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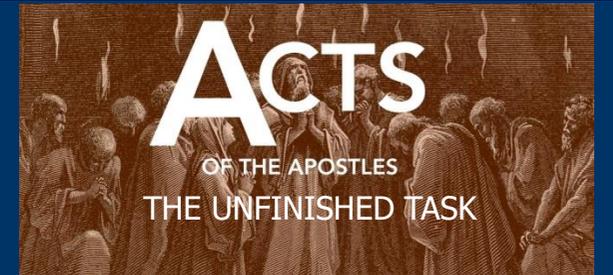
(Acts 11: 19-30)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 24

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Place: Hope Community Baptist Church



INTRODUCTION:

CHINA



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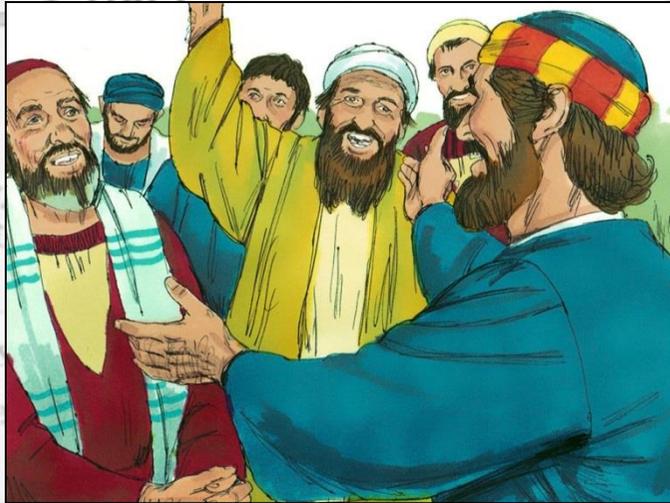
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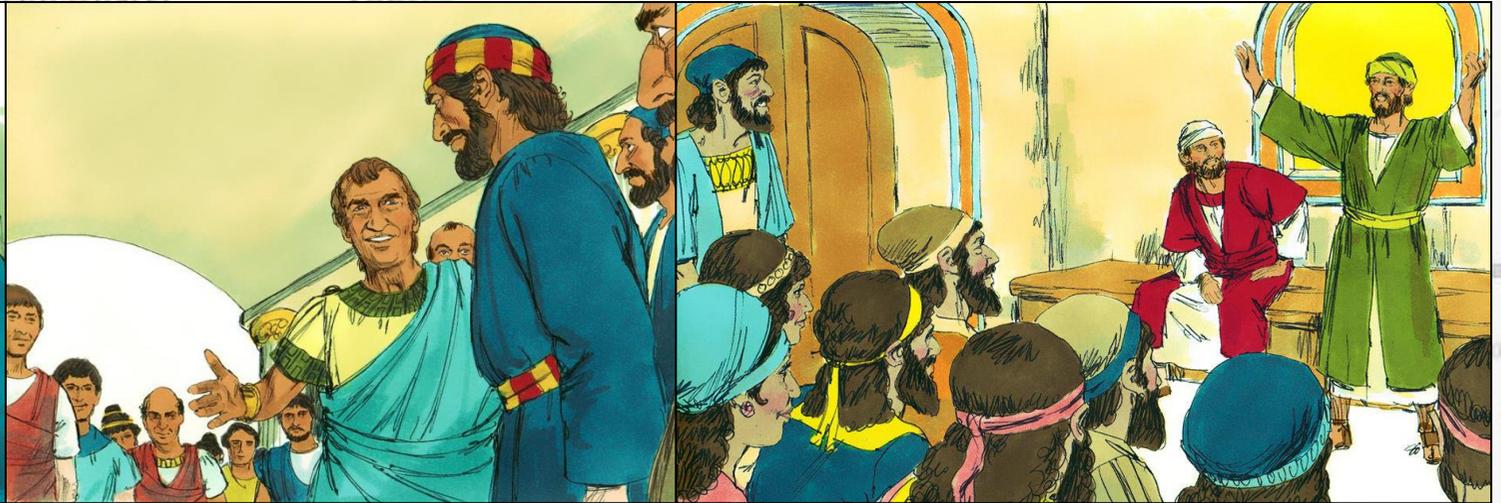


INTRODUCTION:



Chapters 1-7

The roads of witness are paved in Jerusalem.



