



**LESSON 12: YOUR ROME  
ACTS 27 AND 28**



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# **OPENING SONG**

## **ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE**

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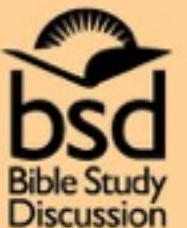
# MEMORY VERSE

## PHILIPPIANS 2:11

**...And every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**



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**PREVIEW OF  
ACTS 27 AND 28**

**SHIPWRECK!  
ACTS 27**

**THE CURIOUS CONCLUSION  
ACTS 28**

# **Two Things to Look for in Acts 27**

**—Symbolism of the Sea**

**—Contrast with  
the Book of Jonah**

# PERIL AT SEA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDpeXUMnQG4>



## SYMBOLISM OF THE SEA

According to N. T. Wright, the ancient Jews viewed the sea as a dark force, a place from which evil powers might emerge.

Isaiah 57:20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, for it cannot be quiet and its waters toss up mire and dirt.

Daniel 7: 3 And four great beasts came out of the sea, different from one another.





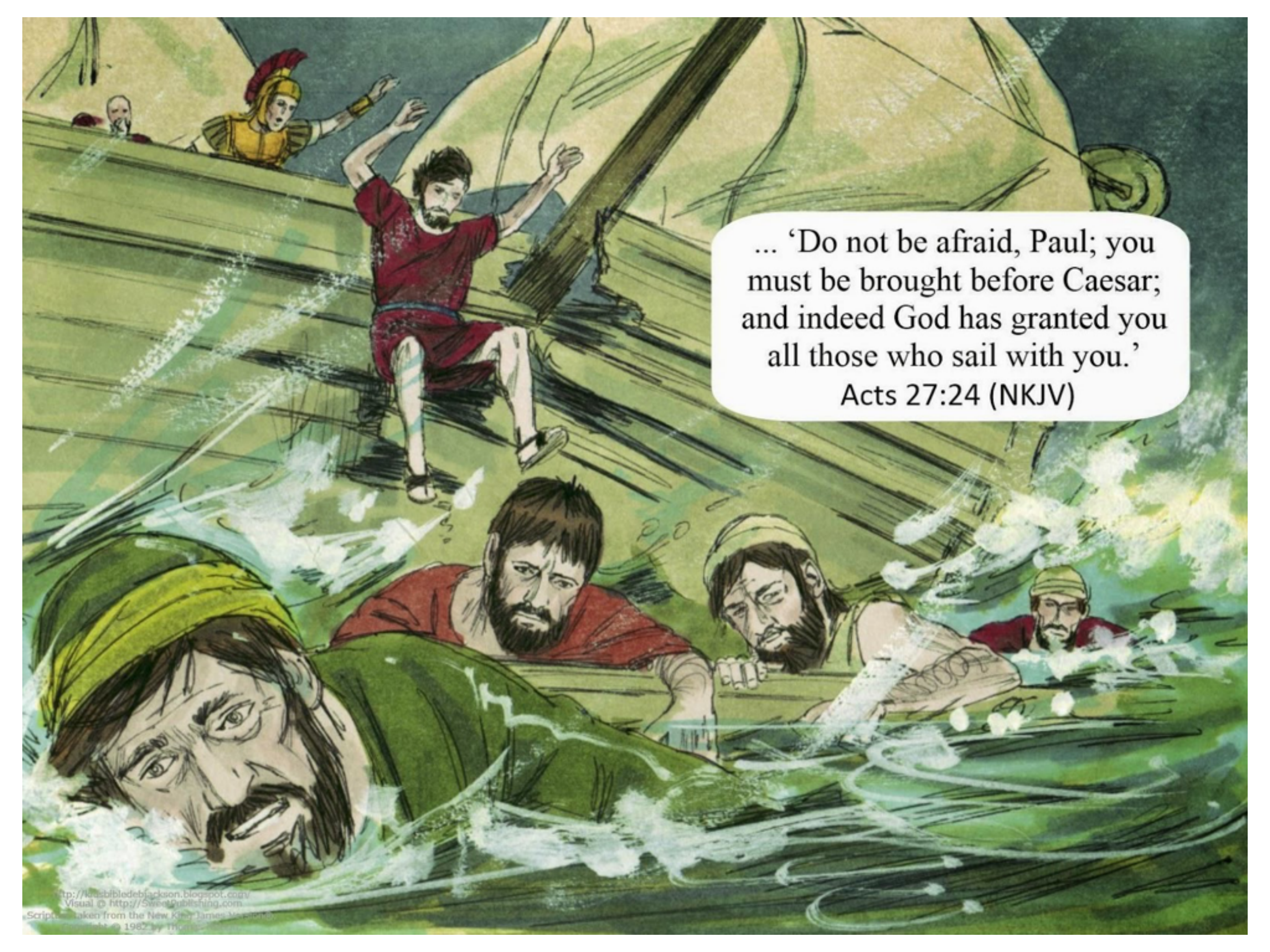
Sailing in the eastern Mediterranean Sea started to become dangerous in mid September.

