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Acts 6-9



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Those who opposed Stephen were from one or more synagogues where Jews from foreign lands worshipped (see Acts 6:9). Libertines were former slaves who had gained their freedom. Cyrenians were Jews from Northern Africa, Alexandrians were Jews from the Egyptian city of Alexandria, and Cilicia was a Roman province of Asia Minor. From the accusations made against Stephen (see Acts 6:11–14) and his defense (see Acts 7), it appears that his opponents were angered by his teachings that the coming of Jesus Christ had redefined basic Jewish concepts regarding the land of Israel, the law of Moses, and the temple of Jerusalem.

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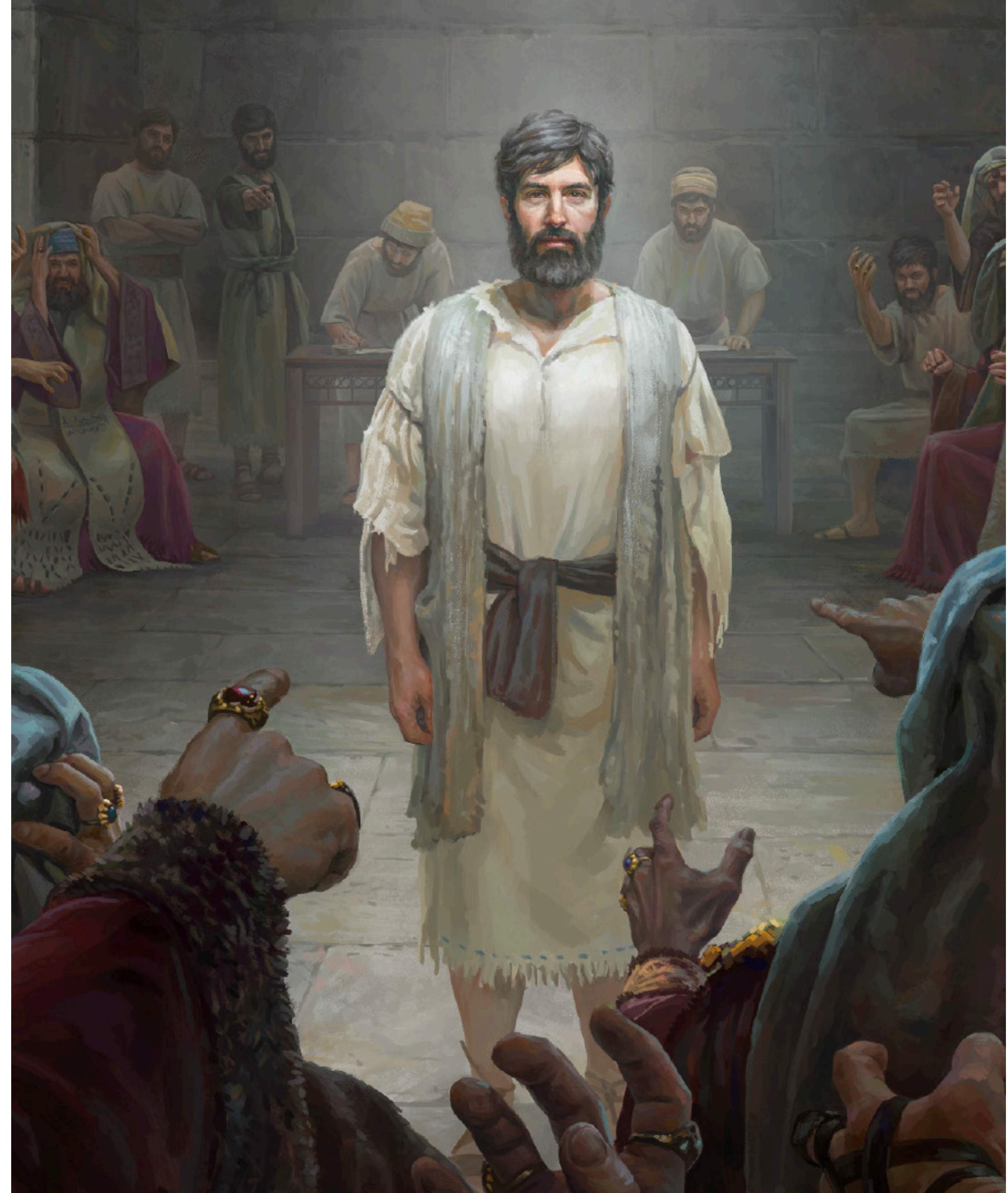
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25b TG Deliver.