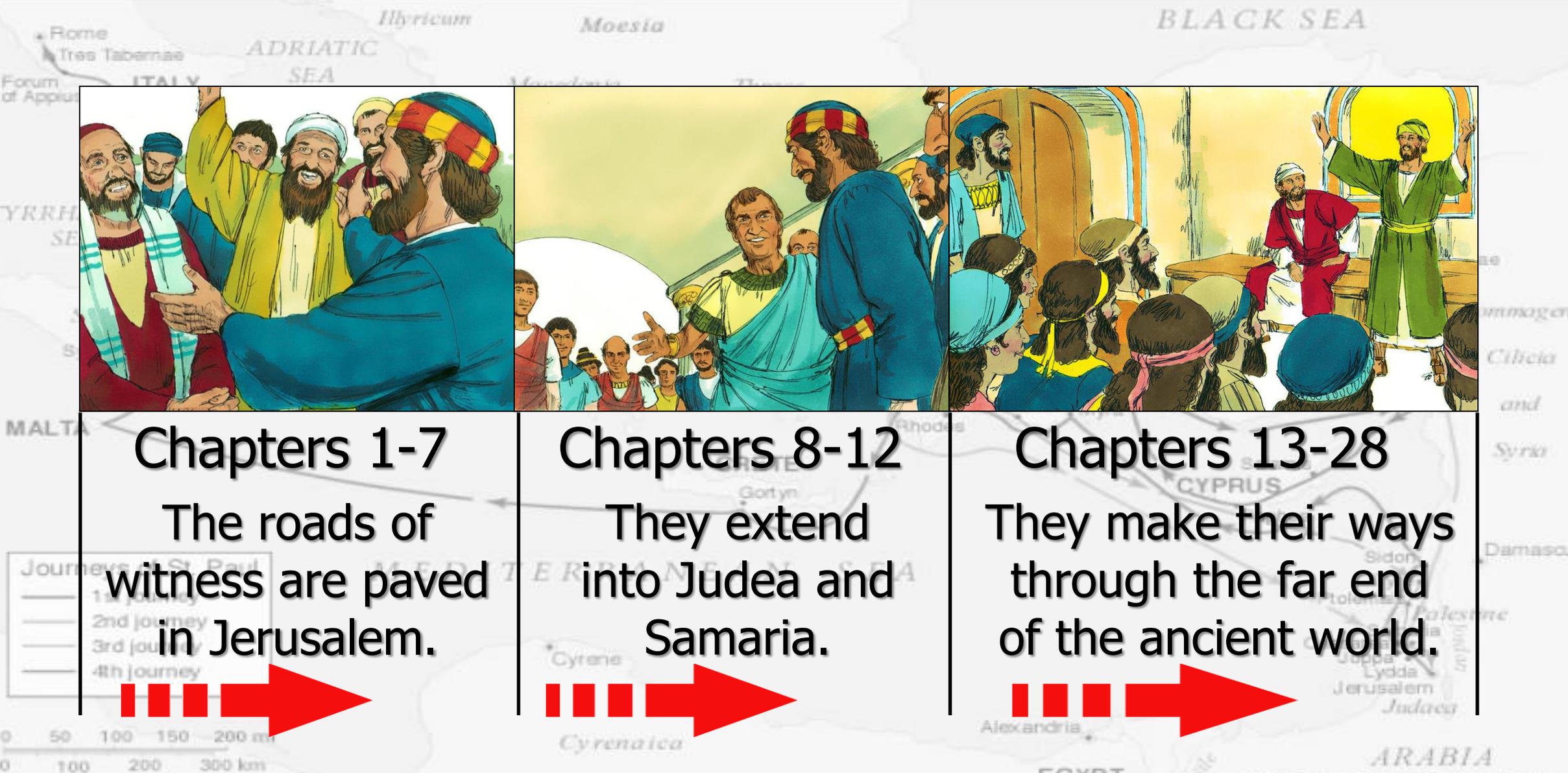
Chapters 8-12

They extend into Judea and Samaria.



