

What Revival Looks Like

HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 28:7-16



FIRED UP

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8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried *there* three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.



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1. Power over Serpents, 28:1-6

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(a) What They Saw, 28:3

(b) What They Said, 28:4

(2) They Thought Paul Was God, 28:5-6



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Last week, we observed the incident where Paul was bitten by a poisonous viper. He shook it off and continued serving the Lord. The islanders watched to see if Paul's hand was swollen or if he would die. They misjudged his character and went from calling him a murderer to saying he must be a god.

2. Power over Sickness, 28:7-10

a. Hospitality, 28:7

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b. Healing, 28:8-9

(1) The Governor's Parent Healed, 28:8

Acts 28:8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

Original Word: δυσεντερία

Transliteration: dusenterion

Definition: dysentery

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1420.htm>



"This fever was possibly Malta fever, which was common in Malta, Gibraltar, and other Mediterranean islands. The microorganism has since been traced to the milk of the Maltese goats. The fever usually lasted four months, but sometimes could last as long as two or three years."

The Nelson Study Bible. p. 1873. Edited by Earl D. Radmacher. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1997.

The illness could have been *cholera morbus* which includes fever and dysentery.

A bacterial disease causing severe diarrhea and dehydration, usually spread in water.

Cholera is rare in industrialized countries. It's fatal if not treated right away. Key symptoms are diarrhea and dehydration. Rarely, shock and seizures may occur in severe cases.

Treatment includes rehydration, IV fluids, and antibiotics.

- 1 US case in 2015
- Treatable by a medical professional
- Spreads through contaminated food or water
- Requires a medical diagnosis
- Lab tests or imaging always required
- Short-term: resolves within days to weeks

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=what+is+%22cholera+morbus%22&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

(2) The General Public Healed, 28:9

Acts 28:9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

2 Tim. 4:20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

c. Help, 28:10

Acts 28:10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

Original Word: τιμή

Transliteration: timé

Definition: a valuing, a price

Usage: a price, honor.

timé (from *tiō*, "accord honor, pay respect") – properly, *perceived value; worth* (literally, "price") especially as *perceived honor* – i.e. what has *value* in the eyes of *the beholder*; (figuratively) the *value (weight, honor) willingly assigned* to something.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5092.htm>

Mt. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Phil. 4:19 But my God shall supply all your **need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Luke 4:38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

