

## When Your World Falls Apart

**Text: Acts 27:9-11;13-14; 41-44** Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them, <sup>10</sup> And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives. <sup>11</sup> Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul. ---<sup>13</sup> And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.<sup>14</sup> But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

**FAST FORWARD TO THE ENDING OF PAUL'S SAILING ADVENTURE** -- <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. <sup>43</sup> 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: <sup>44</sup> And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

**Introduction:** Last Sermon: **WEIGHT LIMIT-** about Rain Clouds and their amazing Weight Capacity-- 71,500 tons (rainfall weight falling from clouds over one square mile of area, one inch deep) / 7 tons (average elephant weight) = **10,214 elephants**

**Tonight--Euroclydon. (today, this storm is called-MEDICANES or Mediterranean Hurricane).**

Euroclydon / today called-Medicane (Mediterranean Hurricane) / Hurricane / Typhons - ALL MEAN BASICALLY THE SAME – A Gigantic or Super STORM

### **WHEN YOUR WORLD FALLS APART!!!!**

Apostle Paul Timeline — (source: BlueLetterBible.org)

- Born 5 A.D in Tarsus (modern Turkey today)
- Age 10-15 – Training under Gamaliel
- Age 25- Pharisee
- Age 29- Conversion on Damascus Road
- Age 29-52 – Missionary Trips/Years of Ministry (about 23 years)
- Age 52- Arrested in Jerusalem
- **Age 54-SHIPWRECKED IN MALTA (see above)**
- Age 55-arrives in Rome
- Age 57- Set free by Rome and continues ministry
- Age 61- Martyred by Nero in Rome

Mediterranean Sea: (source: Britannica)

- 970,000 SQ.MI.— about twice the size of Gulf of Mexico – about 4 times the size of Texas
- 2500 miles long at longest point
- 500 miles wide
- 4,900 FT average depth
- over 3,000 islands

#### **I. Please Notice These Things about Paul's Adventure**

1. Paul was a Prisoner – He was not in Charge of the Events in any Way!
2. God Warned through Paul-- but the warning was Totally Rejected
3. They Chose to Trust in their own Sea Experiences and Abilities— Without God

4. It Seemed Smooth at First—**Acts 27:13** And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.
5. It Didn't Last Long before they were "IN OVER THEIR HEADS" – **Acts 27:14** But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.
6. Paul PRAYED for ALL of Them—**Acts 27:21** But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.
7. The Ship and All the Cargo was LOST
8. God's ANSWER: **Acts 27:43-44** 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: <sup>44</sup> And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

## **II. When Your World Falls Apart!!!**

### **Different Types and Sizes of Euroclydons or HURRICANES**

- **Worldwide Hurricanes- OUR WORLD MAY SOON BE ENTERING A WORLDWIDE Hurricane**
  - Noah's Flood
  - Egypt's Famine in Jacob/Joseph Day
  - Fall of Jerusalem
  - Fall of Rome
  - Civil War
  - WWI or WWII

**What Will our Future Worldwide Hurricane be: NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE but history will repeat itself & Biblical Future Events will SURELY come to Pass!!!!**

- WWII
- Another Virus or Plague
- Nuclear War
- Meteorites from Space
- The Fall of America—Financial Collapse—Military Coup
- The Rapture
- Biblical Tribulation

**Note: 1) Our Country has been continuously warned by God to Return to its Christian Roots -just as Paul warned the ship owners, ship crew, and centurion**

**2) This Country is not listening or turning. We are determined to go down the road to Judgement**

**3) All may appear at 1<sup>st</sup> to be sailing smoothly- as in Paul's Sailing Adventure -but the Warnings are real and the danger is out there somewhere in the future!**

- **Personal Hurricanes—People are Dealing with these- NOW- as we speak- in Hospitals Waiting Rooms, in Phone Calls, Answering Knocks on their Front Doors, in Morgues,**
  - ❖ Sudden Heart attack or Family Illness
  - ❖ Unexpected Job Loss
  - ❖ Marriage Breakup
  - ❖ Accident or Car Wreck
  - ❖ Death

## **III. God Already Has a Plan Worked out for His Children—276 People on the Ship were Saved!!! GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD STOP FEARING THE FUTURE!!!!!!**

**Notice Some Helpful Lessons from our Text**

1. WE NEED GOD IN OUR LIVES BEFORE THE STORM HITS
2. OBEDIENCE is needed---IF WARNED-Don't Leave the Safety of Harbor-stay in God's Will
3. When the Hurricane Hits- Human Effort is not sufficient to Secure Safety
4. The Righteous and the Innocent also Suffer in a Worldwide Hurricane
5. God is Merciful Even when we don't Listen or Obey!
6. Look at the Power of Prayer in the Darkest Seasons of our Life!
7. They ALL had to leave behind their safe place and get into the Stormy Sea--swim to shore or float on a piece of the ship
8. They had to Start Over--- **they lost it all:** *the safety of the ship, the ship itself, the cargo, lifeboats, personal belongings, food-all was lost*
9. Life did not immediately return to normal--Shipwreck for 3 months on an island with salvages
10. GOD WILL PUT THE PIECES OF OUR LIFE BACK TOGETHER- if we continue to serve Him!

**Notice:** Paul reached Rome as Originally Planned - but at a later date!

**Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

**IV. Closing: God's Eternal Euroclydon or Hurricane**

**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

**Judgement is a Storm we all must face**—ARE YOU READY OR is your plan LIKE THE SAILORS AND THE CENTURION—Sail into Eternity without God?

**Hell is an Eternal Hurricane of God's Wrath--Mark 9:43-49** <sup>44</sup>And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: <sup>45</sup>Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>46</sup>And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: <sup>47</sup>Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>48</sup>And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: <sup>49</sup>Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>50</sup>For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.