

# AREA, AREAS

When Abram was at the place between Bethel and Hai, there was strife between Lot's herdmen, Abram's herdmen, and the Canaanites and Perizzites who lived there. This was because Abram and Lot were so wealthy they couldn't both live in that **area**.

- **Genesis 13:7:** "And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land."

Before God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, that **area** was a wonderful place to live. (That's why Lot chose to live there.)

- **Genesis 13:10:** "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar."

The angels were required to save Lot before they could destroy Sodom and the other cities in the surrounding **area**.

- **Genesis 19:22:** "Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar."

God destroyed everything that grew upon the ground in the **area** around Sodom.

- **Genesis 19:25:** "And he overthrew those cities, and all

the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground."

After God destroyed Sodom, Abraham moved to the **area** between Kadesh and Shur.

- **Genesis 20:1:** "And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar."

After Abraham and Abimelech made a covenant with one another in Beersheba, it seems that Abimelech left the **area** but Abraham stayed.

- **Genesis 21:32-33:** "Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines. And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God."

The sons of Ishmael lived in the **area** between Havilah and Shur.

- **Genesis 25:18:** "And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren."

Even though Isaac said that God had made room for him in the territory of the Philistines, he left that **area** and went to Beersheba. (This means Isaac didn't keep the well he had dug in that area for very long.)

- **Genesis 26:23:** "And he went up from thence to Beersheba."

When Jacob lived in Shalem, Dinah went to see the daughters of the land (the other women who lived in the **area**).

- **Genesis 34:1:** "And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land."

After Simeon and Levi slaughtered all the males in the city of Shechem, God told Jacob to leave the **area** and go to Bethel.

- **Genesis 35:1:** "And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother."

After Rachel died, Jacob left the **area** where she was buried and traveled on.

- **Genesis 35:19-21:** "And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day. And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar."

After Simeon and Levi massacred the inhabitants of Shechem and looted the town, Jacob kept some of his livestock in that **area** (which his sons took care of).

- **Genesis 37:12:** "And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem."

When Hirah asked the people of the **area** where he could find the prostitute who worked by the road (referring to Tamar), he was told that there was no such person.

- **Genesis 38:21:** "Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place."

In the days of Joseph, the best of the land of Egypt was located in an **area** called Ramses.

- **Genesis 47:11:** "And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded."

The Israelites ate manna for 40 years, until they left the wilderness and entered into an inhabited **area** (the land of Canaan).

- **Exodus 16:35:** "And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan."

The reason Jethro knew that God was greater than all gods was because in the **areas** where people said the gods ruled, the God of Israel triumphed and proved His strength.

- **Exodus 18:11:** "Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them."

The animal which was being offered as a burnt offering had to be killed in the tabernacle **area**, in the presence of the Lord.

- **Leviticus 1:5:** "And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation."

The assigned **areas** of service that God gave to the Levites was referred to as a burden.

- **Numbers 4:49:** "According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses."

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When God told Moses and Aaron to leave the **area** so He could kill all of the Israelites, they didn't obey. Instead they interceded on Israel's behalf.

- **Numbers 16:20-22:** "And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Separate yourselves from among this

congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?"

When the Israelites supported Korah's rebellion and gathered against Moses and Aaron, God told Moses to leave the **area** so He could kill the entire nation.

- **Numbers 16:45:** "Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces."

After Moses created the brass serpent, the Israelites left the **area**.

- **Numbers 21:9-10:** "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in Oboth."

Balak brought Balaam to an elevated **area** where he could see the utmost part of the Israelites.

- **Numbers 22:41:** "And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people."

When the Israelites refused to enter Canaan, God commanded them to leave the **area**.

- **Deuteronomy 1:40:** "But as for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea."

When God told the Israelites to leave the **area** (because they refused to enter Canaan), the Israelites disobeyed God. They decided to go up the hill (of the Amorites) and fight. (That went poorly for them.)

- **Deuteronomy 1:41:** "Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill."

Before Jericho was conquered, two men spied out the **area**.

- **Joshua 6:22:** "But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her."

The two men who spied out the **area** before Jericho was conquered brought all of Rahab's relatives out of the city, along with everything she owned.

- **Joshua 6:23:** "And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel."

The Israelites didn't allow anyone to cross the Jordan river in the **area** that was near Moab.

- **Judges 3:28:** "And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over."

After the people from the tribe of Dan killed the inhabitants of Laish and burned it down, they built a city in the **area** and lived in it.

- **Judges 18:28:** "And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Bethrehob. And they built a city, and dwelt therein."

It seems that when Samuel was young he slept in an **area** that was close to Eli.

- **1 Samuel 3:5:** "And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down."
- **1 Samuel 3:6:** "And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again."

While the Ark of the Covenant was in Ashdod, God smote the people who lived in that area with emerods. (It seems this was some kind of plague.)

- **1 Samuel 5:6:** "But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof."

A half an acre of land was called an **area** of land that a yoke of oxen might plow.

- **1 Samuel 14:14:** "And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow."

On the day God saved Israel from the Philistines, the Israelites found honey in a wooded **area** (a forest).

- **1 Samuel 14:25:** "And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground."

When David learned that Saul was going to the wilderness of Maon to seek him, he didn't leave the **area**. Instead he stayed there.

- **1 Samuel 23:24-25:** "And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon. Saul also and his men went to seek him. And they told David; wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon."

After Saul left the wilderness of Maon to fight the Philistines, David and his men left the **area** as well.

- **1 Samuel 23:29:** "And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at Engedi."

When Abigail brought food to David and his men, she came down by the covert on the hill. (It seems she came down one side of the hill, and David came down the other side, and they met in the middle in some glen or hidden **area**.)

- **1 Samuel 25:20:** "And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert on the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them."

When the Egyptian who David and his men found in a field brought them to the Amalekites, they discovered the army was scattered over a large **area** (and was eating and drinking and dancing).

- **1 Samuel 30:16:** "And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah."

When David left Jerusalem (to flee from Absalom), the people of that **area** wept with a loud voice.

- **2 Samuel 15:23:** "And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness."

When the supporters of David fought the supporters of Absalom, the battle was scattered all over the face of the country (that is, over that **area**).

- **2 Samuel 18:8:** "For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured."

When Hiram saw the 20 cities that Solomon had given to him, he wasn't pleased with him. (It seems that these cities were near Hiram's territory but were in a rocky and mountainous area. That meant they were barren. What Hiram sought was food for his household, and food couldn't grow in that **area**.)

- **1 Kings 9:12:** "And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not."

The sons of the prophets wanted to go to the Jordan river and cut down wood so they could build a place for them to live in that **area**.

- **2 Kings 6:2:** "Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye."

When Elisha warned the king of Israel that the Syrians had camped in a certain place, it seems the king explored that **area** (and discovered the prophet was right).

- **2 Kings 6:10:** "And the king of Israel sent to the place

which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice."

Amaziah was only faithful to God in some **areas** of his life.

- **2 Kings 14:3:** "And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did."

The reason Menahem killed everyone in Tiphseh and the surrounding **area** was because they didn't open to him. (Since they refused to accept him as the rightful king, he slaughtered all of them.)

- **2 Kings 15:16:** "Then Menahem smote Tiphseh, and all that were therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up."

It seems there was some kind of room or **area** that had been built in the temple which was intended to be used on the sabbath day.

- **2 Kings 16:18:** "And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria."

Before the time of David, Jerusalem was the city of the Jebusites. They were the ones who lived in that **area**.

- **1 Chronicles 11:4:** "And David and all Israel went to

Jerusalem, which is Jebus; where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land."

During the reign of Hezekiah, one of the **areas** of service in the temple was giving thanks.

- **2 Chronicles 31:2:** "And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD."

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Each course (division) of Levites had their own dedicated **area** of service.

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Sanballat told Nehemiah that all the pagans in the **area** were claiming that he was rebelling against the king. He wanted Nehemiah to think it was being widely reported that he was committing treason, so that he would become afraid and would stop rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem.

- **Nehemiah 6:6:** "Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words."

In the days of Nehemiah, the temple singers had built villages in the **area** around Jerusalem.

- **Nehemiah 12:29:** "Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem."

In the palace of Ahasuerus, the women and the men were segregated. The men lived in one **area** and the women lived in another.

- **Esther 2:3:** "And let the king appoint officers in all the

provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them:"

It seems there was an abundance of snow in the **area** where Job lived during his lifetime. There are repeated references to snow throughout the book of Job.

- **Job 37:6:** "For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength."
- **Job 6:16:** "Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid:"
- **Job 9:30:** "If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;"
- **Job 24:19:** "Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned."

Elihu said that cold weather came from north of the **area** where Job lived.

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The behemoth lived in the same **area** as other creatures.

- **Job 40:20:** "Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play."

The behemoth lived in swampy **areas**.

- **Job 40:21:** "He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens."

The psalmist speaks of vineyards bearing fruit in **areas** that were once a dry wilderness, but which now had an abundance of water.

- **Psalms 107:35-37:** "He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings. And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase."

In response to Israel's covenant with death with the antichrist in the end times, God will overflow their hiding place as water floods an **area**. Israel won't be able to hide in their lies.

- **Isaiah 28:17:** "Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place."