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Stephen's speech to the Jewish council focused on great pillars of Jewish identity:

- (1) the land of Israel (verses 2–36)**
- (2) the law of Moses (verses 37–43)**
- (3) the tabernacle or temple (verses 44–50)**

Stephen gave the historical background for how the Lord had given each of these three blessings to Israel and showed how ancient Israel had rejected them. Stephen concluded with a denunciation of his accusers, declaring that they were like their forefathers (see verses 51–53).

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42 Then God turned, and ^agave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?

43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the ^afashion that he had seen.

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59 And they ^astoned ^bStephen, ^ccalling upon ^dGod, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my ^espirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and ^acried with a loud voice, ^bLord, lay not this sin to their ^ccharge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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Saul persecutes the Church—Philip's ministry in Samaria is described—Philip performs miracles and baptizes men and women—Peter and John come to Samaria and confer the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands—Simon seeks to buy this gift and is rebuked by Peter—Philip preaches about Christ and baptizes an Ethiopian eunuch.

AND Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great ^apersecution against the ^bchurch which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad

48a Acts 17:24.
49a TG Kingdom of God, in Heaven.
50a TG Jesus Christ, Creator.
51a TG Stiffnecked.
b Jer. 6:10; Rom. 2:29 (28–29).
c TG Rebellion.
d Neh. 9:30.
e Mal. 3:7; Matt. 23:32; Hel. 13:25 (25–29).
52a TG Apostasy of Israel; Prophets, Rejection of.

Glory of.
c TG Godhead.
d D&C 137:3.
e TG Jesus Christ, Appearances, Postmortal.
f Heb. 1:3.
TG Jesus Christ, Relationships with the Father.
56a TG God, Presence of; God, Privilege of Seeing.
b Ezek. 1:1;

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58a Acts 22:20.
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Sometimes Acts 7:48 is used by critics of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to find fault with the practice of building temples. But Stephen did not imply that Israel had been wrong to build the tabernacle or the temple; after all, God had commanded the Jerusalem temple to be built. Stephen meant that God was not confined to the physical structure of the temple, as some people believed in ancient times (see 1 Kings 8:27). Elder Bruce R. McConkie taught, “The great Creator, by whom all things are, dwelleth not in temples made by the hands of his creatures; but he is worshiped by them in his temples, which holy houses he visits occasionally, and in which sacred spots his Spirit may always be found by the faithful” (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 2:76).

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Stephen is generally considered to be the first Christian martyr. As he faced death, Stephen followed the Savior's example by forgiving his killers and placing his spirit in God's care (compare Acts 7:59–60 to Luke 23:34, 46). Luke may have included Saul in the account of Stephen's death in order to prepare the reader for the account of Saul's conversion (see Acts 8–9). Luke recorded the interesting detail that those who stoned Stephen "laid down their clothes" at the feet of Saul (Acts 7:58).



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Acts 8

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47 But Solomon built him an house.

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49a TG Kingdom of God, in Heaven.

50a TG Jesus Christ, Creator.

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b Jer. 6:10; Rom. 2:29 (28–29).

c TG Rebellion.

d Neh. 9:30.

e Mal. 3:7; Matt. 23:32; Hel. 13:25 (25–29).

52a TG Apostasy of Israel; Prophets, Rejection of.

Glory of.

c TG Godhead.

d D&C 137:3.

e TG Jesus Christ, Appearances, Postmortal.

f Heb. 1:3.

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56a TG God, Presence of; God, Privilege of Seeing.

b Ezek. 1:1;

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59a TG Persecution.

b TG Martyrdom.

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d 3 Ne. 19:22 (18–36).

e TG Man, a Spirit Child of Heavenly Father;

2a TG Mourning.

3a Acts 22:4; 1 Cor. 15:9; 1 Tim. 1:13; Mosiah 27:10 (9–11).

b Acts 22:19; 4 Ne. 1:30.

5a Acts 1:8.

6a TG Counsel

b TG Superstitions.

c 2 Ne. 26:29.

12a TG Missionary Work; Preaching.

b TG Name.

c TG Baptism, Essential.

13a OR was amazed, astonished.

14a Acts 11:1 (1–18)

Power of;

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20a TG God, Gifts of.

b TG Bribe.

21a D&C 49:2.

22a TG Wickedness.

