

Book of Acts Study

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Acts 8:26-40

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Outline

Persecution in Jerusalem moves the message to Judea and Samaria as a new witness emerges (6:8-9:31)

A. The arrest, speech, and martyrdom of Stephen (6:8-8:1a)

1. The arrest of Stephen (6:8-15)

2. The speech of Stephen (7:1-53)

3. The martyrdom of Stephen (7:54-8:1a)

B. Saul the persecutor and the spread of the word (8:1b-4)

C. Philip in Samaria and with a eunuch from Ethiopia (8:5-40)

1. Philip in Samaria (8:5-25)

2. Philip and the eunuch (8:26-40)

D. The conversion and early reception of Saul (9:1-30)

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2. Saul preaches in Damascus (9:19b-25)

3. Saul in Jerusalem (9:26-30)

E. Closing Summary (9:31)

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²⁶ As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." ³⁰ Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. ³² The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. ³³ He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" ³⁵ So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. ³⁶ As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" ³⁸ He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰ Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea