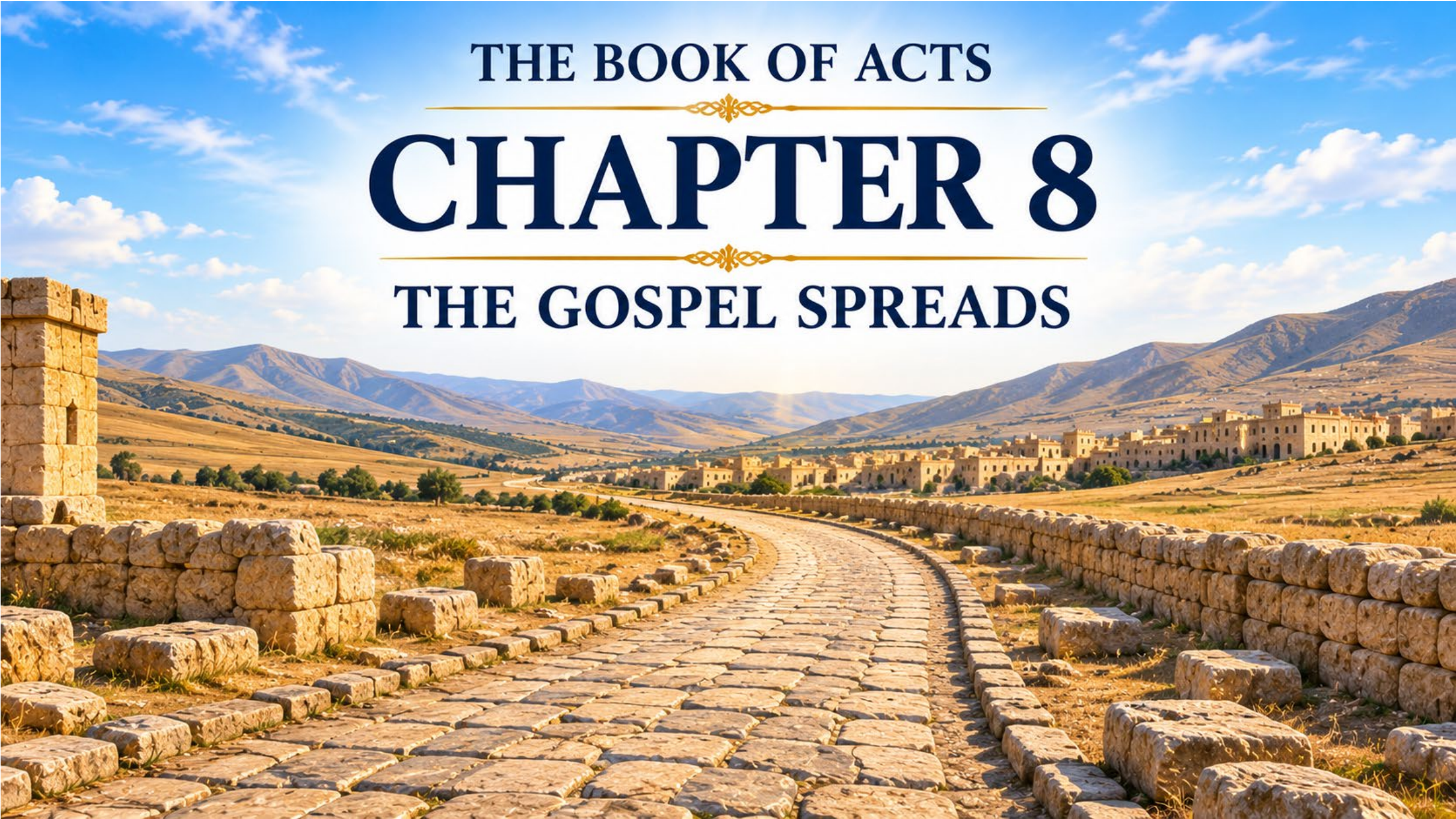
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THE BOOK OF ACTS
CHAPTER 8
THE GOSPEL SPREADS

Be Still

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light.
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace-
no work to hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

