

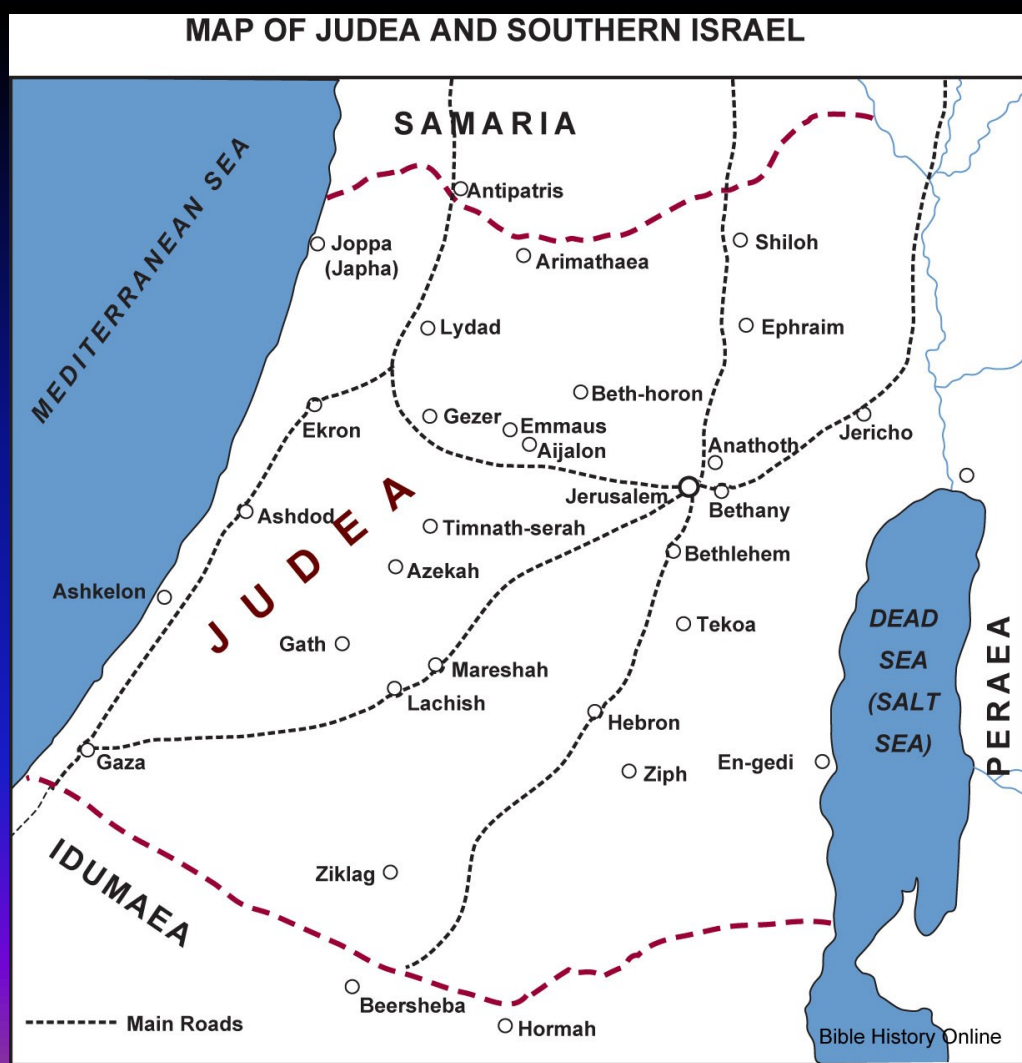
Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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Church – The Beginnings, Part 22
The Gospel Adventures of Philip, the Deacon
Acts 8:4-40





1. Philip – one of the 7 Deacons from Acts 6:1-7

2. The Gospel in Samaria – Scattered “Hellenistic” Jewish Christians – Preaching everywhere.

God used Philip Mightily (Acts 8:5-8) – Signs, Wonders, Miracles, and Healings to Confirm God’s Word. Philip was Received with Open Arms. The People “HEEDED” what he said.

3. Simon the Great Magician – Practiced Sorcery – Astonished the People. (Acts 8:9-11)

Until Philip came, Simon the Great, was “the Great Power of God” and the people “heeded him greatly” – astonished from the least to the greatest. → This is Demonic Bondage

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a. It was a “switch” of “heeding” and “astonishment” → that is NOT Saving Faith

b. Folks can be baptized upon “credible confession” and yet not be genuinely born again. Look at Simon (formerly “the Great Power of God”) tried to “Purchase” the right to “lay hands on people so that they can receive the Holy Spirit”. Peter’s response says it all → Acts 8:18-23. Peter is describing a person who CANNOT be genuinely Born Again. The Fruit of the LIFE After “confession” and “baptism” will let us know if a person is genuinely saved or not (Luke 3:8 – “bear the fruits worthy of repentance...”).

Simon the Magician’s sin was Covetousness, based upon bondage to bitterness.

Act 8:13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed (existēmi), seeing the miracles and signs which were done.



Not everyone who says they believe and are baptized are saved.

(See Jn. 2:23,24; Jn. 8:31-59 Rom. 10:9,10)

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c. We do NOT look to the Book of Acts to interpret other Scripture. That can be very dangerous. We must look to the Apostles Doctrine first (Romans thru Jude), then the Gospels, then we can look at passages in Acts to evaluate what is going on. Salvation: John 3, 7:37-39; John 14-16; Titus 3:4-7; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30 – when a lost sinner genuinely repents of his/her sins, and personally trusts Christ, in full surrender, for his/her salvation (based upon Christ’s Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection – 1 Cor. 15:1-5) that person is Born Again, Born of the Spirit and God’s Holy Spirit indwells that saved person, FOREVER. So, based on the Doctrines about Salvation, we must analyze what was going on in Samaria after Philip Preached, and the Apostles came down from Jerusalem. We cannot interpret other Scripture based upon this historical event. (<https://NLFJI.org/BOH>)

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d. This Opened the Door for the Gospel for the Apostles to Preach to other villages in Samaria – Those Jewish Apostles have not set foot in Samaria since John chapter 4 ... God got them out of their Comfort Zone into Samaria – it resulted in Churches being planted there. The Gospel Movement in Samaria (echoes of Acts 1:8 – “you shall be MY Witness both in Jerusalem, Judea, SAMARIA, and to the uttermost parts of the earth ...”)



5. Philip's Personal Ministry with the Ethiopian Eunuch – Acts 8:26-39

An angel of God spoke – and Philip went in Full Obedience.

HUH? Stop a successful ministry for One Person?

→ That is NOT “Practical” / “Expedient”

Run, work for it ... prayer & feet to faith – chasing a chariot?

Real Gospel Ministry → I have to use EFFORT (there is MY PART in it)

Proclaiming Jesus, the Messiah, from Isaiah 53 (→ Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12)

Water Baptism → “they went DOWN into the water ... ”

What is Method of Believer's Baptism? → Let Bible interpret Bible

6. Beam Me Up , Jesus – Azotus to Caesarea ... Acts 8:39-40

After Baptizing the Ethiopian Eunuch – The Holy Spirit “caught Philip away”

What did Philip do? Go sightseeing? Visit the Mall? → He Preached the Gospel all the way up to his home in Caesarea (see Acts 21:8-10)

Lesson → Preach the Gospel (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:5)

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

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The GOD of ISRAEL**

