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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.”**





**Acts 1:8,**

**“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 1:1 7:60				Witness in Judea & Samaria 8:1 12:25		Witness to the Ends of the Earth 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										
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)			

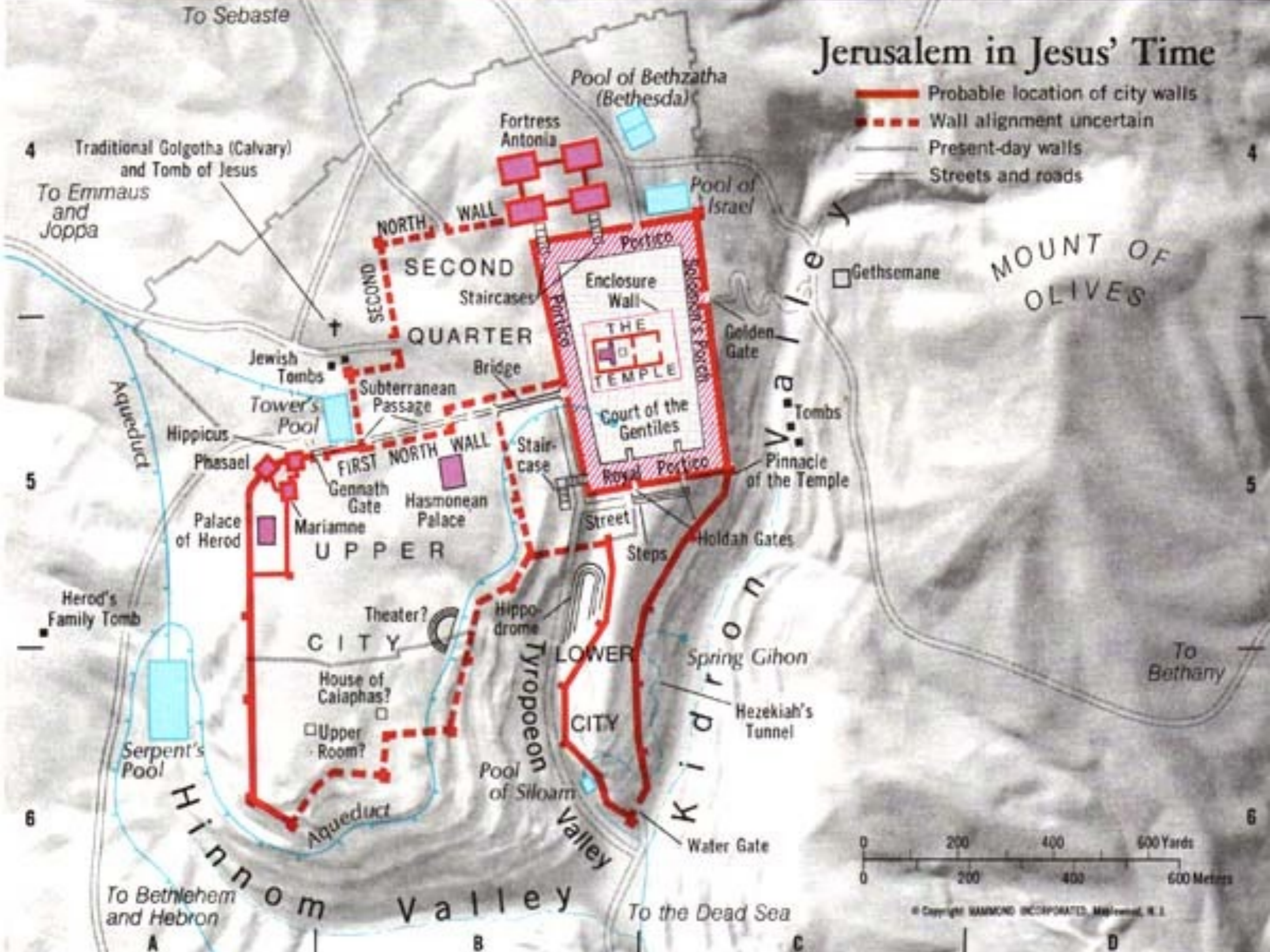
# Outline

- 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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**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)  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

