

## Parasha Yitro - Jethro.

**Sunday - 16-Jan-2011; (11-Shevat-5771). Day 1 before Shabbat - Parasha Yitro - Jethro.**

### Exodus 18.

#### **1 . Jethro's Advice. .**

Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that ELOHIM had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, how that YHWH had brought Israel out of Egypt.

2 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, received Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her away,

3 and her two sons. The name of one son was Gershom, for Moses said, "I have lived as a foreigner in a foreign land".

4 The name of the other was Eliezer, for he said, "My father's ELOHIM was my help and delivered me from Pharaoh's sword."

5 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness where he was encamped, at the Mountain of ELOHIM!

6 He said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, have come to you with your wife, and her two sons with her."

7 Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and bowed and kissed him. They asked each other of their welfare, and they came into the tent.

8 Moses told his father-in-law all that YHWH had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardships that had come on them on the way, and how YHWH delivered them.

9 Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which YHWH had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 Jethro said, "Blessed be YHWH, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh; who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that YHWH is greater than all idol\_gods because of the thing in which they dealt arrogantly against them."

12 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for ELOHIM! Aaron came with all of the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before ELOHIM!

13 It happened on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from the morning to the evening.

14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, "What is this thing that you do for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning to evening?"

15 Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of ELOHIM!

16 When they have a matter, they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of ELOHIM, and his Torah (teachings and instructions)."

17 Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do is not good.

18 You will surely wear away, both you, and this people that is with you; for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to perform it yourself alone.

19 Listen now to my voice. I will give you counsel, and ELOHIM be with you. You represent the people before ELOHIM, and bring the causes to ELOHIM!

20 You shall teach them the statutes and the Torah (teachings and instructions), and shall show them the way in which they must walk, and the work that they must do.

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**21** Moreover you shall provide out of all the people able men, such as fear ELOHIM: men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

**22** Let them judge the people at all times. It shall be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge themselves. So shall it be easier for you, and they shall share the load with you.

**23** If you will do this thing, and ELOHIM commands you so, then you will be able to endure, and all of these people also will go to their place in peace.”

**24** So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.

**25** Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

**26** They judged the people at all times. They brought the hard causes to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

**27** Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way into his own land.

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### Exodus 19.

#### **1 . Israel at Mount Sinai. .**

In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that same day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

2 When they had departed from Rephidim, and had come to the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness; and there Israel encamped before the mountain.

3 Moses went up to ELOHIM, and YHWH called to him out of the mountain, saying, "This is what you shall tell the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself.

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own possession from among all peoples; for all the earth is mine;

6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

7 Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which YHWH commanded him.

8 All the people answered together, and said, "All that YHWH has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to YHWH!

9 YHWH said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever." Moses told the words of the people to YHWH!

10 YHWH said to Moses, "Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments,

11 and be ready against the third day; for on the third day YHWH will come down in the sight of all the people on Mount Sinai.

12 You shall set bounds to the people all around, saying, 'Be careful that you don't go up onto the mountain, or touch its border. Whoever touches the mountain shall be surely put to death.

13 No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether it is animal or man, he shall not live.' When the shofar sounds long, they shall come up to the mountain."

14 Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 He said to the people, "Be ready by the third day. Don't have sexual relations with a woman."

16 It happened on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain, and the sound of an exceedingly loud shofar; and all the people who were in the camp trembled.

17 Moses led the people out of the camp to meet ELOHIM; and they stood at the lower part of the mountain.

18 Mount Sinai, all it, smoked, because YHWH descended on it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

19 When the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and ELOHIM answered him by a voice.

20 YHWH came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. YHWH called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 YHWH said to Moses, "Go down, warn the people, lest they break through to YHWH

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to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 Let the priests also, who come near to YHWH, sanctify themselves, lest YHWH break forth on them.”

23 Moses said to YHWH, “The people can’t come up to Mount Sinai, for you warned us, saying, ‘Set bounds around the mountain, and sanctify it.’”

24 YHWH said to him, “Go down and you shall bring Aaron up with you, but don’t let the priests and the people break through to come up to YHWH, lest he break forth on them.”

25 So Moses went down to the people, and told them.

## Acts 24.

### 1 . Accused of Sedition . .

After five days, the high priest, Ananias, came down with certain elders and an orator, one Tertullus. They informed the governor against Paul.

