

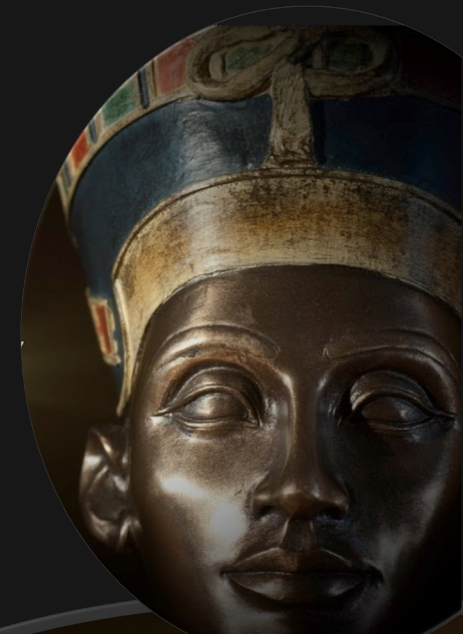


# **A DIVINE APPOINTMENT**

**ACTS 8 : 26-40**

**The Ethiopian Eunuch  
Philip, the Evangelist  
Tips for Sharing the Gospel**

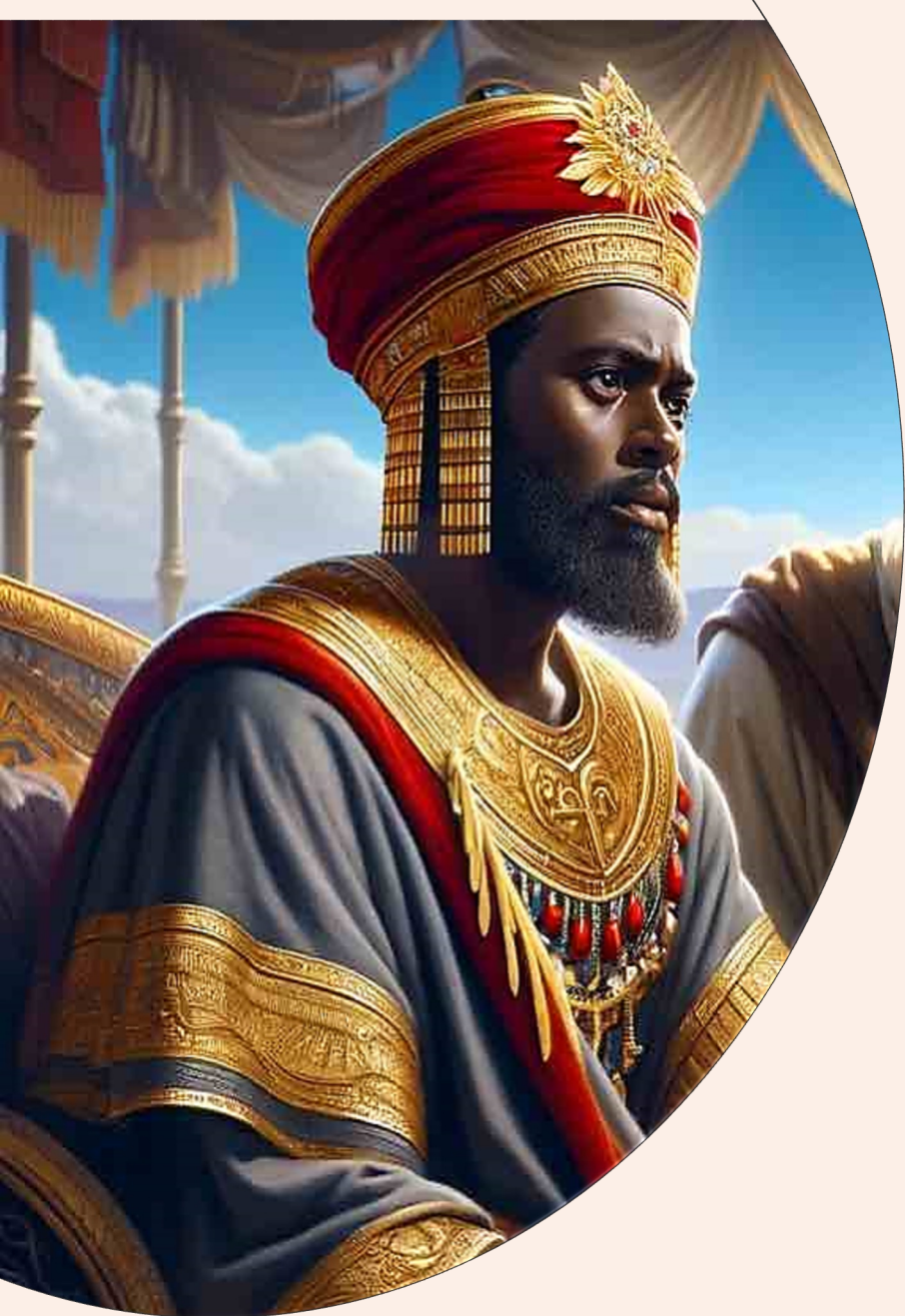




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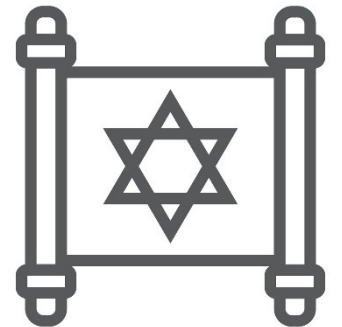
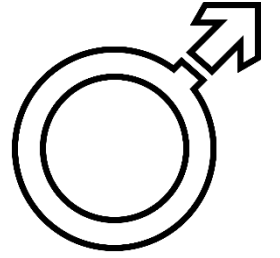
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**The Ethiopian Eunuch**

