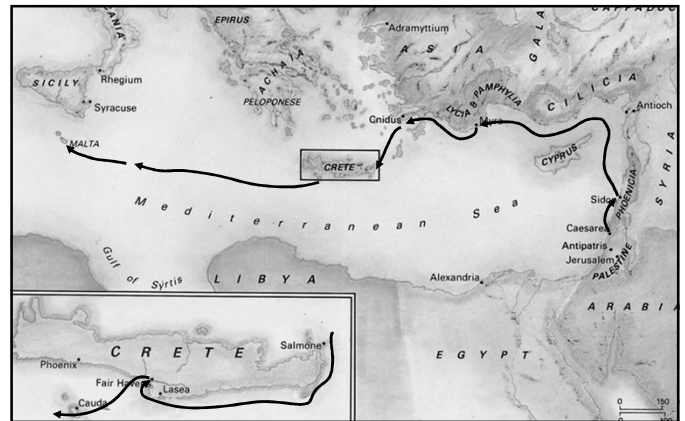


## \*Paul's Voyage to Rome

Acts 27:1-44



What is the purpose of this account?

- Displays the providence of God in accomplishing His purpose, namely the progress of the gospel

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*Providence* – God's ongoing relationship to creation by which He sustains and directs all things according to His purpose

### God's Peculiar Providence

1. Life and death are ultimately in God's hands
  - though He uses "natural" means, God is the ultimate cause
  - *"I am immortal till my work is accomplished"*  
– David Livingston

### God's Peculiar Providence

2. Trust in God's providence dispels fear in danger
  - Paul knew that he "belonged" to God and was His servant
  - Paul believed God would do exactly what He promised

### God's Peculiar Providence

2. Trust in God's providence dispels fear in danger

*"The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen."*

(2 Timothy 4:18)

### God's Peculiar Providence

3. Divine providence includes "natural" sufferings
  - God does not exempt his people from natural disasters, diseases or difficulties
  - God appoints and works these "sufferings" for the good of his people (Rom. 8:28)

### God's Peculiar Providence

3. Divine providence includes "natural" sufferings
  - Why?
    - to provide unique opportunities to magnify the worth of God and the hope of the gospel
    - to increase our trust and hope in Christ's all-satisfying sufficiency (2 Cor. 1:8-10)