

**~PATARA (33)**  
**(Pat'a-ra)**

- The Lycian seaport where the apostle Paul and his associates, likely in **56 C.E.**, transferred to a boat sailing for Phoenicia.
- 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**)
- And when we had found a boat that was crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and sailed away. (**Acts of Apostles 21:2**)
- **Patara** is today identified with ancient ruins at the village of Gelemish on the mountainous Southwest coast of Asia Minor and lies about 10 kilometers (6 miles) East of the mouth of the Xanthus (Koca) River. It served as a port of call for ships from Italy, Egypt, Syria, and other places, and it was the primary harbor for cities along the Xanthus River valley.
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- Certain ancient manuscripts add, and Myra, after **Patara**. If this addition is correct, then the ship on which Paul sailed from Miletus either passed **Patara** or put into port there, with the actual transfer to another boat taking place at Myra, not **Patara**.