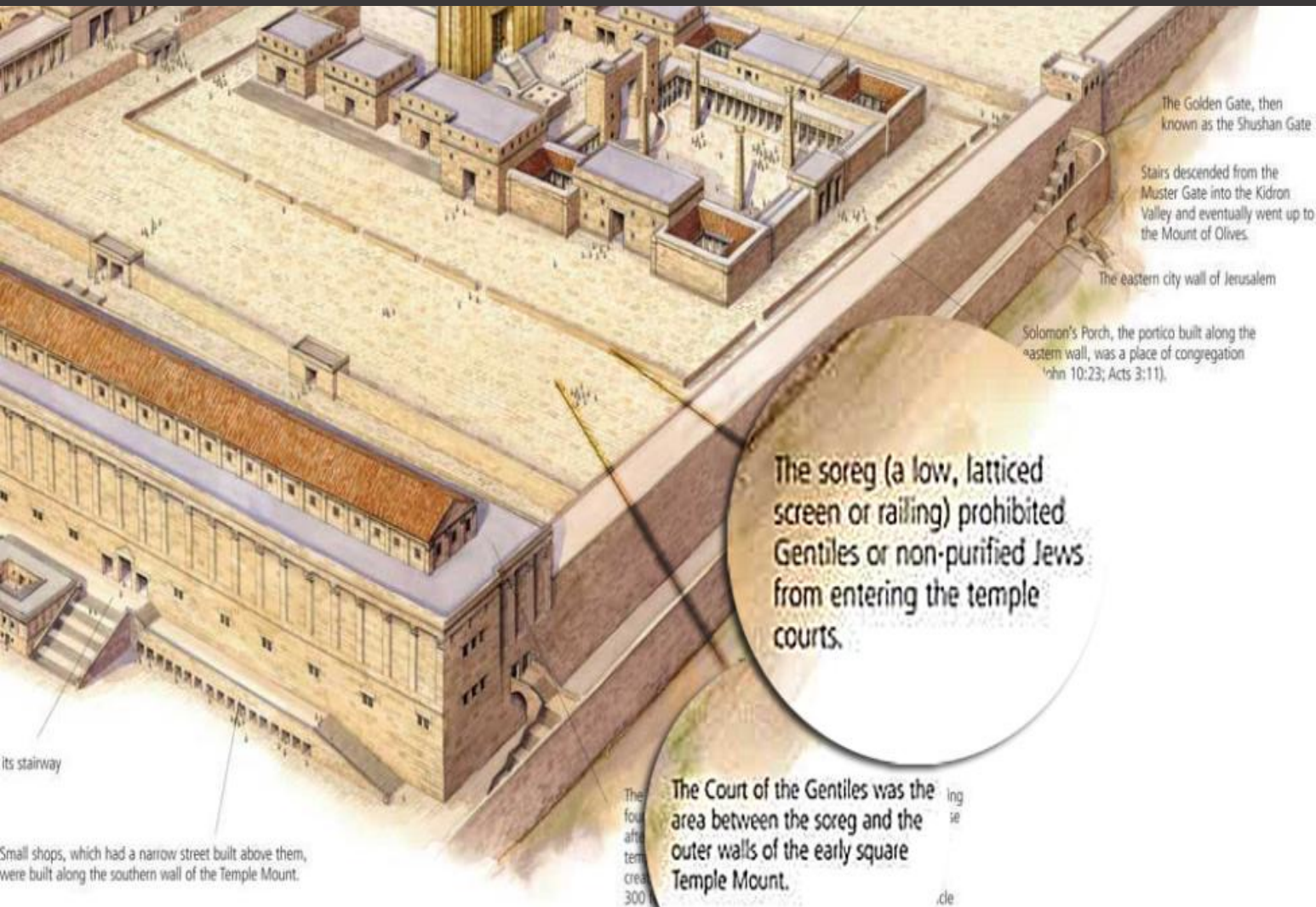
**Candace's Treasurer**

**A Proselyte,  
a convert to Judaism**





**Under the Old Testament law, eunuchs were banned from the priesthood and from God's assembly due to their castration**



**No one whose  
testicles are crushed  
