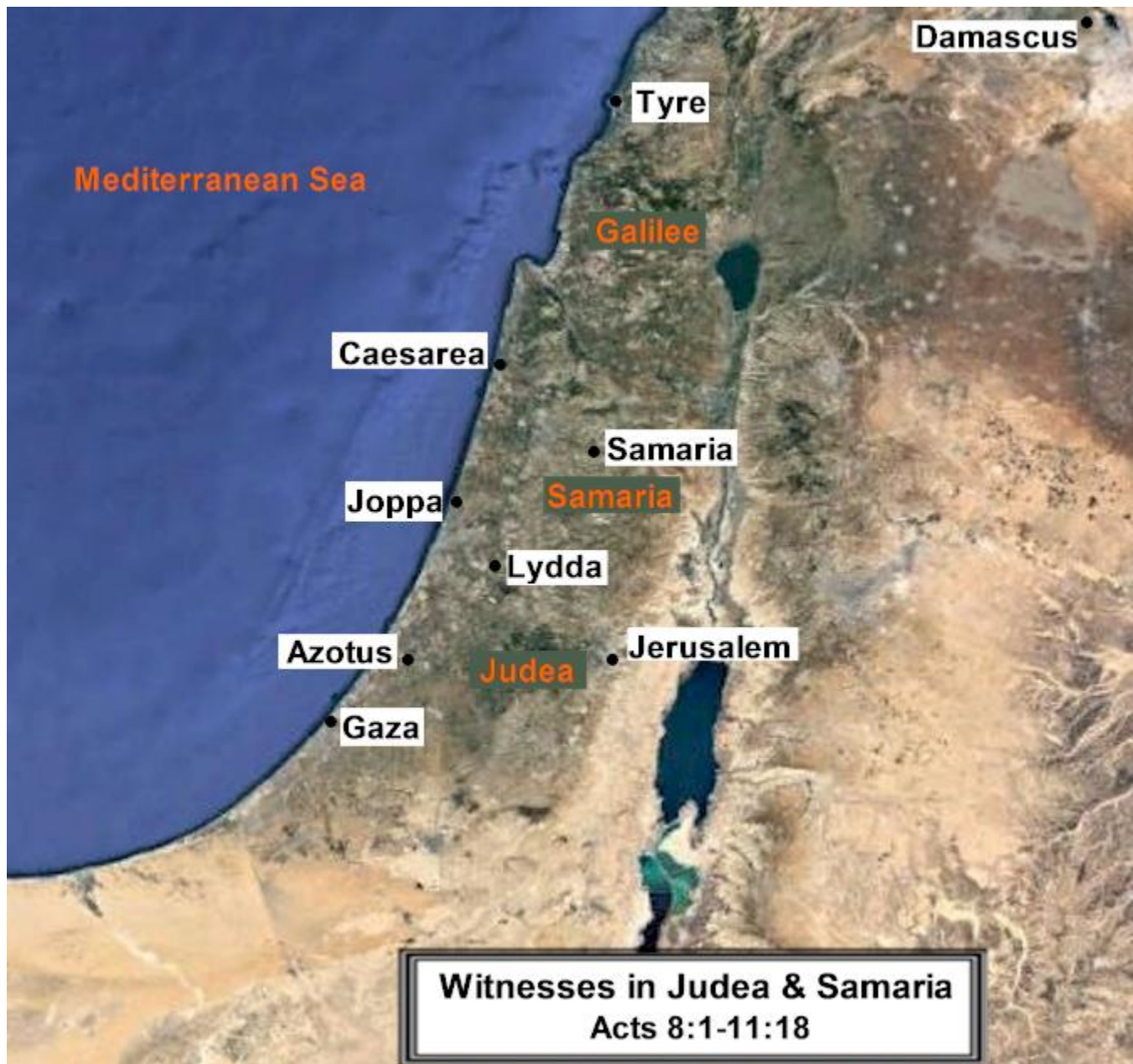


16 – WITNESSES IN SAMARIA (8:1-25)



I. Persecution in Jerusalem (8:1-3)

A. Saul (8:1a)

- Luke introduced Saul as being a part of _____.
- He tells his readers that Saul agreed with _____.

B. The church is scattered (8:1b)

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- Stephen's death resulted in a great persecution that _____.
- With the exception of the apostles, the church scattered throughout _____.

C. Stephen is buried (8:2)

- Luke records that devout men _____.

D. Saul's persecution (8:3)

- Saul brought chaos to the church as he _____.

II. The Gospel in Samaria (8:4-13)

A. Scattered witness (8:4)

- The scattered church spread the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever _____.

B. Philip preaches in Samaria (8:5-8)

1. Philip goes to Samaria (8:5)

- Philip was one of those chosen with Stephen to _____.
- Philip went to Samaria and preached the gospel which he supported with _____.

2. The response (8:6-8)

- A multitude of Samaritans responded as they _____.
- Because of Philip's ministry and the response, there was _____.

C. Simon the Sorcerer (8:9-13)

1. Simon's reputation (8:9-10)

- Simon was a well-known sorcerer who _____.
- He had a great influence with the people as they claimed he had _____.

2. The people's response (8:11-12)

- The people were amazed with _____.
- However, they responded to Philip's ministry and _____.

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3. Simon's profession of faith (8:13)

- After believing the gospel and being baptized, Simon _____.

III. The Delegation from Jerusalem (8:14-25)

A. Peter and John sent to Samaria (8:14)

- After hearing the report from Samaria, the church in Jerusalem sent _____.

B. The fullness of Spirit (8:15-17)

- The apostles prayed that the Samaritan believers would _____.

C. The confrontation with Simon (8:18-23)

- Simon wanted to pay for the ability to _____.
- Peter, recognizing Simon's greed, harshly rebuked him and _____.
- The phrase "you have no part" implies that _____.
- Simon expresses _____.

D. The return to Jerusalem (8:25)

- Returning to Jerusalem, the apostles preached the gospel in _____.