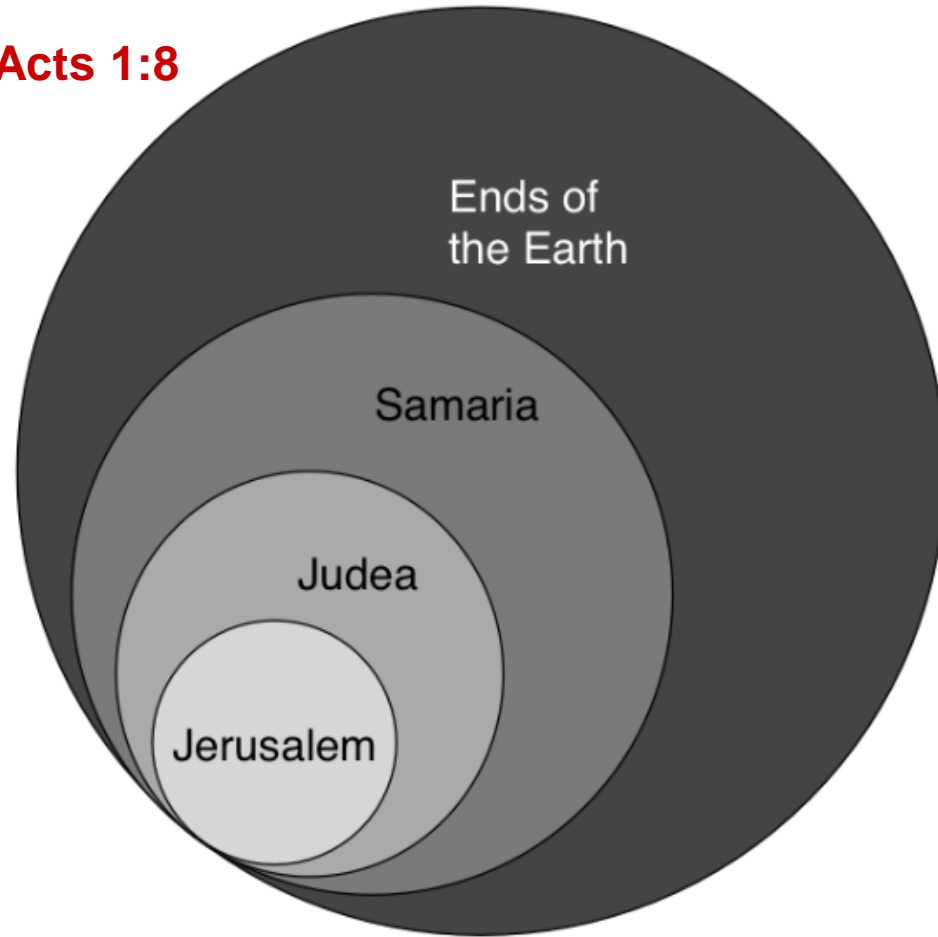


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“You Shall Be My Witnesses”

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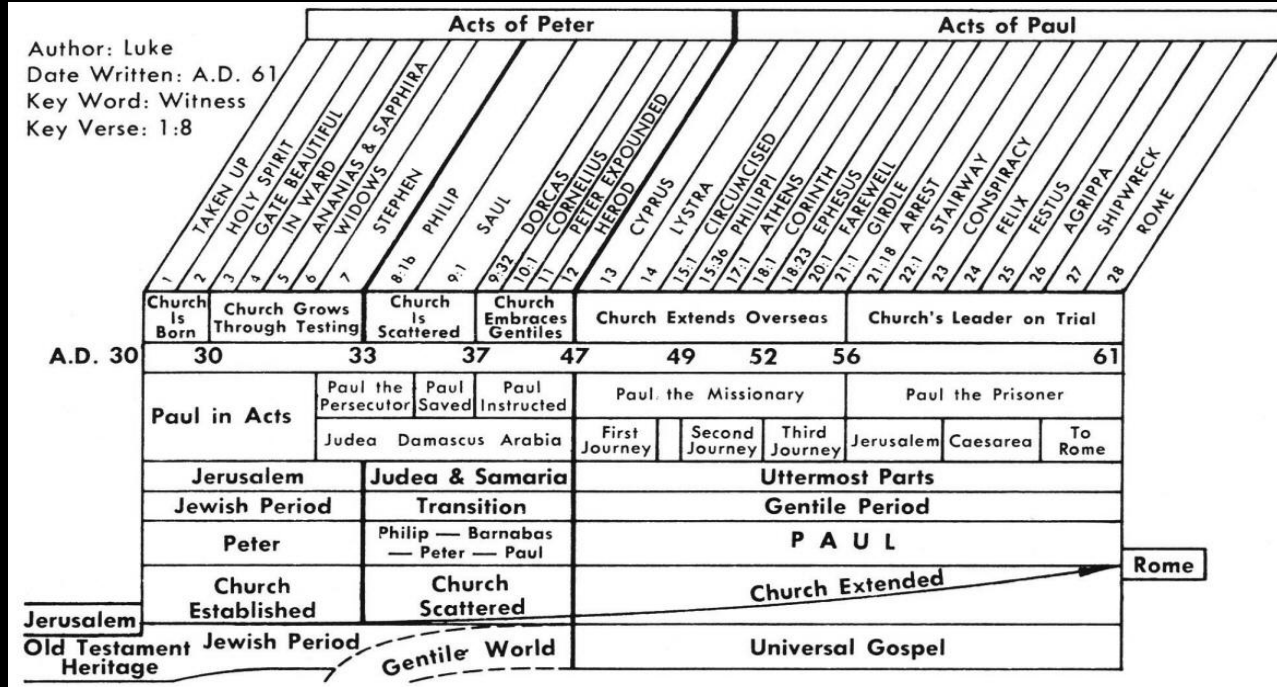
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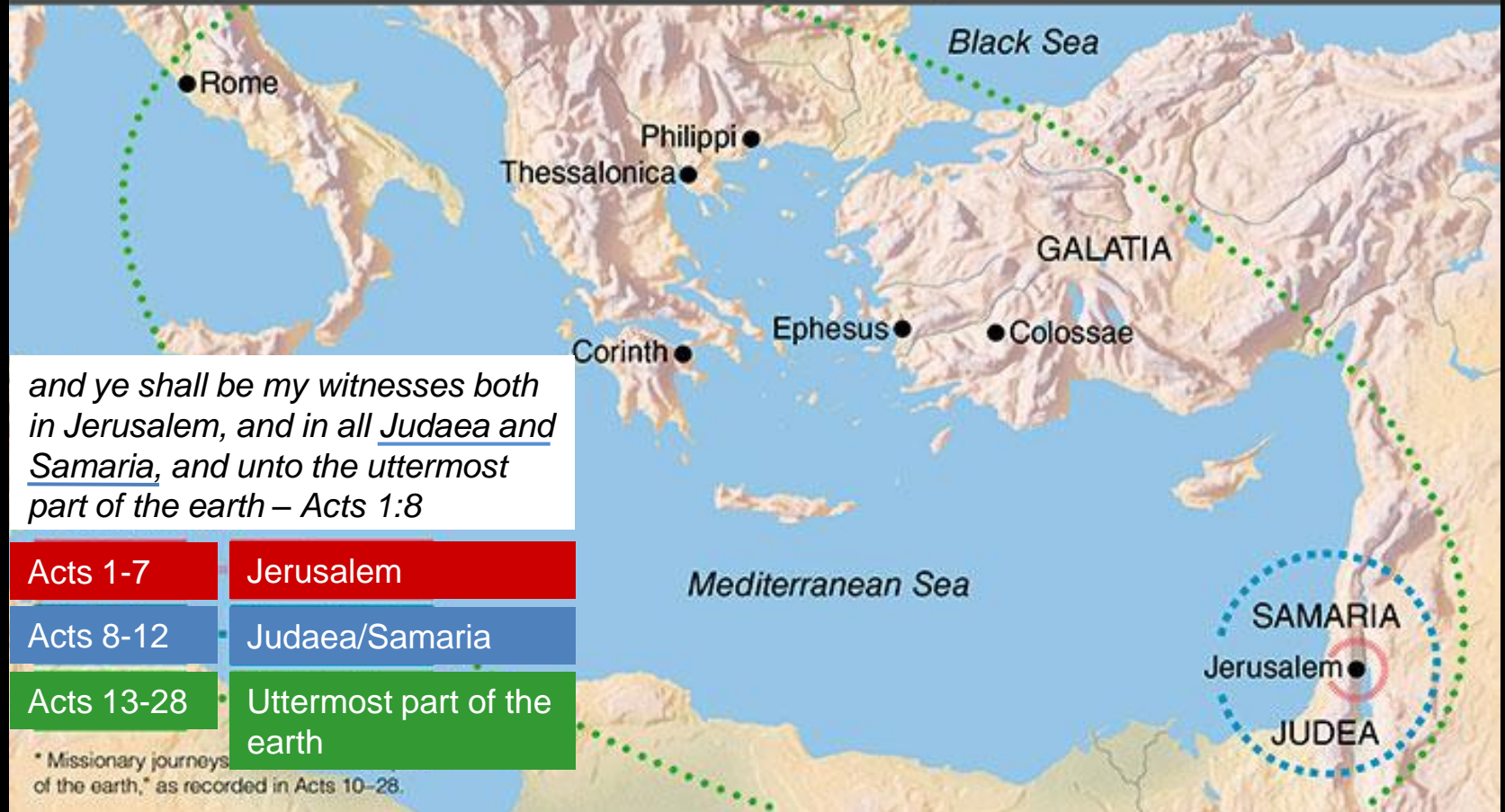


