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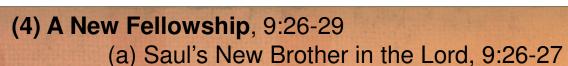
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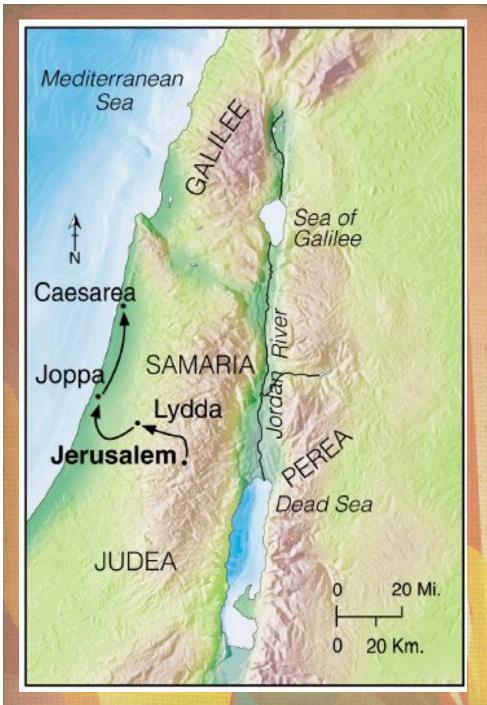
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a. Peter's Movements, 9:32

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Lydda = "strife" = Λύδδα

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(1) A Miracle of Restoration, 9:33-35

(a) The Needy Person, 9:33

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### Palsy =

- 1. any of a variety of atonal muscular conditions characterized by tremors of the body parts, as the hands, arms, or legs, or of the entire body. to paralyse
- 2. paralysis. http://www.dictionary.com/browse/palsy?s=t

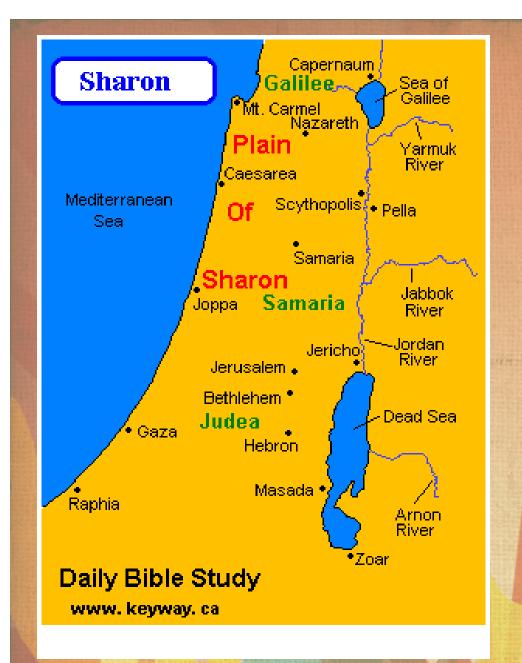
# (b) The Necessary Power, 9:34

Acts 9:34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

Mt. 9:6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

(c) The Noted Purpose, 9:35

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(2) A Miracle of Resurrection, 9:36-43

(a) The Deeds of Dorcas, 9:36

Acts 9:36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

Tabitha = "female gazelle"

(b) The Death of Dorcas, 9:37-39

i. Where She was Laid,

Acts 9:37 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.

ii. Why She was Lamented, 9:38-39

How Peter was Summoned to Her Funeral, 9:38

Acts 9:38 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.

What Peter was Shown at Her Funeral, 9:39

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i. The Supernatural Awakening of Dorcas, 9:40-41

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ii. The Spiritual Awakening of Joppa, 9:42-43

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# Conclusion

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

#### ALL THE TIME, EVERYWHERE

1 Cor. 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.