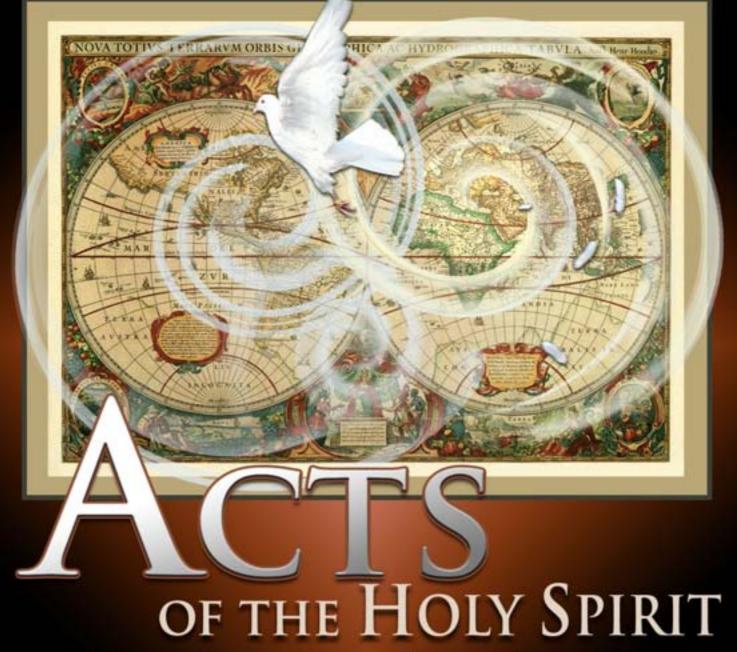
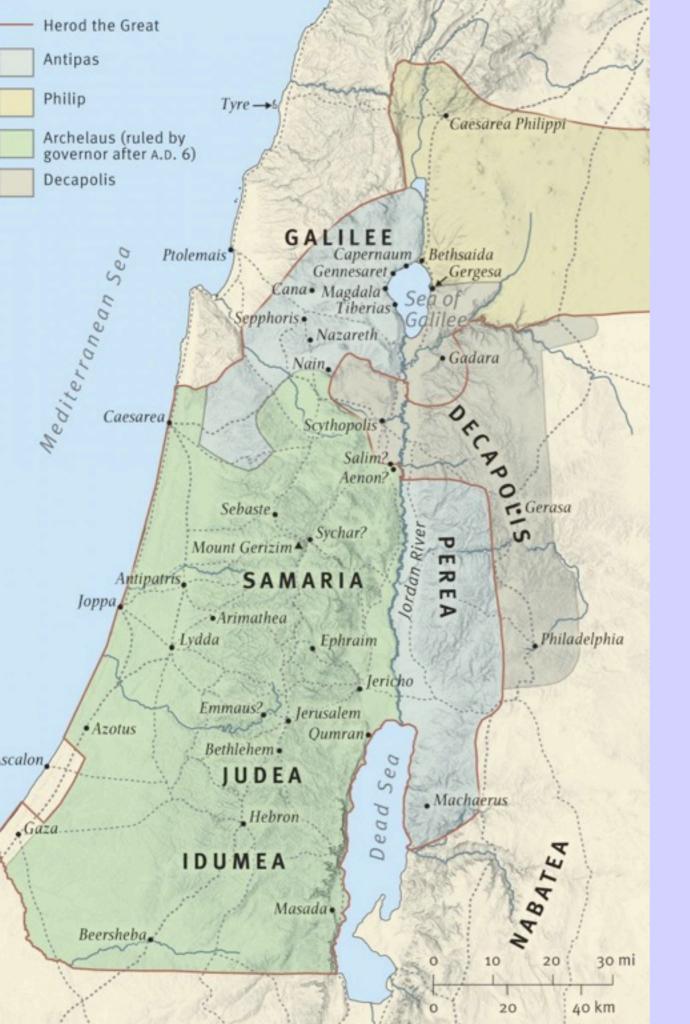
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THE CHURCH AGE BEGINS

GENUINE CHURCH GROWTH: BY THE HOLY SPIRIT



Acts 1:8,

"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

and you shall be My witnesses both

in Jerusalem, and in all Judea

and Samaria,

and even to the remotest part of the earth."

