

## THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOOK OF ACTS 36

### ACTS 27:41

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.

### ACTS 27:42

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

### ACTS 27:43

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:

### ACTS 27:44

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### ACTS 28:1

1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

### ACTS 28:2

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.

ACTS 28:3

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.

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174 I imagine some of his enemies walk around, say, "Father of nations, how many children do you have now?"

175 "Don't make any difference how I have now. I'm a father of nations. That's all."  
"How do you know?"

176 "God said so. That settles it. That's just all there is to it. God said it, and that settles it."

177 So along went Abraham. And he finally come to that very. . . then, you see, being so loyal; more loyal, more testing. See? So He brought him right back.

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178 Now, remember. When. . . God has counted you worthy when you have a test. Now, don't fail this, to get this. When you have a trial or a test,

it shows the grace of God has found, you found favor with God, and God believes that you'll stand the test. You remember, He did the same thing by Job.

179 Satan said, "Oh, yes, I seen Job down there." Said, "He's not. . ."

180 God said, "He's a perfect servant. There's none in earth like him. There's nobody like Job. He's a perfect man. Now, he, he's My--he's My pride and joy."

181 Satan said, "Oh, sure. He gets everything he asks for." Said, "Let me have him once." And said, "I, I'll make him curse You to Your very face." Said, "I'll just make him curse You."

182 God said, "He's in your hands, but don't you take his life." See? God had confidence in Job. Amen.

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183 When looks like everything has gone wrong, God is giving you a trial. He's got confidence in you. He don't have to baby you around. You're not a hotbed plant, a hybrid.

You're a real Christian. God is giving you a test, see what you'll do about it. Amen. No wonder Peter said, "These fiery trials, why, count it a joy. It's--it's more precious to you than gold."

184 And many times we hum and haw, "Oh, well, if I just. . ." Well, that, well, that's something God give you, to overcome. He--He--He knows you'll do it. He, He's--He's put his trust in you.

Thus here, St. Paul had no sooner escaped the shipwreck, and gets to shore, but a viper fastens upon his hand: Many are the afflictions of the righteous.

ACTS 28:4

4 And 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.

ACTS 28:5

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

ACTS 28:6

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.

EPHESIANS 6:16

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

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ACTS 28:7

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.

ACTS 28:8

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.

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dusenteria {doos-en-ter-ee'-ah}

dysentery, bowel ailment

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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.

ACTS 28:9

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

ACTS 28:10

10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

ACTS 28:11

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

The Greek word dioskouroi (sons of Zeus) refers to Castor and Pollux, who were the twin sons of Leda and the Greek god Zeus.

After their death, they are fabled to have been translated to heaven, and made constellations under the name of gemini, or the twins.

They then received divine honours, and were called the sons of Jupiter. They were supposed to preside over sailors, and to be their protectors; hence it was not uncommon to place their image on ships.

Sailors regarded these two brothers as patron deities who would protect them from the dangers of the sea.

They were supposed to have a power of saving men in danger at sea:

The figure that was used for Castor and Pollux, was that of two young men on horseback, with each a javelin in his hand, and by their side half an egg and a star;

but the sign of Castor and Pollux was that of a double cross. When these two appeared together,

they were looked upon, by the superstitious Heathen, as prosperous to sailors, and therefore for a good omen,

ACTS 28:12

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.

ACTS 28:13

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: