

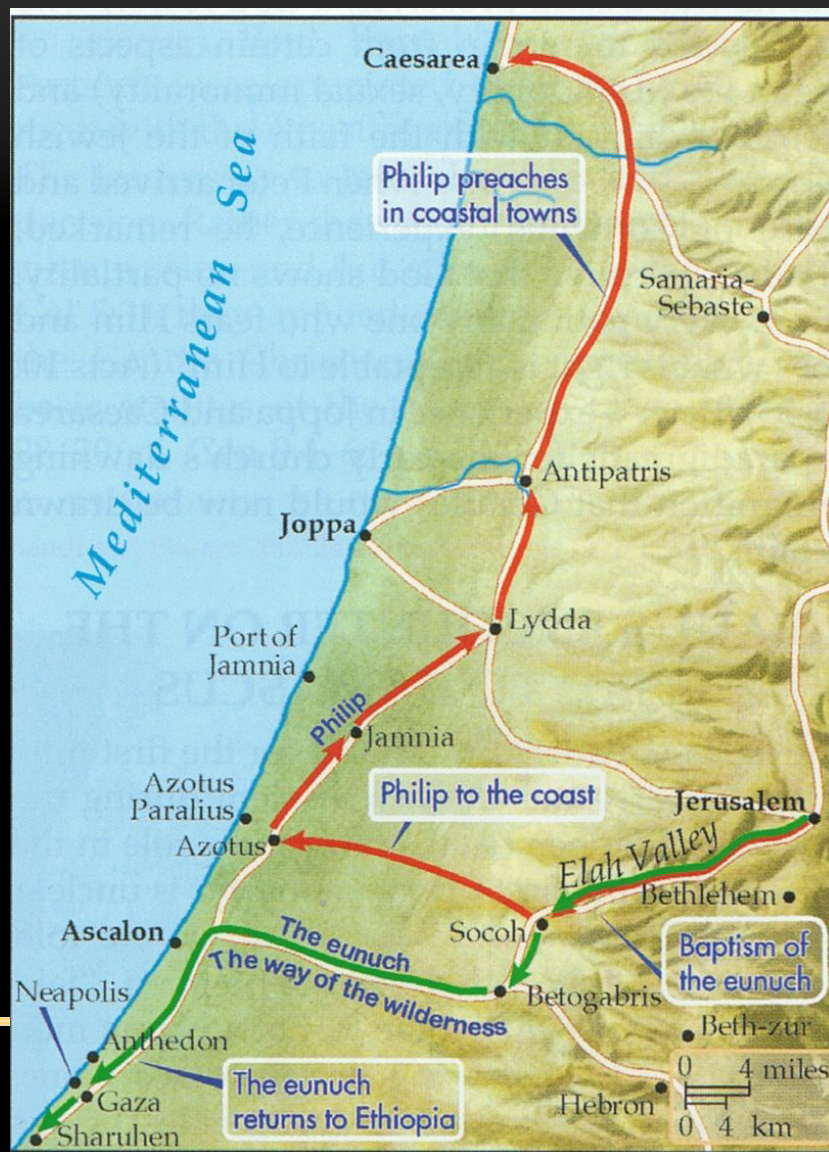
The Acts of the Apostles

Act 7

Expanding the New Community

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- Acts 8:25-31



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Isaiah 56:3-5 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from His people." Nor let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." For thus says the LORD, "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant, To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.



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- Acts 8:32-33



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Suffering Servant Song: Is. 52:13-53-12

1. *Submissive & silent*
 2. *Humiliated & deprived of justice*
 3. *No Descendants*
 4. *Punished for the sins of others*
 5. *And yet He brings healing & peace*
 6. *Lifted up & exalted*
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- **Acts 8:34-35**
 1. *Begins w/ claim He will benefit ALL Nations*
 2. *Continues w/ His story of rejection & suffering on behalf of others*
 3. *His willingness to suffer despite the incredible injustice*
 4. *Concludes w/ how the Father will take His poured out life and accept it as an offering for sin*

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- Acts 8:36-38

1. *Philip was there*

2. *Philip was available*

3. *Philip was prepared with an understanding of God's Story*

4. *Philip loved, listened, explained when God prompted, & respected his process/timing*

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- Acts 8:39-40



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Closing thoughts:

1. *Macro vs. Micro level calling*
 2. *The pattern of Philip – he deepened, made himself available, listened, moved when tapped & loved respectfully*
 3. *To the “unqualified”*
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