2 When he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, “Seeing that by you we enjoy much peace, and that excellent measures are coming to this nation,

3 we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 But, that I don’t delay you, I entreat you to bear with us and hear a few words.

5 For we have found this man to be a plague, an instigator of insurrections among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

6 He even tried to profane the temple, and we arrested him. (TR adds “We wanted to judge him according to our law,”)

7 (TR adds “but the commanding officer, Lysias, came by and with great violence took him out of our hands,”)

8 (TR adds “commanding his accusers to come to you.”) By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him.”

9 The Judeans also joined in the attack, affirming that these things were so.

### 10 . The Defense Before Felix . .

When the governor had beckoned to him to speak, Paul answered, “Because I know that you have been a judge of this nation for many years, I cheerfully make my defense,  
11 seeing that you can recognize that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem.

12 In the temple they didn’t find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the synagogues, or in the city.

13 Nor can they prove to you the things of which they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess to you, that after the Way, which they call a sect, so I serve the ELOHIM of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the Torah, and which are written in the Prophets;

15 having hope toward ELOHIM, which these also themselves look for, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 Herein I also practice always having a conscience void of offense toward ELOHIM and men.

17 Now after some years, I came to bring gifts for the needy to my nation, and offerings;

18 amid which certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, not with a mob, nor with turmoil.

19 They ought to have been here before you, and to make accusation, if they had anything against me.

20 Or else let these men themselves say what injustice they found in me when I stood before the council,

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21 unless it is for this one thing that I cried standing among them, ‘Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged before you today!’”

### 22 **. Felix Procrastinates . .**

But Felix, having more exact knowledge concerning the Way, deferred them, saying, “When Lysias, the commanding officer, comes down, I will decide your case.”

23 He ordered the centurion that Paul should be kept in custody, and should have some privileges, and not to forbid any of his friends to serve him or to visit him.

24 But after some days, Felix came with Drusilla, his wife, who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Messiah YESHUA!

25 As he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was terrified, and answered, “Go your way for this time, and when it is convenient for me, I will summon you.”

26 Meanwhile, he also hoped that money would be given to him by Paul, that he might release him. Therefore also he sent for him more often, and talked with him.

27 But when two years were fulfilled, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, and desiring to gain favor with the Judeans, Felix left Paul in bonds.

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**Tuesday - 18-Jan-2011; (13-Shevat-5771). Day 3 before Shabbat - Parasha Yitro - Jethro.**

**Exodus 20:1-26. (JPS=Exodus 20:1-23).**

### **1     . The Ten Commandments. .**

ELOHIM spoke all these words, saying,

2 “I am YHWH your ELOHIM, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 “You shall have no other idol\_gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourselves an idol, nor any image of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 you shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them, for I, YHWH your ELOHIM, am a jealous ELOHIM, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and on the fourth generation of those who hate me,

6 and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not take the name of YHWH your ELOHIM in vain, for YHWH will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 You shall labor six days, and do all your work,

10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to YHWH your ELOHIM! You shall not do any work in it, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your livestock, nor your stranger who is within your gates;

11 for in six days YHWH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore YHWH blessed the Sabbath day, and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which YHWH your ELOHIM gives you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

### **18     . The People Afraid of ELOHIM's Presence. .**

All the people perceived the thunderings, the lightnings, the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled, and stayed at a distance.

19 They said to Moses, “Speak with us yourself, and we will listen; but don’t let ELOHIM speak with us, lest we die.”

20 Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid, for ELOHIM has come to test you, and that his fear may be before you, that you won’t sin.”

21 The people stayed at a distance, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where ELOHIM was.

### **22     . The Teaching and Instruction of the Altar. .**

YHWH said to Moses, “This is what you shall tell the children of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

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23 You shall most certainly not make alongside of me idol\_gods of silver, or idol\_gods of gold for yourselves.

24 You shall make an altar of earth for me, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your cattle. In every place where I record my name I will come to you and I will bless you.

25 If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of cut stones; for if you lift up your tool on it, you have polluted it.

26 Neither shall you go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed to it.'

## Acts 25.

### 1 . Paul Appeals to Caesar . .

Festus therefore, having come into the province, after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea.

