

## ~PHILIP 2 (206)

(Phil'ip) [meaning, Fond of Horses, Horse-Loving]

- A **First-Century** evangelizer and missionary. Together with Stephen, **Philip** was among the seven certified men full of spirit and wisdom chosen for the impartial daily distribution of food among the Greek- and Hebrew-speaking Christian widows in Jerusalem.
- Now in these days, when the disciples were increasing, a murmuring arose on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution. (**Acts of Apostles 6:1**)
- So the twelve called the multitude of the disciples to them and said; It is not pleasing for us to leave the word of God to distribute food to tables. (**Acts of Apostles 6:2**)
- So, brothers, search out for yourselves seven certified men from among you, full of spirit and wisdom, that we may appoint them over this necessary business. (**Acts of Apostles 6:3**)
- But we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word. (**Acts of Apostles 6:4**)
- And the thing spoken was pleasing to the whole multitude, and they selected Stephen, a man full of faith and Holy Spirit, and **Philip** and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. (**Acts of Apostles 6:5**)
- And they placed them before the apostles, and, after having prayed, these laid their hands upon them. (**Acts of Apostles 6:6**)
- The account of **Philips** activity, as also that of Stephen, after this special service ended confirms the high spiritual quality of the men forming this chosen administrative body, for **Philip** did a work similar to that later effected by the apostle Paul, though more limited in scope.
- When the persecution scattered all except the apostles, who remained in Jerusalem, **Philip** went to Samaria, there he declared the Good News of the Kingdom and, with the miraculous power of Holy Spirit, cast out demons and cured the paralyzed and lame. Overjoyed,

**multitudes accepted the message and were baptized, including a certain Simon who had been practicing the magical arts.**

- **However, those who had been scattered went through the land declaring the Good News of the word. (Acts of Apostles 8:4)**
- **Philip, for one, went down to the city of Samaria and began to preach the Christ to them. (Acts of Apostles 8:5)**
- **With one accord the crowds were paying attention to the things said by Philip while they listened and looked at the signs he was performing. (Acts of Apostles 8:6)**
- **For there were many that had unclean spirits, and these would cry out with a loud voice and come out. Moreover, many that were paralyzed and lame were cured. (Acts of Apostles 8:7)**
- **So there came to be a great deal of joy in that city. (Acts of Apostles 8:8)**
- **Now in the city there was a certain man named Simon, who, prior to this, had been practicing magical arts and amazing the nation of Samaria, saying he himself was somebody great. (Acts of Apostles 8:9)**
- **And all of them, from the least to the greatest, would pay attention to him and say; This man is the Power of God, which can be called Great. (Acts of Apostles 8:10)**
- **So they would pay attention to him because of his having amazed them for quite a while by his magical arts. (Acts of Apostles 8:11)**
- **But when they believed Philip, who was declaring the Good News of the kingdom of God and of the name of Jesus Christ, they proceeded to be baptized, both men and women. (Acts of Apostles 8:12)**
- **Simon himself also became a believer, and, after being baptized, he was in constant attendance upon Philip, and he was amazed at beholding signs and great powerful works taking place. (Acts of Apostles 8:13)**

- So when the apostles heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they dispatched Peter and John to them, that these baptized believers might receive the free gift of the Holy Spirit.
- When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they dispatched Peter and John to them. (**Acts of Apostles 8:14**)
- And these went down and prayed for them to get Holy Spirit. (**Acts of Apostles 8:15**)
- For it had not yet fallen upon any one of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 8:16**)
- Then they went laying their hands upon them, and they began to receive Holy Spirit. (**Acts of Apostles 8:17**)
- **Philip** was then led by Yehowah's spirit to meet the Ethiopian eunuch on the road to Gaza, and there, in a short time, this man in power under Candace queen of the Ethiopians put faith in Jesus and asked Philip to baptize him.
- However, Yehowah's angel spoke to **Philip**, saying; Rise and go to the south to the road that runs down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is a desert road. (**Acts of Apostles 8:26**)
- With that he rose and went, and, look! An Ethiopian eunuch, a man in power under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, and who was over all her treasure. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship. (**Acts of Apostles 8:27**)
- But he was returning and was sitting in his chariot and reading aloud the prophet Isaiah. (**Acts of Apostles 8:28**)
- So the spirit said to **Philip**; Approach and join yourself to this chariot. (**Acts of Apostles 8:29**)
- **Philip** ran alongside and heard him reading aloud Isaiah the prophet, and he said; Do you actually know what you are reading? (**Acts of Apostles 8:30**)
- He said; Really, how could I ever do so, unless someone guided me? And he entreated **Philip** to get on and sit down with him.

**(Acts of Apostles 8:31)**

- Now the passage of Scripture that he was reading aloud was this; As a sheep he was brought to the slaughter, and as a lamb that is voiceless before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. (**Acts of Apostles 8:32**)
- During his humiliation the judgment was taken away from him. Who will tell the details of his generation? Because his life is taken away from the earth. (**Acts of Apostles 8:33**)
- In answer the eunuch said to **Philip**; I beg you; About whom does the prophet say this? About himself or about some other man? (**Acts of Apostles 8:34**)
- **Philip** opened his mouth and, starting with this Scripture, he declared to him the Good News about Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 8:35**)
- Now as they were going over the road, they came to a certain body of water, and the eunuch said; Look! A body of water, what prevents me from getting baptized? (**Acts of Apostles 8:36**)
- With that he commanded the chariot to halt, and they both went down into the water, both **Philip** and the eunuch, and he baptized him. (**Acts of Apostles 8:38**)
- From there he made his way to Ashdod and on to Caesarea, declaring the Good News to all the cities along the way.
- When they had come up out of the water, Yehowah's spirit quickly led **Philip** away, and the eunuch did not see him anymore, for he kept going on his way rejoicing. (**Acts of Apostles 8:39**)
- But **Philip** was found to be in Ashdod, and he went through the territory and kept on declaring the Good News to all the cities until he got to Caesarea. (**Acts of Apostles 8:40**)
- These brief accounts illustrate the work of an evangelizer.
- The next day we set out and arrived in Caesarea, and we entered into the house of **Philip** the evangelizer, who was one of the seven men, and we stayed with him. (**Acts of Apostles 21:8**)

- It was in this international crossroads of Caesarea some 20 years later that **Philip** was found still active in the ministry, still known for having been one of the seven men selected by the apostles. As reported by Luke, when he and Paul stayed in **Philips** home for a time, about the year **56 C.E.**, this man **Philip** had four daughters, virgins, that prophesied.
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- But while we were remaining quite a number of days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. (**Acts of Apostles 21:10**)
- That the four daughters were of sufficient age to engage in prophetic speaking may mean that **Philip** was already a married man at the time of his earlier activity.