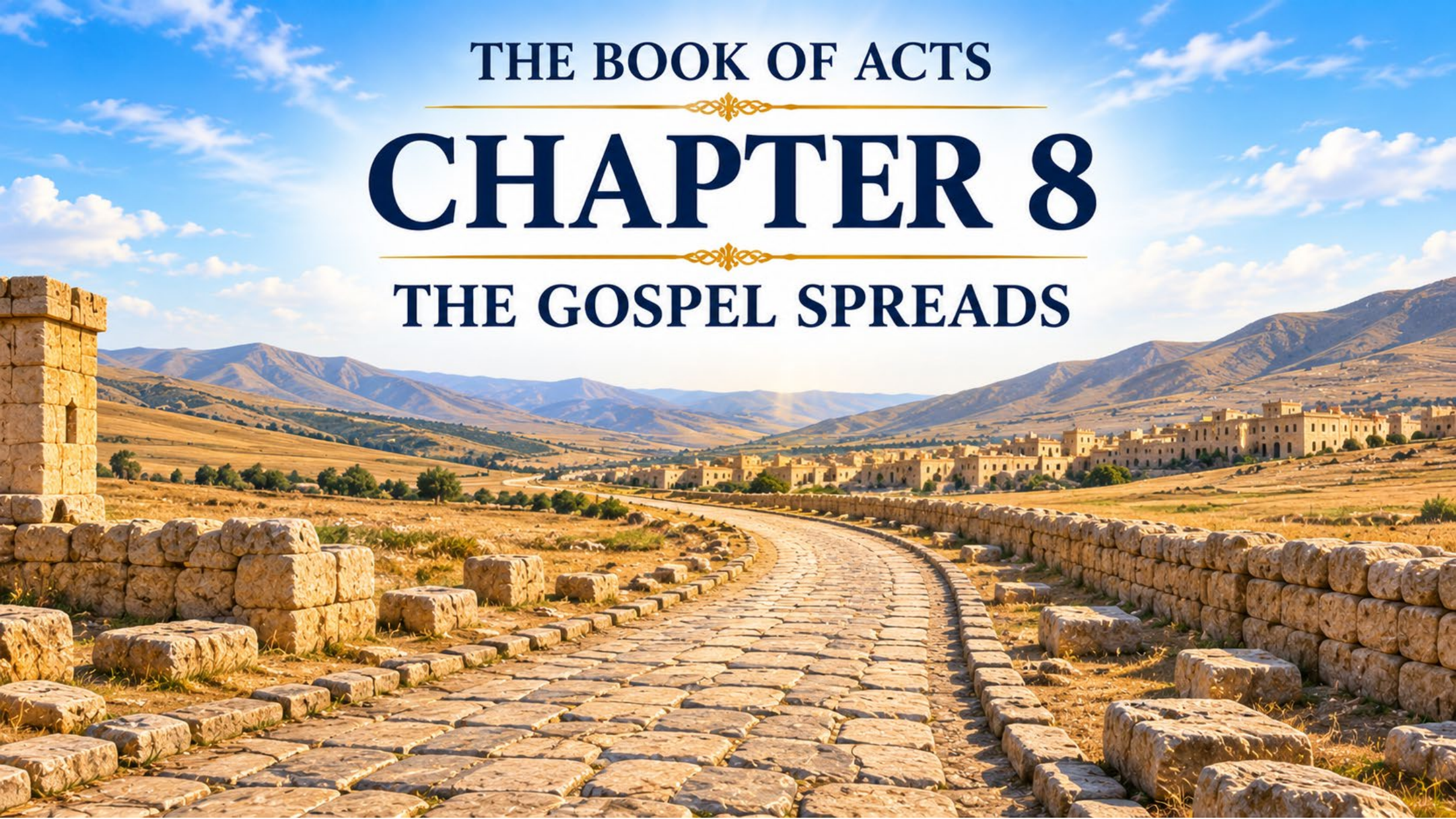
I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

He is Exalted

He is exalted the King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.
He is exalted forever exalted and I will
praise His name!