Normally there were no voyages in the area by mid-November. The voyage Paul is on in Acts 27 began in mid-October.

Acts 27:9-12

Paul warns the centurion not to continue the voyage because of the danger.



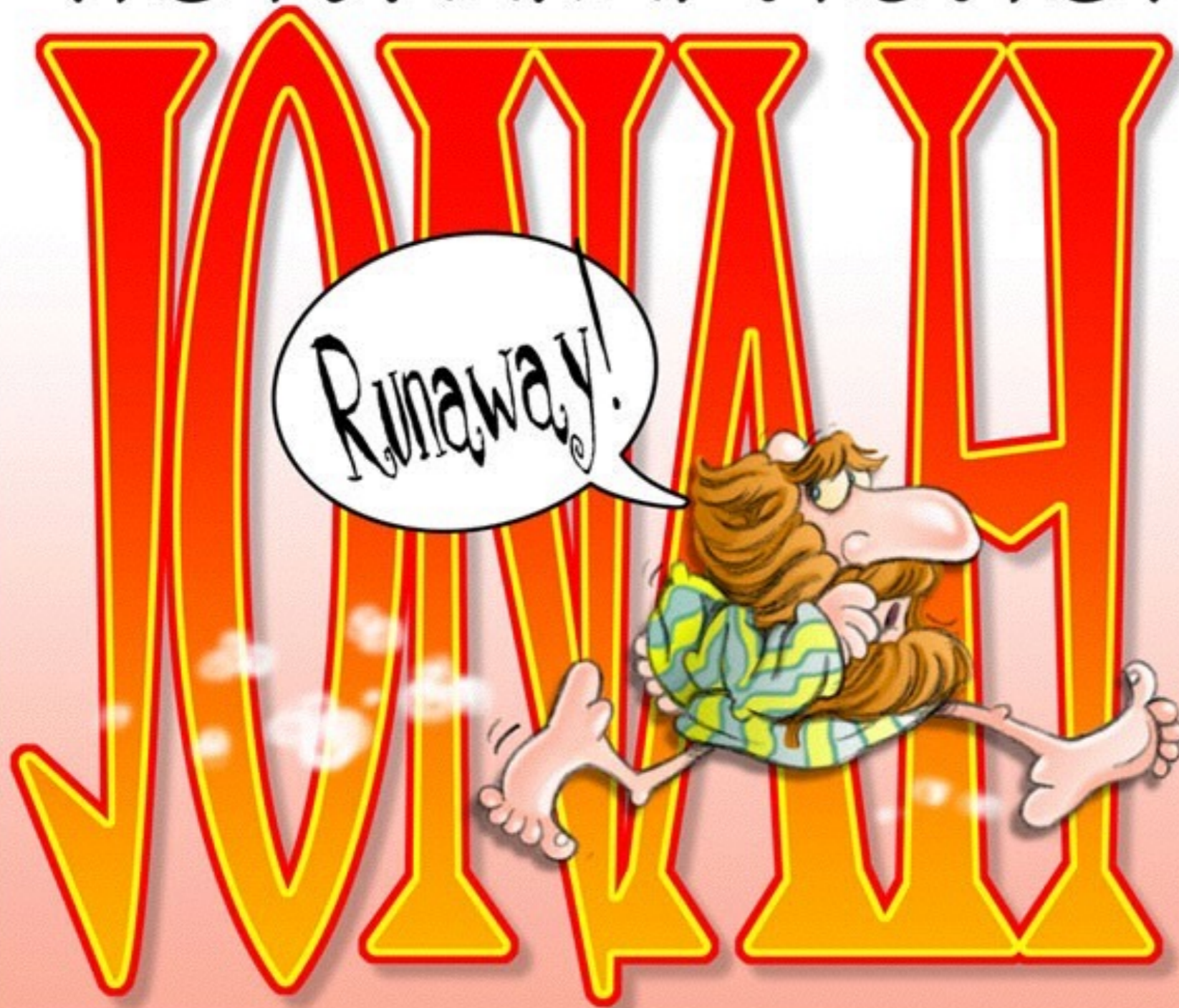
An illustration depicting a dramatic scene from the Bible. In the upper portion, a man with a beard and a red tunic, identified as Paul, is shown clinging to the side of a wooden ship that is being tossed by a storm. He has his arms outstretched. Below him, several other men are struggling in the churning, greenish water. One man in the foreground is partially submerged, looking up with a determined expression. Another man is seen swimming, and a third is visible further back. The overall style is that of a classic religious illustration, with strong lines and a focus on the physical struggle of the characters.

