

ACTS 28; October 29; Paul Preaches Christ In Rome

ANALYSIS:

1. What was the Bible name, and today's name, of the island where Paul Ship wrecked? _____
2. Why did the islanders first think Paul was a murderer, and later think him a god? _____
3. What were Paul's accommodations at Rome for the next two years?

4. What reaction did the Jews at Rome give to Paul's presentation of Jesus? _____
5. Which phrase from Isaiah that Paul quotes proves the Jews were responsible for not believing on Jesus as Savior?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Paul's presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ "to the Jew first" at Rome marked the final crisis for the Jewish nation. Paul had told the Jews at Antioch in Pisidia that by their unbelief they judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life, that he would turn to the Gentiles (13:46). Again when the Jews at Corinth opposed and blasphemed, Paul shook his raiment and said, 'Your blood be upon your own head, I go unto the Gentiles' (18:6). Now he is in the capitol of the Roman Empire. Paul preaches a Holy Spirit inspired exposition of Jesus as the Savior confirmed by the law and the prophets. When the Jews closed their eyes to the truth, they brought upon themselves God's sure judgment.

Whenever God shows us His truth, on any subject or doctrine, we are under strict obligation to believe and conform to it. "Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have" (Luke 8:18).

HELP:

1. Melita. Malta (v 1).
2. They saw a venomous beast (snake) fastened on his hand, and thought vengeance was getting even with him, expecting him to die. When he suffered no harm, then they thought he must be a god (vs 3-6).
3. He dwelt alone, with a soldier guard, in his own hired house; receiving all who came to see him, preaching Jesus Christ (vs 16, 30-31).
4. Some believed, and some believed not (v 24).
5. "Their hearts have they closed" (v 27). Note that "they closed" their hearts. It was their choice.