

Acts 21:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

Analysis

Philip the evangelist, last mentioned in Acts 8:40, now appears as an established minister in Caesarea. Called 'one of the seven,' this reference to the original deacons (Acts 6:5) shows how servant leadership leads to greater gospel ministry. Philip's household became a base for Paul's team, demonstrating the continuity and fellowship of the early church across decades.

Historical Context

Caesarea Maritima was the Roman administrative capital of Judea, built by Herod the Great with a magnificent harbor. Philip had settled here after his evangelistic work, perhaps twenty years earlier.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does faithful service in small things lead to greater kingdom impact over time?
2. What does Philip's sustained ministry in one location teach about stability versus constant movement?

Interlinear Text

τῇ	δὲ	ἐπαύριον	ἐξελθόντες	οἱ	περὶ	τὸν	Παῦλον
G3588	And	the next	departed	G3588	company	G3588	Paul's
G1161		G1887	G1831		G4012		G3972
ἦλθον	εἰς	Καισάρειαν	καὶ	εἰσελθόντες	εἰς	τὸν	οἶκον
and came	into	Caesarea	and	we entered	into	G3588	the house
G2064	G1519	G2542	G2532	G1525	G1519		G3624
Φιλίππου	τοῦ	εὐαγγελιστοῦ	τοῦ	ὄντος	ἐκ	τῶν	
of Philip	G3588	the evangelist	G3588	which was	one of	G3588	
G5376		G2099		G5607	G1537		
ἐπτὰ	έμείναμεν	παρ'	αὐτῷ				
the seven	and abode	with	him				
G2033	G3306	G3844	G846				

Additional Cross-References

Acts 6:5 (Parallel theme): And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Ephesians 4:11 (Parallel theme): And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

2 Timothy 4:5 (Parallel theme): But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Acts 16:13 (Parallel theme): And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

Acts 28:16 (References Paul): And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

Acts 9:30 (Parallel theme): Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

Acts 16:10 (Parallel theme): And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.