When God comes to save His people, the parched and dry **areas** will have water and plant life. (This seems to be

referring to His return at the end of the tribulation, and the beginning of the millennium.)

- Isaiah 35:7: "And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes."

It seems that dragons lived in **areas** that were parched, dry, and barren.

- **Isaiah 35:7:** "And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes."

It seems that dragons lived in ruined and desolate **areas**.

- **Jeremiah 9:11:** "And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant."

It seems that Jeremiah's father wasn't in the **area** where Jeremiah was born, since someone had to bring his father the news of his birth.

- **Jeremiah 20:15:** "Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad."

The breadth of the entry of the eastern gate of the millennial temple will be ten cubits. (This was more than the entrance to the temple **area**. This was a entire building and contained

rooms.)

- **Ezekiel 40:11:** "And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits."

The **area** which was outside the wall that surrounded the sanctuary (of the millennial temple) wasn't holy.

- **Ezekiel 42:20:** "He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place."

The **area** around the millennial temple had to be treated as most holy. (In other words, it's possible for an area to be holy.)

- **Ezekiel 43:12:** "This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house."

God reserved the greatest **areas** of service in the millennial temple for those who were faithful to Him during the days of Israel's idolatry. (Those who were unfaithful in those days were going to be given the lowest positions of service.)

- **Ezekiel 44:15:** "But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:"

The day of the Lord (the tribulation) will be accompanied by noise in Jerusalem and the surrounding **area**.

- **Zephaniah 1:10:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills."

Since Herod thought that Jesus would be found in Bethlehem or the surrounding area, he killed all the children in that **area** who was two years old or younger.

- **Matthew 2:16:** "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men."

The territory of Zebulun and Naphtali was in an **area** where the Gentiles lived.

- **Matthew 4:15:** "The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;"

After Jesus left the **area** of the Gergesenes and passed over the sea, He entered into His own city (Nazareth).

- **Matthew 9:1:** "And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city."

The fame of Jesus raising a ruler's daughter from the dead

spread throughout all of that **area** of the country.

- **Matthew 9:26:** "And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land."

After Jesus finished teaching His parables, He left that **area** of the country.

- **Matthew 13:53:** "And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence."

The people of the **area** of Gennesaret believed that Jesus could heal the sick (unlike the people of Nazareth, who had no faith in Jesus and who were offended by Him).

- **Matthew 14:34-35:** "And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;"

During the days of Jesus, there were many people in Israel and the surrounding **area** who were possessed by demons.

- **Mark 3:11:** "And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God."

After Jesus healed the daughter of Jairus, He left that **area**.

- **Mark 6:1:** "And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him."

As soon as Jesus got out of the ship, the people of that **area** recognized Him.

- **Mark 6:54:** "And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,"

There were many sick people in the **area**.

- **Mark 6:55:** "And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was."

There were many **areas** where the Pharisees rejected the commandments of God and replaced them with the traditions of men.

- **Mark 7:8:** "For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do."
- **Mark 7:13:** "Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye."

There were times when Jesus tried to hide that He had entered into an **area**. However, it was impossible for Him to be hidden.

- **Mark 7:24:** "And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid."

The abomination of desolation is a sign that those who are in Judea need to flee the **area** immediately.

- **Mark 13:14:** "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:"

When the people saw Zacharias name his son John and that immediately afterward he could speak, fear came upon those who lived in the **area**.

- **Luke 1:65:** "And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea."

John the Baptist was born 6 months before Jesus was born, and the whole **area** knew about John's birth. They should have known from Daniel's prophecies that it was time for the Messiah to be born, and from Micah's prophecies that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Yet it seems no one was in Bethlehem awaiting the birth of the Messiah. The only people the angels appeared to were shepherds who weren't expecting the birth of the Messiah at all.

- **Luke 2:8-9:** "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

When those who were sick in the **area** of Capernaum were brought to Jesus for healing, He healed all of them. (This was

the same day that Jesus healed the mother of Peter's wife.)

- **Luke 4:40:** "Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them."

When those who were sick in the **area** of Capernaum were brought to Jesus for healing, those who were demon-possessed were also included.

- **Luke 4:41:** "And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ."

The people of the **area** of the Gadarenes, who came out to see what happened, were told that Jesus was the one who cast the demons out of the man.

- **Luke 8:36:** "They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed."

When the people of the Gadarenes begged Jesus to leave, He got back into the ship that had brought Him to that **area** and left.

- **Luke 8:37:** "Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again."

Although the people in the **area** of the Gadarenes told Jesus to

leave and didn't want Him around, the people on the other side of the lake were waiting on Jesus to return.

- **Luke 8:40:** "And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him."

There were times when people told Jesus about events that had happened in the **area**.