or whose male organ  
is cut off shall enter  
the assembly  
of the Lord.  
Deuteronomy 23:1**

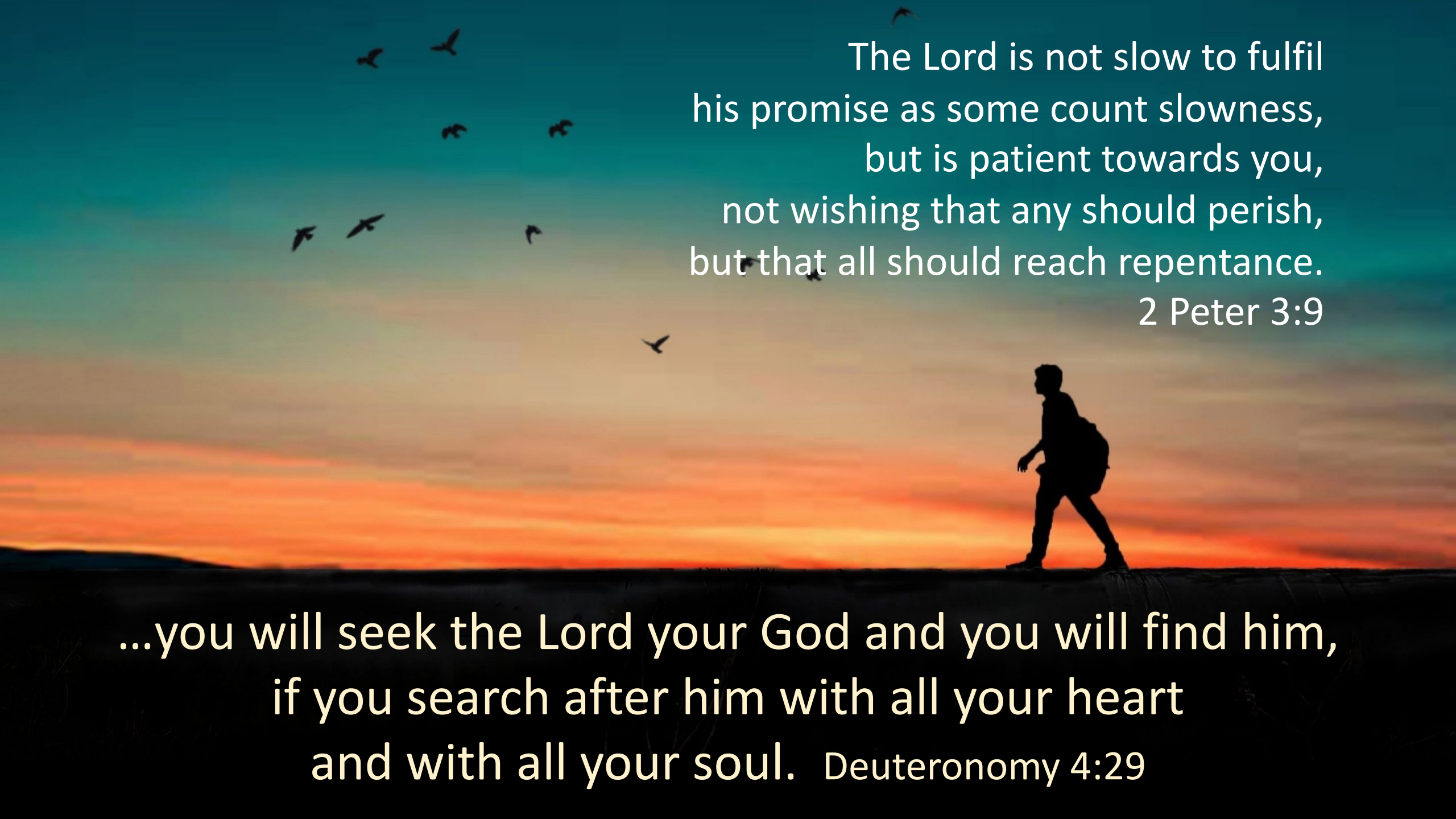
## ISAIAH 56 : 1, 3-5

1 Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed...