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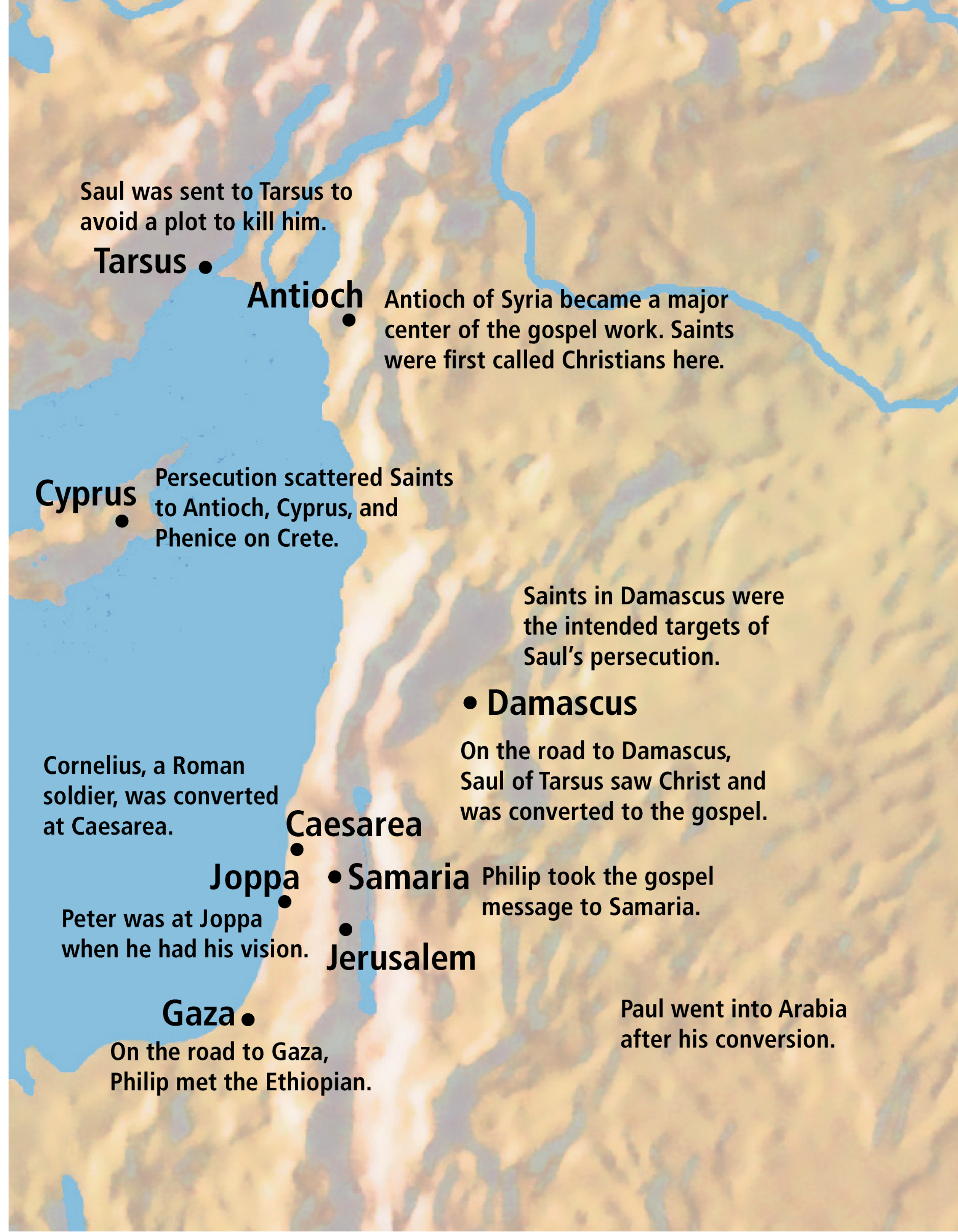
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25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

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37 And he answered and said, I believe that thou sayest. And he commanded him to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

38 And he went on his way, and he stood up, and he was baptized.

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38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he ^abaptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the ^aSpirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus, and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to ^aCæsarea.





Elder Ulisses Soares

This account “is a reminder of the divine mandate we all have to seek to learn and to teach one another the gospel of Jesus Christ. ... We are sometimes like the Ethiopian—we need the help of a faithful and inspired teacher; and we are sometimes like Philip—we need to teach and strengthen others in their conversion”

(“How Can I Understand?,” Apr 2019 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2019, 6).

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When Philip traveled south of Jerusalem, as instructed by an angel, he met and baptized a man from Ethiopia (see Acts 8:26–39). Since Ethiopia, in present-day Africa, was not part of Judea, the conversion partially fulfilled the prophecy recorded in Acts 1:8 that the gospel would spread beyond Judea and Samaria, and it foreshadowed the dramatic missionary work about to commence among the Gentiles (from Acts 10 onward).



