

Acts Series

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# The Acts of the Apostles

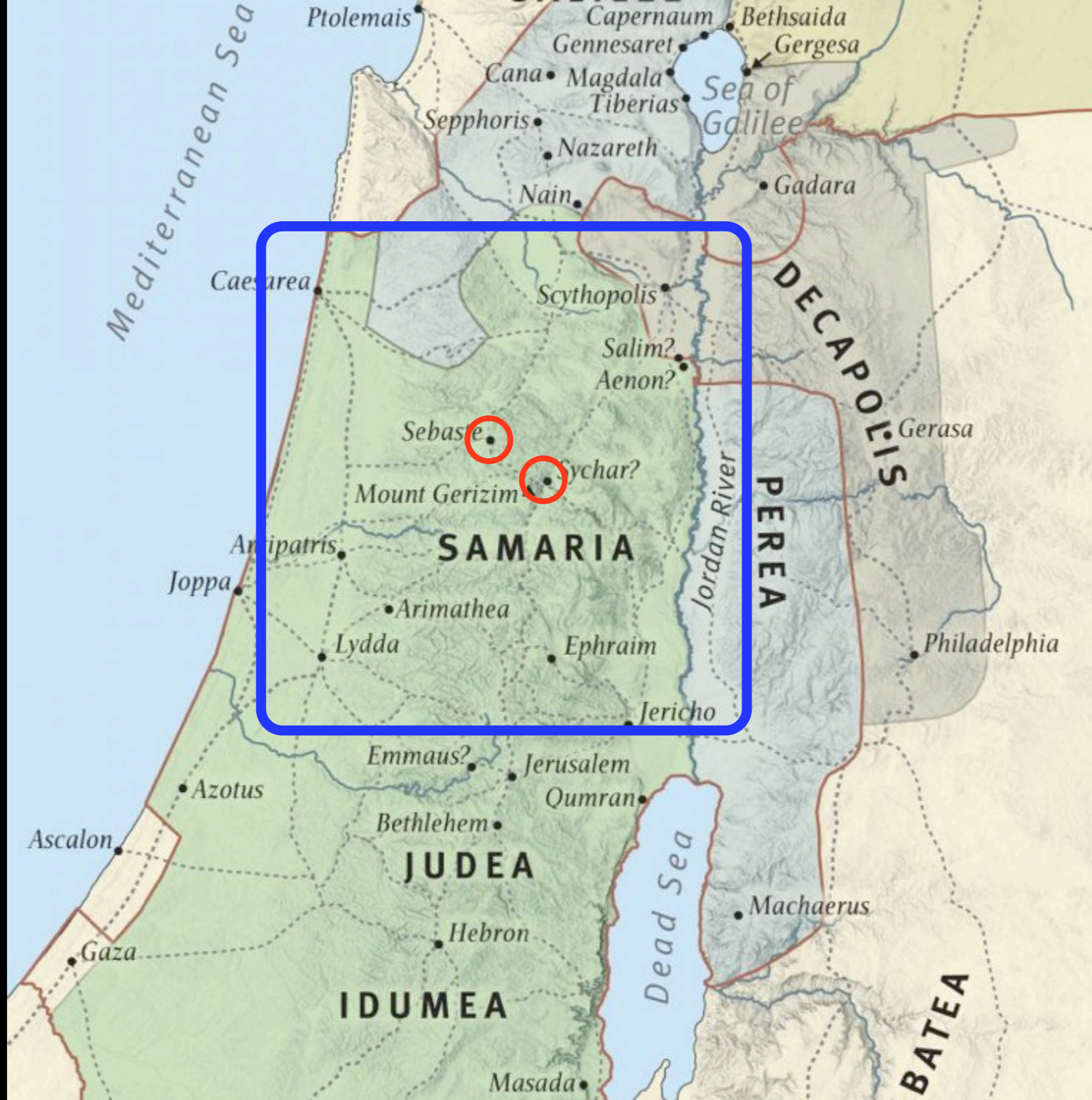
## “To the end of the earth”

### Acts 1:8

## Simon and Philip

### Acts 8:14–40





**Acts 8:14, “Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,**

**Acts 8:15, “who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.**

**Acts 8:16, “For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

**Acts 8:17, “Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”**

## **Simon's Simony**

**Acts 8:18, “And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,**

**Acts 8:19, “saying, ‘Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.’ ”**

**Acts 8:20, “But Peter said to him, ‘Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!’ ”**

**Acts 8:21, “ ‘You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.’ ”**

**“The language of this verse, You have no part or share in this ministry (*logō*, “word, matter”), implies Simon was not a Christian. (For similar terminology see Deut. 12:12; 14:27. Just as the Levites had no inheritance in the Promised Land, so also Simon had no portion in the matter of salvation.) The adverb perhaps does not mean God is reluctant to forgive sin. The question was whether Simon would repent of his heart’s intention.”**

**Bible Knowledge Commentary, s.v. Acts 8:21–22,**

**“The picture is of Simon sticking closely to Philip to find out the secret of his power. The question arises, ‘What does it mean when it says that Simon ... believed? Did he become a true believer?’**

**First, what did he come to believe? In the end, he believed that Jesus was ‘that great power of God,’ not he himself. But this was not saving faith. The problem with Simon was that the more he watched the signs and miracles performed by Philip, the more the wonder of it all grew in his mind. Eventually, a desire developed within him to be able to do the same.”**



**“However, what Simon believed did not require saving faith. To believe that Yeshua was ‘that great power of God’ is not enough to save anyone. There must be faith in the substitutionary death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. One must believe that He died as our substitute, and one must trust what Yeshua did on the cross for our salvation, and nothing else.”**