2 Then the high priest and the principal men of the Judeans informed him against Paul, and they begged him,

3 asking a favor against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem; plotting to kill him on the way.

4 However Festus answered that Paul should be kept in custody at Caesarea, and that he himself was about to depart shortly.

5 "Let them therefore," said he, "that are in power among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong in the man, let them accuse him."

6 When he had stayed among them more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea, and on the next day he sat on the judgment seat, and commanded Paul to be brought.

7 When he had come, the Judeans who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing against him many and grievous charges which they could not prove,

8 while he said in his defense, "Neither against the Torah (teaching and instruction) of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar, have I sinned at all."

9 But Festus, desiring to gain favor with the Judeans, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem, and be judged by me there concerning these things?"

10 But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to the Judeans, as you also know very well.

11 For if I have done wrong, and have committed anything worthy of death, I don't refuse to die; but if none of those things is true that they accuse me of, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar!"

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you shall go."

### 13 . Paul Before Agrippa . .

Now when some days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea, and greeted Festus.

14 As he stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix;

15 about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the Jewish elders informed me, asking for a sentence against him.

16 To whom I answered that it is not the custom of the Romans to give up any man to destruction, before the accused has met the accusers face to face, and has had opportunity to make his defense concerning the matter laid against him.

17 When therefore they had come together here, I didn't delay, but on the next day sat on

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the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought.

18 Concerning whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of such things as I supposed;

19 but had certain questions against him about their own religion, and about one YESHUA, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 Being perplexed how to inquire concerning these things, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters.

21 But when Paul had appealed to be kept for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him to be kept until I could send him to Caesar.”

22 Agrippa said to Festus, “I also would like to hear the man myself.” “Tomorrow,” he said, “you shall hear him.”

23 So on the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and they had entered into the place of hearing with the commanding officers and principal men of the city, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.

24 Festus said, “King Agrippa, and all men who are here present with us, you see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Judeans petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.

25 But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and as he himself appealed to the emperor I determined to send him.

26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write to my master. Therefore I have brought him forth before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, that, after examination, I may have something to write.

27 For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to also specify the charges against him.”

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**Wednesday - 19-Jan-2011; (14-Shevat-5771). Day 4 before Shabbat - Parasha Yitro - Jethro.**

**Haftarah:**

**Isaiah 6.**

**1 . Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet. .**

In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw ADONAI sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple.

2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew.

3 One called to another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is YHWH of Hosts! The whole earth is full of his glory!"

4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then I said, "Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, YHWH of Hosts!"

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.

7 He touched my mouth with it, and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven."

8 I heard ADONAI's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

9 He said, "Go, and tell this people, 'You hear indeed, but don't understand; and you see indeed, but don't perceive.'"

10 Make the heart of this people fat. Make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed."

11 Then I said, "ADONAI, how long?" He answered, "Until cities are waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land becomes utterly waste,

12 And YHWH has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

13 If there is a tenth left in it, that also will in turn be consumed: as a terebinth, and as an oak, whose stock remains when they are felled; so the holy seed is its stock."

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**Thursday - 20-Jan-2011; (15-Shevat-5771). Day 5 before Shabbat - Parasha Yitro - Jethro - (Tu B' Shevat - Arbor Day (Israel)).**

### Acts 26.

#### **1 . Paul's Early Life . .**

Agrippa said to Paul, "You may speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand, and made his defense.

2 "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, that I am to make my defense before you this day concerning all the things that I am accused by the Judeans,

3 especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which are among Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

4 "Indeed, all Jews know my way of life from my youth up, which was from the beginning among my own nation and at Jerusalem;

5 having known me from the first, if they are willing to testify, that after the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 Now I stand here to be judged for the hope of the promise made by ELOHIM to our fathers,

7 which our twelve tribes, earnestly serving night and day, hope to attain. Concerning this hope I am accused by the Judeans, King Agrippa!

8 Why is it judged incredible with you, if ELOHIM does raise the dead?

9 "I myself most certainly thought that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of YESHUA of Nazareth.

10 This I also did in Jerusalem. I both shut up many of the holy ones in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death I gave my vote against them.