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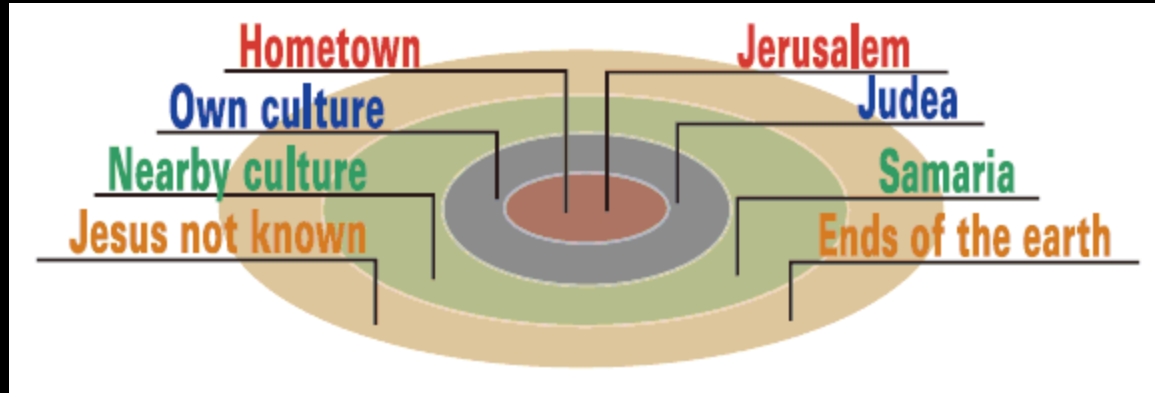
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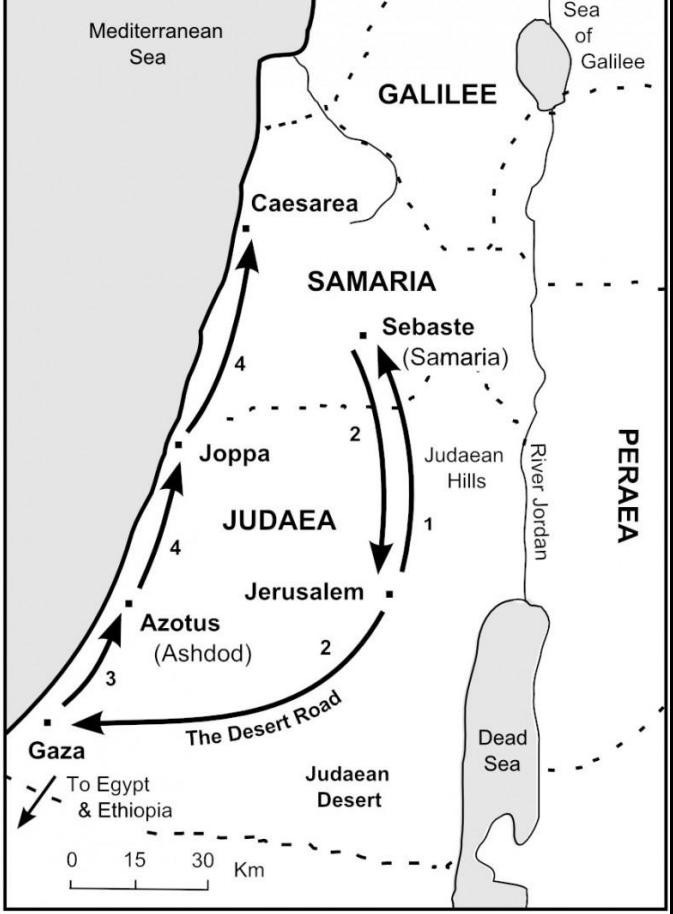
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Will We Take the Gospel to the Lost?



