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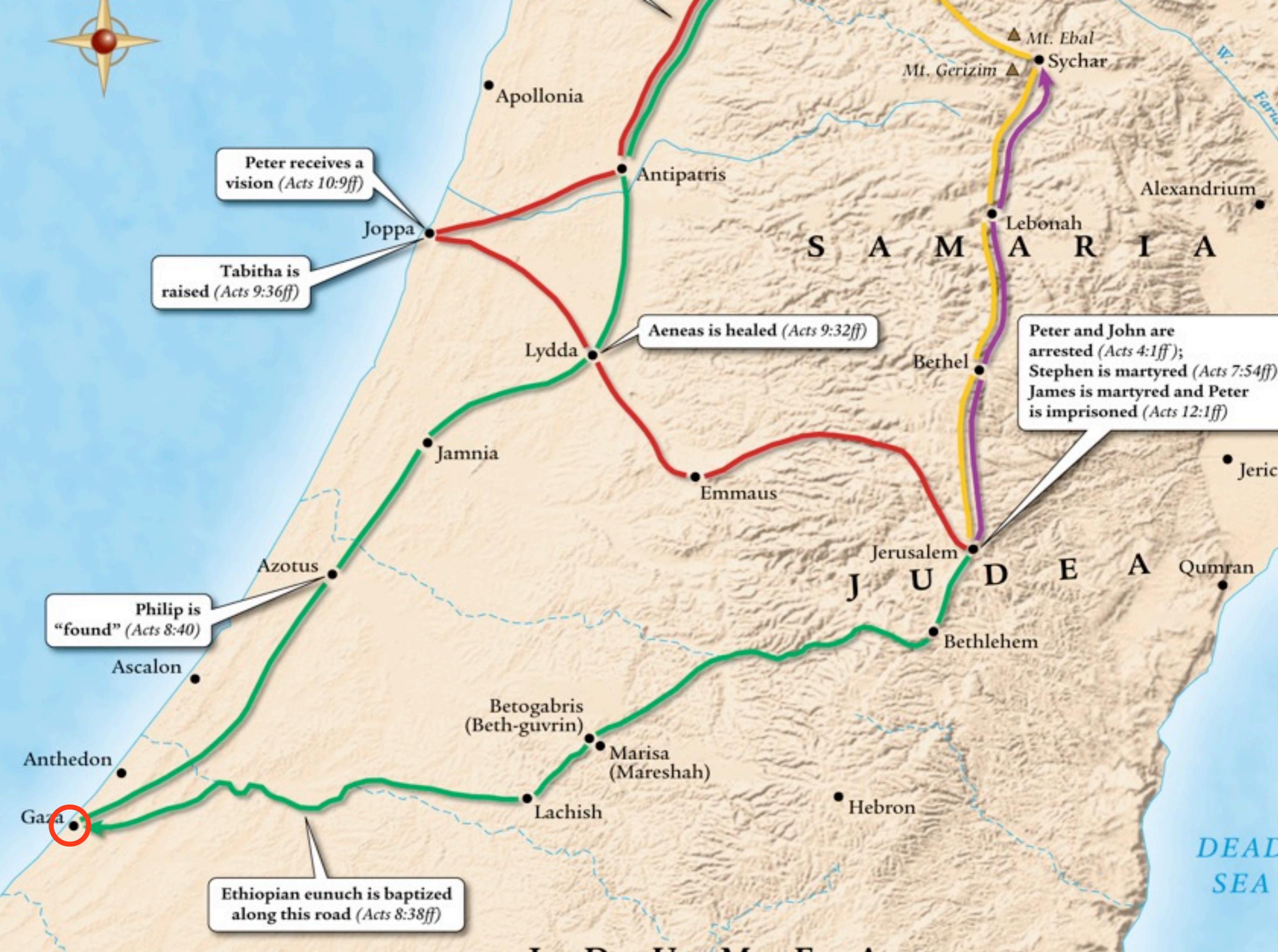
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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

Who is “My Servant?”
Acts 8:26–40; Isaiah 53



Acts 8:26, “Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, ‘Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is desert.”



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)

Ascalon

Anthedon

Gaza

Betogabris (Beth-guvrin)

Marisa (Mareshah)

Lachish

Hebron

Bethlehem

Jerusalem

Emmaus

Jamnia

Lydda

Bethel

Antipatris

Apollonia

Lebonah

Alexandrium

Mt. Gerizim
Mt. Ebal
Sychar

Qumran

Jericho

DEAD SEA

SAMARIA

JUDEA

JUDHUMEA



Acts 8:27, “So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace [Kandake] the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,”



What was the Ethiopian?

Four options

- 1. A Jew**
- 2. A full proselyte to Judaism, accepted the Torah, and all customs and practices of the Jews.**
- 3. A proselyte of the gate, if he was a literal eunuch.**
- 4. A Gentile, “God-fearer” not actual proselytes, or Jews, but worshippers of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**

Acts 8:28, “was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.