- I. God, through the Holy Spirit, authenticates, empowers, and directs the apostles' witness in Jerusalem. (1:1–6:7)
- II. God expands the witness of the Church into Judea and Samaria. (6:8–9:31)
- III. God expands the church to the end of the earth. (9:32–28:31)

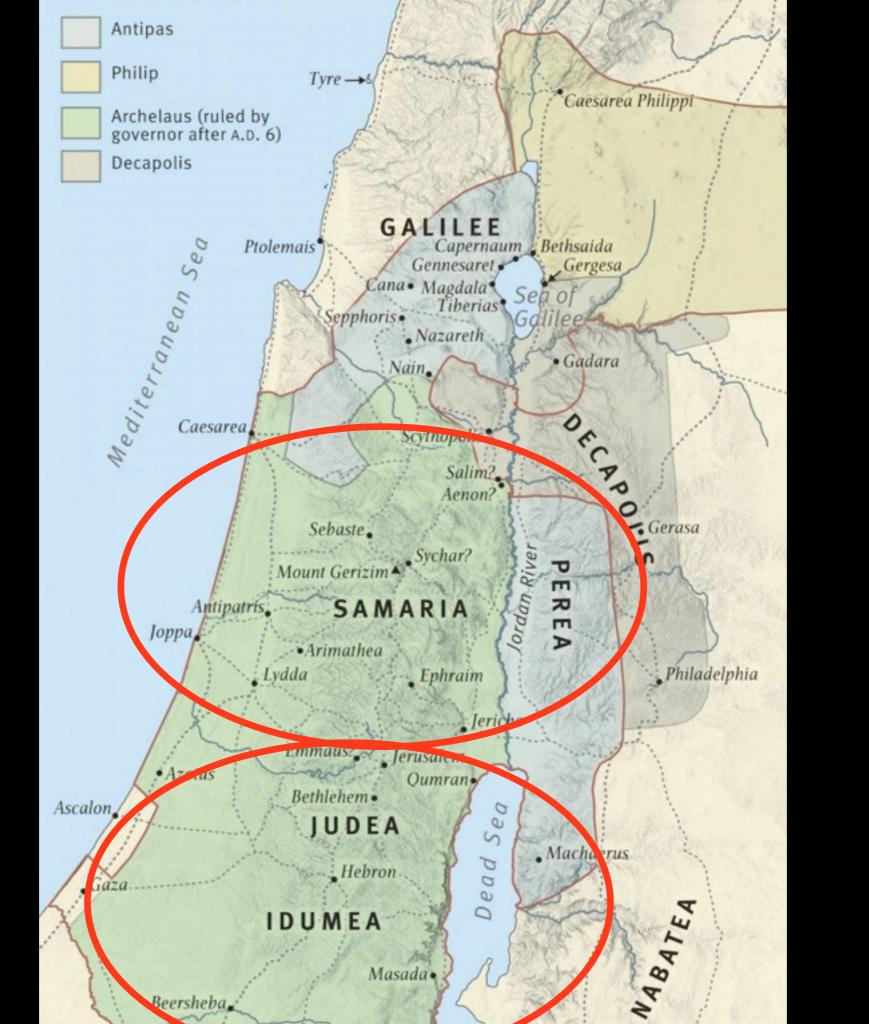
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  - A. God gives birth to a new spiritual entity, the Church. (1:1–2:47)