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely separate me from his people”; and let not the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.”

4 For thus says the Lord: “To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,

5 I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

A silhouette of a person walking towards the right against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a teal blue at the top. Several birds are scattered across the sky, some in flight. The person is walking on a dark, flat surface.

The Lord is not slow to fulfil  
his promise as some count slowness,  
but is patient towards you,  
not wishing that any should perish,  
but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

...you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him,  
if you search after him with all your heart  
and with all your soul. Deuteronomy 4:29



# Philip, the deacon, the evangelist

And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said,  
“It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God **to serve tables**.

**Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty...**

and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, **and Philip**, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

Acts 6: 2-5



# Philip preached the gospel in Samaria



Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. **And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did.**

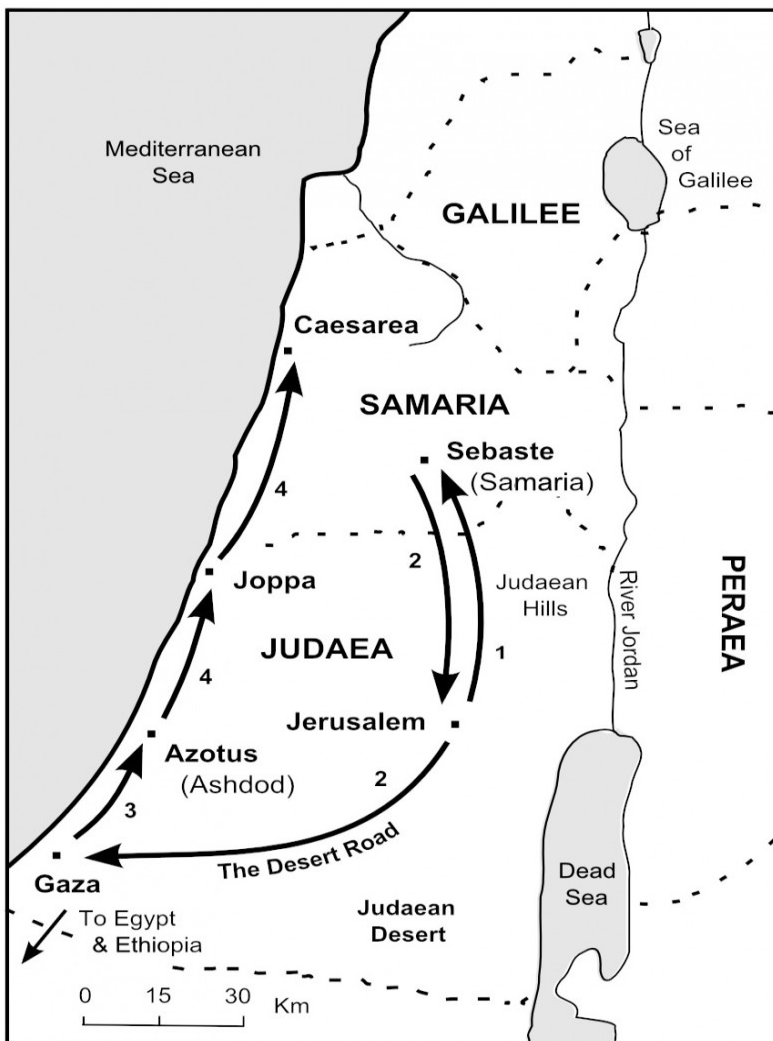
For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed.

**So there was much joy in that city.** Acts 8: 4-8



**Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”**

**This is a desert place.  
And he rose and went.  
Acts 8: 26-27**



# Persecution of Christians in the World Today



Holy Trinity Cathedral,  
Addis Ababa,  
Ethiopia, Africa

## MOST VIOLENT PERSECUTION:

- 1 Pakistan
- 2 Nigeria
- 3 Egypt
- 4 Central African Republic
- 5 Burkina Faso
- 6 Colombia
- 7 Cameroon
- 8 India
- 9 Mali
- 10 Sri Lanka
- 11 Syria
- 12 Ethiopia
- 13 Libya

## MOST SEVERE PERSECUTION:

- 1 North Korea
- 2 Afghanistan
- 3 Somalia
- 4 Libya
- 5 Pakistan
- 6 Eritrea
- 7 Sudan
- 8 Yemen
- 9 Iran
- 10 India
- 11 Syria
- 12 Nigeria
- 13 Saudi Arabia

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# People need to hear the Gospel and to understand it

## About whom does the prophet say this?

- <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.
- <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgement he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?

