

10. Peter and the Gentiles (Acts 9:31 – 11:18)

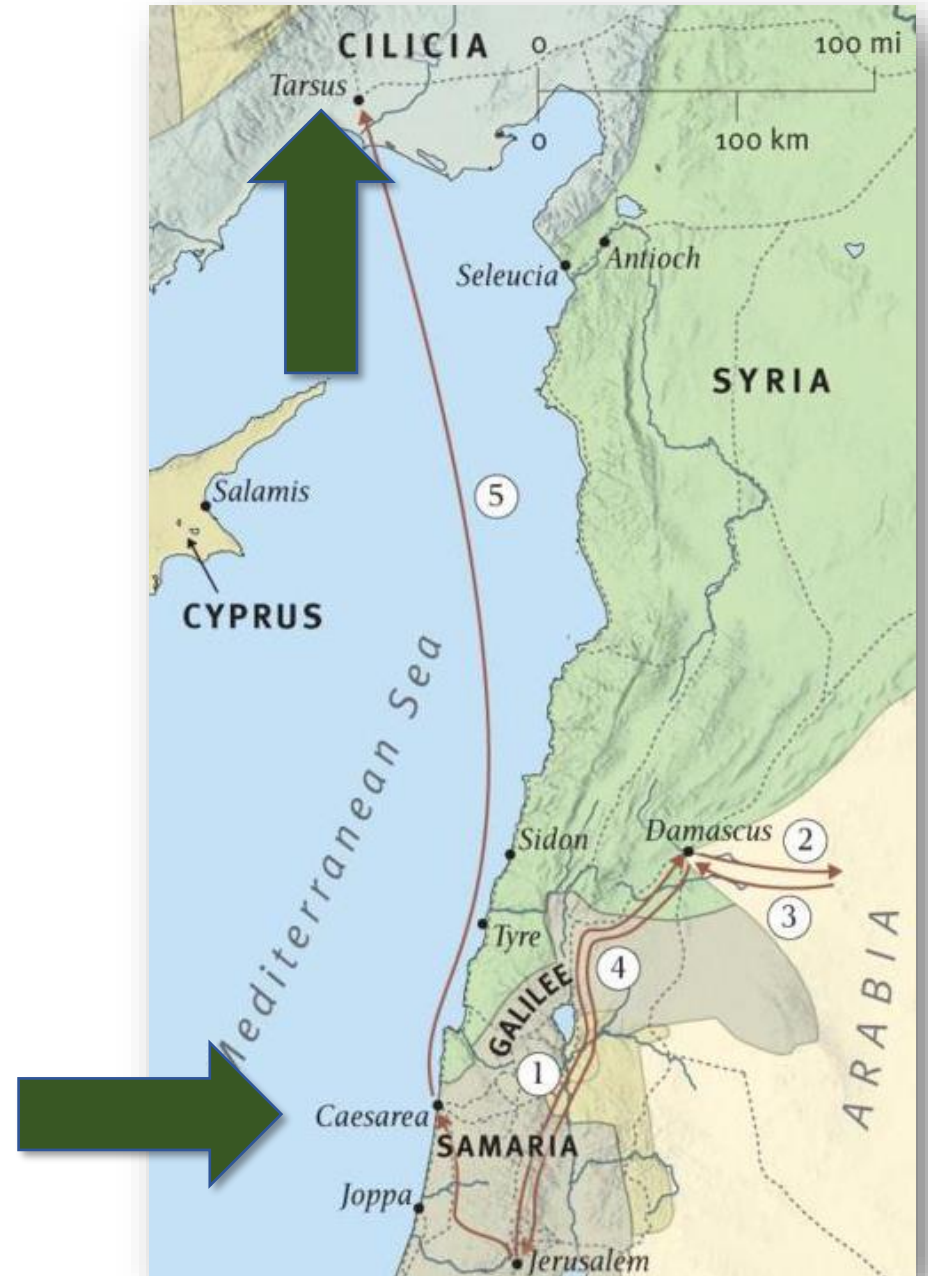
“Then after three years
I [*Paul*] went up to **Jerusalem**
to see Peter, and remained
with him fifteen days.”

(Galatians 1:18)

He spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus
and disputed against the Hellenists,
but they attempted to kill him.

