

~MYRA (71)
(My'ra)

- A major city in the province of Lycia. Situated near the coast of Southwest Asia Minor, **Myra** occupied a hill about 3 kilometers (2 miles) inland on the river Andracus. The site is now known as Demre. The ancient name **Myra** apparently embraced both the city and its excellent harbor.
- As a prisoner bound for Rome, the apostle Paul arrived at **Myra** from Caesarea by way of Sidon. There he and his traveling companions had to transfer to a grain ship from Alexandria that was sailing for Italy.
- Now as it was decided for us to sail away to Italy, they proceeded to hand both Paul and certain other prisoners over to an army officer named Julius of the band of Augustus. (**Acts of Apostles 27:1**)
- Going aboard a boat from Adramyttium that was about to sail to places along the coast of the district of Asia, we set sail, there being with us Aristarchus a Macedonian from Thessalonica. (**Acts of Apostles 27:2**)
- And the next day we landed at Sidon, and Julius treated Paul with human kindness and permitted him to go to his friends and enjoy their care. (**Acts of Apostles 27:3**)
- And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the shelter of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. (**Acts of Apostles 27:4**)
- And we navigated through the open sea along Cilicia and Pamphylia and put into port at **Myra** in Lycia. (**Acts of Apostles 27:5**)
- But there the army officer found a boat from Alexandria that was sailing for Italy, and he made us board it. (**Acts of Apostles 27:6**)
- When they had been satisfied with food, they proceeded to lighten the boat by throwing the wheat overboard into the sea. (**Acts of Apostles 27:38**)

- **Myra** was due North of Alexandria and therefore may have been on the regular route of ships from that Egyptian city. Or, it may be that contrary winds.
- And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the shelter of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. (**Acts of Apostles 27:4**)
- Then, after sailing on slowly quite a number of days and coming to Cnidus with difficulty, because the wind did not let us get on, we sailed under the shelter of Crete at Salmone. (**Acts of Apostles 27:7**)
- Forced the Alexandrian vessel to change its course and drop anchor at **Myra**.
- Now when we had torn ourselves away from them and put out to sea, we ran with a straight course and came to Cos, but on the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. (**Acts of Apostles 21:1**)
- Some ancient texts add and **Myra** after Patara. [See JB, NE, RS Footnotes] Although this addition would not be out of harmony with the rest of the account, there is insufficient evidence for determining whether the name **Myra** actually appeared in the original manuscript.