

Acts 8 Outline

- * Vs. 1-4
 - * Great persecution and church scattered
- * Vs. 5-25
 - * Conversion of the Samaritans & Simon
- * Vs. 26-40
 - * Conversion of the Ethiopian
- * Acts 1:8, Part 2



0 100 200 300 400 Miles
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Sahara Desert

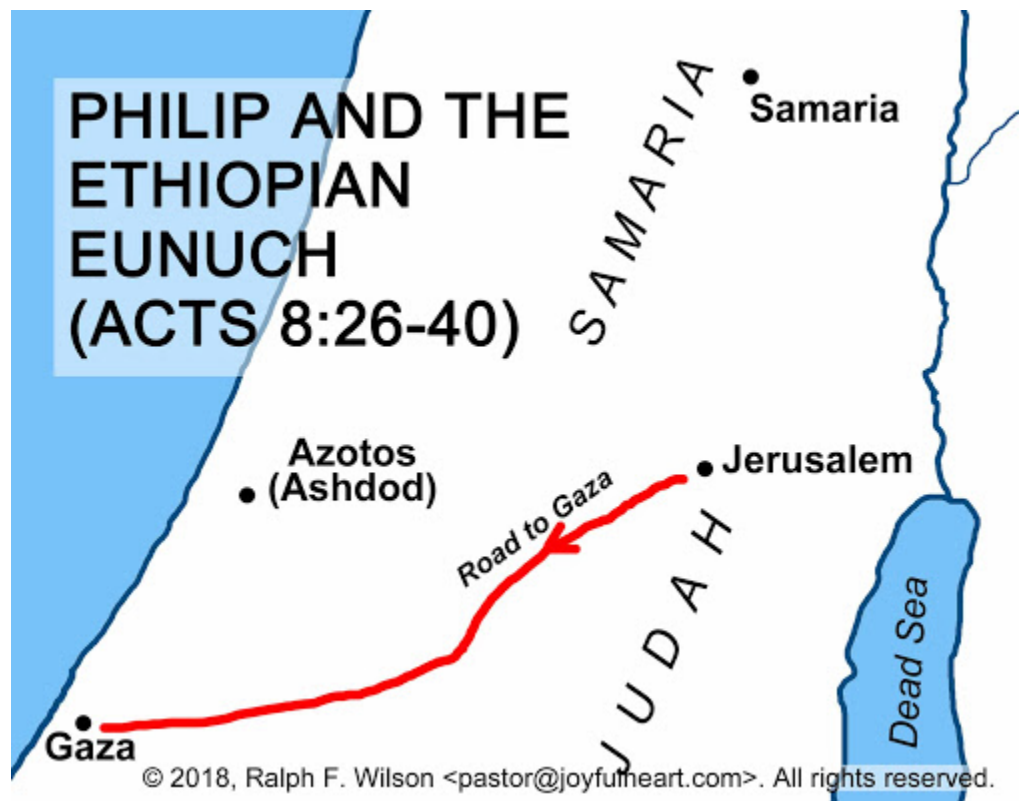
Syro-Arabian Desert



PENTECOST AND THE JEWISH DIASPORA
 ACTS 2

- City with Jewish population
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ELAM Province mentioned in Acts 2
- LYCIA Other provinces
- Roman Empire

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH (ACTS 8:26-40)



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Philip – A Worthy Example

- * A servant
- * Twice received instruction
- * Did exactly what was told him
- * Many things could have been questioned
 - * Desert road
 - * Mark 6:35
 - * Nevertheless
 - * Luke 5:5

The Ethiopian Treasurer

- * 1000-1500 miles from home
- * Religious
- * A man of authority
- * Not too proud to be taught
- * Acknowledged need of help and desire to be taught
- * Listened, learned, understood, believed, confessed, obeyed, rejoiced

The Plan Repeated Throughout Acts

- * A preacher
- * A seeker
- * Preached Jesus
- * Preached baptism
- * “Beginning at this Scripture”
- * Heard & understood
- * Belief
- * Repentance
- * Confession
- * Baptism
- * Rejoicing

Is there any other plan?
There is no other plan
The same plan will work today

Learning About Baptism

- * The candidate?
 - * Believes
 - * Repents
 - * Confesses (confesses what?)
 - * Not an infant
- * Water
- * Burial – verse 38-39
 - * Rom 6:4-5
 - * Col 2:12
- * Urgent
 - * Why?

The Holy Spirit in Conversion

- * In this case, He spoke to the preacher
- * He revealed the Scripture
- * He did not act directly upon the heart of the sinner
- * He acted through the spoken word, the gospel
- * Romans 1:16
- * Romans 10:8-17