Acts 8:29, “Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go near and overtake this chariot.’ ”

Acts 8:30, “So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’

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ὁδηγέω *hodēgeō*
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to lead, guide, direct
used of guiding a blind person;
Used of God or Moses guiding the
Jews; Exod. 15:13; 32:34

ginoskō
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Acts 8:32, “The place in the Scripture which he read was this: ‘He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

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this, of himself or of some other man:

John 1:29, “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ ”

John 1:36, “And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, ‘Behold the Lamb of God!’ ”

1 Pet. 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

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Acts 8:34, “So the eunuch answered Philip and said, ‘I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?’ ””

The Identity of the Servant?

- 1. A historical figure? Isaiah himself, Elijah, Hezekiah, a prophet?**
- 2. The nation/people of Israel?**
- 3. The future Messiah?**

Isa. 53:7, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

Isa. 53:8, “He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.”

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According to Isaiah 52:14–15, God's servant

- **suffers for the people of Israel,**
- **and His blood will sprinkle many *nations*.**
- **Thus, He is the Savior of *both* the Jews and the Gentiles.**

Isaiah 40–66

Isa. 40–48: The future deliverance of Israel

The first song: Isa. 42:1–9

Isa. 49–55: The future Deliverer of Israel

The second song: Isa. 49:1–13

The third song: Isa. 50:4–11

The fourth song: Isa. 52:12–53:13

Isa. 56–66 The future delivered of Israel

Who is the Servant?

Isa. 20:3, “Then the LORD said, ‘Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia,’”

Isa. 22:20, “Then it shall be in that day, that I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah;”

Isa. 37:35, “For I will defend this city, to save it for My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.”

Who is the Servant?

Isa. 41:8, “But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the descendants of Abraham My friend.

Isa. 41:9, “You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest regions, and said to you, “You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away:”

Who is the Servant?

Isa. 42:18, “Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see.

Isa. 42:19, “Who is blind but My servant, or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, and blind as the LORD’S servant?

Isa. 42:20, “Seeing many things, but you do not observe; opening the ears, but he does not hear.”

Who is the Servant?

Isa. 43:10, “You are My witnesses,” says the **LORD, “and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me.”**

Isa. 44:1, “Yet hear me now, O Jacob My servant, and Israel whom I have chosen.”

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Isa. 44:2, “Thus says the LORD who made you and formed you from the womb, who will help you: “Fear not, O Jacob My servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.”

Isa. 44:21, “Remember these, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me!”

Who is the Servant?

Isa. 45:4, “For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.”

Isa. 48:20, “Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! With a voice of singing, Declare, proclaim this, utter it to the end of the earth; say, ‘The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob!’ ”

**However, Israel is too corrupt and sinful to be the
Servant ...**

Isa. 1:4, “Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward.”

Isa. 29:10, “For the LORD has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; and He has covered your heads, namely, the seers.”

Isa. 48:1, “Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and have come forth from the wellsprings of Judah; who swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth or in righteousness;”

Instead, only the Servant can deliver Israel ...

Isa. 52:9, “Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.”

Isa. 42:7, “To open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house.”

Isa. 53:11, “He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.”

Isa. 49:5, “And now the LORD says, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him (for I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and My God shall be My strength),

Isa. 49:6, “Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”

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הִנֵּה (*hinnēh*) *behold, lo, see.*

An interjection demanding attention, “look!” “see!” it occurs over a thousand times. See also the shorter form, הֵן.

See!! Pay attention!! Look at this!!!

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Isa. 11:1, “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.”

Jer. 23:5, “ ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.’ ”

Jer. 33:15, “In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.”

Zech. 6:12, “Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the LORD;” ’ ”

The BRANCH is a MAN

Behold the MAN

**Zech. 9:9, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your
King is coming to you; He is just and having
salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the
foal of a donkey.”**

Behold your KING!

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The Messiah is also spoken of as the Branch and related to these

The Branch of Yhwh, Isa. 4:2

The Branch of David, Jer. 23:5, 6

My Servant, the Branch, Zech. 3:8

The Man whose name is the Branch, Zech. 6:12

The Man, the Servant, the Son of David, the Son of God.

The Four New Testament Gospels have the same presentation of Jesus

Matthew: Behold, your King: “THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.” (Matt. 27:37)

Mark: “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

**Luke: the Son of David, the Son of Man: “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
Luke 19:10**

John: the Son of God: “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

By Isa. 52:12, Israel, the first Servant, has failed and is replaced by this second Servant who is faithful.

Psa. 40:7, “Then I said, ‘Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

Psa. 40:8, “I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.”

Phil. 2:5, “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Phil. 2:6, “who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Phil. 2:7, “but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”

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Midrash states:

He shall be exalted above Abraham, He shall be lifted up above Moses, and be higher than the ministering angels.

Heb. 1:6, “And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, ‘AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.’

Heb. 1:7, “And of the angels He says, ‘WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.’

Heb. 1:8, “But of the Son He says, ‘YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.’ ”

Heb. 1:13, “But to which of the angels has He ever said, ‘SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET’?”

Phil. 2:9, “For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

Phil. 2:10, “so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Phil. 2:11, “and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”