Philp's Journeys in Acts 8



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Lessons for Today

1. Persecution of faithful brethren will cause them to grow, not shrink (8:1-4; 2 Thess. 1:4).
2. Most people can tell the difference between a fraud and the truth, especially if they will take time to examine the truth closely (8:9-13; 1 Jn. 2:21; 4:6).

Acts 8

Lessons for Today

3. Preaching the gospel of Jesus saves souls (8:5, 12, 25, 35, 40; Rom. 1:16).
4. Obedience to the gospel and forgiveness of sins causes joy (8:5-8, 39; Psa. 21:1; 35:9; 51:12; 95:1).

Acts 8

Lessons for Today

5. He that believes the gospel and is baptized will be saved (8:12-13, 37-38; Mk. 16:15-16).
6. Put off the old man and his ways when you become a Christian (8:18-19; Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9).

Acts 8

Lessons for Today

7. There are some things money can't buy (8:20; Isa. 55:1-3).
8. The NT does not teach that once you are saved you are always saved (8:20-24; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 12:15).

Acts 8

Lessons for Today

9. Repent of sin because it is a bad thing (8:21-23; Jer. 8:6; 2 Cor. 12:21).
10. The erring Christian needs to repent and pray for forgiveness (8:22; 1 John 1:7-9).

Acts 8

Lessons for Today

11. It is important to read God's word and understand what we are reading (8:30, 34; Neh. 8:3; Rev. 1:3).
12. Good and religious people still need to obey the gospel (8:27-39; Mt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46).

Acts 8

Lessons for Today

13. Jesus is the sacrificial lamb for the sin offering of all mankind (8:32-33; Jn. 1:29).

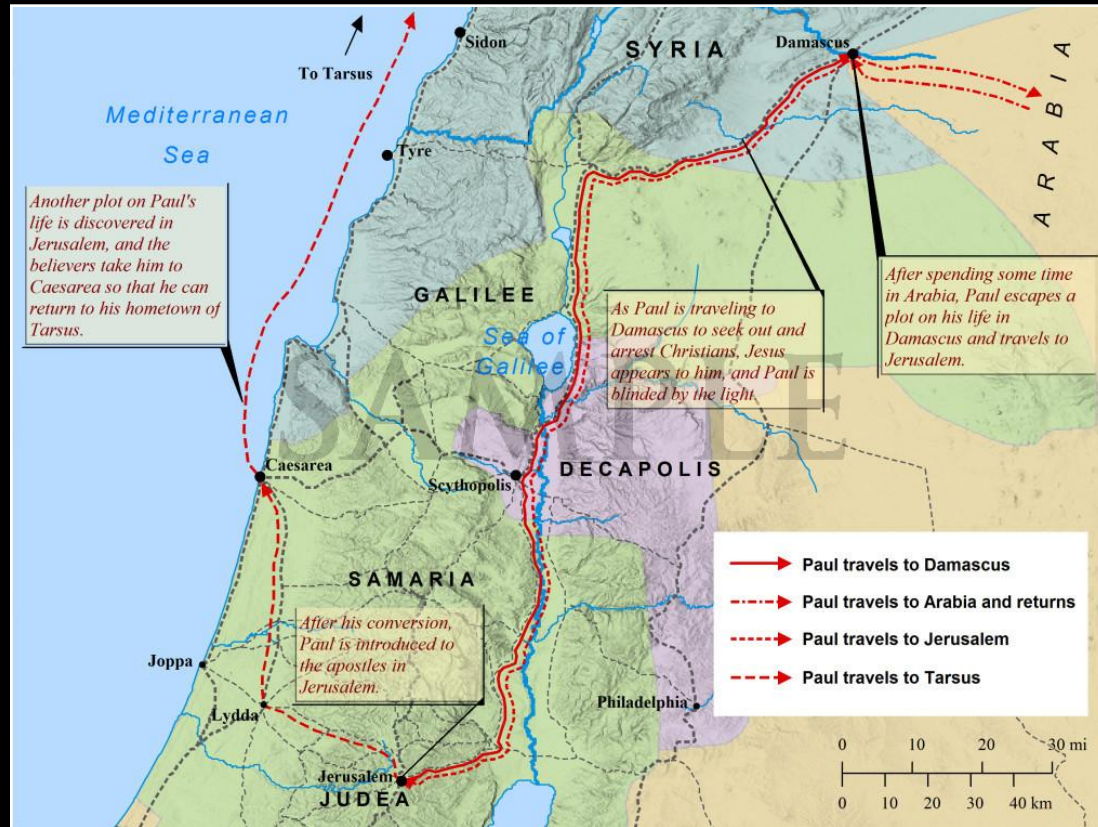
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preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him – **Acts 28:31**