3. Power over Situations, 28:11-31

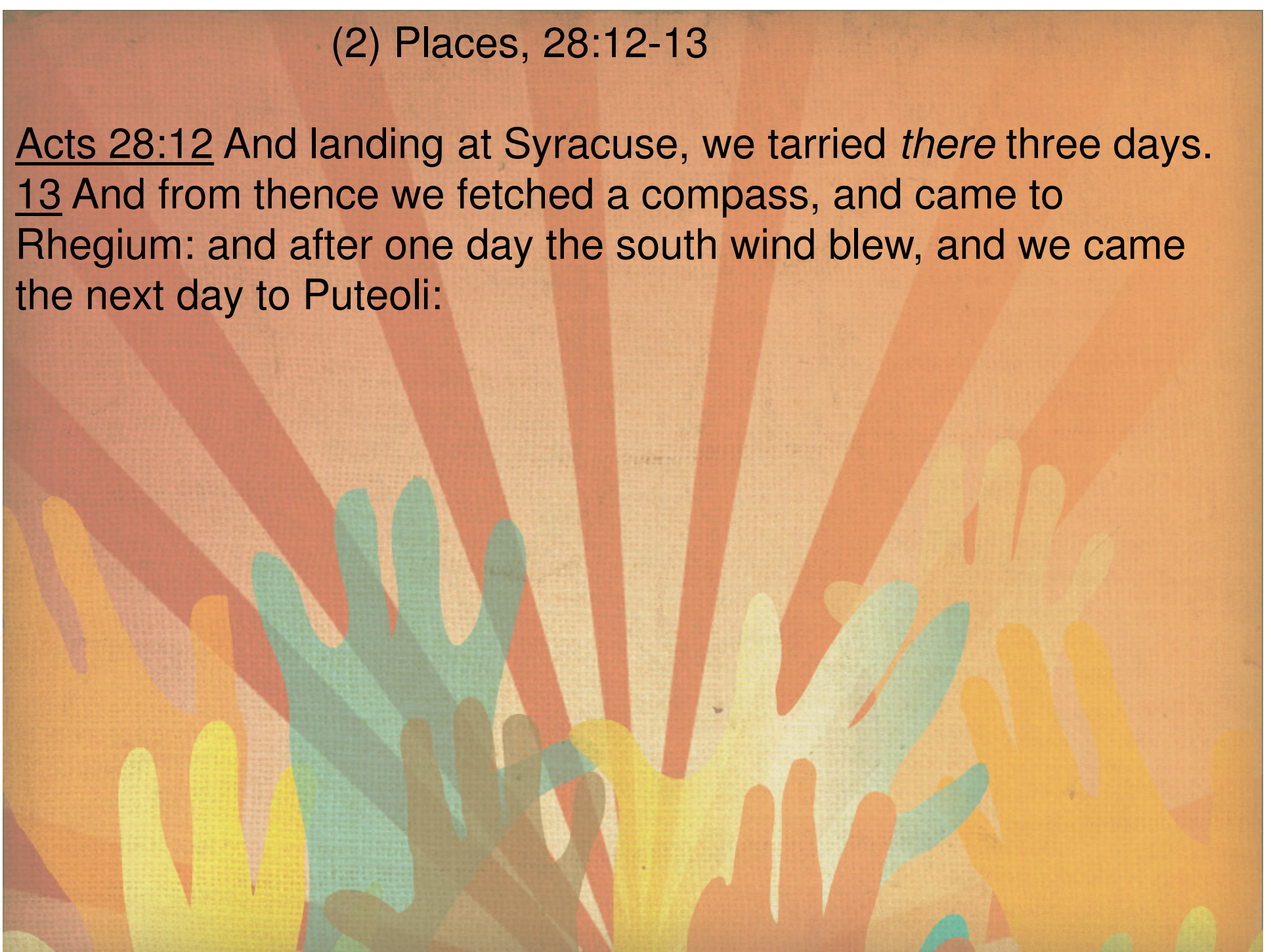
a. As to Paul's Destination in Rome, 28:11-16

(1) Plans, 28:11

Acts 28:11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

(2) Places, 28:12-13

Acts 28:12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried *there* three days.
13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:

