

~FATHOM (16)

[Greek, *or-gui-a*]

- A unit for measuring the depth of water. The fathom is commonly viewed as being four cubits (c. 1.8 meters)(6 feet) and approximately corresponds to the distance between the fingertips of a man's two hands when his arms are stretched in opposite directions. Appropriately, the Greek word for fathom *or-gui-a* comes from a root meaning *stretch out, reach*.
- And they sounded the depth and found it twenty **fathoms**, so they proceeded a short distance and again made a sounding and found it fifteen **fathoms**. (**Acts of Apostles 27:28**) Footnote