



## **Acts 8: The Scattered Church**

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***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8***

***“On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria...Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went...Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch...” Acts 8:1, 4; 11:19***

### **This Man Saul Vs 1-3**

- Acts 22 and 26
- Born in Tarsus, in Cilicia
- A Pharisee and the Son of a Pharisee
- A Roman citizen, educated by Gamaliel.
- Approved of Stephen’s killing.
- Began to destroy the church – Imprisoned and killed men and women, house to house, from town to town. Forced people to deny Jesus or they were killed.
- Believed he was doing God’s will by persecuting the church.

### **Witness in Jerusalem Vs 1**

- Acts 1-7: The church has grown to thousands as resistance and persecution increases.
- All are scattered except the Apostles
- Descendants of Shem

### **Witness in Judea and Samaria Vs 4-25**

- Philip, one of the seven Deacons, preaches in Samaria.
- Preached the Gospel with signs and wonders.
- Settled in Caesarea. Had 4 unmarried daughters who prophesied.
- Philip, Simon the Sorcerer, Peter and John
- Descendants of Japheth

### **Witness in the Ends of the Earth Vs 26-40**

- Philip sent by an Angel down the road to Gaza.
- The Ethiopian (Southern Egypt) Eunuch in charge of the treasury of Queen Candice
- Descendants of Ham

***“All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20***