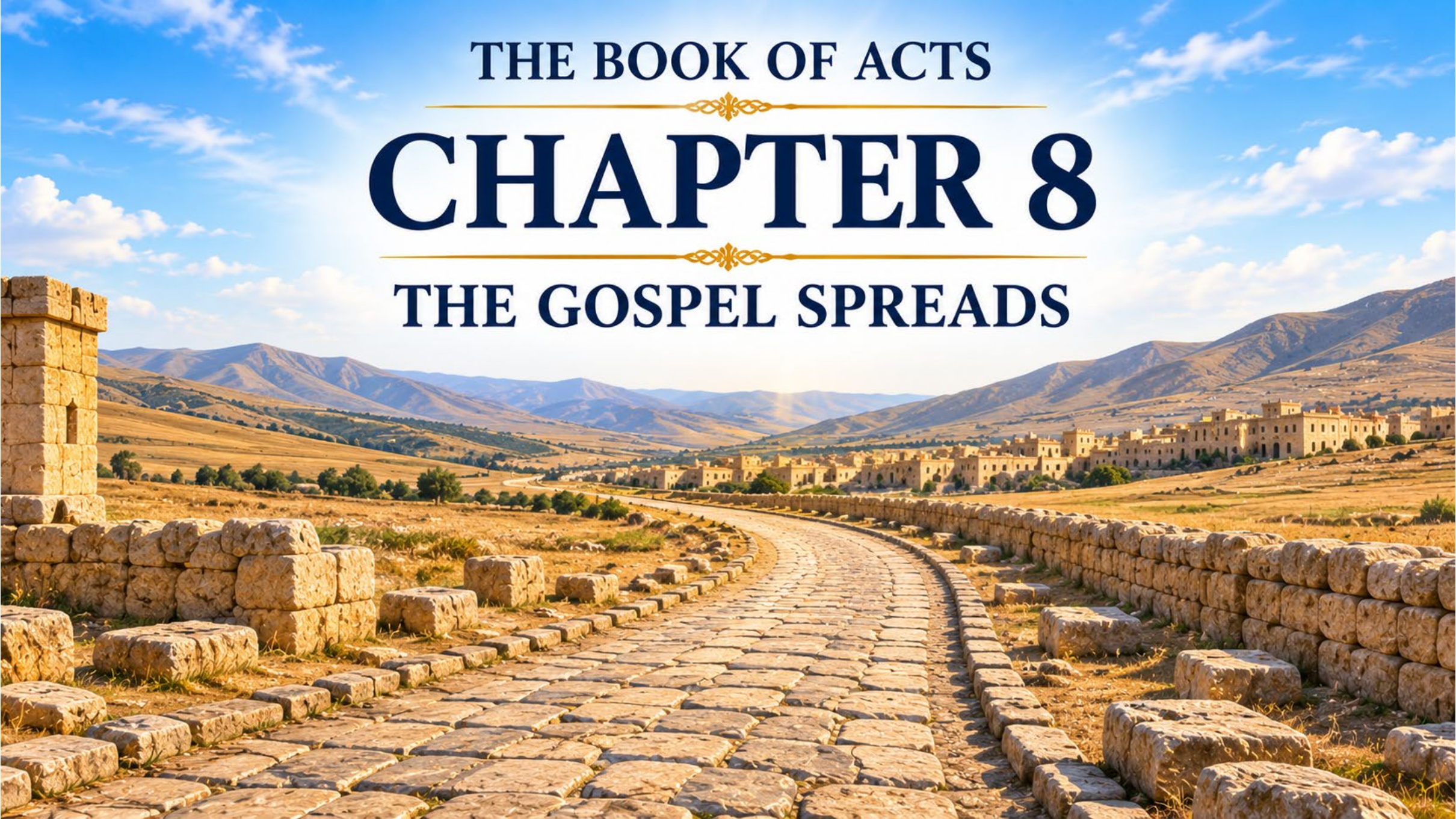
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth, rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high
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THE GOSPEL SPREADS

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
Give us day by day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4


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THE BOOK OF ACTS

THE GOSPEL GOES TO THE WORLD

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

JERUSALEM	JUDAEA	SAMARIA	SYRIA (ANTIOCH)	ASIA MINOR	GREECE	JERUSALEM	ROME
Acts 1–7	Acts 8–9	Acts 8	Acts 11–12	Acts 13–14	Acts 15–20	Acts 21–26	Acts 27–28

Acts 1	Acts 2	Acts 7	Acts 8	Acts 9	Acts 10	Acts 11	Acts 13	Acts 15	Acts 16	Acts 19	Acts 21	Acts 27	Acts 28
Ascension of Jesus	Pentecost Holy Spirit poured out	Stephen martyred	Gospel reaches Samaria	Saul converted	Gospel to the Gentiles (Cornelius)	Antioch missionary church	Paul's First Journey begins	Jerusalem Council	Paul's Second Journey begins	Paul's Third Journey reaches Ephesus	Paul arrested in Jerusalem	Voyage and shipwreck	Paul preaches in Rome



KEY

- First Missionary Journey (Acts 13–14)
- Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36 – 18:22)
- Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23 – 21:17)
- Voyage to Rome (Acts 27–28)

THE BOOK AT A GLANCE

A CHAPTER SUMMARY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

ACTS 1–7
JERUSALEM

1 Jesus ascends; Matthias is chosen.
2 The Holy Spirit is poured out.
3 Peter heals a lame man.
4 Peter and John witness boldly.
5 God's holiness is shown.
6 Seven servants are appointed.
7 Stephen becomes the first martyr.



