

Acts 28:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

We fetched a compass—This nautical term (περιελόντες, perielontes) means 'tacking' or sailing a circuitous route due to contrary winds. From Syracuse they reached **Rhegium** (modern Reggio Calabria) at Italy's southern tip. After a day, **the south wind blew** (ἐπιγενομένου νότου, epigenomenou notou), providing favorable conditions for the 180-mile journey north to **Puteoli**.

This detailed maritime description reflects Luke's physician-precision and establishes chronology. God's providential care extends to weather patterns—the south wind arrived exactly when needed, enabling Paul's progress toward Rome and his destiny to testify before Caesar (23:11).

Historical Context

Puteoli (modern Pozzuoli) near Naples served as Rome's primary grain port before Ostia's development. Egyptian grain ships regularly docked there. The Appian Way connected Puteoli to Rome, making it the natural disembarkation point for prisoners and travelers heading to the capital.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do you maintain faith that God controls 'winds and waves' affecting your circumstances?
2. What role do seemingly random events (like wind direction) play in accomplishing God's purposes?

Interlinear Text

ὅθεν περιελθόντες κατηντήσαμεν εἰς Ρήγιον καὶ
And from thence we fetched a compass and came to Rhegium and
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μετὰ μίαν ἡμέραν ἐπιγενομένου νότου δευτεραῖοι
after day blew the south wind the next day
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ἦλθομεν εἰς Ποτιόλους
and we came to Puteoli
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