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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Acts

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C25 Vss 1- Now, with Festus taking over for Felix, the Jews ask for Paul to be returned to Jerusalem. Evil is always seeking an opportunity. No wonder Paul wrote in Roman, though I desire to do right, evil is always present (Romans 7: ). There was a major effort to return him to Jerusalem.

Paul argues extensively. He appealed to Caesar. Paul knew that as a Roman citizen it would be necessary to send him to Rome. King Agrippa and his sister heard about Paul and wanted to see and hear him (13-27).

C26 Vss 1- Paul continues to have the opportunity to share Jesus as King Agrippa desires time with him. Notice Paul always gives due respect to these authorities.

He always behind by saying something in high-regard about them. Then again. He shares about his obedience to Jewish law, and how he was the arch-persecutor.

He gives his testimony about how he came to the Way! Every believer can share how they came to the Way! Again, Luke records Paul's testimony of how he became concerted. Festus, calls Paul a maniac (madness). Note the religious leaders called the apostles (uneducated and idiots, see Acts ). Paul is clearly educated and no idiot, the heathen-governor calls him a maniac (1-24).

Note Paul called a 'nut' responds respectfully, 'Most Excellent Festus.'

He turns to Agrippa, and Agrippa's pride and position could not allow him to admit that Paul was convincing. He questions Paul if he really thinks he could convince him.

Paul's response should have universal application to every believer. He wished everybody believed as he believes in Jesus (25-32).

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27 Vss 1-Paul is dispatched to Rome. Traveling by ship was slow and dangerous. Paul informs the ship's officers not to depart from Fair Havens. Also it was not a good place to park for the winter.

So the ship's mariners were determined to depart. They thought they could make it but the weather changed dramatically (1-12).

The storm raged for several days and they were about to throughout their tackle in fear for their lives.

Paul calls them all and has an "I told you so, Jesus meeting." Note he also ends his meeting with hope (13-25). He knows their end because The Lord had told him he'll be going before the Caesar. And everyone with him will also be said. Paul adds but we'll be shipwrecked.

There are consequences for all decisions but particularly those against the will of God. He's loving and merciful when we accept the error of our ways, and he'll save us from our decision, but we'll be battered and beaten (13-26).

Attempting to abandon ship, the sailors lowered the lifeboat, but Paul told them they would die if they did not stay on the boat.

What looked like life was death. What an illustration. Some time we have to work through the problems. Escaping is not an escape but a plunge into greater darkness (27-32). They listened to Paul this time.

As they arrived closer to the coastline they could see where they could swim. They were going to kill the prisoners but the commander decided differently because of Paul. They all arrive safely to the shores.

C28 Paul gathering wood and starting a fire was bitten by a poisonous snake. We must not miss this. He survives the horrors of sea, and a snake attacks him. The battle does not end. There is no time to exhale it seems. No animal represents the devil like a snake.

The people reason he must have murdered someone. It's the philosophy of many. Evil will return evil would be understandable. But they have an "evil happened therefore you must be evil." Paul shakes the snake off, and the people waited for him to die but it didn't happen.

By the way, this is not teaching to place our hands in and among snakes to show God's authority.

Jesus coils have jumped off the temple when He was tempted to show God's power, and that He is the Son of God (Matthew ). It is called presumptuous sin. As if we order God's response to our demands. He would have killed himself (1-6). When he didn't die they move to the other extreme. He must be a god.

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Paul heals many including a man's father. Luke records that they are provided with plenty. They finally arrive to Rome where Paul as a prisoner was given good accommodations under guard.

He has a major session with the Jewish community. Luke reports he spent two years in Rome preaching in impeded.

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