome
- What happened on the journey
- How the journey ended

1 Read the chapter

2 **Questions** to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes. The map in section 4 shows you Paul's journey.

| Chapter verses | Questions (to help with your notes) | Suggested notes |
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| 1 to 8 | 1. What places were mentioned on Paul's journey? <i>(You can find them on the map in section 4.)</i> | Sidon, Cyprus, Cilicia, Pamphylia, Myra, Lycia, Cnidus, Crete, Salmone, Fair Havens, Lasea. |
| 9 to 12 | 2. What advice did Paul give and what did the majority on the ship want to do? | Paul warned of certain disaster to the ship and passengers, but the majority wanted to winter in Phoenix, a port of Crete. |
| 13 to 20 | 3. How did their journey progress? | A soft south wind encouraged them to set sail. Not long after, a stormy offshore wind blew them off course. Unable to control the ship they were driven by the wind for many days and despaired of surviving. |
| 21 to 26 | 4. What did Paul tell everybody on the ship? | Paul told them, that an angel had assured him, that there would be no loss of life, but that they must run aground on an island. |
| 27 to 32 | 5. What happened on the 14 th night? | On the 14th night the sailors detected that they were nearing land. They dropped anchors for fear of the rocks and Paul prevented them from abandoning the main ship. |
| 33 to 38 | 6. What did Paul say to them? | Paul encouraged them all to eat some food and assured them they would all survive. |

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| 39 to 44 | 7. How did their journey on the ship end? | The ship was run aground in a bay, and all managed to get safely to the land. |

3 Related theme from v 23: *Angels*.

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the New Testament. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

| Verse(s) | Main point(s) |
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| Genesis 24 v 6 and 7 | Abraham tells his servant that God's angel will prepare the way before him and ensure God's promise is kept. |
| Exodus 23 v 20 | God tells the early Israelites that an angel will ensure that God's plan will be carried out. |
| Psalms 34 v 7 | The angel of the LORD stays close to those who fear God. |
| Psalms 103 v 20 and 21 | The angels obey God's word and do his will. |
| Matthew 18 v 10 | Jesus Christ says that his little ones have their angels who see God's face. |
| Hebrews 1 v 13 and 14 | The angels do service for the sake of those who will be saved. |

