

~ADRIA (25)
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- Now as the fourteenth night fell and we were being tossed to and fro on the sea of **Adria**, at midnight the sailors began to suspect they were drawing near to some land. (**Acts of Apostles 27:27**)
- Reference is made to the sea of **Adria**, in which Paul spent 14 turbulent days before being shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Strabo says this name is derived from the city of **Atria**, located at the mouth of the Po River on what is now called the Gulf of Venice. **[Geography, 5, I, 8]**
- The present Italian city of **Adria** lies somewhat back from the coast. It appears that the name **Adria** came to apply to the waters in that vicinity and was progressively extended to include all the present **Adriatic** Sea, the Ionian Sea, and those waters of the Mediterranean East of Sicily, and Malta, and West of Crete.
- So the name covered some waters that today are considered as outside the **Adriatic** Sea, but in Paul's day the island of Malta could properly be said to be bounded by the sea of **Adria**.