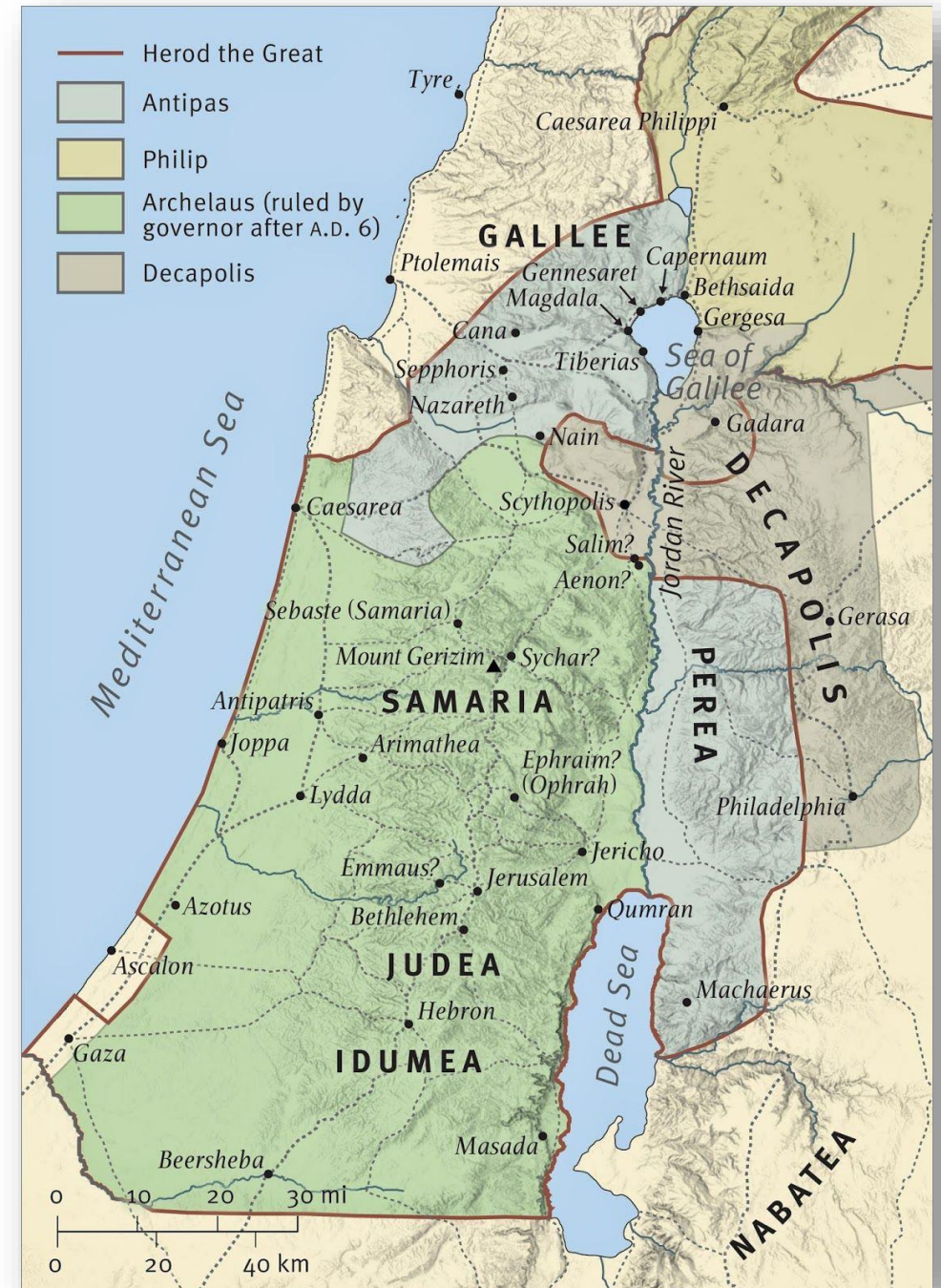
When the brethren found out,
they brought him down to **Caesarea**
and sent him out to **Tarsus**.

(Acts 9:29-30)



Then the church throughout **Judea, Galilee, and Samaria** had peace and was edified. And walking in **the fear of the Lord** and in **the comfort of the Holy Spirit**, they were multiplied.