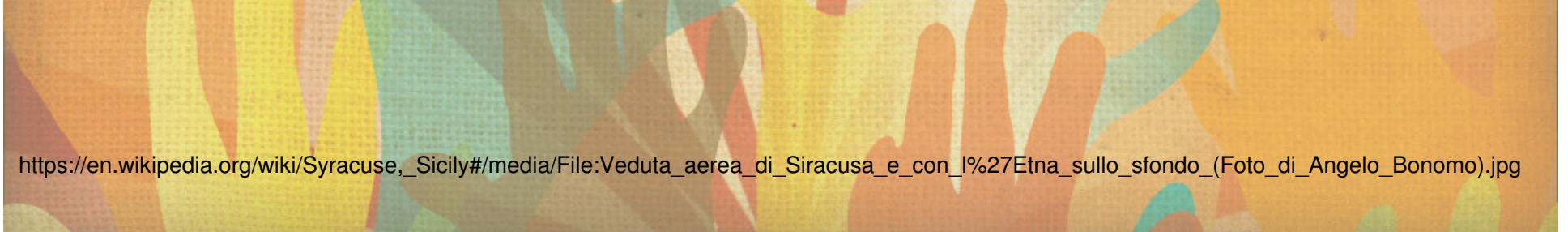




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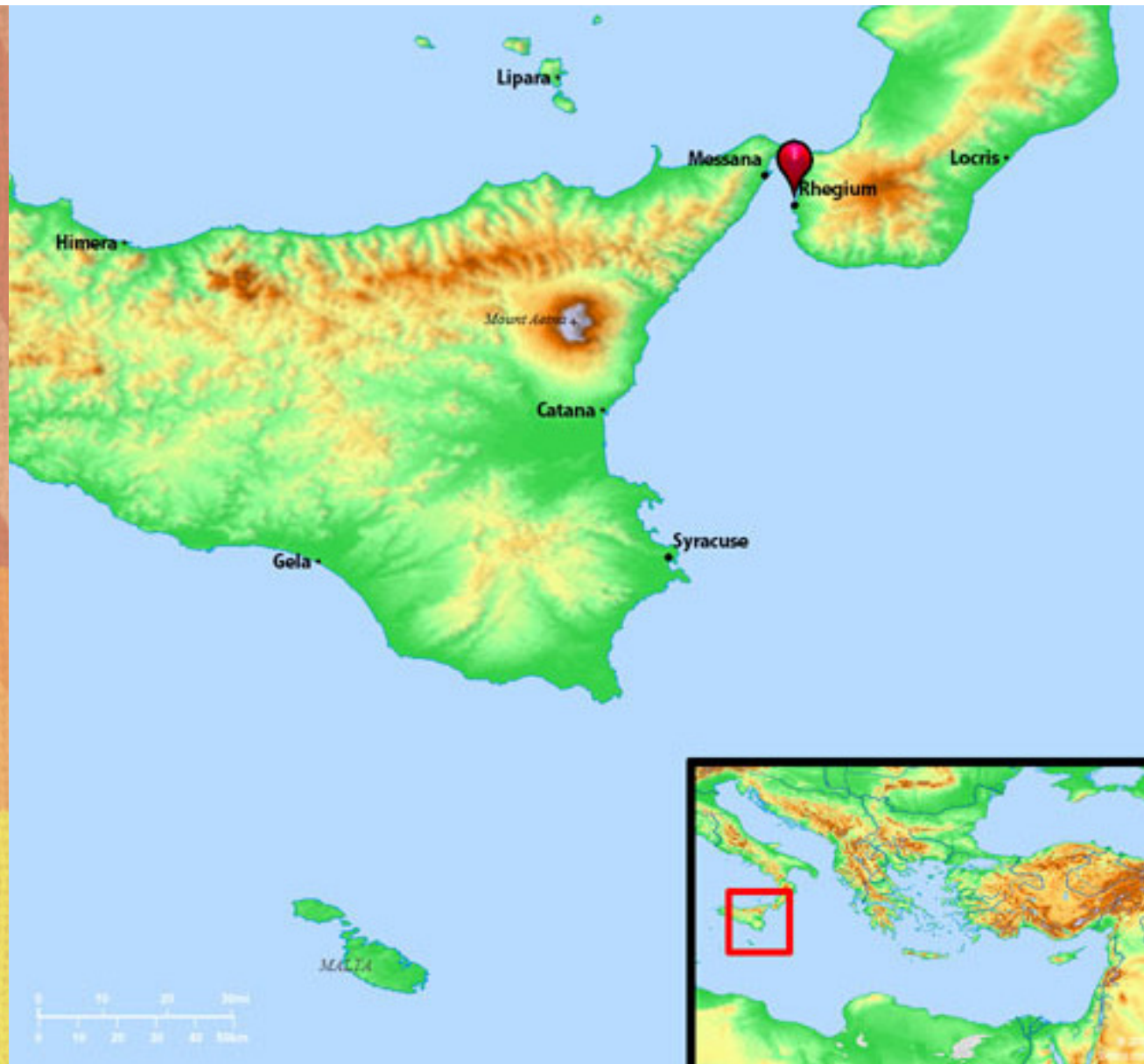
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<https://ferrelljenkins.blog/2009/09/25/map-showing-rhegium-and-syracuse/>

(3) People, 28:14-15

(a) A Week in Puteoli, 28:14

Acts 28:14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.





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PAUL FINALLY MAKES IT TO ROME

But he's under arrest, headed to trial in Caesar's supreme court

AD 57 Paul writes Letter to Romans

AD 60 Paul in Rome under house arrest

Adriatic Sea

ITALY

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Tiber River

Rome

Tiber River

Tyrrhenian Sea

Appian Way (Roman road)

Puteoli

Naples

Mt. Vesuvius

Pompeii

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Paul sails into Puteoli and walks to Rome, 120 miles (190 km).



(b) A Welcome at Apii Forum, 28:15

Acts 28:15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: **whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.**





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Rom. 15:22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, **I will come to you:** for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your *company*.

25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, **I will come by you** into Spain.

29 **And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.**

(4) Prison, 28:16

Acts 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.



Conclusion

1Co 4:18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.

20 For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power.

21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the spirit of meekness?