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“For each of us to ‘come unto Christ’ [D&C 20:59], to keep His commandments and follow His example back to the Father is surely the highest and holiest purpose of human existence. To help others do that as well—to teach, persuade, and prayerfully lead them to walk that path of redemption also—surely that must be the second most significant task in our lives. Perhaps that is why President David O. McKay once said, ‘No greater responsibility can rest upon any man [or woman] than to be a teacher of God’s children’ [in Conference Report, Oct. 1916, 57].



Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

We are, in fact, all somewhat like the man of Ethiopia to whom Philip was sent. Like him, we may know enough to reach out for religion. We may invest ourselves in the scriptures. We may even give up our earthly treasures, but without sufficient instruction we may miss the meaning of all this and the requirements that still lie before us. So we cry with this man of great authority, ‘How can [we understand,] except some [teacher] should guide [us]?’”

(“A Teacher Come from God,” Apr. 1998 GC, Ensign, May 1998, 25).

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Acts 9

Bible Dictionary, "Paul"

Saul was born in the Greek city Tarsus (see Acts 21:39) and had Roman citizenship (see Acts 16:37). He was a Jew from the lineage of Benjamin (see Romans 11:1) and was educated in Jerusalem by Gamaliel (see Acts 22:3), a well-known Pharisee and respected teacher of Jewish law (see Acts 5:34). Saul became a Pharisee (see Acts 23:6), and he spoke a "Hebrew tongue" (probably Aramaic) and Greek (see Acts 21:37, 40). He was later known by his Latin name, Paul (see Acts 13:9).

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On one occasion, the Prophet Joseph Smith described Paul's physical appearance: "He [the Apostle Paul] is about five feet high; very dark hair; dark complexion; dark skin; large Roman nose; sharp face; small black eyes, penetrating as eternity; round shoulders; a whining voice, except when elevated, and then it almost resembles the roaring of a lion. He was a good orator" (in *"Extracts from William Clayton's Private Book,"* p. 4, *Journals of L. John Nuttall, 1857–1904*, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Brigham Young University; copy in Church History Library).

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

26 And the ^aangel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to ^aworship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

29 Then the ^aSpirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a ^alamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth,

and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him ^aJesus.

36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou ^abelievest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he ^abaptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the ^aSpirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to ^aCæsarea.

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b D&C 121:38.

6a TG Conversion.

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13a Acts 26:10.

15a 1 Thes. 3:3.

b Acts 22:15; 26:16.

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d Rom. 15:10 (8–21);

1 Tim. 2:7.

e Ps. 119:46;

Matt. 10:18;

D&C 1:23.

17a TG Administrations to the Sick; Hands, Laying on of.

b 1 Cor. 9:1.

c TG Called of God; Delegation of Responsibility.

d TG Holy Ghost, Gift of.

18a TG Sight.

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21a Gal. 1:13.

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President Ezra Taft Benson

“A man can ask no more important question in his life than that which Paul asked: ‘... Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?’ A man can take no greater action than to pursue a course that will bring to him the answer to that question and then to carry out that answer.”

(“Listen to a Prophet’s Voice,” Ensign, Jan. 1973, 57).

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Elder D. Todd Christofferson

“You may ask, Why doesn’t this mighty change happen more quickly with me? You should remember that the remarkable examples of King Benjamin’s people, Alma, and some others in scripture are just that—remarkable and not typical. For most of us, the changes are more gradual and occur over time. Being born again, unlike our physical birth, is more a process than an event.”

(“Born Again,” Apr. 2008 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2008, 78).

President David O. McKay

“Perhaps during those few days of comparative leisure, [Saul] began to wonder whether what he was doing was right or not. Perhaps the shining face of the dying Stephen and the martyr’s last prayer began to sink more deeply into his soul than it had done before. Little children’s cries for their parents whom Saul had bound began to pierce his soul more keenly, and make him feel miserably unhappy as he looked forward to more experiences of that kind in Damascus. Perhaps he wondered whether the work of the Lord, if he were really engaged in it, would make him feel so restless and bitter. He was soon to learn that only the work of the evil one produces those feelings, and that true service for the Lord, always brings peace and contentment” (Ancient Apostles, 2nd ed. [1921], 148).

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Ananias was likely the leader of the Church in Damascus, and he may have been one whom Saul had targeted for arrest. This would explain Ananias's initial reluctance to seek out Saul after the Lord commanded him to do so. Nevertheless, Ananias was obedient to the Lord, and he helped place Saul, a future Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, on the path of faith and forgiveness (see Acts 9:10–15).

