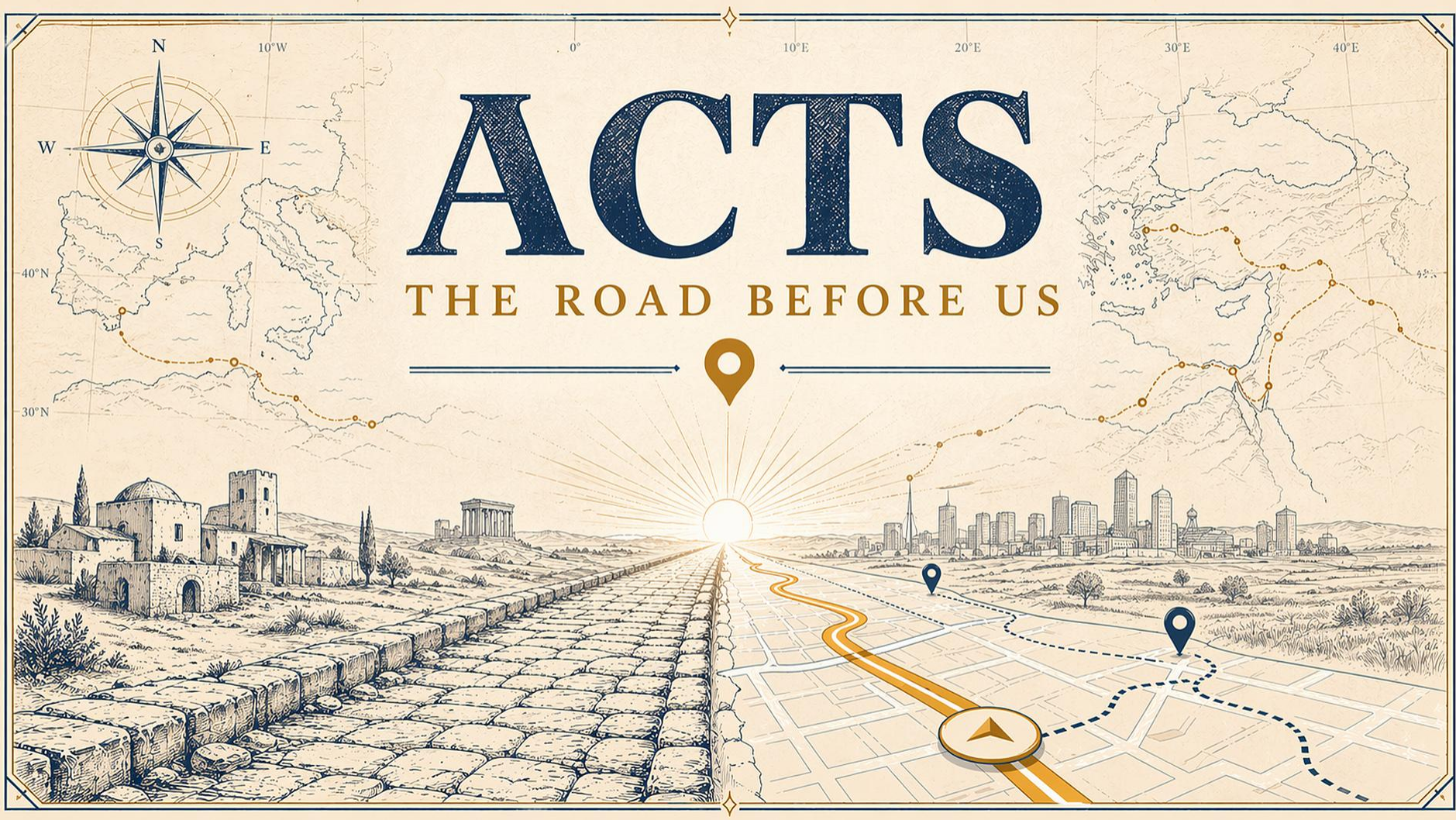
