



A Time to Heal Acts 28:1-10

I. The Hospitality of the Islanders of Malta (vv. 1-2)

- A. The crew was brought _____ through (v. 1)
 [Acts 27:22, 26-27, 39]
- B. The crew received a _____ welcome (v. 2)
 [Rom. 15:7; 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2; Rom. 2:14-15]

II. The Horrendous Event of a Snake Bite (vv. 3-6)

- A. The _____ of the snake (v. 3)
 [Mk. 10:45; Jn. 13:3-5; Mk. 16:18]
- B. The _____ of the natives (v. 4)
 [Rom. 2:15; Acts 8:1; 9:1; 22:4; 26:10; Matt. 5:21-22; Jms. 4:1-2; Rom. 6:23]
- C. The _____ view of the Maltese (vv. 5-6)
 [Psa. 24:1; Acts 14:8-18]

III. The Healing that Affected the Whole Island (vv. 7-10)

- A. The healing of Publius' _____ (vv. 7-8)
 [Acts 9:40; Jms. 5:14; Matt. 9:18; Mk. 5:23; 6:5]
- B. The healing of the _____ of the people (v. 9)
 [Matt. 15:29-31]
- C. The healing resulted in great marks of _____ (v. 10)
 [Rom. 13:7; Phil. 4:19; Psa. 34:10; Prov. 3:27]

A Crash Course on Israel

- Israel's _____
 - Israel's _____
 - Israel's _____
- > There will be a mass return of Jews to the land of Israel (Deut. 30:3; Isa. 43:6; Ezek. 34:11-13; 37:1-14)
- > The Antichrist will make a 7-year covenant of "peace" with Israel (Isa. 28:18; Dan. 9:27)
- > The temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thes. 2:3-4; Rev. 11:1)
- > The Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel, and worldwide persecution of Israel will be the result (Dan. 9:27; 12:1, 11; Zech. 11:16; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 12:13)
- > Israel will be invaded (Ezek. 38-39)
- > Israel will finally recognize Jesus as her Messiah (Zech. 2:10)
- > Israel will be regenerated, restored, and re-gathered (Jer. 33:8; Ezek. 11:17; Rom. 11:26)

So What Does This Mean For Us?

- We should _____ the nation of Israel.
- We should _____ God's eternal purpose to bless the world through Israel.
- We should _____ for God to fulfill His covenant with Israel in His time.
- We should _____ for the peace of Jerusalem. (Psa. 122:6-9)
- We should _____ to evangelize the Jewish people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 28:1-2. What’s the significance of the crew being brought safely through the storm? What is the significance of the native people of Malta showing unusual kindness? What can we learn from this? (Acts 27:22, 26-27, 39; Rom. 15:7; 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2; Rom. 2:14-15)

2. Read Acts 28:3-4. What happened to Paul? What did the islanders presume about this situation? What does that tell us about human nature? What can we learn from this? Was Paul a murderer? (Mk. 10:45; Jn. 13:3-5; Mk. 16:18; Rom. 2:15; Acts 8:1; 9:1; 22:4; 26:10; Matt. 5:21-22; Jms. 4:1-2; Rom. 6:23)

3. Read Acts 28:5-6. What was the outcome of this event? How does this show us the fickleness of our own wisdom? (Psa. 24:1; Acts 14:8-18)

4. Read Acts 28:7-8) What is happening in these verses? What does this remind you of? What was God up to? (Acts 9:40; Jms. 5:14; Matt. 9:18; Mk. 5:23; 6:5)

5. Read Acts 28:9-10. What happened to the rest of the people on the island? How did the islanders honor Paul as his company prepared to leave? What does this tell us about what most likely happened to the natives of Malta? (Matt. 15:29-31; Rom. 13:7; Phil. 4:19; Psa. 34:10; Prov. 3:27)

6. What did you learn from the crash course on Israel? Which one of those time-frames was most helpful to bring clarification to you? Why?

7. Basted on our crash course, what does this mean for us? How should we respond to what is going on in Israel? What has been your response in it all?

8. How will your life be different this week based on what we have learned in our passage this morning?

“News of what happened traveled quickly, and soon sick people from all over the island flocked to Paul and received cures. They displayed their gratitude not only with words but also in deeds, offering provisions to the crew for the rest of the voyage. I love to hear about creative ways the Lord provides for His people!”

- *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Acts*