

NOON BIBLE STUDY: ACTS 9 (2) & 10

ACTS 9:32-35 - PETER IN LYDDA, AENEAS HEALED

V. 33 - BED RIDDEN/PARALYZED FOR 8 YEARS

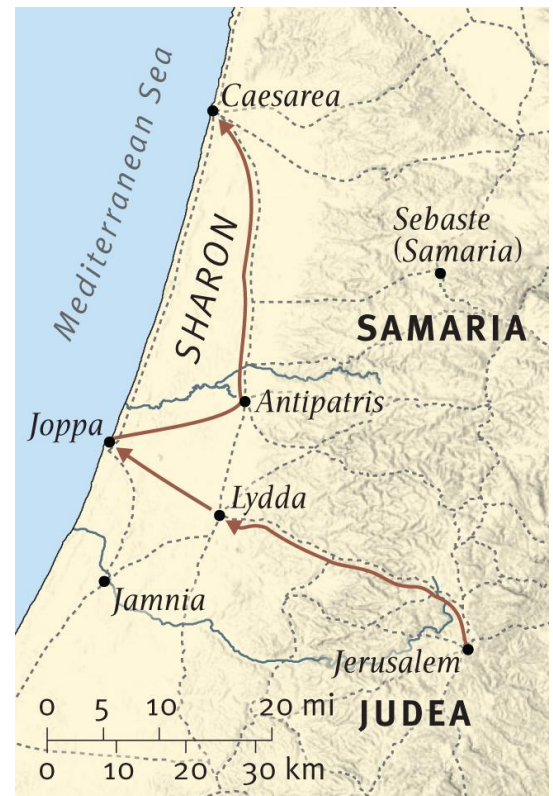
V. 35 - MIRACLE → "ALL WHO LIVED IN LYDDA AND SHARON TURNED TO THE LORD"

ACTS 9:36-43 - PETER IN JOPPA, TABITHA RAISED BACK TO LIFE

TABITHA (GREEK: DORCAS) - "WOMAN ABOUNDING WITH DEEDS OF KINDNESS & CHARITY". MADE TUNICS AND GARMENTS FOR THE WIDOWS (V. 39)

V. 42 - MIRACLE → "MANY BELIEVED IN THE LORD"

V. 43 - PETER STAYED "MANY DAYS" IN JOPPA WITH TANNER (SOMEONE WHO DYES ANIMAL SKINS)



ACTS 10:1-9 - CORNELIUS' VISION

V. 1-2 - CENTURION, DEVOUT MAN, FEARED GOD, GAVE ALMS TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE, PRAYED TO GOD CONTINUALLY.

"CORNELIUS RESIDED AT CAESAREA, A CITY ON THE COAST 31 MILES (50 KM) NORTH OF JOPPA; CAESAREA WAS THE SEAT OF THE ROMAN GOVERNMENT OF JUDEA (SEE NOTE ON 8:40). CORNELIUS WAS A CENTURION, A COMMANDER OF 100 MEN, AND A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN COHORT. (A "COHORT" CONSISTED OF 600 MEN UNDER THE COMMAND OF SIX CENTURIONS, BUT WITH AUXILIARY FORCES IN REMOTE AREAS SUCH AS JUDEA A "COHORT" MIGHT HAVE AS MANY AS 1,000 MEN.) TEN COHORTS FORMED A "LEGION." CENTURIONS WERE PAID VERY WELL (AS MUCH AS FIVE TIMES THE PAY OF AN ORDINARY SOLDIER), SO CORNELIUS WOULD HAVE BEEN SOCIALLY PROMINENT AND WEALTHY." (ESV STUDY BIBLE ACTS 10:1)

ACTS 10:9-16 - PETER'S VISION

- PETER SHOWN SHEET WITH VARIOUS ANIMALS. TOLD TO "KILL AND EAT". PETER, ENDEAVORING TO BE COMMITTED TO LAWS OF GOD, REFUSES. VOICE REPLIES "WHAT GOD HAS CLEANSED, NO LONGER CONSIDER UNHOLY (V. 15)"
- VISION AND VOICE SHOWN A TOTAL OF 3X



ACTS 10:17-23A - CORNELIUS CALLS FOR PETER

ACTS 10:23-29 - PETER MEETS CORNELIUS, RELATIVES AND CLOSE FRIENDS.

V. 28 - "UNLAWFUL FOR A JEW TO ASSOCIATE WITH FOREIGNER OR VISIT HIM" - IT WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY AGAINST MOSAIC LAW TO DO THIS, BUT STRICT RABBINICAL CODE MADE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ASSOCIATE WITHOUT BECOMING UNCLEAN.

GENTILE - NON-JEWISH PERSON. OFTEN TRANSLATED "THE NATIONS" IN THE OT. PAGANS, PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T BELIEVE IN YAHWEH, GOD OF ABRAHAM (& NATION OF ISRAEL).

ACTS 10:30-33 - PETER PROCLAIMS THE NEWS OF JESUS

ACTS 10:44-48 - HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN TO GENTILES

- JEWISH DISCIPLES KNEW THE SPIRIT HAD COME UPON THE GENTILE BECAUSE GENTILES "SPOKE IN TONGUES", EXALTED GOD.
- Q — "WHO GIVES THE SPIRIT? JESUS! (ACTS 2:33)"
 - IF JESUS HAD APPROVED OF THE GENTILES, THE (JEWISH) DISCIPLES WOULD TOO!. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE GENTILES RECEIVE THE SPIRIT IN THE SAME WAY AS ACTS 2. THEY ARE NOT A LESSER "CITIZEN"
- V. 47-48 - PETER INITIATES GENTILES INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH VIA BAPTISM IN JESUS' NAME.
 - ACTS 10: SPIRIT → BAPTISM, ACTS 8: BAPTISM → SPIRIT