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26 And when Saul was come to ^aJerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had ^aseen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and ^adisputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 *Which* when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Cæsarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judæa and Galilee and Samaria, and were ^aedified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the ^bcomfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

32 ¶ And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the ^asaints which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was ^asick of the palsy.

34 And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 ¶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which

by interpretation is called Dorcas: this ^awoman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, ^aarise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

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42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

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13a Acts 26:10.

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d Rom. 15:10 (8–21);

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e Ps. 119:46;

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17a TG Administrations to the Sick; Hands, Laying on of.

b 1 Cor. 9:1.

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18a TG Sight.

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21a Gal. 1:13.

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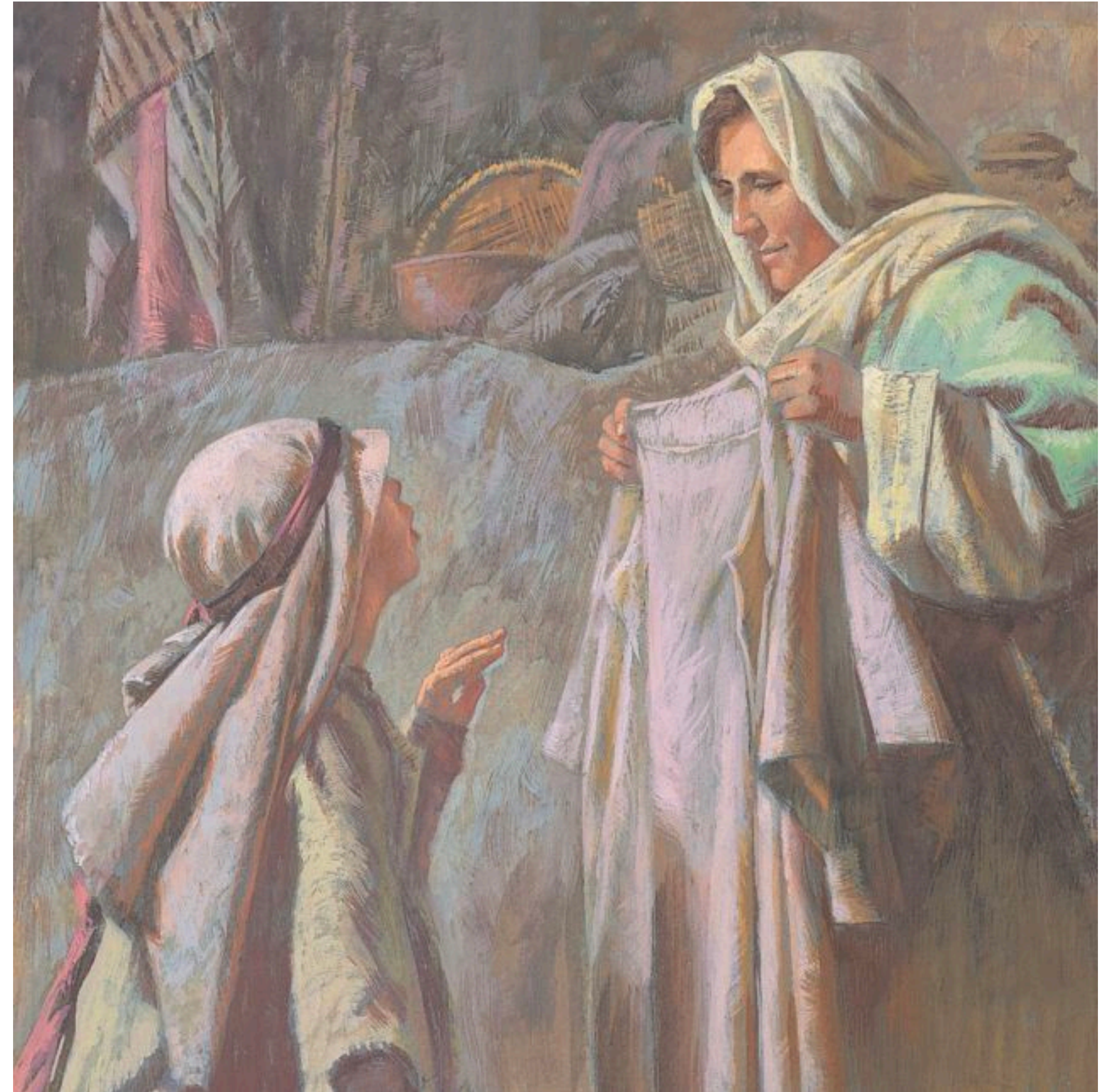
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