Acts 9

Lessons for Today

1. Christians are “the Way” because they follow Jesus “the Way” to heaven (9:2; Jn. 14:6).
2. Even the fiercest enemy and opponent of Jesus can change and be converted (9:1-18; 1 Tim. 1:13-16).

Acts 9

Lessons for Today

3. True conversion will lead one to tell others about Jesus even in the face of opposition (9:19-30; Acts 8:4).
4. Christians should join themselves to other disciples in the local church (9:26; Rom. 12:5).

Acts 9

Lessons for Today

5. Local churches should be careful to ask questions and investigate all those who would be members among them (9:26-28; 1 Tim. 5:22).
6. The church today needs to be at peace, be edified, be walking in the fear of the Lord, be comforted by the Holy Spirit, and be growing (9:31; 2 Cor. 13:11).

Acts 9

Lessons for Today

7. A true Christian is one who turns to the Lord, not to some man-made religion (9:35, 42; 2 Cor. 3:16).
8. Christians today, like Tabitha (Dorcas), need to be “full of good works” toward others (9:36; Tit. 2:14; 3:8, 14).

The Street Called Straight in Damascus



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Caesarea (Maritima)



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Cornelius in Contrast

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- Gave orders
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Acts 10

Lessons for Today

1. You can be a good person and still need to obey the gospel to be saved (10:1-2; Heb. 5:9).
2. God remembers our good deeds and prayers (10:4, 31; Heb. 6:10).

Acts 10

Lessons for Today

3. While miracles were involved in this story, it was not a miracle, but the hearing of the gospel, belief, and baptism that saved Cornelius and his household (10:22, 33-48; Acts 11:14; Mk. 16:15-16).

Acts 10

Lessons for Today

4. One of the best things you can ever give your friends and family is an opportunity to hear the gospel (10:24; Mk. 5:19).
5. We should never worship man, religious or otherwise (10:25-26; Acts 14:15; Rev. 19:10; 22:8).

Acts 10

Lessons for Today

6. We should desire to hear and do “all things that have been commanded” of the Lord (10:33; Mt. 28:20).
7. God is no respecter of persons (he treats everyone equally and the same) and neither should we be (10:34; Rom. 2:11; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17).

Acts 10

Lessons for Today

8. Every person, without exception, who fears God and works righteousness, is acceptable to God (10:35; Heb. 11:33).
9. Jesus is Lord of all (10:36; Rom. 10:12).

Acts 10

Lessons for Today

10. Jesus is Judge of the living and dead (10:42; Jn. 5:22, 27; Acts 17:31; 2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:5).
11. Baptism is a command, not an option (10:47-48; Acts 2:38).

Acts 10

Lessons for Today

12. Cornelius and his household were saved by hearing the gospel, believing, and being baptized (10:43, 44, 48; Acts 18:8).

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The Church At Antioch (Acts 11:19-29)



Acts 11

Lessons for Today

1. The word of God, the gospel, saves (11:1, 14; Jas. 1:21).
2. May we never try to withstand God (11:17; 2 Chron. 20:6).
3. God is to be glorified when lost souls are saved (11:18; Acts 21:20; Gal. 1:24).

Acts 11

Lessons for Today

4. Repentance leads to spiritual life (11:18; Prov. 11:19).
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Acts 11

Lessons for Today

6. When a person turns to “the Lord” in every respect, there will be a true conversion (11:20-24; Acts 9:35; 2 Cor. 3:16).
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Acts 11

