Part II

"Signs & Wonders Accompany Walking In The Fear & Comfort Of The Holy Spirit!"

Acts 9:36-43

At Joppa there was a certain disciple <u>named</u> Tabitha, which is <u>translated</u> Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that <u>she became sick and died</u>. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, so they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body He (Peter) said, *"Tabitha, Arise!"* (*"Tabitha Cumi!"*), which is translated, (*"Woman of Grace, arise!"*) And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when He (Peter) had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And <u>It</u> (Miracle of Resurrection) became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. So it was that He (Simon Peter) stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner. Main Truths Seen In Scripture

A1: "God Grows His People / His Church Through Evangelism, Miracles, & Service!" A2: "God Raises Up Faithful People Who Serve Others In His Name" Main Truths Seen In Scripture

A3: "Miracles, Signs, & Wonders Are Given By God's Holy Spirit!" A4: "Unbelievers Witness These Miracles, Signs, & Wonders & Turn Their Lives Over To The Lord, Jesus Christ!"

Q: "What Happens When We Walk In The Fear (Awe) & Comfort Of The Holy Spirit?"

A1: Main Truth

"God Grows His People / His Church Through Evangelism, Miracles, & Service!"

"Then the Churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, had peace and were edified. And Walking in the Fear (Awe) of the Lord and in the Comfort of the Holy Spirit, They (Disciples/Followers) were multiplied." Acts 9:31

Q: "Where Had Peter Travelled The Last Time, We Encountered Him?"

A: The City of Lydda (Lod) & The Plains of Sharon

Q: "Where Is Peter Travelling Next?"

A: City of Joppa (Jaffa/Yafo)

10 Miles Northwest Of Lydda (Lod)

Q: "So, How Had These People (Saints) Come To Faith In Jesus Christ?"

A: The Previous, "Prophetic, Preaching, & Powerful Ministry" Of Phillip The Deacon On His Way

To Lydda (Lod) & Plains of Sharon Are Between Azotus (Ashdod) & Joppa By Way Of Caesarea. A2 – Main Truth x1

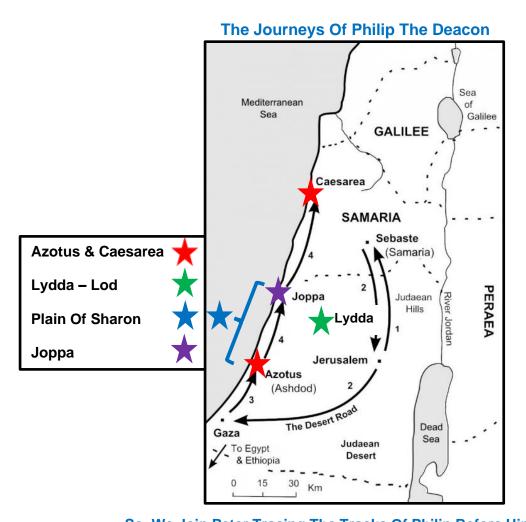
"God Raises Up Faithful People Who Serve Others In His Name!"

"But Philip was found at Azotus (Ashdod). And passing through, he preached

in all the cities (including Lydda, The Plains of Sharon, & Joppa) till he came to Caesarea."

Acts 8:40

SEE MAP of the Journeys of Phillip On the Next Page!



So, We Join Peter Tracing The Tracks Of Philip Before Him! – Part I "Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the Saints who dwelt in Lydda." – Acts 9:32 So, We Join Peter Tracing The Tracks Of Philip Before Him! – Part II "And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, so they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them ..." Acts 9:38-39a

A2 – Main Truth x2

"God Raises Up Faithful People Who Serve Others In His Name!" At Joppa there was a certain disciple <u>named</u> Tabitha, which is <u>translated</u> Dorcas. This woman <u>was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did</u>. Acts 9:36

Meaning Of Tabitha (Aramaic) / Dorcas (Greek) / Zibiah (Hebrew) "Grace Filled / Like A Graceful Gazelle She Moves"

Grace Filled People Serve Others With Good Works & Love In Jesus' Name! Notice Once Again, Just Like at Lydda,

Peter Is Actively Searching For Believers & Unbelievers Alike On His Journey. He Is Searching For A Way To Encourage The Believers

& For A Means Of Causing Faith To Arise In The Unbelievers As Well!

"But it happened in those days that <u>she became sick and died</u>. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room ... When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which <u>Dorcas</u> had made while she was with them." Acts 9:37 & 39b

Peter Now Invokes The Name Above All Names In Solitude & In Prayer To Discern The Holy Spirit's Will &To Gain Permission & Power In Jesus' Name! *"But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed."*

Acts 9:40a

A3 – Main Truth "Miracles, Signs, & Wonders Are Given By God's Holy Spirit!" "And turning to the body He (Peter) said, "Tabitha, Arise!" ("Tabitha Cumi!"), which is translated, ("Woman of Grace, arise!") <u>And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up</u>. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up ..."

Acts 9:40b-41a

Notice Similarity To Jesus Miracle Raising The Little Girl Back To Life

& Recall He Kicked Out Everyone, Except John, James, & Peter!

And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him (Jesus), he (Jairus) fell at Jesus' Feet and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your Hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will *live."* So, Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged around Him. While He (Jesus) was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue (Jairus), "Do not be afraid; only believe!" And He (Jesus) permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). Then He (Jesus) came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue (Jairus), and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. When He (Jesus) came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. But when He (Jesus) had put them all outside, He took the father (Jairus) and the mother of the child, and Those (Peter, James, & John) who were with Him and entered where the child was lying. Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, Cumi!", which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat. Mark 5:22-24 & 35-43 (NKJV)

Notice The Similarity In Faith, Language, Command, & Power In God's Spirit! "Talitha, Cumi!", which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" ... Jesus "Tabitha Cumi!", which is translated, "Woman of Grace, I say to you, arise!" ... Peter A4 – Main Truth "Unbelievers Witness These Miracles, Signs, & Wonders & Turn Their Lives Over To The Lord, Jesus Christ!" ... "And when He (Peter) had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And It (Miracle of Resurrection) became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord."

Acts 9:41b-42

After Two Incredible Signs & Wonders Were Performed In This Area, Peter Sensed A Great Movement Of The Holy Spirit Was Happening! So, He Paused & Stayed Awhile – Waiting On God To Speak Or Act Further! "So it was that He (Simon Peter) stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner." Acts 9:43

* FORESHADOWING *

Tanner's Are Considered Unclean & True Jewish Teachers Could Not Be In Their Presence!

"Let Us Right Here & Right Now – Pause & Stay Awhile Waiting On God To Speak To Us, His Children This Morning!"

> "Let Us Take A Few Moments & Pray To God For Our Wills To Cease & Desist!"

"Let Us Ask For Our Love Of God & Others To Grow Daily!"

"Let Us Ask For Transformation Into True 1st Century Christians: In Our Desires, In Our Faith, In Our Motivations, In Our Use Of Time, & In Our Actions!"