ACTS 8–12
JUDEA & SAMARIA

8 The gospel reaches Samaria.
9 Saul is converted.
10 Cornelius, a Gentile, receives the gospel.
11 The church in Antioch is established.
12 Peter is miraculously delivered from prison.



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>
> ACTS 1:8

ACTS 13–28
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

13 Paul and Barnabas begin first journey.
14 Churches are established in Asia Minor.
15 Jerusalem Council confirms Gentiles.
16 Paul reaches Europe (Macedonia).
17 Paul in Thessalonica, Berea, Athens.
18 Paul in Corinth.
19 Ephesus: great impact.
20 Paul's farewell to the elders.
21 Paul returns to Jerusalem; arrested.
22 Paul defends before crowds.
23 Plot against Paul is discovered.
24 Paul before Felix.
25 Paul before Festus.
26 Paul before King Agrippa.
27 Shipwreck on the way to Rome.
28 Paul arrives in Rome; preaches freely.

THE BOOK OF ACTS – THE WORLD STAGE

THE GOSPEL SPREADS FROM JERUSALEM TO ROME

JERUSALEM	JUDAEA & SAMARIA	ASIA MINOR	GREECE	JERUSALEM	ROME
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and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 1:8

The Eunuch from Ethiopia in Acts 8

"eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians"

- An official serving Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, *(Why a eunuch?)*
- Associated with the ancient Kingdom of Kush (present-day Sudan).*(From where?)*
- Travelling to Jerusalem to worship *(Why?)*
- Reading Isaiah *(Where did he get it?)*
- Ancient Jewish communities exist in northeast Africa (Falashas-Beta Israel)
- *Was there a connection with The Falashas?*
    - Who were the Falashas?





Origins of Ethiopia's Black Jews (Beta Israel)

Summary of article by Rev. Thomas W. Goodhue, ONE Magazine, 1986.

- **Identity:** The Ethiopian Jews,
  - known as *Beta Israel* (House of Israel),
  - lived for centuries in the mountainous regions of northwestern Ethiopia.
- **Ancient Jewish practices:**
  - Observed the Sabbath, circumcision, dietary laws, Passover, the Day of Atonement and other biblical feasts.
- **Distinctive traditions:**
  - Preserved priesthood, animal sacrifices and religious customs resembling Judaism before the development of the Talmud.

Zephaniah 3
[**8**] Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.
…
[**10**] From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.



Theories of the origins of the Ethiopian Jews:

- **1. The Lost Tribes:**
  - descendants of the tribe of Dan
  - migrated south following the Assyrian conquest of Israel.
- **2. Migration through Egypt:**
  - Jewish settlers travelled south through Egypt and Sudan,
  - possibly following the Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem.
- **3. Solomon and Sheba:**
  - Ethiopian tradition connects their ancestry with King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba(Makeda) (1 Kings 10).
    - The Ark of the covenant/Menelik
    - Connection with Candace?

Acts 7

Stephen stoned…Saul (Paul) introduced

[**57**] Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
[**58**] And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.
[**59**] And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
[**60**] And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8

Saul the enemy of the church

[**1**] And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.
[**2**] And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.
[**3**] As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.
[**4**] Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Philip in Samaria

[**5**] Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
[**6**] And the people with one accord gave heed



unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
[7] For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies *(People suffering from paralysis or loss of muscular function.)*, and that were lame, were healed.*(difficulty walking, perhaps because of deformity, injury or disability)*
[8] And there was great joy in that city.

Which Philip?
Acts 21:[8] And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

Simon the sorcerer

[9] But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:
[10] To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.
[11] And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.
[12] But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

[13] Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

James 2: [19] Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Peter and John join Philip in Samaria

[14] Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
[15] Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
[16] (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
[17] Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
[18] And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
[19] Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.
[20] But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

[**21**] Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.
[**22**] Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.
[**23**] For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.
[**24**] Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.
[**25**] And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

James 4:[6]… God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
[**8**] Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Philip and the eunuch

[**26**] And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.