**Fruchtenbaum, *Messianic Bible Study Collection*,  
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**\*\*the identical terminology is used for Simon’s belief as all other saving faith in Acts (over 35×)**

**Acts 8:13, “Then Simon himself also believed;”**

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**μερίς (μέρος) *meris*  
(*meros*)  
part, portion**

**κληῆρος (*klēros*),  
inheritance, lot**

**Acts 8:22, “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.**

**Acts 8:23, “ ‘For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.’ ”**

**μετανοέω *metanoēō***

**aor act impera 2 sing to repent**

**Acts 8:24, “Then Simon answered and said, ‘Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me.’ ”**

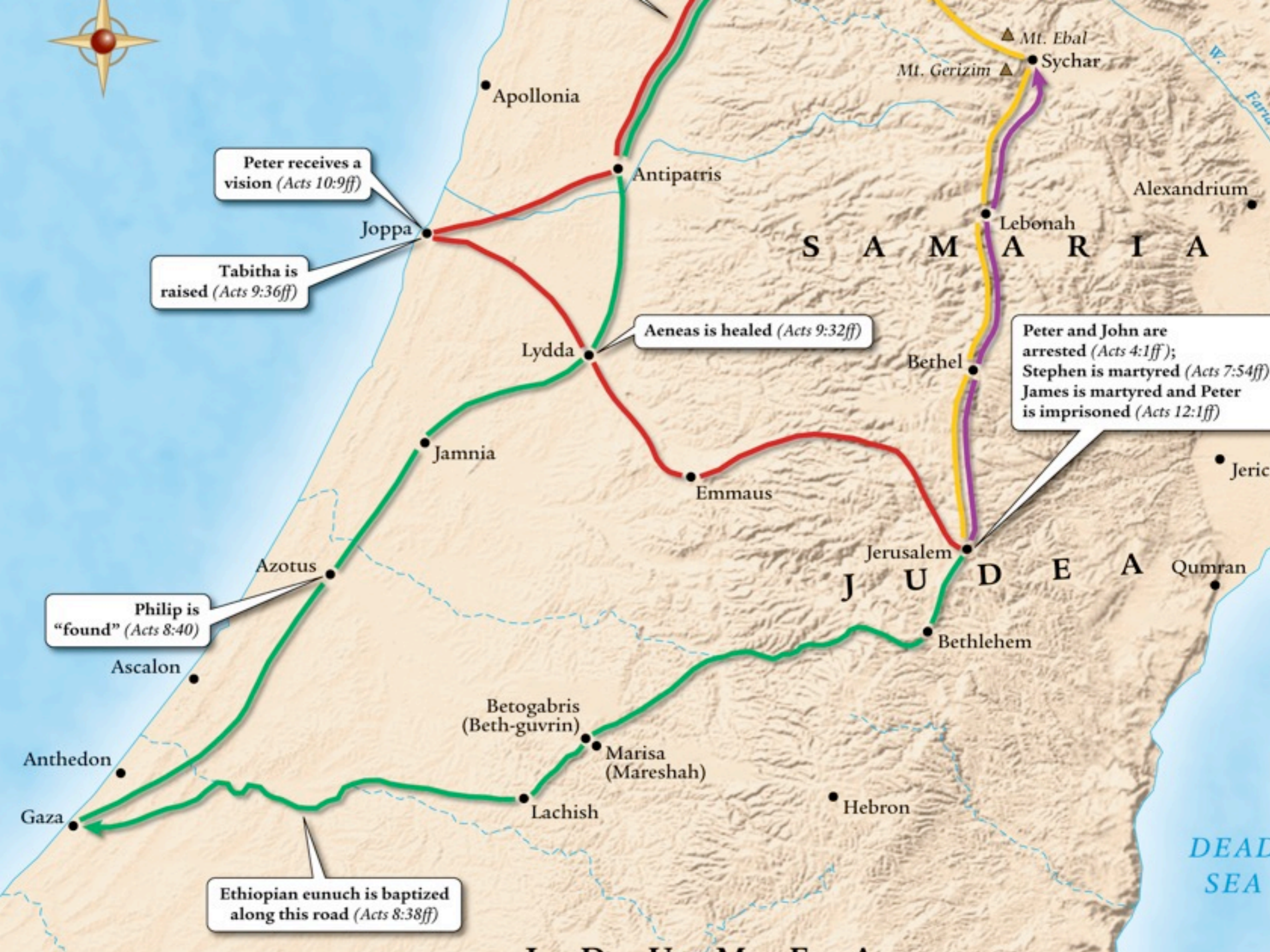
**Acts 8:25, “So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.”**

**λαλέω laleō**  
**aor act part masc**  
**plur nom**  
**to speak**

**εὐαγγελίζω**  
**euaggelizō**

**imperf mid indic 3**  
**plur**

**to proclaim good**  
**news**



Peter receives a vision (Acts 10:9ff)

Tabitha is raised (Acts 9:36ff)

Aeneas is healed (Acts 9:32ff)

Peter and John are arrested (Acts 4:1ff); Stephen is martyred (Acts 7:54ff); James is martyred and Peter is imprisoned (Acts 12:1ff)

Philip is "found" (Acts 8:40)

Ethiopian eunuch is baptized along this road (Acts 8:38ff)

Apollonia

Antipatris

Lydda

Jamnia

Azotus

Ascalon

Anthedon

Gaza

Betogabris (Beth-guvrin)

Marisa (Mareshah)

Lachish

Hebron

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Emmaus

Bethel

Lebonah

Alexandrium

Mt. Gerizim  
Mt. Ebal  
Sychar

Jericho

Qumran

DEAD SEA

SAMARIA

JUDEA

JUDUM