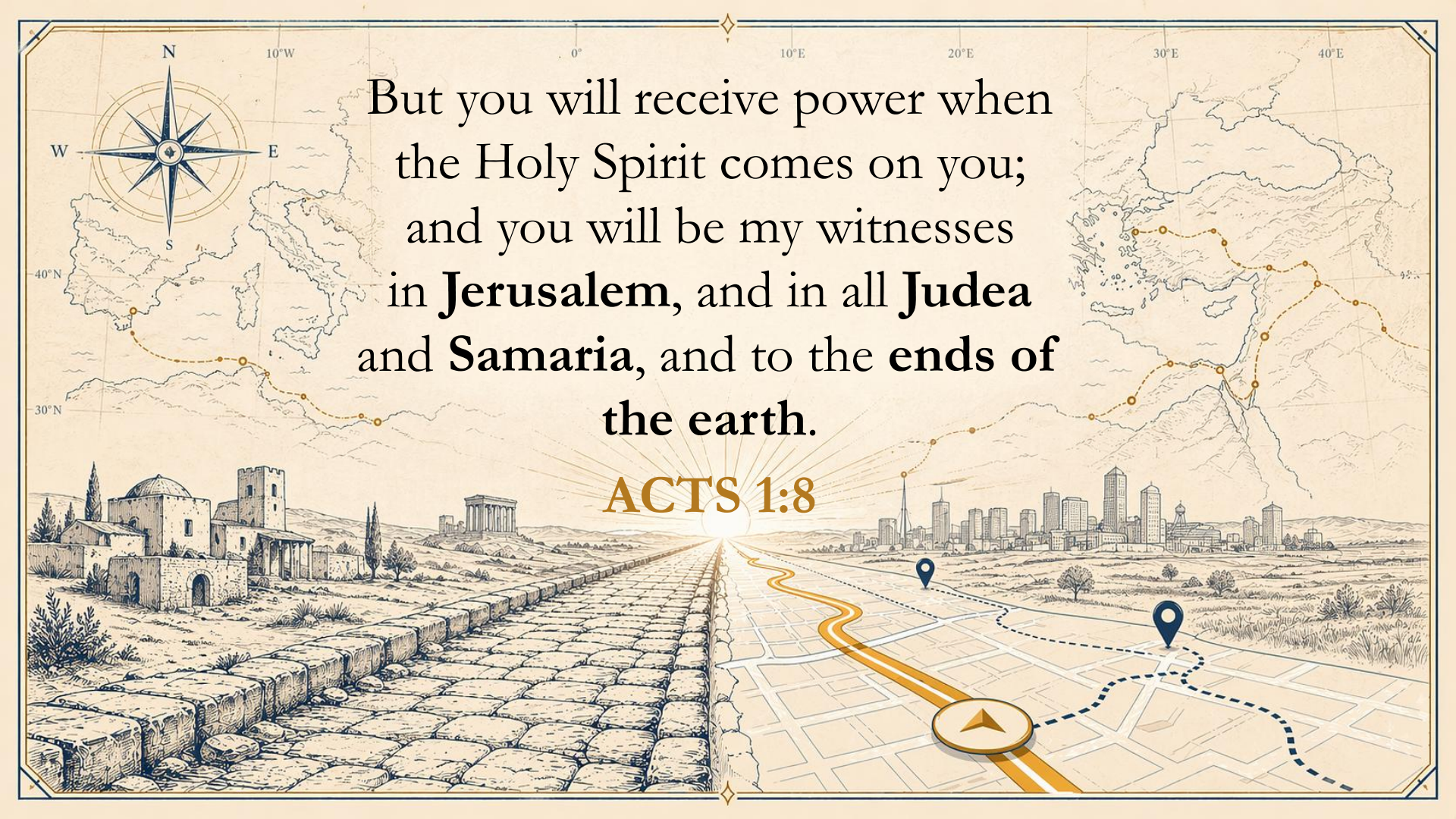




# ACTS

## THE ROAD BEFORE US





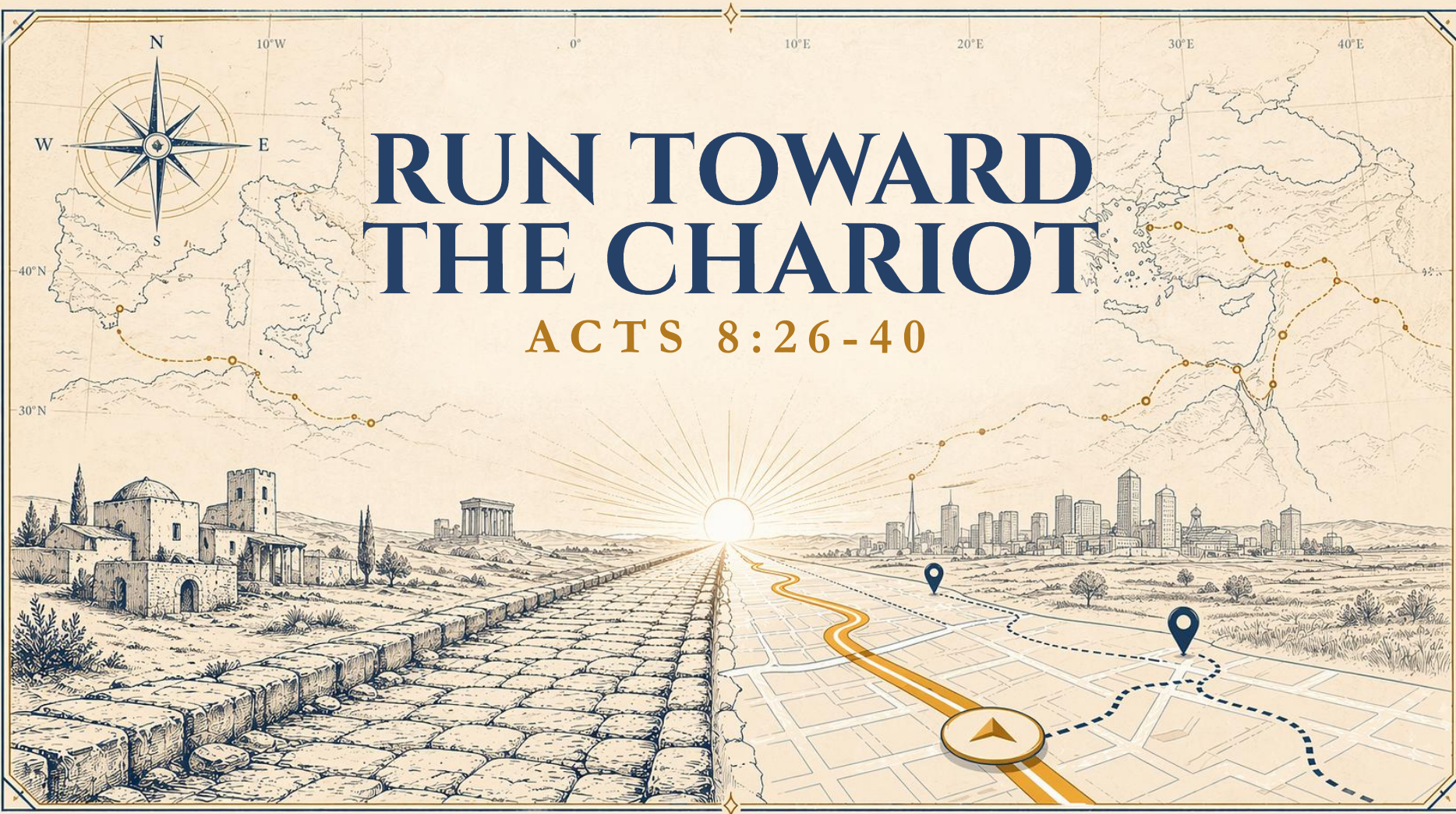
But you will receive power when  
the Holy Spirit comes on you;  
and you will be my witnesses  
in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea**  
and **Samaria**, and to the **ends of**  
**the earth.**

**ACTS 1:8**



# RUN TOWARD THE CHARIOT

ACTS 8:26-40



# THE SPIRIT SENDS

**ACTS 8:** <sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> **The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."**





# THE SPIRIT PREPARES

**ACTS 8:** <sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. **"Do you understand what you are reading?"** Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth."



# THE SPIRIT PREPARES

**ACTS 8:** <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
**Who can speak of his descendants?** For his life was taken  
from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the  
prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then  
Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him  
the good news about Jesus.



# THE SPIRIT PREPARES

**ISAIAH 56:** <sup>3</sup> Let no foreigner who is bound to the Lord say,  
"The Lord will surely exclude me from his people." And **let no eunuch complain, 'I am only a dry tree.'** For this is what the Lord says: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant—to them **I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters;** I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever."



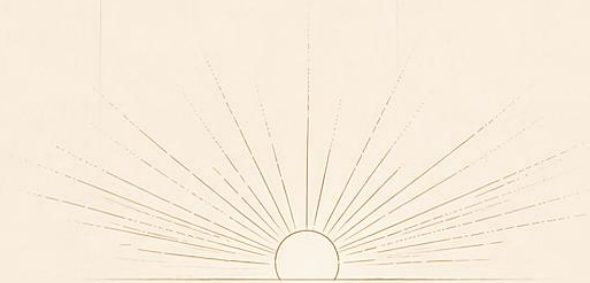
# THE SPIRIT WELCOMES

**ACTS 8:** <sup>36</sup> As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. **What can stand in the way of my being baptized?**" <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.



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ACTS 8:26-40