(Acts 9:31)



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The fear of the LORD

is the beginning of wisdom...
(Proverbs 9:10)

So **great fear** came upon all the church
and upon all who heard these things.
(Acts 5:11)

Yet none of the rest dared join them,
but the people esteemed them highly.
(Acts 5:13)

*“He who believes in Me, ...
out of his heart will flow
rivers of living water.”*
(John 7:38)

*“The Spirit of truth ...
dwells with you and will be in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come to you.”*
(John 14:17-18)

The Spirit Himself bears witness
with our spirit
that we are children of God...
(Romans 8:16)

Peter ... came down to the saints
who dwelt in **Lydda**.

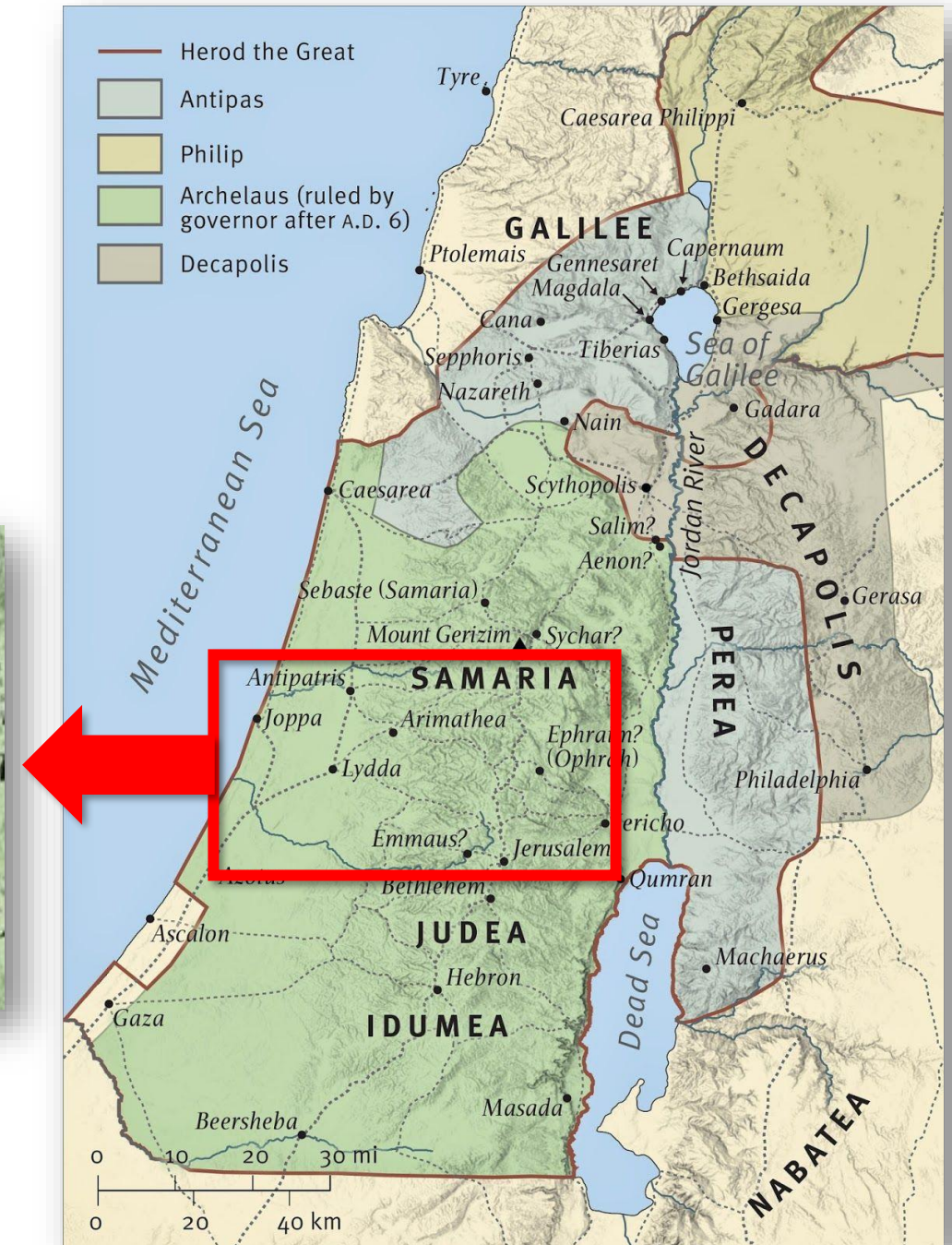
(Acts 9:32)

Aeneas, **Jesus the Christ** heals you.
Arise and make your bed.