11 Punishing them often in all the synagogues, I tried to make them blaspheme. Being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

#### **12 . Paul Recounts His Conversion . .**

"Whereupon as I traveled to Damascus with the authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 at noon, O king, I saw on the way a light from the sky, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who traveled with me.

14 When we had all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

15 "I said, 'Who are you, ADONAI?' "He said, 'I am YESHUA, whom you are persecuting.

16 But arise, and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose: to appoint you a servant and a witness both of the things which you have seen, and of the things which I will reveal to you;

17 delivering you from the people, and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you,

18 to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to ELOHIM, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

#### **19 . Paul's Post-Conversion Life . .**

"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 but declared first to them of Damascus, at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to ELOHIM, doing

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works worthy of repentance.

21 For this reason Jews seized me in the temple, and tried to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained the help that is from ELOHIM, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said would happen,

23 how the Messiah must suffer, and how, by the resurrection of the dead, he would be first to proclaim light both to these people and to the Gentiles.”

### 24 **. Agrippa Parries Paul's Challenge . .**

As he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are crazy! Your great learning is driving you insane!”

25 But he said, “I am not crazy, most excellent Festus, but boldly declare words of truth and reasonableness.

26 For the king knows of these things, to whom also I speak freely. For I am persuaded that none of these things is hidden from him, for this has not been done in a corner.

27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.”

28 Agrippa said to Paul, “With a little persuasion are you trying to make me a Messianic?”

29 Paul said, “I pray to ELOHIM, that whether with little or with much, not only you, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these bonds.”

30 The king rose up with the governor, and Bernice, and those who sat with them.

31 When they had withdrawn, they spoke one to another, saying, “This man does nothing worthy of death or of bonds.”

32 Agrippa said to Festus, “This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

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**Friday - 21-Jan-2011; (16-Shevat-5771). Day 6 before Shabbat - Parasha Yitro - Jethro.**

**Acts 27.**

**1    . The Voyage to Rome Begins . .**

When it was determined that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan band.

2 Embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to places on the coast of Asia, we put to sea; Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 The next day, we touched at Sidon. Julius treated Paul kindly, and gave him permission to go to his friends and refresh himself.

4 Putting to sea from there, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 When we had sailed across the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

6 There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy, and he put us on board.

7 When we had sailed slowly many days, and had come with difficulty opposite Cnidus, the wind not allowing us further, we sailed under the lee of Crete, opposite Salmone.

8 With difficulty sailing along it we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

**9    . Paul's Warning Ignored . .**

When much time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous, because the Fast had now already gone by, Paul admonished them,

10 and said to them, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives."

11 But the centurion gave more heed to the master and to the owner of the ship than to those things which were spoken by Paul.

12 Because the haven was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised going to sea from there, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, and winter there, which is a port of Crete, looking northeast and southeast.

**13   . In the Tempest . .**

When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to shore.

14 But before long, a stormy wind beat down from shore, which is called Euroclydon.

15 When the ship was caught, and couldn't face the wind, we gave way to it, and were driven along.

16 Running under the lee of a small island called Claudia, we were able, with difficulty, to secure the boat.

17 After they had hoisted it up, they used cables to help reinforce the ship. Fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis sand bars, they lowered the sea anchor, and so were driven along.

18 As we labored exceedingly with the storm, the next day they began to throw things overboard.

19 On the third day, they threw out the ship's tackle with their own hands.

20 When neither sun nor stars shone on us for many days, and no small storm pressed on us, all hope that we would be saved was now taken away.

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21 When they had been long without food, Paul stood up in the middle of them, and said, “Sirs, you should have listened to me, and not have set sail from Crete, and have gotten this injury and loss.

22 Now I exhort you to cheer up, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night an angel, belonging to the ELOHIM whose I am and whom I serve,

24 saying, ‘Don’t be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar. Behold, ELOHIM has granted you all those who sail with you.’

25 Therefore, sirs, cheer up! For I believe ELOHIM, that it will be just as it has been spoken to me.

26 But we must run aground on a certain island.”

27 But when the fourteenth night had come, as we were driven back and forth in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing near to some land.

28 They took soundings, and found twenty fathoms. After a little while, they took soundings again, and found fifteen fathoms.