Isaiah 53 : 7-8



# God's Plan of Salvation : Sacrifice, the Shedding of Blood



And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.  
Genesis 3:21.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt ...

**The blood shall be a sign for you,  
on the houses where you are.  
And when I see the blood,**

**I will pass over you,  
and no plague  
will befall you  
to destroy you...**  
Exodus 12:12-13





# God's Plan of Salvation : Sacrifice, the Shedding of Blood

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

Leviticus 17:11



**Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.**

**Hebrews 9:22.**

**Behold,  
the Lamb of God,  
who takes away  
the sin of the world!**

**John 1:29**

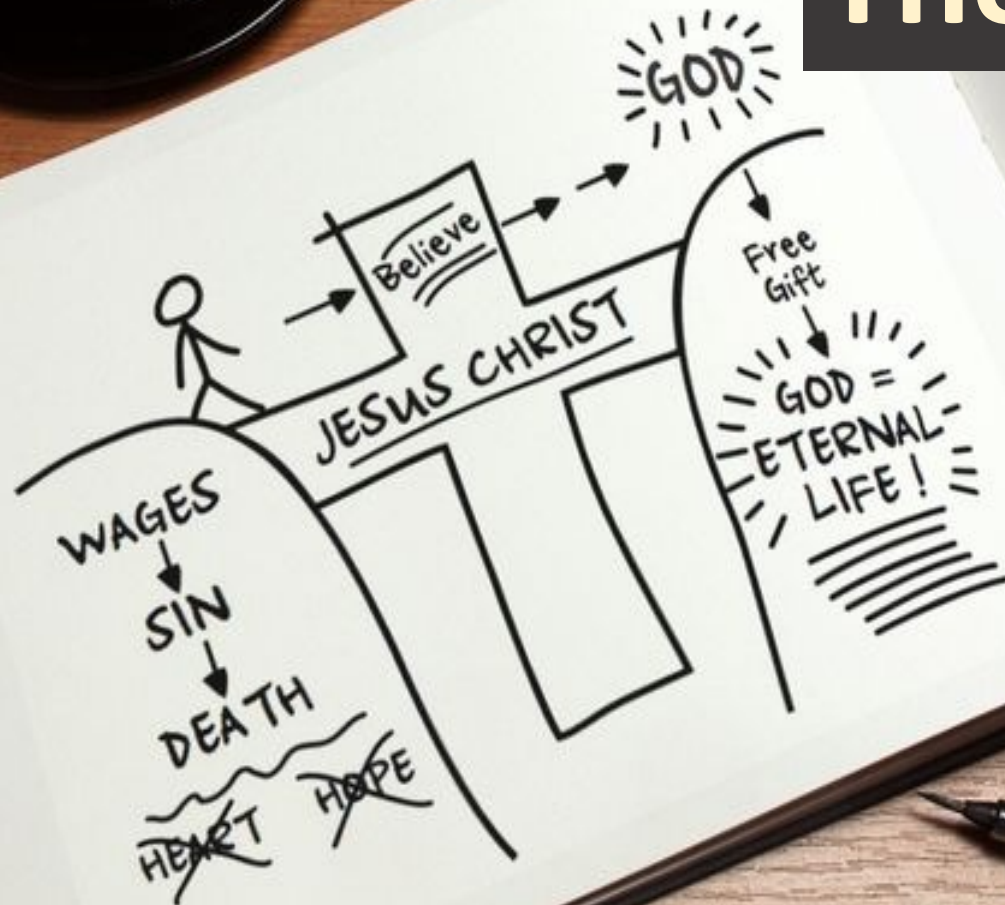


And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation ...

Revelation 5:9



# Share the gospel using **The Bridge Illustration**



**In sharing the gospel, remember ...**

**#1**

**People need to hear the gospel  
and to understand it**

**#2**

**God works his plan of salvation  
through human agents**

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# Artificial Intelligence (AI)

A branch of computer science that uses computational models to perform tasks that previously required human intelligence.