So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon
saw him [*Aeneas*] **and turned to the Lord.**

(Acts 9:35)



At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas.

(Acts 9:36)

Aramaic:
Gazelle

Greek:
Gazelle



But it happened in those days that **she became sick and died.**

(Acts 9:37)



But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed.

And turning to the body he said, “**Tabitha, arise.**”

And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up;
and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

And it became known throughout all Joppa, and **many believed on the Lord.**

(Acts 9:40-42)



There was a certain man in **Caesarea** called **Cornelius**,
a centurion of what was called the **Italian Regiment**...

(Acts 10:1)

A cohort (1/10 of a legion
– up to 600 troops)

Caesarea Maritima

(Caesarea on the Sea)

Previously called *Strato's Tower*,
expanded by Herod the Great,
described in detail by Josephus.

The base for the Roman governor.

2km south of modern Caesarea



Now send men to Joppa,
and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.
He is lodging with Simon, a tanner,
whose house is by the sea.
He will tell you what you must do.

(Acts 10:5-6)

Caesarea	Joppa	Joppa	Caesarea
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
3:00pm	About noon		3:00pm
Cornelius' vision	Peter's vision	Travel	The household believes
Two servants and a soldier depart	They arrive in Joppa	Peter and 6 men depart	They arrive in Caesarea





Rise, Peter; kill and eat.

Certainly not, Lord!
For I have never eaten
anything common or unclean.

***What God has cleansed
you must not call common.***

Now while Peter wondered within himself
what this vision which he had seen meant...

(Acts 10:17)

And the following day they entered Caesarea.

Now Cornelius was waiting for them,
and had called together his relatives and close friends.

As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him
and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.

But Peter lifted him up, saying,
“Stand up; I myself am also a man.”

(Acts 10:24-26)

Now therefore,
we are all present before God,
to hear all the things
commanded you by God.

Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), **you yourselves know** what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead.

And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that **He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.**

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(Acts 10:34-43)

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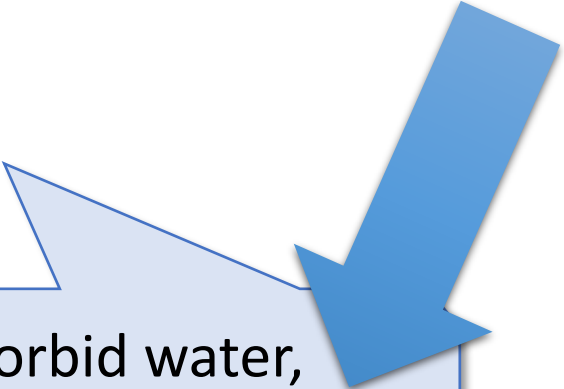
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While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.
(Acts 10:44)

And those of the circumcision who believed **were astonished**, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been **poured out on the Gentiles also**.

(Acts 10:45)



Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be **baptised** who have received the Holy Spirit **just as we have?**

And when Peter came up to Jerusalem,
those of the circumcision contended with him,
saying,

**“You went in to uncircumcised men
and ate with them!”**

(Acts 11:2-3)



Leviticus 11

But Peter explained it to them
in order from the beginning...

(Acts 11:4)

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them,
as upon us at the beginning.

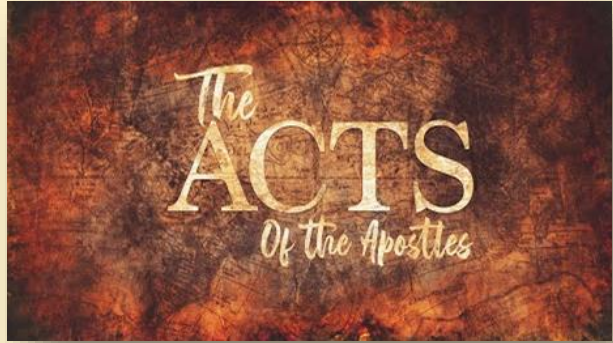
Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said,
*“John indeed baptised with water,
but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit.”*

If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us
when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ,
who was I that I could withstand God?”

When they heard these things they became silent;
and they glorified God, saying,

“Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”

(Acts 11:15-18)



Next: To Antioch and Jerusalem...