- **Luke 13:1:** "There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices."

In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, Abraham was in the same general **area** where the rich man was, except he was far away.

- **Luke 16:23:** "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, Abraham said there was a great gulf between where he was and where the rich man was, and it was impossible for people to cross from one **area** to the other.

- **Luke 16:26:** "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

In the future, when the people of Judaea saw Jerusalem

surrounded by armies, those who were in the surrounding **area** were commanded to not flee into Jerusalem.

- **Luke 21:21:** "Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto."

When the disciples left the **area**, they took the only boat that was available.

- **John 6:22:** "The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;"

After the disciples left the **area**, other boats came from Tiberias.

- **John 6:23:** "(Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)"

It's not wrong to leave the **area** if you're being persecuted.

- **John 11:54:** "Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples."
- **Acts 8:1:** "And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the

church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles."

The disciples believed it would take seven people to handle the daily needs of the widows in the church. There were apparently a lot of widows in those days, even though the gospel had only been preached in Jerusalem and the church hadn't expanded beyond that **area** yet.

- **Acts 6:3:** "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

The reason the Hebrews were able to possess the land of Canaan was because God drove the Gentiles out of the **area**.

- **Acts 7:45:** "Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;"

It seems that the first **area** outside of Jerusalem which received the gospel was Samaria.

- **Acts 8:25:** "And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans."

After Paul and Barnabas spread the word of God throughout the region of Antioch (in Pisidia), the Jews raised up

persecution against them to force them to leave the **area**.

- **Acts 13:50:** "But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts."

Philippi was the chief city of its **area** of Macedonia.

- **Acts 16:12:** "And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days."

During the apostolic era, there was an **area** in Athens called Areopagus.

- **Acts 17:19:** "And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?"

After Paul preached the gospel in Areopagus, he left that **area**.

- **Acts 17:33:** "So Paul departed from among them."

Since the sailors were afraid that it was dangerous to be near Claudia, they struck the sail and left the **area**.

- **Acts 27:17:** "Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven."

The **area** where the shipwreck survivors warmed themselves

by the fire was near the place where the chief person on the island was lodged.

- **Acts 28:7:** "In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously."

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The Holy Spirit helps us in the **areas** where we're weak.

- **Romans 8:26:** "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

The church is a collection of differences that all act in harmony. There are different spiritual gifts and **areas** of service, but it's all one body, one Spirit, and one God.

- **1 Corinthians 12:5:** "And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord."

When Christians have needs, the church should seek to meet them. This includes churches from other **areas**.

- **2 Corinthians 9:12:** "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;"

The church is only able to address disobedience after it's become obedient in all **areas**.

- **2 Corinthians 10:6:** "And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."

Paul wanted to preach the gospel in **areas** beyond Corinth, where the gospel hadn't reached yet.

- **2 Corinthians 10:16:** "To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand."

One day Christians will grow up in all things. They will be fully mature in every **area** of their lives and will lack nothing.

- **Ephesians 4:15:** "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"

Christians must seek to do what's right in all **areas** of their lives. There are no places where sin can be tolerated or accepted.

- **Ephesians 5:27:** "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

The standard that God has set is one of being blameless and without rebuke. He requires faithfulness and obedience in all things. There are no **areas** where faithfulness and obedience are optional or unimportant.

- **Philippians 2:15:** "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;"

It's important for churches and Christians to seek to please God in all things, to be faithful in all **areas**, and to be fruitful in every good work. Christians aren't at liberty to be faithful in just a few things, or to please God in just a few areas.

- **Colossians 1:10:** "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;"

False teachers try to intrude into **areas** that they haven't seen. They claim to have seen things, but they haven't.

- **Colossians 2:18:** "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,"

The Biblical standard is being "unrebukable". There are no

**areas** where we may stray from the Scriptures.

- **1 Timothy 6:14:** "That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:"

Paul taught that teaching something heretical disqualified a person and turned him into a false teacher, even if he was doctrinally sound in other **areas**. The error that they taught was a disease that harmed people's faith. This was true *even if the topic they got wrong was end-times prophecy*.

- **2 Timothy 2:18:** "Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."

A bishop was a person who had authority over a single church, not authority over all churches in an **area**.

- **Titus 1:7:** "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;"

Churches aren't allowed to tolerate heretics on the grounds that they teach many good things and are only in error in one **area**. If they won't repent of their error then they must be rejected.

- **Titus 3:10:** "A man that is an heretick after the first and

second admonition reject;"

Christians aren't allowed to pursue anything that's spiritually filthy or unclean. We must seek to be completely pure in all **areas**.

- **James 1:21:** "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

In many **areas** the doctrines that Christians teach offend everyone (who's outside the church).

- **James 3:2:** "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."