... 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

Acts 27:24 (NKJV)



# THE RUNAWAY PROPHET



Luke invokes the story of Jonah from the OT, setting up a vivid contrast with his account of Paul's shipwreck in Acts 27.



# SUMMARY OF BOOK OF JONAH



# **Jonah in the New Testament**

**Jesus spoke of Jonah as a type of Christ  
— Matthew 12: 40-41**

**Jonah boarded the ship in Joppa, the same city where Peter was called by God to come and share the good news about Christ to a Gentile.**



# **Similarities with Paul's shipwreck**

**Mediterranean Sea voyage**

**Gentile Sailors**

**Jewish passenger bears a divine mission**

**All survive the peril at sea**

**Country on verge of destruction**

**God commands taking His message  
to places most hostile to it**

# **CONTRASTING JONAH AND PAUL**

**Jonah flees, Paul is faithful**

**Jonah sleeps while Paul encourages**

**Paul's vision in the turning point**

**Jonah pouts, Paul preaches**





**Jonah 4: 6-11**

**The mercy of God is for everyone.**

# **ACTS 28**

**Paul under house arrest in Rome**

**A CURIOUS CONCLUSION**

# Questions about the conclusion of Acts

Why didn't Luke include the trial of Paul and its outcome?

Why didn't Luke include the deaths of Peter and James?

What does the conclusion of Acts tell us about Luke's purpose in writing it?



**NEXT WEEK**  
**SMALL GROUPS MEET**  
**TO DISCUSS LESSON 12**

**NO LECTURE NEXT WEEK!**

**BSD RESUMES**  
**WEEK OF JANUARY 5**  
**LECTURE ONLY!**

**2 TIMOTHY: PASSING THE TORCH**  
**THE REST OF THE STORY**  
*AND*  
**PREVIEW OF LESSON 1**

**As you read Acts 27 and 28 notice the unexpected opportunities that God gave Paul to serve him and how he responded.**

**What unexpected opportunities has God has given you to serve Him?**

**This week look for those opportunities and share them with your small group.**