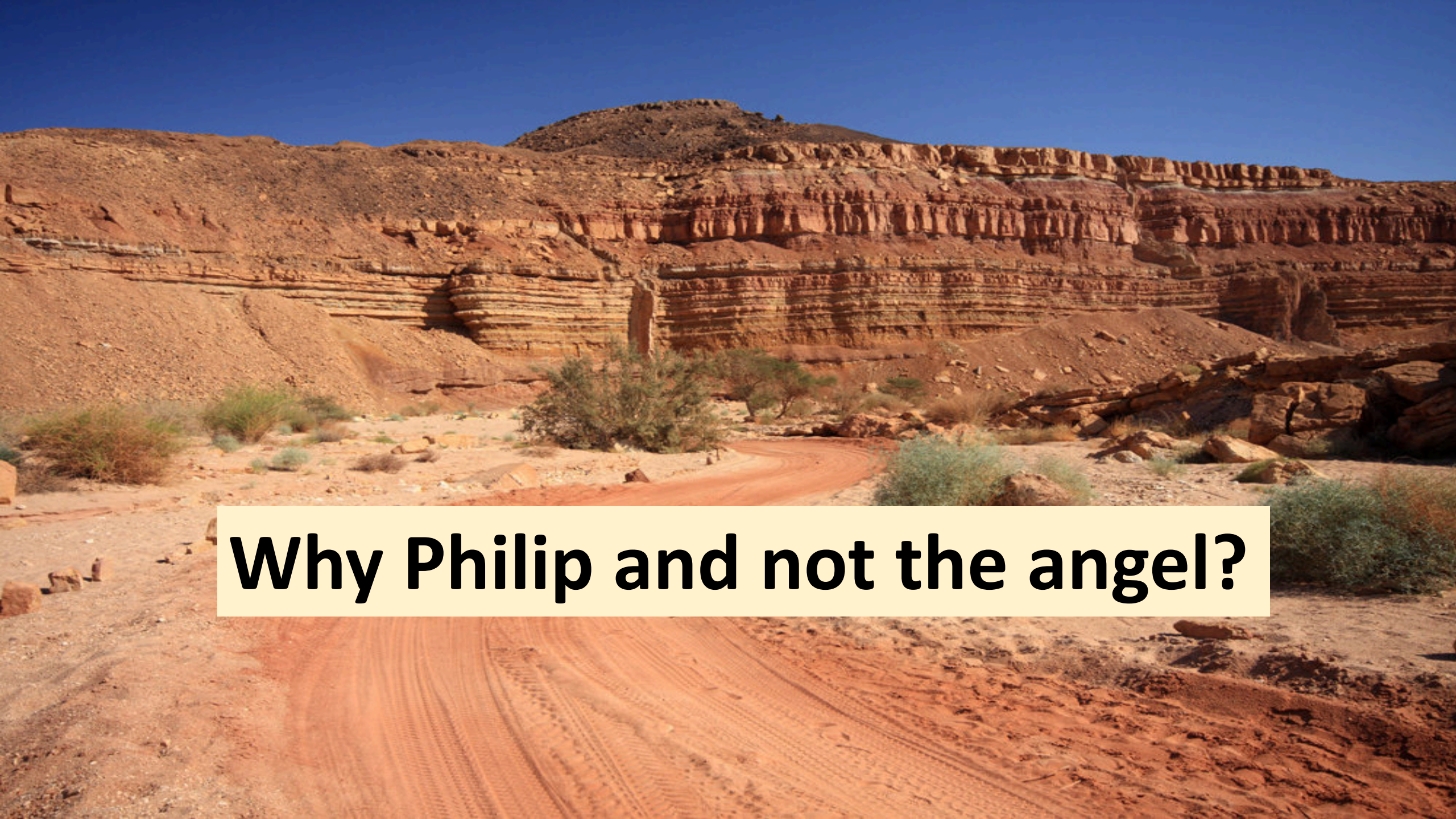


“Just as Philip met the eunuch  
on that desert road,  
God meets us in our unique circumstances.

**The Internet provides information,  
but personal interaction is often more effective.**

Encourage listeners to be open to divine  
appointments and to share the good news  
wherever they go.”



A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a reddish-brown dirt road with visible tire tracks curves from the bottom left towards the center. The middle ground features a sandy area with sparse, low-lying green and brown shrubs. In the background, a large, rugged cliff face with distinct horizontal sedimentary rock layers rises against a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is arid and sunlit.

**Why Philip and not the angel?**