[**27**] And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, *(Isaiah 56:4–5, Deuteronomy 23:1)*



[**28**] Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

[**29**] Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

[**30**] And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

[**31**] And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

[**32**] The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

[**33**] In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. *(Isaiah 53:7)*

[**34**] And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

[**35**] Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

[**36**] And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

[**37**] And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

[**38**] And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Isaiah 53:[7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
[**8**] He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Philip Transported
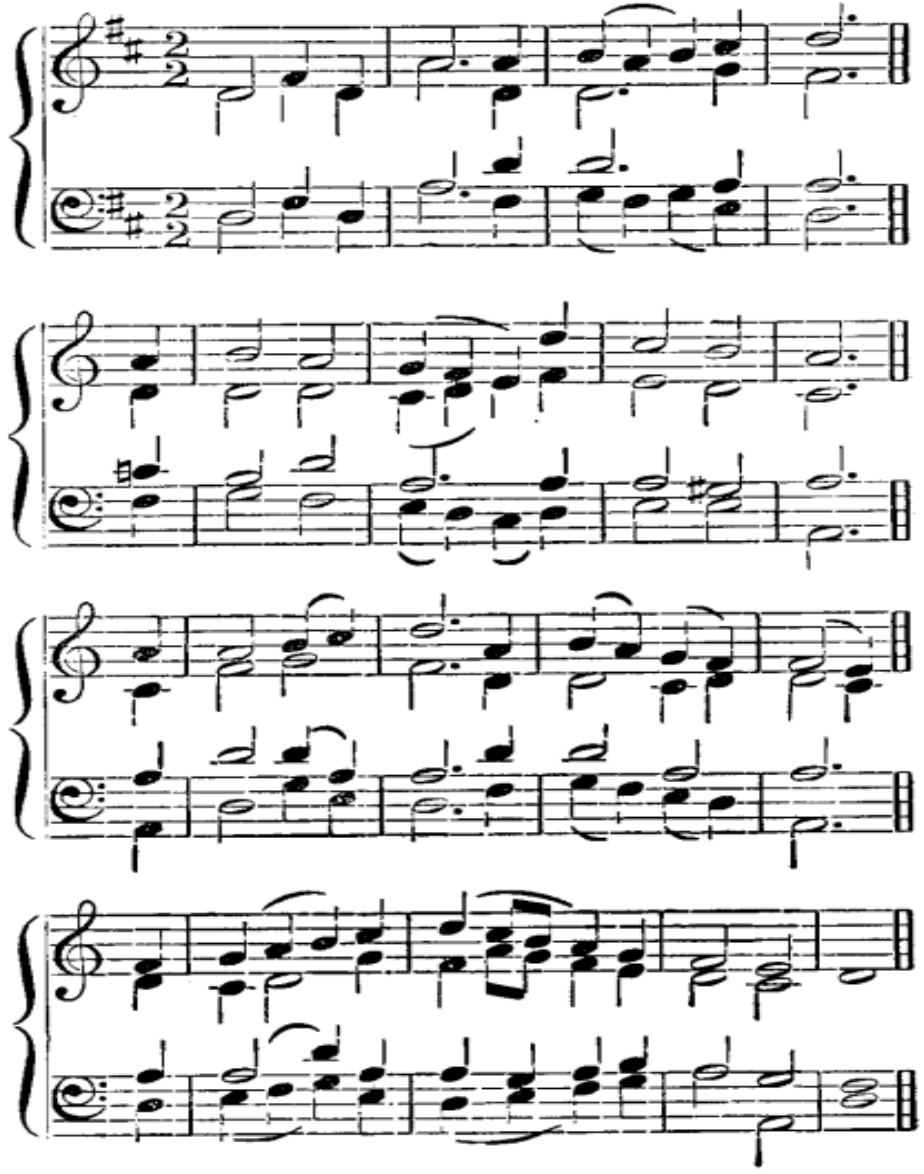
[**39**] And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

[**40**] But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.



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(Isa. 52/1; 1 Cor. 10/4)

ISR'EL, awåke, thy strength put on,
That all thy garments new may shine;
In dust no longer shalt thou mourn,
But cloth'd with righteousness divine.

Thou captive daughter, long dispers'd,
Thyself now loose from bands of death;
No longer be thy woes rehears'd,
Thou shalt receive that living faith.

Thy feet upon the mountain great
Shall stand in thy Redeemer's pow'r;
That rock—a shadow from the heat—
To thee now calls in this last hour.

Thy beauteous garments to put on,
No more shalt thou unclothed be;
But all thy temples cloth'd upon,
Prepar'd for immortality.