Chapters 13-28

They make their ways through the far end of the ancient world.



I. CONTEXT: MEN AND CIRCUMSTANCES

A) God's chief engineer - Peter

B) God raised up another leader - Saul

C) God scatter through Persecution - Stephen



Acts 11:19 *Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews.*

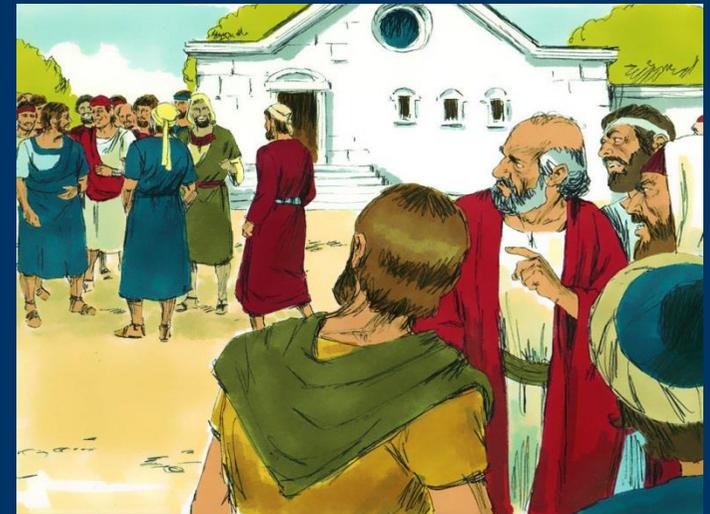
II. OUTREACH: ANTIOCH AND EVANGELISM

Evangelism from Jerusalem to Antioch

Acts 11:20 *Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus*

Results of Evangelism

Acts 11:21 *The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.*



III. ASSISTANCE: BARNABAS AND SAUL

Acts 11:22 News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

A) Exhortation and Encouragement

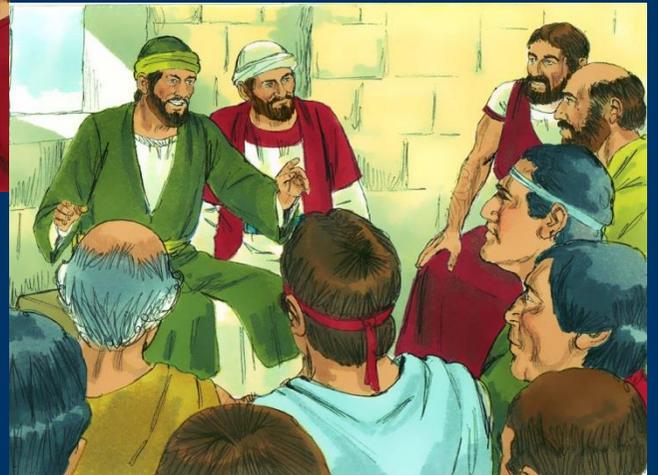
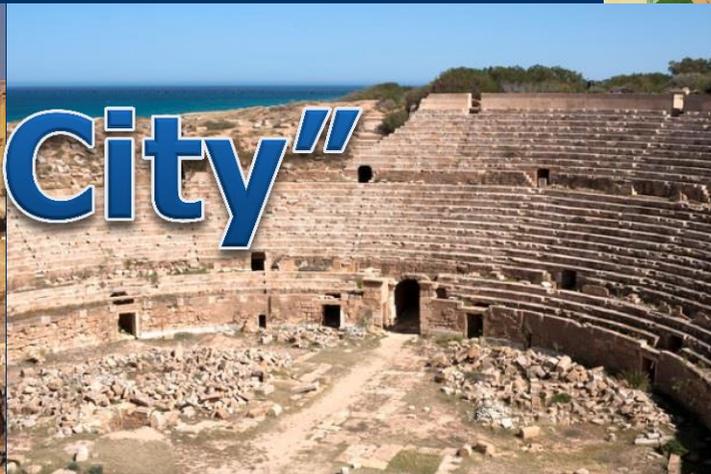
Acts 11:23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.



