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Chapter 8

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Ch.8 Outline

(8:1-3) First great persecution

(8:4-8) Preaching of scattered believers

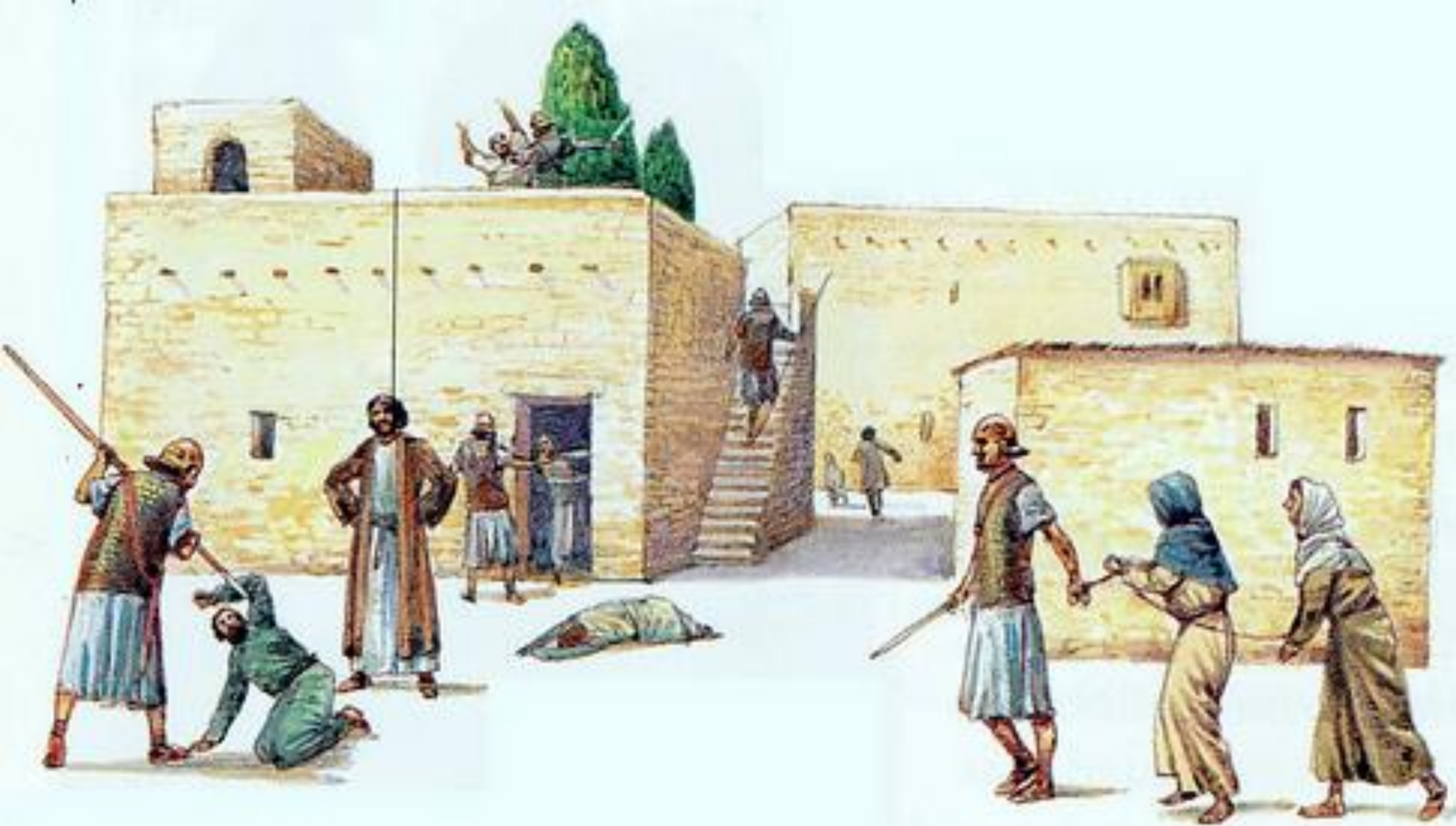
(8:9-25) Events in Samaria

(8:26-40) Philip and the Ethiopian

8:1 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

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

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



8:4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

8:5 Then Philip went down to the^[a] city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.



8:6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

8:8 And there was great joy in that city.

8:9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,

8:10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God."

8:11 And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.

8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

8:13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

8:14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

8:15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

8:16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

8:17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

8:18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

8:19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

8:20 But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!

8:21 You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

8:22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

8:23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.”

8:24 Then Simon answered and said, “Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me.”

8:25 So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

8:26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying,
“Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes
down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert.



8:27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,

8:28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.

8:29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”

8:30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

8:31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

8:31 The place in the Scripture which he read was this:
“He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before its shearer *is* silent,
So He opened not His mouth.

8:32 In His humiliation His justice was taken away,
And who will declare His generation?
For His life is taken from the earth.”[\[b\]](#)

8:34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?”

8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

8:36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?”

8:37 Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.”

And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

8:38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

8:39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

8:40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.