Lessons for Today

8. New Christians need encouragement and teaching (11:23, 26; Acts 15:32; 20:1).
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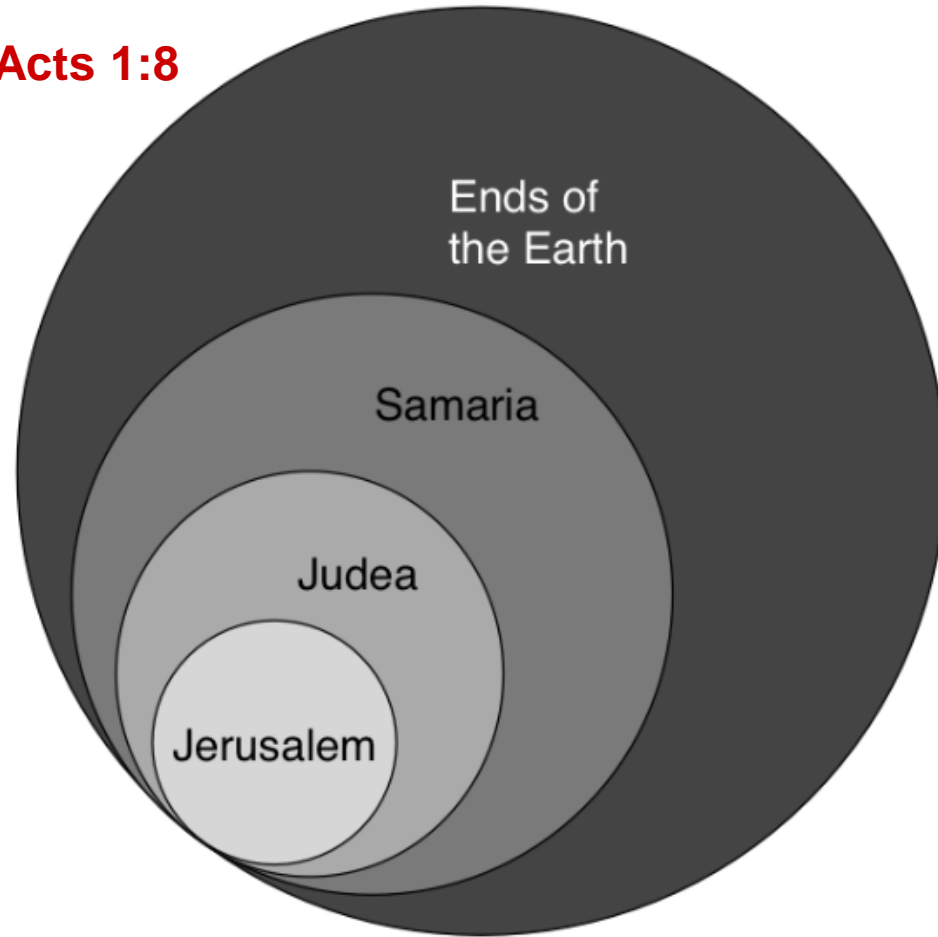