29 Fearing that we would run aground on rocky ground, they let go four anchors from the stern, and wished for daylight.

30 As the sailors were trying to flee out of the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, pretending that they would lay out anchors from the bow,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, “Unless these stay in the ship, you can’t be saved.”

32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let it fall off.

33 While the day was coming on, Paul begged them all to take some food, saying, “This day is the fourteenth day that you wait and continue fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Therefore I beg you to take some food, for this is for your safety; for not a hair will perish from any of your heads.”

35 When he had said this, and had taken bread, he gave thanks to ELOHIM in the presence of all, and he broke it, and began to eat.

36 Then they all cheered up, and they also took food.

37 In all, we were two hundred seventy-six souls on the ship.

38 When they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

### 39 . Shipwrecked on Malta . .

When it was day, they didn’t recognize the land, but they noticed a certain bay with a beach, and they decided to try to drive the ship onto it.

40 Casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time untying the rudder ropes. Hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach.

41 But coming to a place where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground. The bow struck and remained immovable, but the stern began to break up by the violence of the waves.

42 The soldiers’ counsel was to kill the prisoners, so that none of them would swim out and escape.

43 But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, stopped them from their purpose, and commanded that those who could swim should throw themselves overboard first to go toward the land;

44 and the rest should follow, some on planks, and some on other things from the ship. So it happened that they all escaped safely to the land.

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### Acts 28.

#### **1 . Paul's Ministry on Malta . .**

When we had escaped, then they learned that the island was called Malta.

2 The natives showed us uncommon kindness; for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said one to another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped from the sea, yet Justice has not allowed to live."

5 However he shook off the creature into the fire, and wasn't harmed.

6 But they expected that he would have swollen or fallen down dead suddenly, but when they watched for a long time and saw nothing bad happen to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was an idol\_god.

7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us, and courteously entertained us for three days.

8 It happened that the father of Publius lay sick of fever and dysentery. Paul entered in to him, prayed, and laying his hands on him, healed him.

9 Then when this was done, the rest also who had diseases in the island came, and were cured.

10 They also honored us with many honors, and when we sailed, they put on board the things that we needed.

#### **11 . Arrival at Rome . .**

After three months, we set sail in a ship of Alexandria which had wintered in the island, whose sign was "The Twin Brothers."

12 Touching at Syracuse, we stayed there three days.

13 From there we circled around and arrived at Rhegium. After one day, a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli,

14 where we found brothers, and were entreated to stay with them for seven days. So we came to Rome.

15 From there the brothers, when they heard of us, came to meet us as far as The Market of Appius and The Three Taverns. When Paul saw them, he thanked ELOHIM, and took courage.

16 When we entered into Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard, but Paul was allowed to stay by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

#### **17 . Paul's Ministry at Rome . .**

It happened that after three days Paul called together those who were the Jewish leaders. When they had come together, he said to them, "I, brothers, though I had done nothing against the people, or the customs of our fathers, still was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,

18 who, when they had examined me, desired to set me free, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Judeans spoke against it, I was constrained to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything about which to accuse my nation.

20 For this cause therefore I asked to see you and to speak with you. For because of the

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hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.”

21 They said to him, “We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor did any of the brothers come here and report or speak any evil of you.

22 But we desire to hear from you what you think. For, as concerning this sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken against.”

23 When they had appointed him a day, many people came to him at his lodging. He explained to them, testifying about the Kingdom of ELOHIM, and persuading them concerning YESHUA, both from the Torah of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

24 Some believed the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.

25 When they didn’t agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had spoken one word, “The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah, the prophet, to our fathers,

26 saying, ‘Go to this people, and say, in hearing, you will hear, but will in no way understand. In seeing, you will see, but will in no way perceive.

27 For this people’s heart has grown callous. Their ears are dull of hearing. Their eyes they have closed. Lest they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and would turn again, and I would heal them.’

28 “Be it known therefore to you, that the salvation of ELOHIM is sent to the nations. They will also listen.”

29 When he had said these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.

30 Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who were coming to him,

31 proclaiming the Kingdom of ELOHIM, and teaching the things concerning ADONAI YESHUA the Messiah with all boldness, without hindrance.

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