

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

Summary of Acts 1–12 The Holy Spirit and Church Growth



Acts 1:8, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



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“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

and you shall be My witnesses both

**in Jerusalem,
and
in all Judea**

and Samaria,

and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

What the Holy Spirit Brought New

- 1. A new organism: the CHURCH**
- 2. The Baptism by the Holy Spirit: Uniting us with Christ, “in Christ,” a new people, a new family, a new identity, new spiritual resources, new spiritual destiny, new Holy Spirit ministries (baptism, indwelling, filling, gifts, sealing).**
- 3. A new objective: to be a witness throughout the world.**

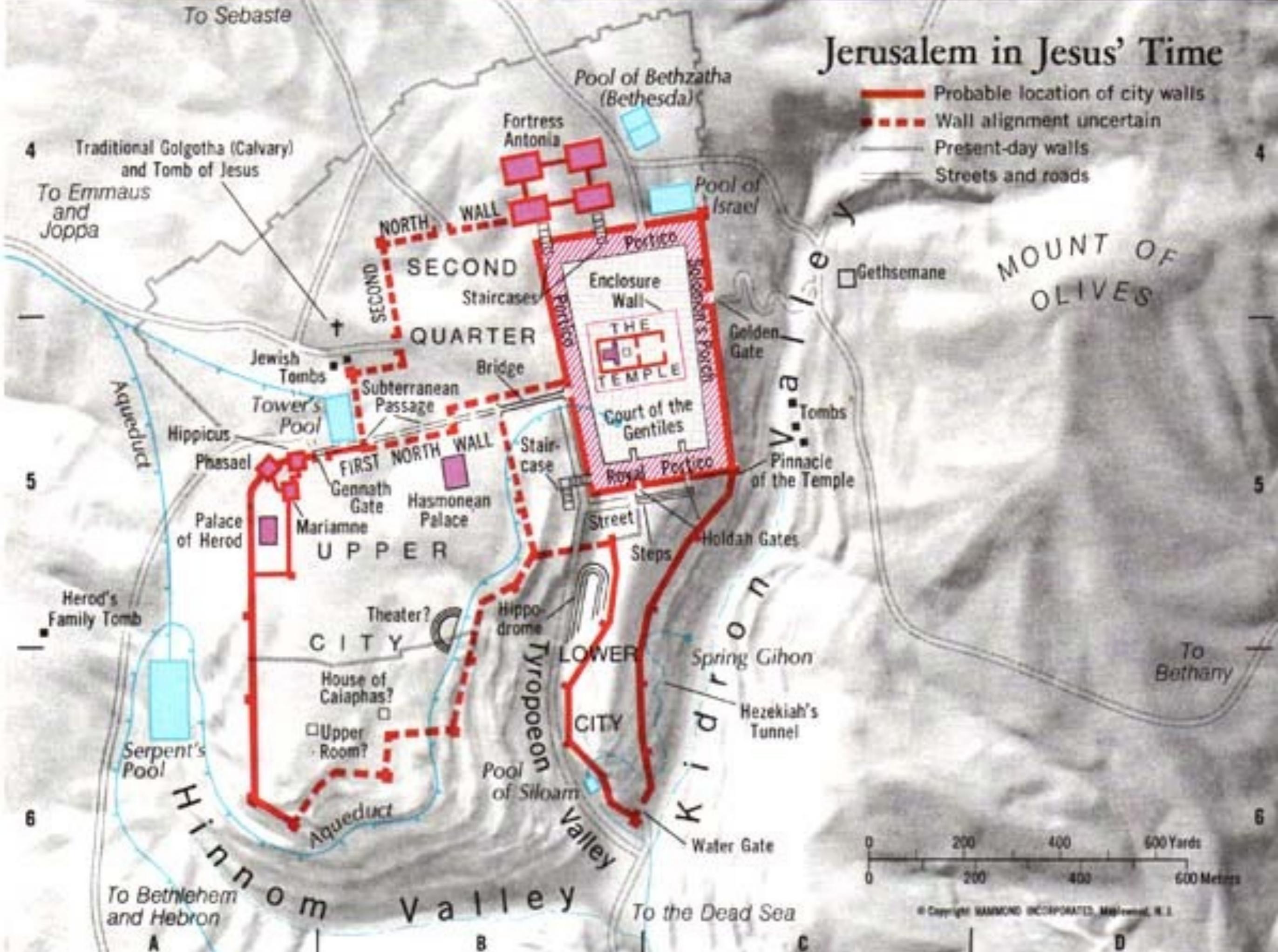
Focus	Witness in Jerusalem				Witness in Judea & Samaria		Witness to the Ends of the Earth			
	1:1	7:60		8:1	12:25		13:1	28:31		
Divisions	Promise of the Holy Spirit 1:1 1:26		Progress of the Church 2:1 7:60		Expansion of the Church 8:1 12:25		Paul's Three Journeys 13:1 21:16		Paul's Three Trials 21:17 28:31	
Topics	Jews				Samaritans		Gentiles			
	Peter				Philip		Paul			
Place	Jerusalem				Judea & Samaria		Uttermost Part			
Time	2 Years (A.D. 33–35)				13 Years (A.D. 35–48)		14 Years (A.D. 48–62)			

Outline

- I. God, through the Holy Spirit, authenticates, empowers, and directs the apostles' witness in Jerusalem. (1:1–7:60)**
- II. God expands the witness of the Church into Judea and Samaria. (7:60–12:25)**
- III. God expands the church to the end of the earth. (13:1–28:31)**

Jerusalem in Jesus' Time

- Probable location of city walls
- - - Wall alignment uncertain
- Present-day walls
- Streets and roads



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I. God, through the Holy Spirit, authenticates, empowers, and directs the apostles' witness in Jerusalem. (1:1–7:60)

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ promises the Holy Spirit. (1:1–1:26)

Promise, Ascension, Matthias

B. The Lord gives birth to and the Holy Spirit expands the Church in Jerusalem. (2:1–7:60)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit; Expansion; Opposition; Prayer; Service, Persecution

Outline

II. God expands the witness of the Church into Judea and Samaria. (8:1–12:25)

A. God allows persecution to drive the Church out of Jerusalem. (8:1–8)

B. God sends Philip out to the Samaritans and demonstrates their unity with the work in Jerusalem by a similar outpouring of the Holy Spirit by the hands of Peter and John. (8:4–40)

C. God saves Saul which prepares the way for the Gentiles. (9:1–31)

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- II. God expands the witness of the Church into Judea and Samaria. (8:1–12:25)**
 - C. God saves Saul which prepares the way for the Gentiles. (9:1–31)**
 - D. God directs Peter to take the Gospel to Cornelius and the Gentiles. (10:1–11:18)**
 - E. Barnabas and Paul in Antioch. (11:19–11:30)**
 - F. Peter, persecution and expansion in Jerusalem. (12:1–25)**

Outline

III. God expands the church to the end of the earth. (9:32–28:31)

**A. God expands the Church to Antioch.
(9:32–12:24)**

**B. God expands the Church into Asia Minor.
(12:25–19:20)
1st two missionary journeys**

**C. God expands the Church to Rome:
Paul's third missionary journey
(18:23–28:31)**

- Antipas
- Philip
- Archelaus (ruled by governor after A.D. 6)
- Decapolis