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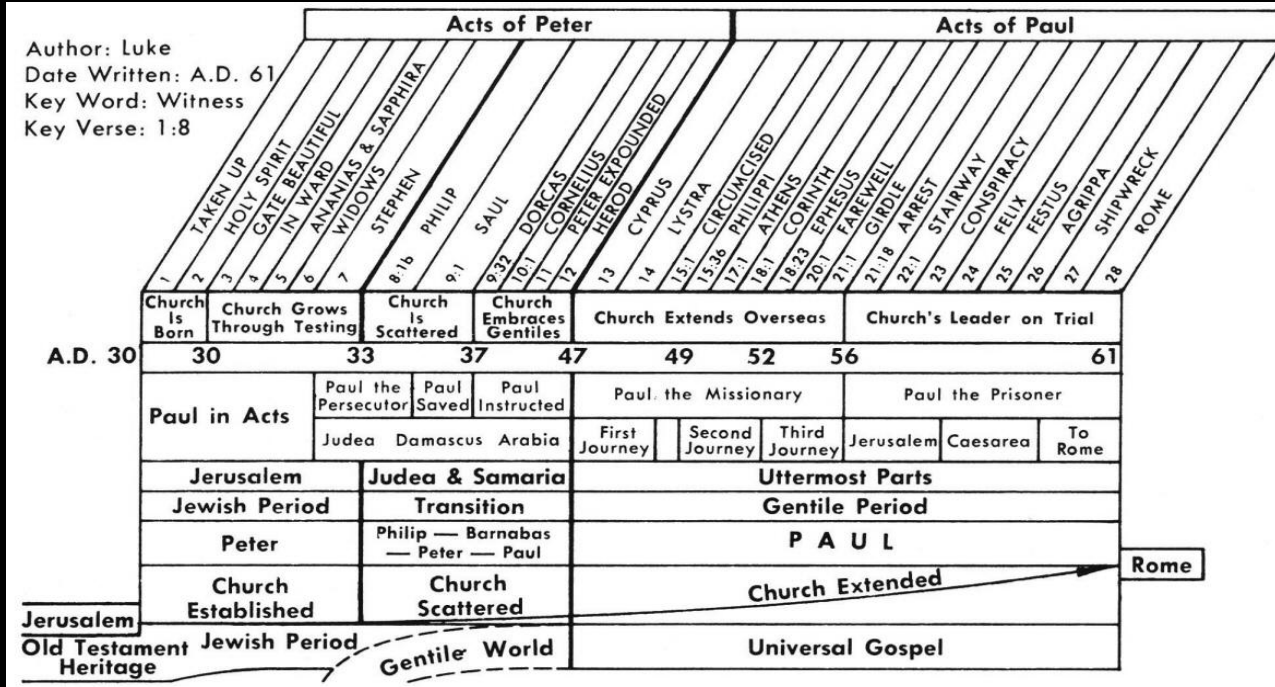
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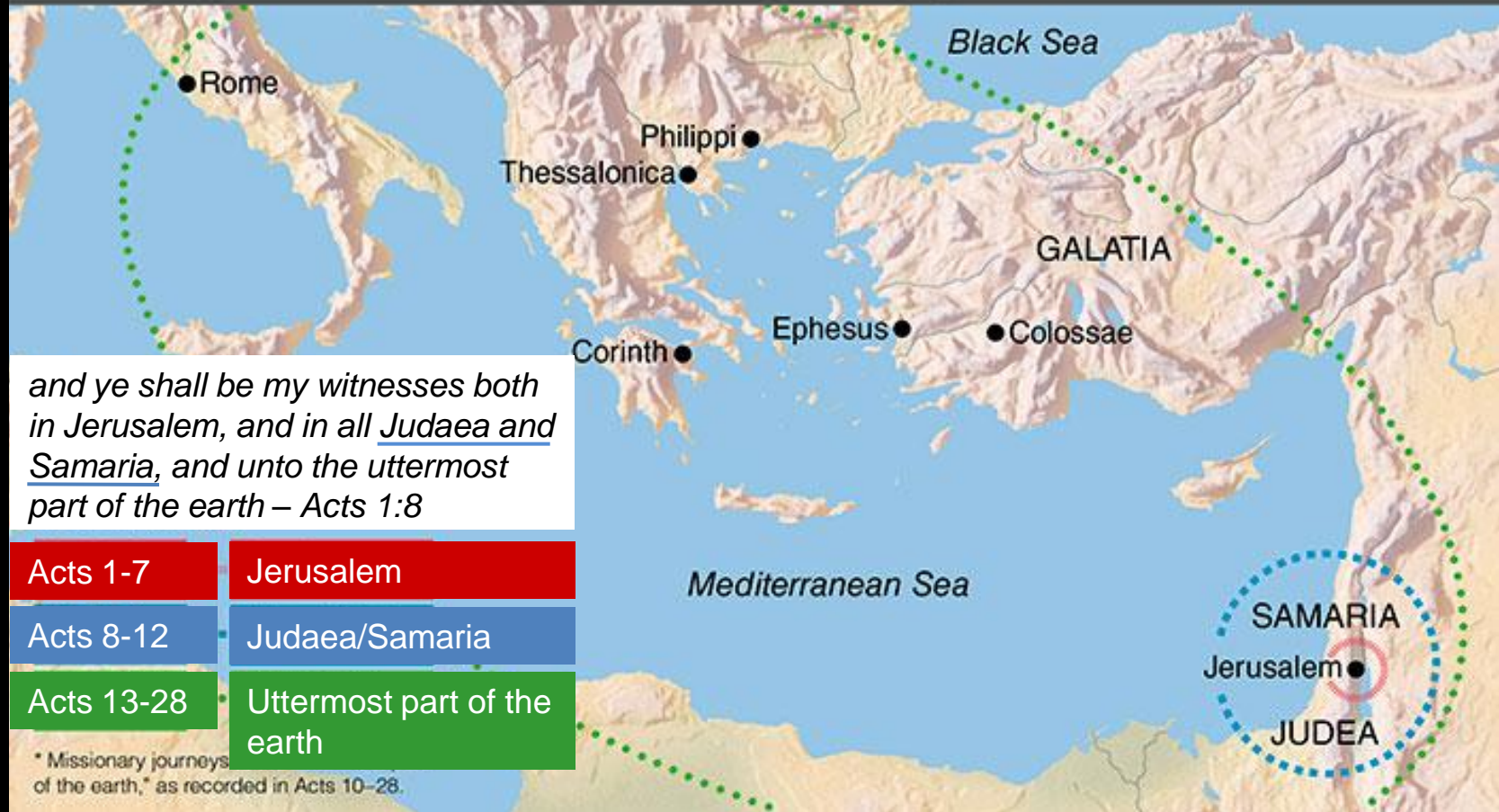


