

26 Paul retells his story
Agrippa: effectively an acquittal

Acts 27v 1-5

*notice following the coast

*hospitality (hospes rituals and first Christians)

vv. 6-44

*Cyndus is in Greece site of an ancient battle with the Persians

*running to the south of Crete (leeward)

v. 9 "the fast" (Lev. 16:29-310 Yom Kippur, holiest day in Judaism)

*this is in the autumn, when the winds grow strong - normally one sails in summer

*the storm: throwing cargo away - an act of great desperation

**Paul warns of doom, v

21 "I told you so!

v. 35 breaking the bread

v. 37 276 souls aboard

v. 42 killing the prisoners (to keep them from military justice)

28: Malta - an historic place in days of the Bible as fortress

Knights of Malta: a religious order, ff. 11th century; warriors until Napoleon, today known for continued acts of mercy

The snake: ref Genesis, followed by healing miracle

"cursed shall you be" and then into the flames

Provisions - hospes

v. 11 arrival in Italy

*politically different, with local self government and universal (non slave) citizenship: not the change at the end of the Third Punic War in 146 BC

*Three Taverns: Actually a blacksmith, a general store, and a tavern proper

A halting stop before people turned north

Beside a bog, which grew larger

Site of the murder of Servus Flavius

Later a Christian city, raised to be an episcopal see

Destroyed by the Saracens 868 AD

Archeology has found a bath house there

VI 7: arrival in Rome - the Jews here are nicer and do not persecute Paul but still do not convert: presented here as a kind of final split between Christians and Jews

Vv 30-31 ends with proclamation of Kingdom; they do give him a hearing

No reference to Paul's impending martyrdom but we can assume that is deliberate: Romans are the good guys in this story

The soldier with him: all this required cash (Paul is on bail)

Comparison on the frame of the story: Aeneid

Vergil and the creation of the Epic to retell Homer

Both begin in a doomed city

Persecution all along the way

Aeneid: Entry into the afterlife: by the Stygian marshes

Dropped off by a ship

Both end in the city of Rome