1 Kings 10

[**1**] And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

[**2**] And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

[**3**] And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

[**4**] And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

[**5**] And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

[**6**] And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

[**7**] Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom

and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

[8] Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

[9] Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.
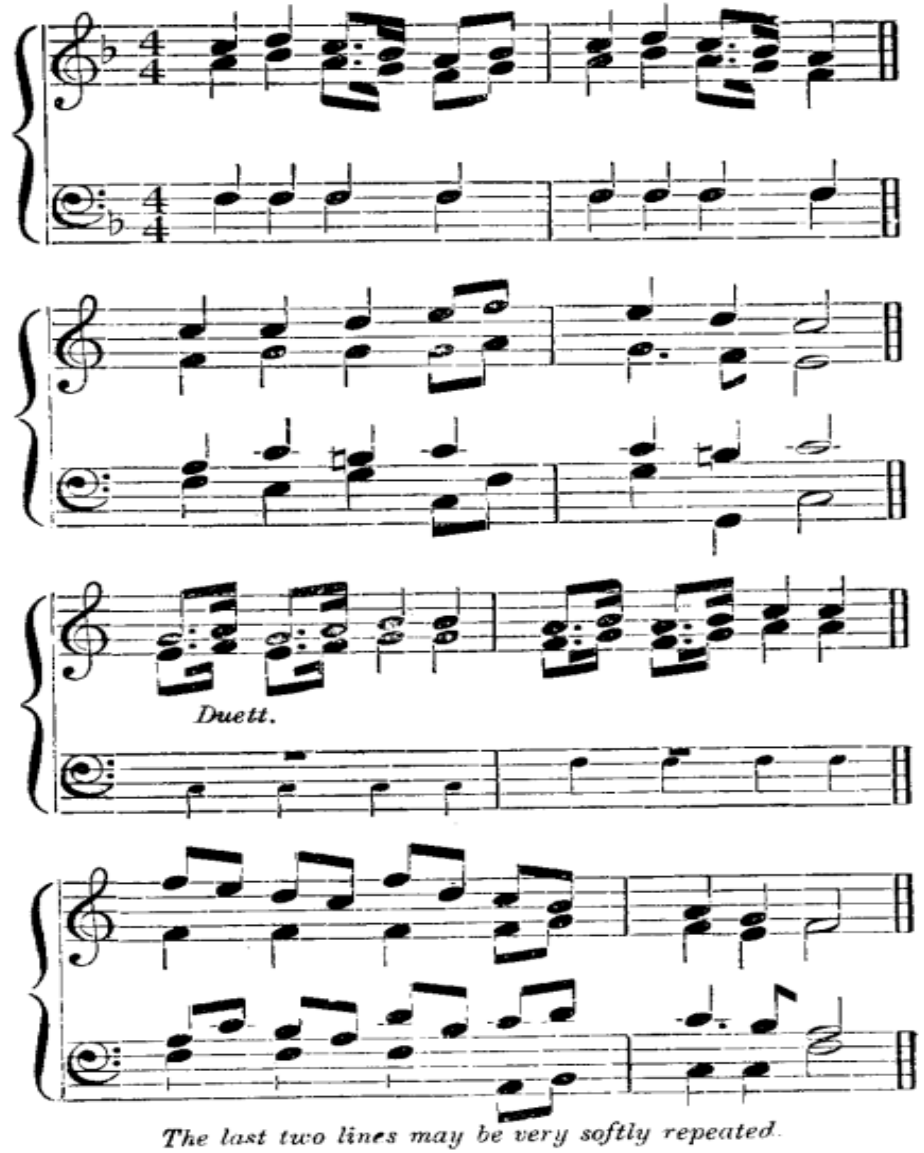
[10] And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

[11] And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.

[12] And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.

[13] And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

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COME, O ev'ry one that thirsteth,
To the living waters come;
From the rock the fountain bursteth,
Come and drink while yet there's room.

Lift your eyes to yonder mountain,
See the stately Lebanon;
See the heav'nly crystal fountain
Flowing from Jehovah's throne.

Come, and purchase milk and honey,
Come, and purchase heav'nly wine;
Come, although you have no money,
Join yourselves to Christ the Vine.

He that drinks of this sweet river,
And eats of the living tree,
His terrestrial body never
Will to death become a prey.

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Acts 8:36-37

"the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

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Isaiah 56:4–5 (KJV):

"For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off."

Under Deuteronomy 23:1, a man with certain physical conditions was excluded from entering the congregation of the LORD. Isaiah's prophecy, however, promises a place among God's people to faithful eunuchs.