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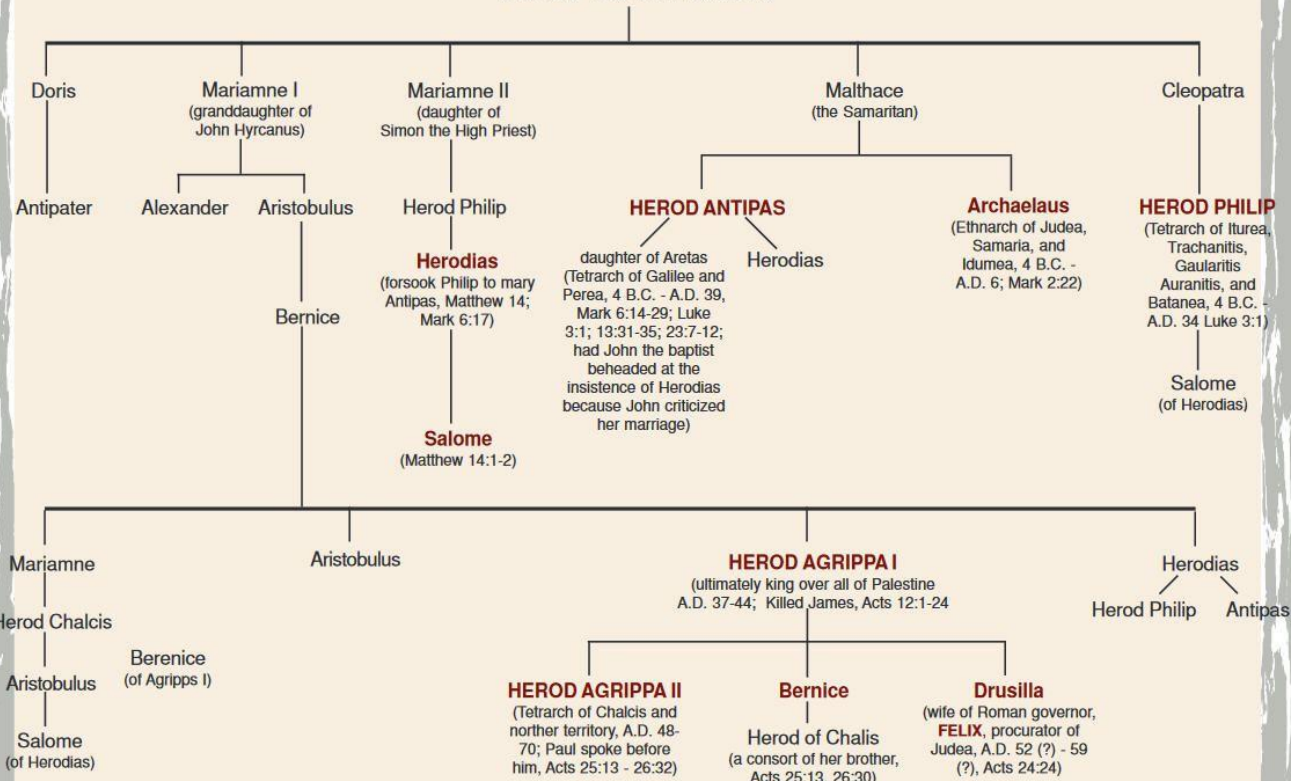
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The Herodian Family

HEROD THE GREAT

King over Palestine
37-4 B.C.
(Jesus born—Matthew 1:1-19; Luke 1:5)



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Acts 12

Lessons for Today

1. Unbelievers are pleased when Christians are persecuted (12:3; Rev. 11:10).
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Acts 12

Lessons for Today

3. Let us pray that the Lord will deliver us out of the hand of our enemies (12:11; Psa. 68:20; 2 Tim. 3:11; 4:17-18).
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Acts 12

Lessons for Today

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6. The word of God will always grow and multiply and never be bound (12:24; 2 Tim. 2:9).

Acts 12

Lessons for Today

7. Ministering to needy saints shows our sacrifice and service toward our brethren (12:25; Rom. 15:31; 2 Cor. 9:12-13).