

1. **Acts 27:37** – Luke adds a detail of the crew size, but he could have easily left it out. Why include it?

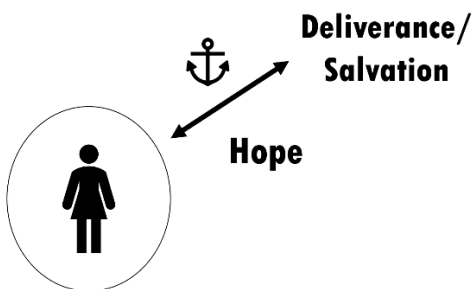
- 276 is a triangular number.
- The triangle of [23].
- $23 + 22 + 21 + 20 + \dots + 1 = 276$

2. **Preview:**

- **Hope** – the concept of hope as a psychological (soul) force
- **Righteousness** – the concept of righteousness from the Old Testament is about right action rather than a state of being to attain.
- Paul and the shipwreck – a story of lost hope and the deliverance from God
- 276 points to a phrase from Jeremiah – and the promise of deliverance.
- Hope and deliverance have come to the gentiles too.

3. **Hope:**

- **Hope** manifests itself out of the calamities of life's situation, which cause us to feel trapped.
- When we encounter the stress of being caught in a human condition – hope manifests itself as an **anchor** to a form of deliverance or salvation in the future.
- Acts 27 – a story of being unanchored and tossed around by the chaos of the storm.



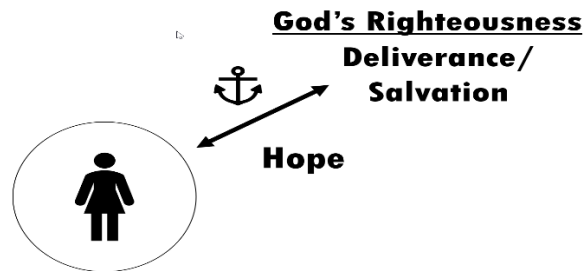
4. **Righteousness** –

- The Old Testament concept of righteousness has an emphasis on **right action** rather than a state of being.
- Righteousness – within the context of a covenant relationship.
- Often about God's saving actions
  - God's righteousness is that he will follow through on his promises of saving actions.

5. Hope in the Righteousness of God:

Our hope is in the fact that God is Righteous – he follows through on his promises of deliverance.

Hope becomes an anchor for us through the storms of life.



6. Acts 27:

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| - Storm                                  | - Chaos and enemy of God |
| - Stuck in the calamity of the situation | -                        |
| - All hope is lost                       | - Acts 27:20             |
| - Promise of Salvation from God          | - Acts 27:22-25          |
| - Ultimate deliverance                   | -                        |

7. What about the number 276?

- A phrase in the Old Testament that only occurs twice.
- Concerns God's promised future deliverance.
- "The LORD is OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" = 276

8. **Jeremiah 23:5-6** (Jeremiah 33:15-16)

- Name = "Lord our Righteousness."
- This phrase stands out for three reasons:
  - It is only found twice in the entire Old Testament.
  - It concerns the future deliverance of Judah and Israel.
  - The Hebrew letters add up to a triangular number: 276.

9. Message of the 276

- God's righteousness – a promise of deliverance – is in effect for the Gentiles!
- When the fullness of the Kingdom of God is manifested – God's original promise to Judah and Israel – is now open to Gentiles.

"It is because of the **hope of Israel** that I am bound with this chain." Acts 28:20