III. ASSISTANCE: BARNABAS AND SAUL

B) Instruction and Identity

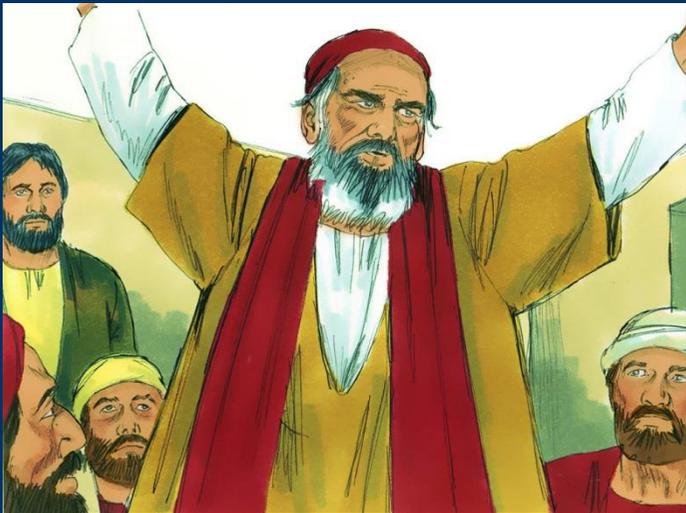
Acts 11:25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.



IV. NEED: JERUSALEM AND FAMINE

The Prediction:

Acts 11:27 During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. **28** One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)



The Respond:

Acts 11:29 The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. **30** This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

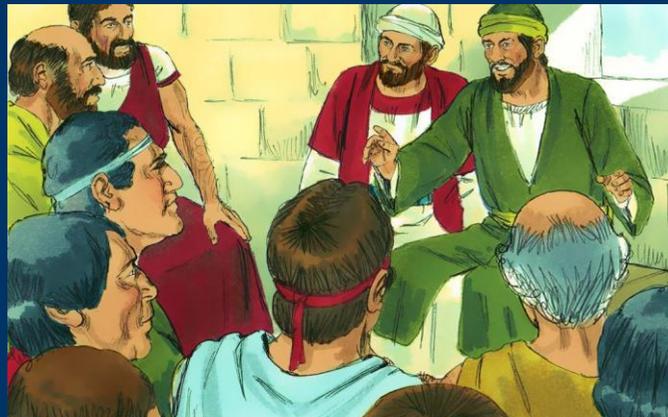
CONCLUSION:



Saul's story of his comeback reminds us that whatever situation you may be in, you are on God's mind.

*A) Whatever God pursues,
He accomplishes.*

*B) Whomever God chooses,
He uses.*





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Every nation is unique and known for something. What are China, Egypt, India and Rome well known for in history?*
- 2. How does God's road like the Roman's road similar in nature?*
- 3. How did the Peter and Paul contribute to the spreading of the gospel?*
- 4. How did the gospel spread from Jerusalem to Syrian Antioch?*
- 5. What part does Barnabas play in Saul's initial ministry? How does the believer in Antioch benefit from Barnabas and Saul?*
- 6. How did the church in Antioch reflect their Christ-like character in the community? What role did they play in responding to the need in Jerusalem?*



Scripture References:

Acts 11:19 – 30