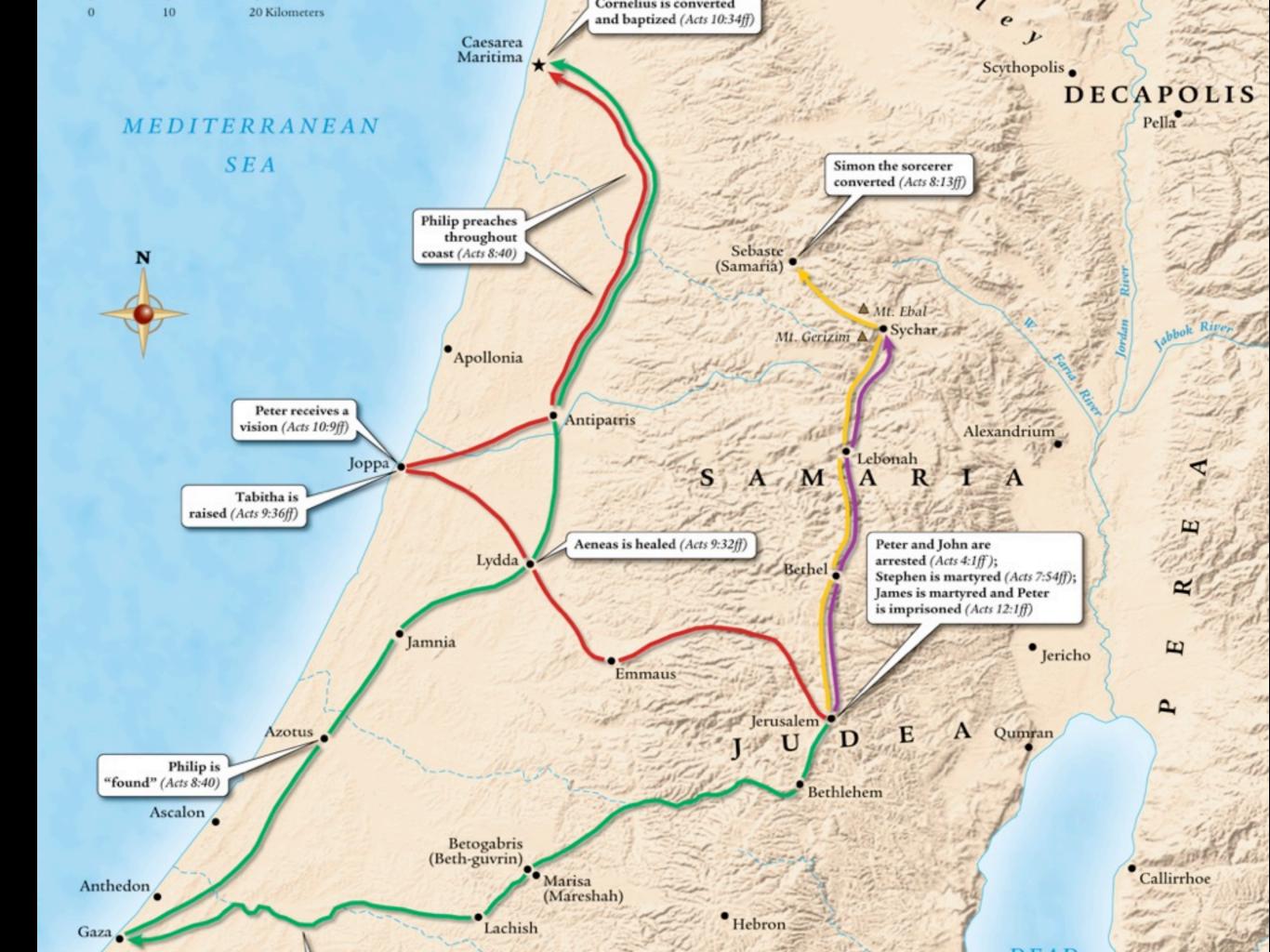
Matthias, Day of Pentecost, Authentication

B. The Lord expands the Church in Jerusalem. (3:1–6:7)

Healings; Opposition; Prayer; Service

- II. God expands the witness of the Church into Judea and Samaria. (6:8–9:31)
  - A. God allows persecution to drive the Church out of Jerusalem. (6:8–8:3)
  - B. God sends Philip out to the Samaritans and demonstrates their unity with the work in Jerusalem by a similar outpouring of the Holy Spirit by the hands of Peter and John. (8:4–40)
  - C. God saves Saul which prepares the way for the Gentiles. (9:1–31)





III. God expands the church to the end of the earth. (9:32–28:31)

- A. God expands the Church to Antioch. (9:32–12:24)
- B. God expands the Church into Asia Minor. (12:25–19:20)1st two missionary journeys
- C. God expands the Church to Rome: Paul's Third Missionary Journey. (18:23–28:31)





