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

## Scattering the Spread of the Gospel Seed to the Samaritan Sectarians Acts 8:1–8



Focus	Witness in Jerusalem				Witness in Judea & Samaria			Witness to the Ends of the Earth				
	1:1			7:60	8:1			12:25	13:1	28:31		
Divisions	Promise of the Holy Spirit		Progress of the Church			Expansion of the Church			Paul's Three Journeys		Paul's Three Trials	
	1:1	1:26	2:1	7:60	8:1	12:25		13:1	21:16	21:17	28:31	
Topics	Jews				Samaritans			Gentiles				
	Peter				Philip			Paul				
Place	Jerusalem				Judea & Samaria			Uttermost Part				
Time	2 Years (A.D. 33–35)				13 Years (A.D. 35–48)			14 Years (A.D. 48–62)				

# Outline

- I. God, through the Holy Spirit, authenticates, empowers, and directs the apostles' witness in Jerusalem. (1:1–7:60)**
- II. God expands the witness of the Church into Judea and Samaria. (8:1–12:25)**
- III. God expands the church to the end of the earth. (13:1–28:31)**



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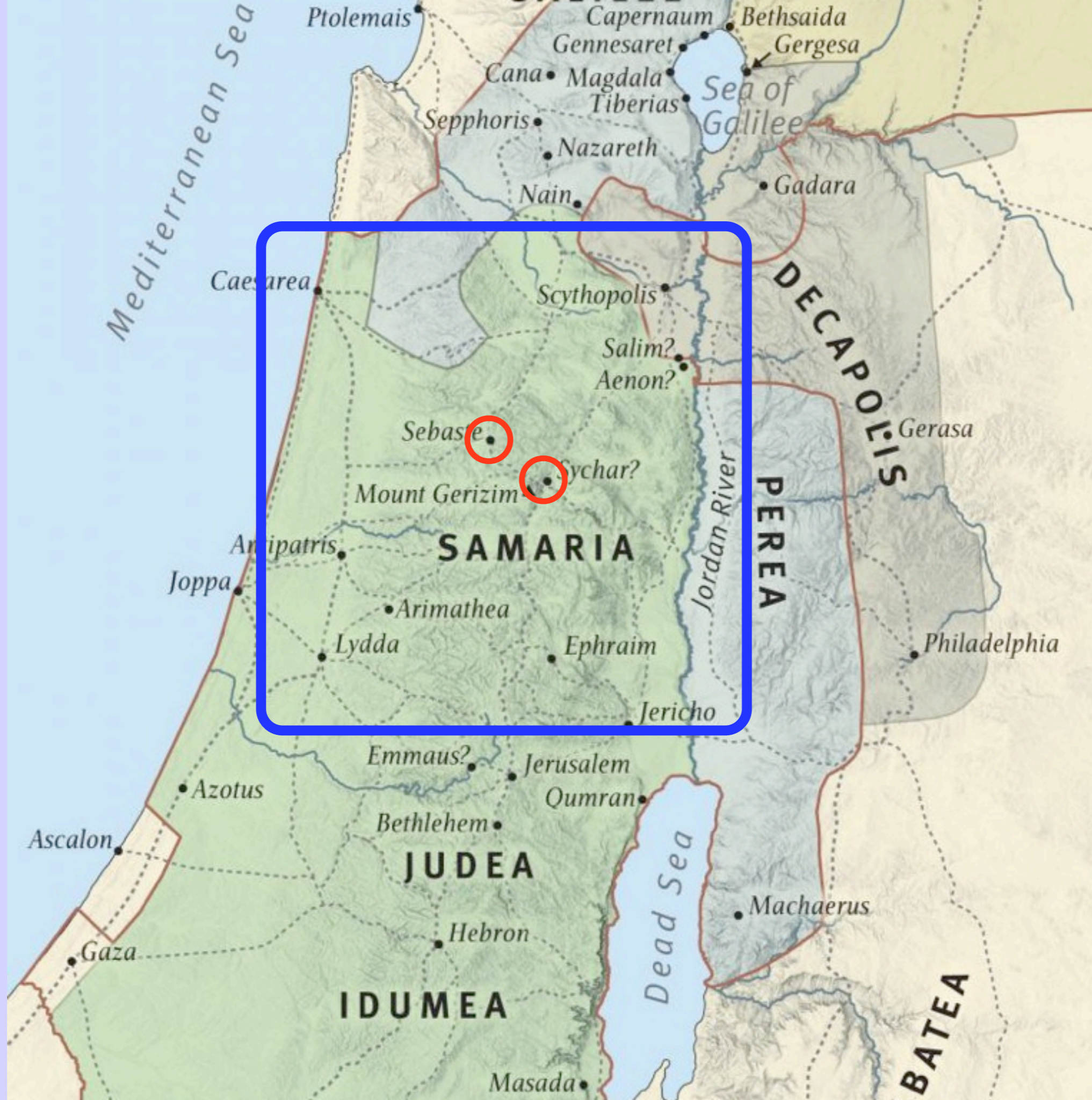
**“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;**

**and you shall be My witnesses both**

**in Jerusalem,  
and  
in all Judea**

**and Samaria,**

**and even to the remotest part of the earth.”**



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### **II. God expands the witness of the Church into Judea and Samaria. (8:1–12:25)**

**A. God allows persecution to drive the Church out of Jerusalem. 8:1–4**

**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**

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**Acts 8:2, “And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.**

**Acts 8:3, “As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.**

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**προσέχω proséchō;  
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to devote oneself to something;  
nautically for staying on course.**

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